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# THE BATTLE WITHIN

Marine's inner struggle becomes fight of his life

By THOMAS BRENNAN  
The (Jacksonville, N.C.) Daily News

It was a sensation that Marine Staff Sgt. Javier Jimenez could physically feel: The weight of life was literally crushing him.

“You start running out of air, the room starts getting smaller around you, and your heart starts pounding,” said Jimenez, 34, describing the “horrible” feeling that overwhelmed him. “You're more hopeless than you have ever been before. You start worrying about the next day, wondering if you are going to make it there because all you want to do is die.”

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Marine Staff Sgt. Javier Jimenez searches a compound for signs of insurgency during a 2013 operation in Afghanistan.

Bobby J. YARBROUGH/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

**QUOTE**  
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“Freedom is not an accident. Progress is not an accident. Democracy is not an accident. These things have to be fought for, and you’re part of that legacy.”

— President Barack Obama, speaking to U.S. troops Saturday at Yongsan Garrison in South Korea

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**MILITARY**

**Pilot quits Tailhook post amid scrutiny**

Ex-Blue Angels leader investigated after claims of sexual harassment, hazing

By CRAIG WHITLOCK  
The Washington Post

For more than two decades, the Navy has labored to overcome and bury memories of perhaps the worst scandal in its history: the 1991 Tailhook convention, when crowds of drunken aviators sexually battered scores of women during a frenzied Las Vegas party.

As a result, the Navy brass was reeling over last week's disclosure that one of its most prominent pilots is under investigation for allegedly fostering a culture of sexual harassment, hazing and lewd behavior.

The pilot, Capt. Gregory McWherter, is the former commander and public face of the Blue Angels, the Navy's elite flight squadron. Less well known is the fact that until Friday, he also was president of the Tailhook Association, a nonprofit aviator fraternity that despite its past disgrace still draws thousands to its annual convention.

McWherter was relieved of duty as executive officer at Naval Base Coronado, near San Diego, on April 18, three weeks after Navy investigators received a complaint

from a former member of the Blue Angels who accused him of tolerating and encouraging sexual misconduct.

In general, Navy aviators have tried to soften their reputation as a club of hard-drinking, chest-thumping daredevils with outdated attitudes toward women. The Tailhook conventions are more subdued these days. The gathering is held in Reno, Nev., instead of Las Vegas, and is now officially called a symposium.

The 1991 scandal, however, is still considered a dark stain on the Navy's collective character. More than 140 pilots were investigated for assaulting at least 83 women, forcing many of them to run a gauntlet in a hotel corridor.

The term Tailhook — the name for the cable that catches planes as they land hard and fast on an aircraft carrier — became synonymous with debauchery.

With that history, some officers worry about the Tailhook Association's future if the Navy investigation finds proof that its president condoned sexual harassment or the mistreatment of women.

McWherter did not respond to emails seeking comment. On Friday, however, he submitted his resignation as president of

the Tailhook Association, saying he didn't want the inquiry to be a distraction, said Evan Chanik, a retired Navy vice admiral who serves as the group's chairman.



McWherter

“He didn't want these distractions to inadvertently affect the Tailhook Association in any way, shape or form,” Chanik said. “I think that's a mark of his character.”

The harassment investigation comes at a sensitive time for the military. Commanders are struggling to cope with what they describe as an epidemic of sex crimes in the ranks. Some lawmakers are pushing for an overhaul of the military justice system. Chanik acknowledged that public perceptions about Tailhook and Navy aviators have been hard to shake.

“Unfortunately there is that connection from 23 years ago, and people will do with that what they will,” he said. “But a lot of things have changed in the military and society since then.”

McWherter, whose pilot call sign is “Stiffy,” is a former instructor at the Navy's Top Gun fighter weapons school and a graduate of the Citadel. He commanded the Blue Angels during two stints between 2008 and 2012.

Last month, a former member of the flight squadron filed a complaint with the Navy's inspector general. It alleged that he tolerated sexual harassment and promoted a work atmosphere rife with hazing, pornographic displays and jokes about sexual orientation.

The Navy is still investigating, but Navy officials decided that the preliminary findings warranted McWherter's removal from his job at Coronado.

Supporters are angry about his removal and have started a Facebook page filled with testimonials about his integrity.

“We want the Navy to know we support this man,” said Sherri Viñard, a friend from Covington, Ga., who set up the page. “Lots of people who know him and have worked with him know these allegations just can't be true.”

Lt. Cmdr. Mary Tomlinson, the only female aviator to fly with the Blue Angels, served under McWherter from 2008 until 2010. She called him a “very, very good” commander and role model.

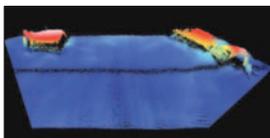
**Sub records detailed images of 2 sunken WWII ships**

The Associated Press

BOSTON — An unmanned submarine has recorded some of the most detailed images of two American ships that sank off the coast of England during World War II, according to the Massachusetts company that surveyed the wreckage to mark the disaster's 70th anniversary.

Bourne, Mass.-based Hydroid Inc. says they are the first high-definition sonar images of two ships sunk by German forces during Exercise Tiger, a rehearsal for the D-Day invasion. The torpedo attack on April 28, 1944, claimed the lives of 749 U.S. soldiers and sailors.

Richard “Bungy” Williams, a regional manager for Hydroid Europe, said the company was interested in exploring the area because of the upcoming anniversary of the attack. He said the images will be donated to the United Kingdom's National Archive and local



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This sonar image shows wreckage of an American ship that sank to the ocean floor off the coast of England during World War II.

memorials.

The autonomous undersea vehicle recorded images of the two boats about 50 meters beneath the surface of the English Channel. Williams said divers have accessed the site before,

but the submarine provided the highest-quality images yet, including one showing a boat's upturned stern.

“Using the AUV we could get down very close to the wreck,” he said. Hydroid, a subsidiary of Kongsberg Maritime, manufactures the vehicles.

The casualties from Exercise Tiger were one of the least known Allied disasters of World War II. Fast-moving German torpedo boats happened upon the convoy, sank two ships and badly damaged a third during the practice run for the invasion.

The survivors were warned to keep it secret, and the casualties were not announced until nearly two months after the Normandy invasion. Full details were not known until 1974, when the records were declassified.

An annual wreath-laying to honor the victims is scheduled for Monday at U.S. Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light in New Jersey.

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MIDEAST

# 5 NATO troops killed in Afghan helo crash

By RAHIM FAIEZ AND KAY JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

KABUL — Five NATO troops died in a British helicopter crash Saturday in southern Afghanistan, authorities said, the single deadliest day this year for foreign forces as they prepare to withdraw from the country.

The cause of the helicopter crash was not immediately known. Kandahar provincial police spokesman Zia Durrani said the aircraft went down in the province's Takhta Pul district in the southeast, about 31 miles from the Pakistan border. He said five international troops were killed but did not know what caused the crash.

The coalition said it was investigating the circumstances of the crash but said it had no reports

of enemy activity in the area. The United Kingdom's Defense Ministry confirmed that the helicopter was British, but could not confirm the nationalities of the dead.

A Taliban spokesman claimed in a text message to journalists that the insurgents shot down the aircraft.

"Today, the mujahedeen hit the foreign forces' helicopter with a rocket, and 12 soldiers on board were killed," spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi said. The insurgents frequently exaggerate death tolls in their attacks and falsely have claimed responsibility for incidents before.

The last deadliest day for coalition forces was Dec. 17, 2013, when a helicopter crash killed six U.S. servicemembers.

Saturday's deaths bring to seven the number of interna-

tional troops killed this month. So far this year, 23 have been killed, according to an Associated Press count, a far lower number than previous years as international troops have pulled back to allowed Afghan security forces to take the lead in security operations.

The helicopter crash came as an Afghan university official identified two Americans killed in a shooting at a Kabul hospital earlier this week, the latest incident of local security forces opening fire on those they are supposed to protect.

Thursday, an Afghan police security guard opened fire on foreigners as they entered the grounds of Cure International Hospital, killing three people, including pediatrician Dr. Jerry Umanos of Chicago.

On Saturday, Kabul University vice chancellor Mohammad Hadi

Hadayati identified the other two Americans killed in the attack as health clinic administrator Jon Gabel and his visiting father, Gary, also from the Chicago area. Jon Gabel's wife, also an American, was wounded, Hadayati said.

"We have lost a great man, a great teacher, a man who was here only to serve the Afghan people," Hadayati said.

Jon Gabel worked for the U.S.-based charity Morning Star Development and ran a health clinic at Kabul University, teaching computer science classes in his spare time, Hadayati said. Jon Gabel's parents were visiting from Chicago, and Hadayati had lunch with the whole family the day before the attack.

The Gabel family went the next day to Cure hospital to meet Umanos.

What prompted the police guard to fire on the Americans was not clear. The Interior Ministry released a statement Saturday identifying the attacker as an ordinary police officer from Kabul's District 6 and not a member of the Afghan Public Protection Force, as was initially reported. The APFF is a separate police unit created to protect foreign compounds.

The Afghan police guard shot himself in the stomach after the attack but was saved by the Cure hospital staff and is in custody at a police hospital.

Jon Gabel's employer, Colorado-based Morning Star Development, has four medical clinics and several training centers across Afghanistan, according to its website.



MUSTAFA NAJAFIZADA/AP

## Flash flood kills 75 in Afghanistan

An Afghan man carries his belongings over wet ground Friday after a flood at Lawzang province in northern Afghanistan. Flash floods after heavy rains in northern Afghanistan killed at least 75 people and damaged thousands of homes, leaving authorities scrambling to help survivors in the remote region, officials said.

## Abdullah tops Afghan election's 1st vote count

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Full preliminary results released Saturday in Afghanistan's presidential election show former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah won the most votes but not the majority needed to avoid a runoff.

Abdullah garnered 44.9 percent of the vote, putting him ahead of ex-Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, who came in second with 31.5 percent, said the chairman of the Independent Election Commission, Ahmad Yousef Nouristani.

The preliminary results are to be finalized on May 14 after investigations into fraud complaints. Electoral law requires a runoff between the top two candidates if no one candidate gets a majority. A runoff should be held within 15 days of final results.

The candidates are vying to replace President Hamid Karzai, the only president Afghans have known since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion to topple the Taliban's hard-line Islamic regime.

The winner will oversee a tumultuous period as the U.S. and NATO are expected to withdraw most of their troops from Afghanistan by the end of this year. Karzai, whose relations with Washington have sharply deteriorated, was constitutionally barred from running for a third term.

Both Abdullah and Ahmadzai have promised a fresh start with the West and have vowed to move ahead a security pact with the U.S. that Karzai has refused to sign. That pact would allow a small force of American soldiers to stay in the country to continue training Afghan army and police to fight the Taliban.

The preliminary results were from a total of 6,892,815 votes counted by the election commission, Nouristani said. He said the election commission also was examining ballots 444 polling stations — potentially representing more than 200,000 votes — because of fraud concerns.

## DOD to craft 3 budgets for troops in Afghanistan

By ROXANA TIRON  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department will prepare three scenarios for war funding next year depending on how many U.S. troops, if any, will remain in Afghanistan, according to an internal Pentagon email obtained by Bloomberg News.

One estimate would take into account 10,000 U.S. troops stationed in the country, another would presume 5,000, and another would imply zero presence as of Jan. 1, 2015, according to the official-use-only email obtained Thursday.

The Pentagon earlier this year sent Congress a placeholder request of \$79.4 billion for war operations in fiscal 2015, which

begins Oct. 1. That request didn't include specifics. The Defense Department is developing the three more detailed war-funding budget estimates to present to the White House, according to the email.

"These assumptions are for budget planning purposes only," said the email sent by John Roth, the Pentagon's deputy comptroller for programs and budgets. "They do not imply operational decisions or plans that have been or may be made."

Much of the Pentagon's war request depends on the outcome of Afghanistan's presidential election and agreement on a security accord that would govern any U.S. troop presence in that country once most forces withdraw this year. Hamid Karzai, the outgoing president, has delayed signing

the pact needed to keep some U.S. troops in the war-torn country beyond this year and secure billions of dollars in pledged aid funds.

Results of the Afghan vote held earlier this month indicate that candidates Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai will face each other in a runoff, which would further delay the signing of the security pact. Still, both Abdullah and Ghani have vowed to sign the agreement, calling it crucial for Afghanistan's stability.

About 33,000 U.S. troops currently are stationed in Afghanistan. U.S. and NATO officials are considering proposals to keep a combined force of 8,000 to 12,000 troops who would continue training Afghan forces for the next few years.

## MILITARY

# Within: Marine turns to risky behavior, but still finds hope

## FROM FRONT PAGE

For years, Jimenez, an infantry Marine who is currently transitioning to Wounded Warrior Battalion East, has dealt with thoughts of suicide as a means to escape his overwhelming anxiety. Diagnosed with psychosis, a mood disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and an anxiety disorder, Jimenez said he is constantly battling the urge to end his own life. It won't be by his own hand though, he said, and he's never physically hurt himself. Instead, Jimenez engages in risky behavior that he said he hopes will result in an accident that kills him.

"Even in Afghanistan, I would walk in the open trying to get shot at," he said. "I was putting myself in risky situations because I wouldn't kill myself, but the whole time I wanted to die. I just want to be put out of my misery."

His risky behavior in combat carried over to daily life, he said. Feeling as though he has no control over his life, Jimenez said living for tomorrow has become increasingly difficult with each passing day, especially now that he is not actively participating in infantry training.

"Fighting with yourself to live to the next day isn't a way to live your life," he said. "Sometimes you spend the whole day thinking about suicide — every single second. When you get out and put yourself in that risky situation, you feel a rush. It's the only time you feel alive. Cutting it close is the only time you don't want to die because you finally feel alive. Not wanting to die is a good feeling, and I try to feel it as much as possible."

But he's not without hope — or help.

He said the treatment he has received from mental health providers at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, N.C., has been "outstanding" and helps him understand that things will get better with time and effort on his part. The infantry unit he is attached to, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, has been fully supportive, recommending him for Wounded Warrior Battalion East so he can focus fully on his treatment.

"There's a lot of help available when you're debating suicide," Jimenez said. "I know it feels like you're stuck in a horrible place with no way out, but there is hope, and that's one thing the groups and the doctors are showing me."

## Opening lines of communication

At the School of Infantry at Camp Geiger, N.C., both Marine and Navy leadership encourage Marines and sailors to attend an anonymous group where they can discuss the stresses of life, marriage, military service and more. The group, which meets weekly, is a safe haven for dozens of Marines aboard the installation to vent and discover they are not alone. Because the Marine or sailor's readiness is not notified of their involvement in the



BOBBY J. YARBROUGH/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

**Marine Staff Sgt. Javier Jimenez, who has been diagnosed with psychosis, a mood disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and an anxiety disorder, is finding hope at Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune.**

group, many servicemembers have turned to the group, which also advocates for one-on-one treatment if the servicemember is interested.

"The program ... was spearheaded about a year and a half ago when a need among our (Marines) was identified," said Marine Col. Jeffrey Conner, the commanding officer of the School of Infantry. "Marines being Marines, they want to come to work and put their best foot forward and have their game face on ... but when they have difficulty with that we give them the resources and support they need to do just that."

The program is discussed both monthly and quarterly to identify trends and, if needed, request more resources for the Marines and sailors, he said. In conjunction with the program, he said, the unit's Family Readiness Officer and chaplain help identify at-risk Marines and sailors and refer them to the program. The group, he said, allows for open communication among Marines and their leaders and also builds awareness on how to be cognizant of what your peers may be going through.

As the sergeant major of the Advanced Infantry Training Battalion, Daniel Wilson, 40, of Jacksonville said that some of the Marines within his battalion are stepping forward and asking for help, noting there is a receptive environment that allows for personal development through therapy without judgment or reprisal. Because AITB trains senior enlisted Marines, Wilson feels as though the open-door policy toward mental health will have a trickle-down effect within

the Marine Corps and make others more accepting of those who ask for help.

"The reason they seek treatment may not even be combat related, it could just be stress," Wilson said. "The Marine Corps has not written the book on managing post-traumatic stress ... but we are doing everything we can to wrap our heads around it. ... This is just one of the ways we are doing that."

At both Marine Combat Training Battalion and Headquarters and Support Battalion, Sergeants Major Therester Cox and Christopher Garza said the message to Marines afraid of seeking treatment is that there is no stigma at the School of Infantry and they will not see any backlash for getting help.

"Get out, get help and don't be afraid," said Cox, 39, of Jacksonville. "To me, No. 1, everybody is a man or woman first. You're important to somebody. ... Now add to the fact that you are an United States Marine. ... It's very important that Marines understand they need to get help because the Marine Corps is counting on you. ... You aren't able to do anything for the Marine Corps if you aren't taking care of yourself as an individual."

The group is led by Navy Lt. Crystal Shelton, a clinical social worker who devotes her time between clinical appointments to interacting with the Marines and sailors as they train students, hoping to build awareness of resources and to minimize any stigma associated with mental health treatment, she said. The program is designed to be used for early intervention, she said, and it is also used to help people determine

whether or not they are having a problem; but in order to help, someone needs to ask for it.

"Right here, what is happening is what other places are trying to model themselves on," said Shelton, 38, of Jacksonville. "We're trying to send the message that waiting (to get treatment) doesn't help the situation. By waiting it usually makes things worse in their life. ... If you think there is an issue, come in and talk to someone. ... You don't have to wait until you can't do your job anymore."

## Confidential resources

Navy chaplains, who are embedded within Marine units, often find Marines and sailors confiding in them when things in life aren't going as planned. Trained to non-clinically identify symptoms of suicide, post-traumatic stress and other ailments, chaplains have access to resources they can make available to Marines such as counseling, retreats and more.

For Navy Cmdr. Marc Massie, 43, of Camp Lejeune, the best part of being a chaplain is that he can assist servicemembers

with any problem and it will be kept 100-percent confidential. Chaplains are bound by law to maintain confidentiality regardless of the topic discussed even if the servicemember confesses homicidal, suicidal or fratricidal intents.

"Confidentiality means that it doesn't matter what a servicemember says to a chaplain, it will not be repeated to anyone else," said Massie, the station command chaplain for New River Air Station. "The reason the military does this is because it gives the servicemembers a safe place to go. The doctors, nurses and MCCS are great, but they are not 100-percent confidential."

Whether real or imaginary, many Marines and sailors have fears that asking for help will ruin their careers, he said, and part of what chaplains do is try to break down those walls and make it OK to talk. If someone were to walk in his office and confess that they were suicidal, which has happened in the past, Massie said that a chaplain will do whatever it takes to get the servicemember whatever assistance they need before they leave their office and even offer to go with them.

Sometimes, according to Massie, going to talk to a counselor can be a scary thing, especially when a Marine or sailor must tell their command they will be attending therapy. Massie said he has assisted many servicemembers in telling their command that they will be attending therapy and doesn't allow the command to poke and prod, which often times makes the servicemember uncomfortable.

"I've counseled atheists, Wiccans and every other denomination," Massie said. "It doesn't matter if you even believe in a religion. We come at things with a human approach and just talk to people. We become a friend with them and check in on them from time to time to make sure they're doing OK."

It's one more example of letting troops know that they're not alone.

"I think most Marines would be surprised if they knew how many of their peers has asked for help," Massie said. "It's not as uncommon as people may think."

Just ask Jimenez, the staff sergeant working to find his way back.

"There are people going through the same thing," he said. "I feel alone but I know I'm not alone. That really helps when you're fighting your own battle."

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MILITARY

# SpaceX sues AF for chance at launches

By MEREDITH TIBBETS  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — SpaceX says it has a cheater way to launch satellites, and it's suing the U.S. Air Force for the chance to prove it.

The private space exploration company with the ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets wants the Air Force to accept other contract bids and allowing them to compete for national security launches. They are filing the complaint through the Court of Federal Claims.

The Air Force has been working solely with United Launch Alliance.

"It just seems off that if our vehicle is good enough for NASA ... that there is no reasonable reason we can't launch a GPS satellite," Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX, said Friday during a news conference.

ULA rockets are four times more expensive than SpaceX rockets and are costing taxpayers billions, Musk said.

Atlas and Delta — ULA expendable launch vehicles — are currently used in space and in addition to the Air Force, customers include the Department of Defense, NASA, and the National Reconnaissance Office. The company is a 50-50 joint venture between Lockheed Martin and the Boeing Company that came together in 2005.

"If we lose" a competition, Musk said, "OK, but there should be a competition."

Musk testified March 5 before the U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense that the virtue monopoly has suppressed competition since 2006.

The Air Force was notified of the lawsuit shortly before Musk held Friday's news conference, and is not commenting at this time.

Like at issue, Musk said, is that ULA uses rocket engines built in Russia, noting that the person who heads up the research in Russia is on a US sanctions list. With the continuing crisis in Ukraine, Musk doesn't think Russian equipment should be used. "It's wrong time to send hundreds of millions of dollars to the Kremlin," he said.

The Air Force is paying ULA \$750 million for the Space Expendable Launch Capability, and will pay ULA \$630 million for SpaceX Air Force launch vehicles under a contract signed in December. ULA is guaranteed the payment of the former regardless of how many times they launch a year.

SpaceX says they could generate at least a billion dollars in annual savings.

"We're on very good terms with most of the Air Force," Musk said, adding that it was really just the procurement department that SpaceX has problems with.

SpaceX, founded in 2002, is the only entity involved in the suit, but Musk says other companies



MEREDITH TIBBETS/Stars and Stripes

**‘It just seems off that if our vehicle is good enough for NASA ... that there is no reasonable reason we can't launch a GPS satellite.’**

Elon Musk  
CEO of SpaceX

may join.

At the start of the news conference, Musk confirmed the soft landing of a SpaceX Falcon flight in the Atlantic Ocean. All Falcon vehicles for the manufacture are made in America (manufactured mostly California and Texas), and are launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., or Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The craft was destroyed by large 20- to 30-foot waves, but the fact that it landed in one piece, Musk said, was a huge achievement.

They plan on landing one in Cape Canaveral by the end of the year, Musk said.

"Now we just need to bring it home in one piece," Musk said.

SpaceX worked with the Air Force to find a good landing area for the craft. Unfortunately, because of the high waves, they couldn't get to it for two days. They were only able to recover pieces. They are only doing water landings until they land with accuracy.

The difference between the landings is important; an ocean landing means that it would take a couple of months for SpaceX to refurbish the craft. If the craft lands at the launch site on the ground, it could be ready to go again that day.

Musk understands that they will have to demo flights to show the public that reusable rockets can be achieved.

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MILITARY

# Ecuador expels US military group

By GONZALO SOLANO  
The Associated Press

QUITO, Ecuador — Ecuador has ordered all 20 Defense Department employees in the U.S. Embassy's military group to leave the country by month's end. The Associated Press has learned.

The group was ordered to halt operations in Ecuador in a letter dated April 7, said embassy spokesman Jeffrey Weinschenker.

The AP was first alerted to the expulsions by a senior Ecuadorian official who refused to be identified by name due to the information's sensitive nature.

President Rafael Correa had publicly complained in January that Washington had too many military officers in Ecuador, claiming there were 50, and said they had been "infiltrated in all sectors." At the time, he said he planned to order some to leave.

Weinschenker said the military group had 20 Department of Defense employees, not all of them uniformed, and that Washington had provided \$7 million in security assistance to Ecuador last year, including technical training for maintaining aircraft and cooperation in combating drug trafficking, human trafficking and terrorism.

Weinschenker said U.S. military cooperation in Ecuador dates back four decades and that "all the activities we have carried out have had the explicit approval of our Ecuadorian counterparts."

U.S. relations with Ecuador have been strained in recent years, even before Correa provided asylum in 2012 to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, whose organization published troves of leaked U.S. military documents and diplomatic cables highly embarrassing to Washington.

Correa previously had expelled at least three U.S. diplomats including then-Ambassador Heather Hodge in 2011 in response to a cable divulged by WikiLeaks that suggested Correa was aware of high-level police corruption.

In November, Correa's government said it was asking the U.S. Agency for International Development to end operations in the country, accusing it of backing the opposition.

Shortly after first taking office in 2007, Correa purged Ecuador's military of officers deemed to have close relations with U.S. counterparts. He also ended an agreement with Washington that allowed U.S. drug interdiction flights to be based at the Ecuadorian airfield in Manta.



PHOTOS BY SHANNON STAPLETON/AP

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, second from left, and Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina, second from right, visit a U.S. and Guatemalan school-building base Friday in Los Limones, Guatemala.

# Hagel eyes value, danger of military goodwill effort

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

LOS LIMONES, Guatemala — U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel got a firsthand look Friday at the U.S. military's goodwill building humanitarian work — its dangers as well as its benefits.

An object of curiosity for mountain villagers unaccustomed to visitors from Washington, Hagel toured a health clinic and a construction site where U.S. Army soldiers are using prefabricated materials to erect a new wing to a tiny schoolhouse.

The soldiers, including members of the Missouri Army National Guard, are participating in an exercise here dubbed Beyond the Horizons. It gives noncombat troops experience in interacting with civilian populations and applying engineering, medical, construction and language skills in ways that foster goodwill.

There was an air of pride among the Americans, tempered by grief. Just three days earlier, Army Spc. Hernaldo Beltran Jr., 24, was struck and killed by a branch that broke off a towering conacaste tree that stands a few feet from the school.

With the damaged tree as a backdrop, Hagel addressed a small gathering of soldiers. He thanked them for their work, which he said is helping "make a better world." He did not mention Beltran by name but expressed remorse for what happened here. "I add," "Our prayers and thoughts are with the families of those who were injured, and I know it's difficult when we lose one of our own people."

Guatemalan President Otto Fernando Perez Molina, who accompanied Hagel on a helicopter flight to the remote site, also



A child looks out the window of a school at the Beyond the Horizons site as Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina visit Friday.

thanked the Americans for their work and said he deeply regretted the fatal accident. "We're really sorry about it," he said.

Later, on the flight back to Washington, Hagel told reporters that he was told the branch may have been broken by reverberations from the blades of a helicopter while U.S. troops were moving supplies to build the school. He said the matter is under investigation to determine the cause and whether it was preventable.

U.S. soldiers at the site Friday said weather was not a factor.

"You try to minimize those accidents in every way you can, but these things happen," Hagel said aboard his plane, adding, "Everybody is stunned by it, saddened by it, but they keep going."

When it announced Beltran's death, the Army said he was a radio operator assigned to the 56th Signal Battalion at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It said he en-

listed in the Army in December 2009, and that he had deployed to Guatemala once before, in 2012, as part of an earlier "Beyond the Horizons" exercise.

Three others were injured by the tree branch. Hagel said they included a colonel who serves as the U.S. defense attache at the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City.

Reflecting on the value of such humanitarian missions, which get little public attention outside the country in which they are conducted, Hagel said the U.S. has long sought to use its military power as a force for good beyond its own shores.

"We make mistakes," he said. "We overplay our hand, and we get ourselves in trouble, but overall I think our record, when you stack it up with the other sovereign nations of the world, is pretty good about trying to do the right thing, most of the time."

# Hypersonic jets, lasers are future for AF researchers

By BARRIE BARBER  
Dayton (Ohio) Daily News

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Air Force hypersonic weapons and fighter jets with lasers could fly in the skies of the future.

Air Force Research Laboratory researchers have made two priorities of hypersonic, directed-energy weapons and autonomy links between operators and machines, according to Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Masiello, AFRL commander.

In an interview, Masiello outlined where the next generation of hypersonic weapon systems and advanced research will take the agency with about 9,700 employees. The science-and-technology agency has a total budget of about \$4 billion, half of which is paid for by outside customers, such as government agencies like NASA, the Defense Research Advanced Projects Agency and defense contractors.

In one of the most groundbreaking aerospace experiments, the scramjet engine-powered, needle-shaped X-51 Waverider reached Mach 5.5 a year ago in a flight test over the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California. The AFRL aerospace systems directorate at Wright-Patterson managed the \$300 million hypersonic experiment. AFRL's 711th Human Performance Wing, ma-

terials and manufacturing and sensors directorates also are based at Wright-Patterson.

"This is the first time that we proved that (hypersonic) technology is viable for that sort of platform and that's essentially a weapon," Masiello said. "What hypersonics does is it really compresses a potential adversary's decision-making ability."

AFRL has partnered with the Defense Advanced Projects Research Agency to build a prototype weapon based on scramjet technology, he said.

"We believe with those platforms, if we can truly develop a hypersonic weapon, that's a game changer," said AFRL Executive Director Ricky L. Peters.

AFRL has made a priority of more advanced technology demonstrations, the agency says. On the horizon, a second demonstration research project with DARPA will demonstrated hypersonic speeds with a tactical-boost glide rocket, Masiello said.

Directed-energy weapons, such as lasers and cruise missiles with microwave beams, are a high-priority area.

An advanced cruise missile with a microwave-emitting payload knocked out electronic information systems on the ground in AFRL tests, Masiello said. "The purpose of that weapon is to non-kinetically take out computers and IT infrastructure," he said.

## NATION

# SUV rams people at ice cream shop; 1 dead, 6 injured

The Associated Press

BUENA PARK, Calif. — An SUV surged forward from a parking space into a small crowd waiting outside a Los Angeles-area ice cream parlor, killing a 73-year-old woman and leaving six people injured.

The SUV, driven by an elderly man, rammed into people outside Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour on Friday night, Orange County Fire Authority Capt. Steve Concialdi said. The restaurant is in Buena Park, about 20 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

Witnesses said the SUV lurched forward, hitting a small fence and running into those sitting and standing between the vehicle and the restaurant.

"It looked like the guy put his foot on the gas pedal instead of the brake," Daniel Long, who was eating with his family inside, told KCAL-TV. "There were three people sitting on that bench

— he just went straight into them and crushed them up against the window."

Television news reports showed a silver Suzuki XL7 halfway in a parking space in front of the building, with its front end shoved over the fence onto a walkway.

A woman, 73, was critically injured and died at a hospital, authorities said.

Two other people were hospitalized with moderate injuries, three with minor injuries and a sixth person was treated at the scene for minor injuries, Concialdi said.

One of the injured was a teenage girl, police Cpl. Andy Luong said.

The SUV driver and a female passenger, both elderly, were not hurt, Luong said.

Police questioned the driver, who cooperated and was not immediately cited, Luong said.

The cause of the crash remained under investigation.

# Lawyer: Rep. Grimm faces federal charges

By Jake Pearson

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The attorney representing Republican U.S. Rep. Michael Grimm maintains that the congressman has done nothing wrong but says he's not surprised his client is facing criminal charges from federal prosecutors.

Grimm has been dogged by allegations of campaign violations since his first campaign for Congress in 2009 and 2010. A House Ethics Committee announced in November that Grimm was under investigation for possible campaign finance violations.

"After more than two years of investigation plagued by malicious leaks, violations of grand

jury secrecy, and strong-arm tactics, the U.S. Attorney's Office has disclosed its intent to file criminal charges against Congressman Grimm," Grimm's attorney, William McGinley, said in the statement Friday. "When the dust settles, he will be vindicated."

A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn said Friday he couldn't confirm, deny or comment on the case. The FBI's New York office, which handles investigations, also declined to comment.

Grimm made headlines in January after confronting a New York City cable news station reporter who tried to question him about a long-running FBI investigation into campaign finance on a balcony in the Capitol.

After reporter Michael Scott finished his report, Grimm stomped back, leaned into him and said, "Let me be clear to you. If you ever do that to me again, I'll throw you off this (expletive) balcony."

ugee camp in eastern Ethiopia, mother Ubah Mohamed Abdullahi said she felt bad that her son risked his life and that her dream is to live with her children in the United States.

"I cried, felt badly and many people in the refugee camp came to me to give me support," she said.



PETER CASOLINO, THE NEW HAVEN (CONN.) REGISTER/AP

Family and friends attend a memorial service at the First United Church of Christ in Milford Conn., for Maren Sanchez, who was killed at the school Friday.

# School stabbing victim recalled as 'bright light'

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — The night before Maren Sanchez was fatally stabbed inside her high school, she asked to take a break from her drama group for a nail appointment. The junior prom she helped plan was the next day, and she wanted to look her best.

Sanchez, 16, a junior, was attacked Friday in a school hallway, and a boy who's a student there has been charged with murder.

Instead of the prom that night, students gathered for a candle-light vigil and counselors were available for anyone who needed their help. The prom was postponed indefinitely.

Police are investigating whether Sanchez was stabbed after turning down an invitation to the prom, an event she had been looking forward to attending with her boyfriend.

Family members and friends at the Jonathan Law High School in Milford were left reeling from the attack on Sanchez, an outgoing member of the National Honor Society who played guitar and was active in drama and other

school activities.

"The unprovoked attack on Maren this morning has unfortunately for our family resulted in the permanent loss of Maren Victoria Sanchez, a bright light



Sanchez

full of hopes and dreams with her future at her fingertips," her cousin, Edward Kovac, said Friday, reading from a statement prepared by the family.

Sanchez had posted on Facebook a photograph of herself wearing a blue prom dress, and on Thursday she was laughing at school with a friend as they talked about the upcoming dance.

"We were just laughing, talking about what we were going to do when we got there, how many pictures we were going to take," said the friend, Imangi Langston.

That night, she was helping to paint the set for a high school

production of "Little Shop of Horrors" when she asked to be excused to have her nails done, drama adviser Michael Mele said.

"So here is this girl with her freshly painted prom nails, painting the set, and just having a great time with her classmates talking about plans for the prom and plans for after prom and going on a double date with another one of the drama kids and her new boyfriend," Mele said.

On Friday morning, students were gathered in an auditorium waiting for information on what had happened when Langston said a teacher came and told them Sanchez had been stabbed.

"She basically just explained to us that Maren Sanchez got stabbed in the throat for saying 'no' about going to prom" with the suspect, said Langston, who described herself as one of Sanchez's closest friends.

The suspect, whose name was not released, was charged with murder as a juvenile offender. He was being held in police custody at a medical facility.

Pacific would have exposed him to subzero temperatures and very low pressures, likely knocking him out for the duration. He has been hospitalized ever since.

The boy's parents are divorced, and he lives with his father, Abdillahi Yusuf Abdi, a cab driver in Santa Clara, Calif.

Abdullahi said her ex-husband took their three children to California without her knowledge, and that she hadn't heard from them since 2006.

"I know he was looking for me, and I am requesting the U.S. government to help me reunite with my kids," she told VOA.

# Stowaway teen's mother says son had believed her dead

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The mother of a California teenager who stowed away on a flight to Hawaii told Voice of America that her son recently had learned that she was alive after being told by his father she had died.

Speaking with VOA from a ref-

FBI agents say surveillance video shows the 15-year-old leaping out of the wheel well of a Hawaiian Airlines jet on a Maui tarmac Sunday after surviving a cross-Pacific flight from San Jose. He told authorities he had argued with his father before leaving his house.

The 5½-hour flight over the

NATION

# Steel guitar, ukelele face off in Hawaii debate

By SAM EIFLING  
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Sorry, ukelele. Hawaii won't spin the steel guitar to sound its love for you.

Bills in the state Legislature that would've declared the friendly little guitar the official instrument of Hawaii both died near the end of the legislative session.

The measures easily passed the Senate and House earlier this year, but with differences that meant more debate. That's when steel guitar players stepped in, setting up a showdown between the state icons.

Alan Akaka, a music teacher with politics in his blood as the son of former U.S. Sen. Daniel Akaka, orchestrated an email campaign arguing the instrument

**‘I have nothing against the ukelele. But what is ‘pono,’ what is right, is to have the instrument that was actually invented in Hawaii. ’**

Alan Akaka  
music teacher and steel guitar supporter

born in Hawaii better represents the state.

Unlike the ukelele, which descended from a little four-string guitar that Portuguese immigrants brought to the islands in the late 1800s, the steel guitar's development is credited to an Oahu man named Joseph Kekuku. Its sound has spread throughout

country, bluegrass and western music. Yet it still conjures in its dreamy, liquidy sound — made popular by such songs as Santo & Johnny's "Sleepwalk" — the feel of a Pacific sunset blushing behind swaying palms.

"I have nothing against the ukelele," said Akaka, who mimicked the steel guitar as a child

by running the bell of his clarinet along the strings of his father's acoustic guitar. "But what is 'pono,' what is right, is to have the instrument that was actually invented in Hawaii."

Akaka's efforts generated lots of testimony from around the state, as well as from other U.S. states and internationally.

In short order, the conversation shifted from the ukelele's unique position in Hawaiian music to a more complex exchange about identity and cultural value.

The bills that seemed so simple got tangled in conference committees that included lawmakers from each chamber. The Senate amended the House bill to kick the decision back to the state's

kids, enlisting primary and secondary schoolchildren to suggest instruments to state lawmakers.

Rep. Mark Takai, D-Aiea, the chairman of the House side of the conference committee that considered the bill, said kids didn't deserve such sway.

"Why not send to them whether they want to change instructional hours?" he said. "Whether they support marriage equality? All these kinds of issues. I'm just trying to extend the logic of allowing kids to vote. It's problematic."

Takai said some senators pushed for other instruments, but there wasn't time to debate the merits of pahu drums or the ipu gourd.

Now, the debate of an official instrument must wait for a future session.

## Possible GOP contenders test waters at NRA event

By SARA BURNETT  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Several potential Republican presidential candidates courted gun-rights supporters at the National Rifle Association's annual convention, talking up their pro-gun credentials while imploring the crowd to fight not just for their Second Amendment rights but for other freedoms they say are being threatened.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, former Pennsylvania U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal addressed the NRA's annual leadership forum on Friday, a kind of political pep rally the organization considers one of its premier events. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire also recorded brief videos that were played for the crowd of more than 2,000 inside Lucas Oil Stadium, home to the Indianapolis Colts.

One after another, the possible 2016 contenders thanked the NRA and its members for flexing their considerable political muscle to help push back recent gun-control efforts, including legislation following the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut that would have required background checks for gun purchases. They said that same activism will be critical heading into elections this fall, in 2016 and beyond.

Jindal charged that Vice President Joe Biden's former secretary of State Hillary Clinton, both possible Democratic presidential candidates, think the Second Amendment is little more than "a phrase from a speech writer."

"If they had their way they'd simply cut and paste the Constitution and just get rid of the Second Amendment entirely," said Jindal, referring to the amendment that guarantees the right to

bear arms.

Jindal approved several gun-rights bills last year, including one that creates stiff penalties for those who knowingly publish the names of gun permit holders.

Rubio opposed limiting gun rights after Sandy Hook, but he also saw his NRA grade drop from an A to a B+ amid criticism of his stance on some gun-rights legislation.

He said Friday that being able to provide a safe home for one's family is fundamental to achieving the American dream. And he said that while gun-rights supporters were outraged and saddened by violence such as Sandy Hook, public policy "must be guided by common sense."

"Making it harder for law-abiding Americans to defend themselves has not, does not and will not prevent future tragedies such as these," Rubio said.

Burnett and Pence noted their wives share their love of guns. Pence, who approved a measure this year to allow guns in locked vehicles on school property, said when he met his wife, she had a gun and a motorcycle and "it was love at first sight."

Santorum said it's not just gun rights that are under assault. He called on the NRA's millions of members to also fight for religious freedom and First Amendment rights.

"Just protecting the Second Amendment while all other freedoms falter isn't a winning strategy," Santorum said. "We need you to engage."

Gun-control supporters also were making their voices heard, holding rallies outside the event throughout the weekend. An Associated Press-GFK poll in December found that 52 percent of Americans favored stricter gun laws, 31 percent wanted them left as they were, and 15 percent said they should be loosened.



JOHN LOCHER, LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL/AP

Rancher Cliven Bundy, center, walks off stage after speaking at a news conference near Bunkerville, Nev., on Thursday. Bundy, a Nevada rancher who has been in a standoff with the federal government over grazing rights, has found little sympathy in the West, especially from fellow ranchers.

## Few in the West support rancher

By KEN RITTER  
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The Associated Press

BUNKERVILLE, Nev. — For a while, in certain quarters, Cliven Bundy was celebrated as a John Wayne-like throwback to the Old West — a weathered, plainspoken rancher just trying to graze his cattle and keep the government off his back. But that was before he started sounding more like a throwback to the Old South.

Conservative Republican politicians and commentators who once embraced Bundy for standing up to Washington are stampeding in the other direction — and branding him a racist — after he suggested that blacks might have had it better as slaves picking cotton.

The furor has made it apparent how limited Bundy's appeal ever was.

Bundy, 67, and his armed supporters thwarted an attempt by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management two weeks ago to seize his family's cattle over his failure to

pay \$1.1 million in grazing fees and penalties for the use of government land over the past 20 years. A local land-use dispute soon turned into a national debate, with conservatives calling it another example of big-government overreach.

But the rugged West that Bundy was said to represent has changed, becoming more urban and less concerned about federal intrusion than it was during the so-called Sagebrush Rebellion in the 1970s and '80s. In the urban areas that now dominate the West, there have been few stirrings of support for Bundy.

Even many fellow ranchers regard him as more of a deadbeat than a hero.

"You've got hundreds of ranchers in Nevada who pay their fee regularly," said Tom Collins, a rancher on the Clark County Commission. "On the grazing fee issue, Bundy doesn't have sympathy from the ranchers."

At the Bunkerville Post Office, Chad Dalton, a lineman for

a power company, said that the case brought up important issues but that they should be addressed through laws, not with guns.

"It's a fight to be had," Dalton said, "but I'm not sure he's the one to lead it."

Eric Herzik, a political science professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, said Bundy was made into a hero by conservative activists and journalists in New York and Washington "who did not understand how extreme Cliven Bundy is ... even among Sagebrush rebels and Nevada ranchers."

In fact, the remote area outside Las Vegas where Bundy and his supporters made their stand is represented by a black Democrat, Rep. Steve Horsford.

The congressman said Friday that many of the people in the small towns in the region, which has drawn an increasing number of retirees and tourists seeking to enjoy its open spaces, are upset with Bundy, who "does not reflect Nevada or the views of the West."

## UKRAINE UNREST



SERGEI GETTS/AP

Ukrainian government troops atop their armored personnel carriers roll on a country road on Saturday outside the town of Svytohirsk, near Sloviansk, eastern Ukraine. Ukrainian authorities are undertaking a security operation to liberate Sloviansk, which is currently controlled by an armed pro-Russian insurgency.

# Insurgents detain military observers in eastern Ukraine

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

SLOVYANSK, Ukraine — As Western governments vowed to impose more sanctions against Russia and its supporters in eastern Ukraine, a group of foreign military observers remained in captivity Saturday accused of being NATO spies by a pro-Russian insurgency.

The German-led, eight-member team was traveling under the auspices of the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe when they were detained Friday.

Vyacheslav Ponomarev, the self-proclaimed "people's mayor" of Sloviansk, described the detained observers as "captives" and said that they were officers from NATO member states.

"As we found maps on them containing information about the location of our checkpoints, we get the impression that they are officers carrying out a certain spying mission," Ponomarev said, adding they could be released in exchange for jailed pro-Russian activists.

Outside Sloviansk, a city about 90 miles west of Russia, Ukraine government forces continued operations to form a security cordon as it attempts to quell unrest threatening to derail the planned May 25 presidential election.

The U.S. and other nations in the Group of Seven said in a joint

statement released Friday night by the White House that they plan to impose additional economic sanctions on Russia in response to its actions in Ukraine. The West has accused Russia of using covert forces to encourage unrest in Ukraine and says Moscow has done nothing to pressure pro-Russian militias to free police stations and government buildings in at least 10 cities across the region.

Condemning Russia's earlier annexation of Ukraine's Crimea Peninsula, the G-7 said: "We will now follow through on the full legal and practical consequences of this illegal annexation, including but not limited to the economic, trade and financial areas."

The European Union is also planning more sanctions and ambassadors from the bloc's 28 member nations will meet Monday in Brussels to add to the list of Russian officials and pro-Russian leaders in Ukraine that have been sanctioned with asset freezes and a travel ban.

The foreign military observer team detained by pro-Russian forces was made up of three German soldiers, a German translator and one soldier each from Czech Republic, Poland, Sweden and Denmark. Germany's Defense Ministry said the team also included five Ukrainians.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier called Russian Foreign Minister Sergey



VINCENTO PINTO/AP

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, right, has a private audience with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Saturday.

Lavrov late Friday to press for the release of the observers. In a statement released Saturday, Russia's Foreign Ministry said it was taking "all measures to resolve the situation," but blamed the authorities in Kiev for failing to secure the safety of the team.

"The security of the inspectors is wholly entrusted to the host party," the statement said. "Hence it would be logical to expect the current authorities in Kiev to resolve preliminary questions of the location, actions, and safety of the instructors."

Former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko told The Associated Press in an interview on Saturday that she welcomed further sanctions against Russia and called for NATO membership for Ukraine to protect itself from Russian aggression.

Tymoshenko, who is running in the May 25 presidential election, said that while only a minority of Ukrainians supported NATO membership previously, Russia's aggressive actions in the country's east had forced a

"fundamental change" in public thinking.

Her tough talk underscores the increasingly tense relationship between Russia and Ukraine in recent weeks — acting prime minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk warned Friday that Russia "is keen to start World War III."

On Saturday, Yatsenyuk traveled to Rome to meet with Pope Francis and Italian Premier Matteo Renzi. Francis gave Yatsenyuk a fountain pen, telling him, "I hope that you write 'peace' with this pen."

Yatsenyuk replied: "I hope so, too."

In a briefing with reporters, he lashed out at Moscow, saying Russian military aircraft violated Ukrainian air space late on Friday.

"The only reason is to provoke Ukraine to strike a missile and to accuse Ukraine of waging a war to Russia," he said, and asked Russia "not to provoke and not to support Russian-led terrorists... in eastern and southern Ukraine. We ask Russia to leave us alone."

## US: Russian jets crossed into Ukraine airspace

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. defense officials said Friday that Russian fighter jets flew into Ukrainian airspace a handful of times over the previous 24 hours in what one called a continued provocation of the heightened tensions in the region.

The officials said it's not clear what the intent was, but the aircraft could have been testing Ukrainian radar or making a show of force.

Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, confirmed the flights, adding that the U.S. is calling on the Russians "to take immediate steps to de-escalate the situation."

The flights come as Russia increases military exercises along the Ukraine border, including moving a broad array of fixed-wing and rotary aircraft, infantry and armored troops. The exercises inflame worries about a potential Russian military incursion into Ukraine.

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke with his Russian counterpart, Gen. Valery Gerasimov, on Thursday to express "grave concern" over Russia's aggressive military behavior, the Pentagon said in a statement. "The two military leaders agreed on the need to reduce tension, avoid miscalculation and keep an open line of communication."

Warren said U.S. officials have let Russia's Defense Ministry officials know that Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel would like to speak to his counterpart, Russia Defense Minister Sergei Shoygu. There has been no response yet, he said.

WORLD

# Iraqis set to vote with little hope for change

Raging sectarian bloodshed defies parliamentary candidates' promises of peace, prosperity

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*The Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — The vibrant posters promising jobs, prosperity and security coming from Iraq's first parliamentary elections since U.S. troops withdrew from the country, but so far, voters have only dim hopes as sectarian bloodshed rages unstopped.

Eleven years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled dictator Saddam Hussein, Iraqis live in a deeply divided country sinking back into a cycle of violence that claimed more than 8,800 lives last year alone. Candidates largely campaign by smiling signs alone — some women campaign in districts using only images of husbands or brothers — as suicide bombers killed at least 33 people at a rare rally Friday by a Shiite militant group fielding its own political hopefuls.

The resurgence of sectarian violence, which nearly tore Iraq apart in 2006 and 2007, is both a reflection of the 3-year-old conflict in neighboring Syria and the politics of a democratic but splintered nation.

Voters in Wednesday's polls are widely expected to cast ballots along sectarian and ethnic lines, though many say they have little hope the election will bring any real change.

"Iraqi politics needs new blood," said Ammar Faleh, 35, a Shiite government employee in Baghdad's eastern Sadr City. "We don't want the people who created our miseries to be re-elected. We want honest people who can fix the situation, not make it worse."

More than 9,000 candidates are vying for 328 seats in parliament. As in the last round of nationwide elections in 2010, fierce intrasectarian political rivalries have left members of the country's majority Shiite community running on different tickets — a shift from the 2006 elections when they formed a unified list with support from traditional religious authorities.

Whichever bloc comes out ahead will have a shot at cobbling together a coalition that will choose the prime minister, though many Iraqis expect that



Iraqis pass by election campaign posters in Basra, Iraq.

NABIL AL-JURANI/AP

## Shiite rally bombing unleashes reprisals

BAGHDAD — A multiple bombing that killed at least 33 people at a campaign rally for a militant Shiite group likely unleashed a series of apparent sectarian attacks in Iraq, signaling the start of a new wave of Sunni-Shiite bloodletting ahead of elections this week, security officials said Saturday.

An al-Qaida breakaway

group, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, claimed responsibility for Friday's attack on the Baghdad rally, which drew about 10,000 backers of the group Asaib Ahl al-Haq.

It said on a militant website that the bombings were to avenge what it called the killing of Sunnis and their forced removal from their homes by Shiite militias. The authenticity of the claim could not be independently verified.

A senior Asaib Ahl al-Haq official said the 33 dead included 10 group members who had fought in the Syrian civil war. Members of the Iranian-backed group, like Lebanon's Shiite Hezbollah, have been fighting with forces loyal to President Bashar Assad, a member of an offshoot Shiite sect. The Islamic State fights with Sunni rebels trying to oust Assad.

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post could well remain in the hands of the man who has held it since 2006: Nouri al-Maliki. However, the administration of al-Maliki, 63, has been unable to stop the near-daily bloodshed on the country's streets, while corruption permeates all levels of government.

Despite the unrest, al-Maliki is presenting himself as a strong Shiite leader who can defeat the

resilient Sunni-led insurgency that has come roaring back on his watch. One of his campaign posters shows him standing next to a soldier with a slogan reading: "Together, we defeat terrorism."

Experts predict al-Maliki's State of Law coalition will gain the largest number of seats, given its emergence as the largest single bloc in seven of 12 provinces in last year's provincial elections.

But even if he secures the most seats, al-Maliki likely will need to work with opponents to build a coalition to form the next government.

His main Shiite rivals are the al-Muwatani coalition, led by powerful cleric Ammar al-Hakim, who heads the Shiite Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, as well as followers of the firebrand cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The Sadrist

are running on three separate lists, with the major one called al-Ahrar.

A new Shiite political player running for seats this time around is the extremist Asaib Ahl al-Haq, or "the

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Ammar Faleh  
Shiite government employee

League of the Righteous." Its followers carried out deadly attacks against U.S. troops before their withdrawal claimed responsibility for the 2007 kidnapping of a British contractor along with his four guards.

Iraq's Sunnis are also divided in the election, no longer throwing the bulk of their support behind the big-tent Iraqiya bloc of the 2010 elections. The main contenders this time are parliament speaker Osama al-Nujfi's Mutahidoun bloc, Deputy Prime Minister Saleh al-Mutlag's al-Arabiya bloc and the al-Wataniya bloc led by former premier Ayad Allawi, a Shiite.

Iraq's Kurds, who hold their own self-rule region in the north that's seen development and little violence compared to the rest of the country, are also running on different lists in many areas due to political infighting.

Public opinion seems to be as divided as the politicians, with many Iraqis saying what they want most are fresh faces.

"We should not give up dreaming of change," Youssef Ibrahim, 53, a Sunni teacher from Baghdad's northern district of Azamiyah. "Corrupt and sectarian government should be replaced. If we stay at home, al-Maliki will win again and he will keep destroying the country."

# Prosecutor: 15 S. Korea ferry crewmembers in custody

By JUNG-YOON CHOI  
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*The Associated Press*

SEOUL, South Korea — All 15 people involved in navigating the South Korean ferry that sank and left more than 300 people dead or missing are now in custody after authorities on Saturday detained four more crewmembers, a prosecutor said.

Yang Jung-jin, of the joint investigation team, said two helmsmen and two members of the steering crew were taken in on preliminary arrest warrants issued late Friday.

The captain, had been formally arrested earlier.

All are accused of negligence and of failing to help passengers in need as the ferry Sewol sank April 16. The captain initially told passengers to stay in their rooms and took half an hour to issue an evacuation order, by which time the ship was tilting too severely for many people to get out.

Ten days after the sinking, 187 bodies have been recovered and 115 people are believed to be missing, though the government-wide emergency task force has said the ship's passengers list could be inaccurate. Only 174 people survived, including 22 of the 29 crewmembers.

The seven surviving crewmembers who have not been arrested or detained held nonmarine jobs such as chef or steward, Yang said in a telephone interview from Mokpo, the southern city near the wreck site where prosecutors are based.

A court hearing was held Saturday to determine whether formal arrest warrants will be issued against the four newly detained crewmembers.

South Korean television aired video of the police escorting the four men to court. All four wore baseball caps that hid their faces, and at least one was limping.

Capt. Lee Joon-seok told reporters after his arrest that he withheld the evacuation

order because rescuers had yet to arrive and he feared for passengers' safety in the cold water. Crewmembers have also defended their actions.

Helmsman Oh Yong-seok, one of those arrested Saturday, has said he and several crewmembers did their best to save people. He said that he and four crewmembers worked from nearby boats to smash windows on the sinking ferry, dragging six passengers stuck in cabins to safety.

Officials in charge of the search effort said Saturday that divers have reached two large rooms where many of the lost may lie dead, but the search had to be suspended because of bad weather.

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OPINION

Seeing Obama as adolescent president

By GEORGE F. WILL

Recently, Barack Obama — a Demosthenes determined to elevate our politics from coarseness to elegance; a Pericles sent to ameliorate our rhetorical impoverishment — spoke at the University of Michigan. He came to that very friendly venue — in 2012, he received 67 percent of the vote in Ann Arbor's county — after visiting a local sandwich shop, where a muse must have whispered in the presidential ear. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., had recently released his budget, so Obama expressed his disapproval by calling it, for the benefit of his academic audience, a “meanwhile” and a “stinkburger.”

To imagine Franklin Roosevelt or Dwight Eisenhower or John Kennedy or Ronald Reagan talking like that. It is unimaginable that those grown-ups would resort to japes that fourth-graders would not consider sufficiently clever for use on a playground.

When Theodore Roosevelt was President, one of his good friends — he had been best man at TR's 1886 wedding — was the British diplomat Cecil Spring Rice. So, when visitors to Washington wanted to learn about TR, they asked Rice about him, and Spring-Rice, as TR called him, would say: “You must always remember that the president is about 6.” Today's president is older than that. But he talks like an arrested-development adolescent.

Anyone who has tried to engage a member of that age cohort in an argument perceptibly recognizes the four basic teenage tropes, which also are the only arrows in Obama's

overrated rhetorical quiver: They were all employed by him recently when he went to the White House briefing room to exclaim as he is wont to do, about the excellence of the Affordable Care Act.

First came the invocation of a straw man. Celebrating the ACA's enrollment numbers, Obama, referring to Republicans, charged: “They said nobody would sign up.” Of course, no one said this. Obama often is what political philosopher Kenneth Minogue said of an adversary — “a pyromaniac in a field of straw men.”

Adolescents also try to truncate arguments by saying that nothing remains of any arguments against their arguments. Regarding the ACA, Obama said the debate is “settled” and “over.” Progressives also say the debate about catastrophic consequences of man-made climate change is “over,” so everyone should pipe down. And they say the debates about the efficacy of universal preschool, and the cost-benefit balance

of a minimum wage increase, are over. Declaring an argument over is so much more restful than engaging with evidence.

A third rhetorical move by argumentative adolescents is to declare that there is nothing to argue about because everything is going along swimmingly. Seven times Obama asserted that the ACA is “working.” That is, however, uninforma-

tive because it is ambiguous. The ethanol program is “working” in the sense that it is being implemented as its misguided architect's intended. Nevertheless, the program is a substantial net subtraction from the nation's well-being. The same can be said of sugar import quotas, or agriculture subsidies generally, or many hundreds of other government programs that are, unfortunately, “working.”

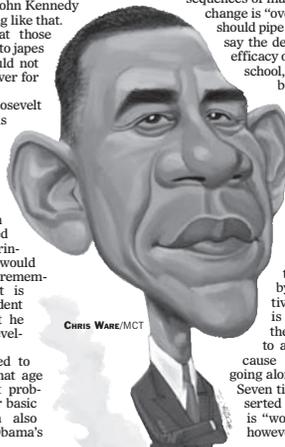
Finally, the real discussion-stopper for the righteous — and there is no righteousness like an adolescent's — is an assertion that has always been an Obama specialty. It is that there cannot be honorable and intelligent disagreement with him. So last week, less than two minutes after saying that the argument about the ACA “isn't about me,” he said some important opposition to the ACA is about him, citing “states that have chosen not to expand Medicaid for no other reason than political spite.”

This, he said, must be pitiful because expanding Medicaid involves “zero cost to these states.” Well. The federal government does pay the full cost of expansion — for three years. After that, however, states will pay up to 10 percent of the expansion's costs, which itself will be a large sum.

And the 10 percent figure has not been graven on stone by the finger of God. It can be enlarged whenever Congress wants, as surely it will, to enable more federal spending by imposing more burdens on the states. Yet Obama, who aspired to tutor Washington about civility, is incapable of crediting opponents with other than base motives.

About one thing Obama was right, if contradictory. He said Americans want politicians to talk about other subjects — but that Democrats should campaign by celebrating the wondrousness of the ACA. This would be candid because it is what progressivism is — a top-down, continent-wide tissue of taxes, mandates and other coercion. Is the debate about it over? Not quite.

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Try to remember President Clinton's legacy intensifies

By KATHLEEN PARKER

The word is out that Chelsea Clinton is with child, making the favorite Democratic presidential nominee a soon-to-be grandmother.

The headlines were inevitable — “Grandma Hillary” — followed by the similarly crucial question: Will being a grandmother help or hurt Hillary Clinton's chances in the 2016 election?

Note: We do not yet have another Clinton presidential candidacy, but we may as well have. She's running in the American mind if not in fact.

Other questions have run the gamut from “Will Hillary give up her presidential aspirations to be a grandmother?” to “Is Hillary too old to run?”

The latter question is based on the dated assumption that grandmood makes one “old.” The former inspires contempt from women who fume that no one would ever ask the same of a man.

It is true that one would never consider asking men such questions. But it is also true that women and men are different (hold your horses) when it comes to babies. Women don't love their children or grandchildren more than men do, but their roles are significantly different. I know, the spoiler rides again, but most adults really do know this.

That we are different speaks to women's obviously greater role in childbearing and the attentions that babies need from them. It also speaks to the very qualities (nurturing, communication, intuition) — which parent wakes before the baby cries? — that many career-bound women seem unwilling to acknowledge.

The reasoning isn't complicated, but it is both sad and perhaps self-defeating. Women assume, probably correctly, that admitting to instincts and maternal pulls would suggest that they're less committed than men to their professions — a First World problem, we remind ourselves — thereby risking hard-won advances in the workplace.

But there is another way to look at things — and many women do. Often, having a baby or a grandchild gives one an unexpected pause. One day your nose is to the grindstone, blinders affixed to block distractions, and suddenly you find yourself mesmerized by this tiny human being who is wholly dependent on you. Career-shmeer. Whether mother or father stays the baby's crib, most mothers profoundly want to.

We don't need breast-milk expression stations in workplaces so much as we need padded crying rooms for mothers too soon separated from their newborns. Which is to say, priorities change without our permission when the greatest love of all enters our lives. This happens to Democratic as well as Republican women.

Thus, it is not crazy to wonder whether Hillary Clinton, 68, might pause and think: Do I want to suffer through another campaign and then bear the burdens of the world at this point in my life? Or do I want to enjoy this new little life and work through the family foundation on my own schedule?

Barring health concerns, Hillary most likely will run because she's duty-bound to play out her role in American history.

What also irks women is the sense that the “grandma” title diminishes Hillary's familiar resume as a public servant. Even the word grandma connotes “old lady,” despite the near meaninglessness of numerical age these days.

Plus, there's nothing like a baby to make everyone feel young, as I recently learned when my daughter-in-law gave birth to the most perfect baby on the planet.

Moreover, I would submit that Chelsea's baby gives Hillary Clinton all the more reason to run for president. She not only will want to help shape a world in which women lead nations but also one in which babies and grandmotherhood are celebrated as integral to women's lives — not Photoshopped out as inconvenient obstacles to women's advancement.

Talk about a legacy.

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OPINION

# Advice for 2014 West Point graduates

BY CRISPIN BURKE

**A**n article in The New York Times recently examined the West Point class of 2014, which faces the dubious distinction of being the first class in nearly a dozen years to enter a peacetime army.

It's a daunting experience for a new lieutenant to lead soldiers twice their age, even more so to do it as a "slick serve" — the derogatory term given to soldiers who lack the distinctive "combat patch" on their right shoulder. Let me offer the Class of 2014 two pieces of advice.

First, take a few lessons from West Point's Class of 1976. Believe it or not, I bet that even brand new 2nd Lt. Ray Odierno probably had the same fears that you did. His class joined their platoons shortly after the nation had concluded what was, at that time, the longest war in its history. They survived their time as platoon leader — just as you all will — and they all went on to serve our country well when we inevitably found ourselves in wars again in Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, the Balkans, Iraq and even today in Afghanistan.

But while the Class of '76 went on to achieve great things in wartime, their greatest contribution was in rebuilding a badly battered Army. That's something that you'll be doing over the next few years, though fortunately, our Army is hardly in the terrible shape it was then. Those lieutenants had to crack down on indiscipline, including criminal behavior and drug abuse — which has been on the rise as of late in today's Army, unfortunately. They had to rethink the roles of women in our armed forces. Most importantly, they had to make tough decisions as to whom to keep and whom to let go.

It'll be more important now than ever to counsel your soldiers regularly. Do it in writing. Get to know their goals and give them a plan to achieve them. Learn to use the resources the Army has in place to aid them — help — such as those who are struggling with post-traumatic

stress disorder. But ultimately, learn how to give candid advice to those soldiers who simply won't make it through the draw-down, and empower them with the resources they need to be successful as veterans. (Hint: If you're uncertain how to counsel a platoon sergeant with 20 years of service and three combat deployments, ask around at PlatoonLeader.army.mil.)

Second, read and write. Do it often. Human beings have, for better or worse, been fighting wars for the better part of 5,000 years — there's very little you'll encounter in modern war which someone hasn't lived through already.

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For instance, I recently had the opportunity to finish a book about the Duke of Wellington during the Peninsular Campaign during the Napoleonic Wars. You may think there's little we can learn from the Napoleonic Wars in the era of drones and cyberwar — but you'd be mistaken. Indeed, the Iron Duke had many of the same experiences and headaches 200 years ago as our commanders today. Wellington operated as part of a joint force with the Royal Navy, fighting a hybrid war alongside Spanish insurgents, and during the course of the campaign, he was to find that his greatest enemies weren't the French but rather a hidebound army bureaucracy and disgruntled officers who vented their frustration through press leaks.

But don't stop at history. Start reading through some of the publications at the Center for Army Lessons Learned and CALL. While our Army has been amass-

ing vast combat experience in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's become painfully apparent that some skills have atrophied and that we've accumulated some bad habits. Twelve years of being wedded to massive forward operating bases will do that.

We've made vast strides in computer technology, no doubt, but you'll have to consider how you may fight without computers. How can you command without PowerPoint slides and fragmentary orders emailed to you every hour? I would argue we can't.

It'll be up to you to teach soldiers to un-learn many bad habits while learning new ones. Be sure to do your peers a favor — write down your observations and send them to CALL. Not only will it help your peers but you'll learn something when you go through the process of composing your thoughts, putting them to paper and going through the publishing process. This will help you later, whether you choose to stay in the Army or if you go into the civilian world.

The last thing I'll say about reading is that you need to be wary of those who claim they know what the next war will be like. They are almost always laughably wrong, as Col. Keith Nightingale wrote on this blog recently. We thought we'd never do counterinsurgency (after Vietnam), or nation-building (after the Balkans) again. Look where we are now. We thought airborne operations were an anachronism. Look at Mali. Never say never.

Get ready to learn. Get ready to make mistakes. Get ready to learn from those mistakes. The Army's going to be doing a lot of great, new things over the next few years.

To the West Point Class of 2014, thanks for your decision to serve, and I look forward to seeing you in our units.

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**Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, listens as President Barack Obama delivers remarks marking the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice last July. Odierno graduated from West Point in 1976.**

# How to navigate dispute between Japan, China over islets

BY JOSEPH NYE AND KEVIN RUDD

**W**hile the world focuses on Ukraine, ships and planes from Japan and China challenge each other almost every day near a few dozen islets of barren islets in the East China Sea that Japan calls the Senkaku and China calls the Diaoyu islands. This dangerous rivalry dates to the late 19th century, but the flare-up that led to widespread anti-Japan demonstrations in China in September 2012 began when the Japanese government purchased the bulk of the tiny islets from their private Japanese owner.

When the United States returned Okinawa to Japan in May 1972, the transfer included the disputed islets that the United States had administered after 1945.

A few months later, when China and Japan normalized their relations in the aftermath of World War II, Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka asked Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai about the islands. Zhou replied that rather than let the dispute delay normalization, the issue should be left for later generations. Both countries maintained their claims to sovereignty over the islands.

For decades, this formula worked. Although Japan had administrative control, Chinese ships would occasionally enter Japanese waters to assert their legal po-

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sition. When incidents occurred, Japan sometimes would detain the Chinese crew members but would soon release them.

Exaggerated reports of undersea oil and gas reserves sometimes raised concerns, but as recently as 2008, the two countries agreed on a framework for joint development of disputed gas fields in the East China Sea.

In 2009, relations between China and Japan were improving, and a large delegation of Diet members from the Democratic Party of Japan visited Beijing. Then on Sept. 7, 2010, a Chinese trawler near the islands twice bashed Japanese patrol boats, and Japanese authorities took the trawler to Japan.

After several days of Chinese protests, Japan released the crew but brought charges against the captain. China abruptly halted its exports of rare earths to Japan; Japan soon released the captain, but China did not restore these exports for almost two months.

When asked why China had reacted that way, Chinese officials said that they had no choice because once Japan brought charges against the captain, it implied acceptance of Japanese law and sovereignty.

To Chinese eyes, Japan destroyed the Zhou-Tanaka status quo with the 2010 arrest and then the 2012 purchase. China also believes that Japan is entering a period of right-wing militarist nationalism and that the purchase of the islands was a deliberate effort by Japan to begin a process of eroding the settlement of World War II.

Since 2012, Chinese ships have continued to operate regularly in what Japan claims as its territorial waters.

Ironically, these Chinese operations are inflaming Japanese nationalism. And so the spiral of action and reaction continues, with no opportunity in sight for both sides to hit the reset button.

Fast-forward to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's December visit to the Yasukuni Shrine, which in part honors Class A Japanese war criminals. Fresh fuel was thrown onto a fire that needed little encouragement.

Having watched Sino-Japanese relations closely over many decades, we think it is fair to say things have not been this bad for nearly half a century.

Japanese and Chinese leaders have said repeatedly that they do not want war, and there is no reason not to believe them. They

recognize that disruption of the economic interdependence between the world's second- and third-largest economies would radically disrupt their development plans and internal stability.

The real dangers are not in the intentions of the countries' leaders but in the potential for miscalculation at lower levels, limited experience in "incident management" and escalation in a climate of competitive nationalism.

In this situation, the best we can aim for is to revive the wisdom of the original Zhou-Tanaka formula. One way of doing this, as some have suggested, might be to declare the islands a maritime ecological preserve dedicated to the larger good of the region. There would be no habitation and no military use of the islands or the surrounding seas.

Ideally, China and Japan would agree, but that may be unlikely in the current climate. Other mechanisms could be explored to produce the same end. Both sides might commit to revisit their 2008 agreement on joint gas exploitation. This proposal would not resolve the issue, but it could move it from the front of the stove, where it threatens to boil over, to a back burner, where it can quietly simmer for another half-century.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Firefighters deliver baby on sidewalk

**MA QUINCY** — Quincy firefighters leaped into action when a cab driver knocked on their door in the wee hours and said his passenger was having a baby.

The firefighters at Engine Company 2 not only delivered the baby girl right there on the sidewalk at 1:30 a.m. Friday, they saved the baby's life.

Fire Lt. Shawn Darcy said when he and his colleagues reached the cab, the baby was partially delivered.

They completed the delivery, but found that the baby wasn't breathing. They cleared her airways and she started to cry.

An ambulance showed up and transported the baby and her parents to the hospital, where all are reportedly doing well.

## Window-washers rescued from high-rise

**LA NEW ORLEANS** — Three window-washers were pulled to safety Friday after the platform they were working on at a New Orleans high-rise gave way, leaving them dangling from the building's 49th floor on safety harnesses for about 20 minutes.

Rescuers were called to the 53-story Capitol One building in the business district after the platform gave way shortly after 8:30 a.m.

Jorge Gomez, 58, Willis Everidge, 53, and Kevin Hines, 46, were washing windows when the cable snapped. All were thrown from the platform and began swinging above the street.

Rescuers smashed windows to pull them into the building. The men appeared to be shaken, but not hurt.

Gomez said he had no intention of giving up the trade because of the incident. He said he had worn the same safety harness for 17 years.

"I feel good. I'll be back doing my job on Monday," he said.

## High school team wins NASA design contest

**VA HAMPTON** — A Virginia high school team has won a NASA competition.

Officials said Friday a team from the Governor's School for Science and Technology in Hampton was selected as the winner of the Exploration Design Challenge.

Student teams were invited to help tackle radiation exposure, which NASA says is one of the most significant dangers of human space flight. The challenge was developed to engage students in science, technology, engineering and math.

Officials say the team will now work with the NASA and Lockheed Martin spacecraft integration team to have the product of their experimental design approved for spaceflight.

Once approved, it will be launched into orbit during a test flight later this year and students will be able to watch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in

## THE CENSUS

**7** The number of months it took to recover a Michigan man's restored 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle worth more than \$100,000 after it was stolen during a September trip to Indianapolis for a classic car show. Indiana state police said owner Keith Farmer, of Holt, received a call last month from a man who said he had bought the car but would return it for \$20,000 to cover his investment. Undercover detectives met with the man and took him in for questioning. The 31-year-old Indianapolis man was arrested Friday on charges of receiving stolen property and auto theft.



WILL KANGAS, LANSING (MICH.) STATE JOURNAL/AP

## Holding history

**Phillip Stoll, 9, holds a 10,000-year-old Mastodon tooth April 16 that he found while walking in the creek behind his home in Windsor Township, Mich. The tooth has become part of a lesson at the Stoll household. Heidi Stoll home-schools Phillip's six siblings and now uses it to teach them about the creatures.**

Florida.

## Supreme Court rules in dog custody case

**VT MONTPELIER** — The Vermont Supreme Court has ruled in a custody case involving an 11-year-old dog.

The court on Friday agreed with a lower court assigning ownership of the German wirehaired pointer to the husband.

The court said the only issue in the contested divorce was which spouse should receive Belle.

The husband is a veterinarian who takes the dog to work while the wife spends time walking the dog in the woods and caring for the animal.

The wife appealed to the Supreme Court saying the court erred by not considering giving the dog to both spouses in a joint arrangement.

The Vermont Supreme Court disagreed, saying the lower court was right in ruling that family division cannot enforce a visita-

tion or shared custody order for animals.

## Cotton gin still working after 100 years

**TX BURTON** — An annual festival in Southeast Texas built around some iconic antique farm machinery has added significance this year as the Burton Cotton Gin marks its 100th anniversary.

Several thousand people were expected Saturday in Burton. The town of about 300 is midway between Houston and Austin.

The celebration culminates with the old, 125-horsepower engine at the Burton gin getting fired up and turning out a few 500-pound bales of cotton.

The Burton gin is touted as the nation's oldest still working at its original site and with original components.

When it began producing in 1914, it was among nearly 4,700 cotton gins in Texas. And while the state remains the nation's big-

gest producer of cotton, Texas now is home to only 230 gins.

## Vendor apologizes to state board for glitches

**OK OKLAHOMA CITY** — Company officials have blamed a hardware failure at a data center for the glitch that stalled Oklahoma school's standardized testing this week.

CTB/McGraw-Hill president Ellen Haley apologized to the Oklahoma Board of Education on Thursday for the malfunction that disrupted test for more than 8,200 students Monday.

The testing vendor's technicians identified the problem and fixed it by 11 a.m. Monday.

Last year, server issues with the same company shut down testing statewide for two days.

Oklahoma State Superintendent Janet Barresi has recommended that Oklahoma not renew its contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill for 2014-2015.

## Police: Woman took toy from child's grave

**OH ONTARIO** — Police in northern Ohio say they've charged a woman who was seen on a surveillance video taking a stuffed animal from a child's grave.

Ontario police said Frieda Kay Shade, 54, turned herself in Wednesday after the cemetery surveillance video was widely viewed on the Internet and TV news.

Shade told authorities that she took a stuffed toy duck from the grave of 14-month-old Hayden "Tank" Cole Sheridan on Saturday because a dog was running loose in the area, and she didn't want it to destroy the toy.

Her attorney said she'll plead not guilty May 8 to one count of theft, a first-degree misdemeanor. Shade is accused of taking the stuffed animal hours after the child's family left it for Easter. The child died in 2007.

From wire reports

## ENTERTAINMENT

# THE MAN IS RIGHT

## Drew Carey makes morning game show his own

By DAVID BAUDER  
The Associated Press

There's so much noise during an episode of "The Price Is Right" that producers of the soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful," which is taping nearby, need to be aware of the game show's schedule so the rowdiness doesn't disrupt the filming of a love scene.

It's a party in the hands of host Drew Carey, even as the concept hasn't changed through the years — make the best guess on how much that new car, entertainment center or trip to Paris costs and you just might win it. On April 7, the game show's 8,000th episode since its CBS debut in 1972 aired. Nearly 70,000 people have "come on down."

The game has a blue-collar sensibility that the Cleveland-bred Carey reflects. That car or patio set, just the chance someone will take it home, creates a palpable excitement.

"All through my 20s I was broke," Carey said backstage before a recent taping. "I didn't start making money until I was in my 30s doing stand-up. I really don't take money for granted. I have a lot of empathy for people on the show, that's what I mean. I know what it must mean for them to win \$5,000, which doesn't seem like a lot of money to give away on a game show nowadays. But it's a lot of money."

As he approaches his seventh year on "The Price Is Right," Carey has made the show his own. That wasn't always the case, since he had the daunting task of replacing 35-year host Bob Barker.

"At the time, nobody could conceive of the show without Bob Barker," said executive producer Mike Richards, "including me."

Richards unsuccessfully auditioned to replace Barker. A year into Carey's tenure, he was brought in as producer with a mandate: change it from Carey doing Barker's show to Carey doing Carey's show.

Carey wasn't trying to imitate. But it was a little like moving into someone else's house, with all the furniture left behind. Under Richards' direction, the set and prizes gradually changed. While Barker looked natural offering a grandfather clock as a prize, it seemed silly for Carey. Similarly, it's hard to imagine Barker mustering enthusiasm for a smartphone or iPod. The show now uses video to introduce a trip instead of static set pieces. Carey also seems comfortable with contestants who are excessive in their enthusiasm. Loud music keeps the energy up during breaks, when Carey isn't

telling jokes or talking to audience members.

"Everyone was worried when Bob left," Carey said. "A lot of people on the show thought they were going to lose their jobs and the show was going to be off the air. They had trouble finding a host. He was 'The Price Is Right.'"

"What they found out, I think, was that 'The Price Is Right' is bigger than whoever is hosting the show. The host is an important part of the show, don't get that mistaken," he said, laughing. "But you've got a whole group of people who put together the show."

Carey, who is 55, isn't under the impression he has a lifetime appointment.

"I have to constantly think of new things to keep the show fresh," he said. "I have to constantly be witty and funny with the audience. I have to consistently be on. ... What I have to do is I have to make sure the way I do the job is they can't imagine anybody else coming in here and doing it better — not without having a couple of years to do better."

He is doing well by television's traditional report card. The show is up 14 percent in viewers over last season, and its average of 5.54 million viewers each day compares favorably to 5.42 million during Barker's final season. "Drew has exceeded expectations," said Angelica McDaniel, the CBS executive in charge of daytime programming.

"The brilliant thing with picking Drew is that Drew is Drew," Richards said. "There is a reason Drew Carey is so successful. He is him all the time."

Game-show hosting can be a sweet gig: three-day workweeks, one week off a month and two months in the summer. He is happy to keep his commitment to the show open-ended. Carey uses his downtime now to write comedy and revive his stand-up act. After spending years on TV, people forget his roots: It was a sobering moment when he booked time at a comedy club and people called the manager wondering what Carey would be doing.

"That would be telling jokes, thank you."

He said he found the job more rewarding than he anticipated.

"You have stewardship over an American institution," he said. "You get to keep it afloat and kind of reshape it a little bit. I could never have seen the things I would have liked about it when I first got the job. I knew it was going to be good, but you can't know when you first start how great it's going to be."

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Drew Carey, 55, has been the host of "The Price Is Right" for nearly seven years. The show averages 5.5 million viewers daily.

# MUSIC

## NEW ALBUMS



### Carlene Carter

Carter Girl (Rounder)

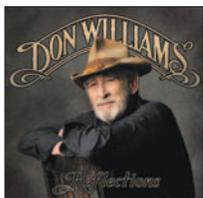
Carlene Carter proves just how personal, and powerful, a tribute album can be with "Carter Girl."

The album focuses solely on songs with family ties as she retools classics by country music pioneers the Carter Family ("Gold Watch And Chain," "Little Black Train"), the Carter Sisters ("Poor Old Heartsick Me"), her mother June Carter Cash ("Tall Lover Man") and her stepfather Johnny Cash ("Troublesome Waters," performed as a duet with Willie Nelson). The one original, "Me And The Wildwood Rose," is a song Carlene wrote about her late sister, Rosie, and first recorded in 1990.

The material gains poignancy because Carter is the sole survivor of all those she looks to for material. She has recorded Carter Family material in the past, but "Carter Girl" has a rare power, drawn from memories, tears and years of finding strength in these songs of blood and legacy.

Produced by Don Was, Carter transforms each song to increase its emotional and musical heft. Standouts include a duet with Vince Gill on "Lonesome Valley 2003," on which Carlene adds personal verses to a Carter Family classic, and a stark duet with Kris Kristofferson on "Black Jack David." Like the songs she's recorded, this is an album for the ages.

— Michael McCall  
The Associated Press



### Don Williams

Reflections (Sugar Hill)

Don Williams is on a roll once again. After talk of retirement — he embarked on a farewell tour in 2006 — the Country Music Hall of Famer is busy again, releasing his second album in as many years with "Reflections." If anything, the new collection is an even better reminder of Williams' special gifts than 2012's comeback, "And So It Goes."

— Michael McCall  
The Associated Press



Courtesy of Shore Fire Media

Martina McBride turns to songs made famous by the likes of Aretha Franklin, Etta James, Otis Redding, Elvis Presley and Van Morrison, among others, on "Everlasting."

# On familiar ground

## McBride returns with set of soulful covers

By KRISTIN M. HALL

The Associated Press

**W**hen Martina McBride started looking for material for her next album, she turned to the great soul singers Aretha Franklin and Etta James for inspiration.

The country singer, known for her huge soprano voice, has self-released "Everlasting," an album of classic soul and R&B songs made famous by the likes of Franklin and James, and Elvis and Van Morrison.

"It seemed interesting," she said. "And as a singer, really challenging and fun, too, to push my boundaries a little bit and tackle some of these classic songs and performances."

McBride often performs cover songs, everything from traditional country standards to 1980s rock. But she found that the soul songs her parents listened to at home aren't that different from the songs she made her career on.

"In a way this music is so similar to country music in that it just has emotion and soul," McBride said. "That's what I look for when I look for my own songs, something I can sing with a lot of emotion. There's a heartbeat to this music."

She recorded with Don Was, the prolific Detroit producer who has worked with The Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan, at Blackbird Studio in Nashville.

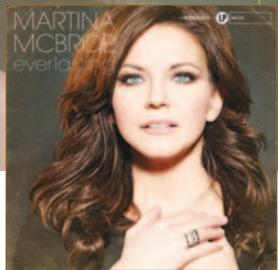
"We didn't necessarily have every song buttoned up before we went into the studio, which I love, because I love the spontaneity of recording something kind of spur of the moment," said McBride, who recorded with a very small band.

On some of the songs, Motown-style horn sections and background vocals were added as tribute to the original recordings. On others, she puts her own mark on the songs. On her version of "I've Been Loving You Too Long," McBride sings along to a simple guitar track instead of the swelling horns in Otis Redding's song.

"Like the song is so intimate, I picture the song as two people alone in a bedroom, you know, talking about a pivotal moment in their relationship," she said. "And so my instinct told me that it should be kind of quiet and intimate, like you're listening in on a conversation."

McBride also knows how to make a covers album successful. "Timeless," her 2005 country cover songs album, went platinum and was one of the fastest-selling albums of her career.

"It's an instinct thing," she said. "You don't want to make a karaoke record. You don't want it to sound exactly like the original, and then you don't also want to make it so different that it's unrecognizable because these songs are sacred to a lot of people."



### Martina McBride

Everlasting (Vinyl Recordings)

Of all contemporary country singers, Martina McBride seems the most well-suited to interpret classic soul tunes. The four-time Country Music Association female vocalist of the year has shown repeatedly that she can wall with sass and find the depth in emotionally complex material.

Still, on her new album, "Everlasting," McBride begs comparison with such giants as Aretha Franklin and Sam Cooke by taking on their most potent performances and material. Working with producer Don Was, who brings an understated R&B pulse to the songs, McBride leans on vulnerability and purity of tone rather than the growling, rapturous release of the originals.

McBride presents several impressive performances, turning Little Walter's "My Babe" into a funky, sexy love song and Fred Neil's "Little Bit Of Rain" into a tender treatise on separation that lightens the dark tones of versions by Linda Ronstadt and Karen Dalton.

That said, these tracks lack the fierceness of Otis Redding's "I've Been Loving You Too Long" and Elvis Presley's "Suspicious Minds" or the ecstatic joy of Van Morrison's "Wild Night" and Diana Ross on The Supremes' "Come See About Me."

McBride offers up pleasantly listenable versions of baby boomer standards on "Everlasting," an album that will please her fans and spice up her concerts but won't replace any of the originals on the mixtapes of R&B fans.

— Michael McCall  
The Associated Press

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Bow-WOW-ing them

## Performing dogs enjoy spotlight after winning \$1 million TV prize

By SUE MANNING  
The Associated Press

A million dollars will change you. Since a father and son took their 10 flipping, twirling dogs from the center ring of a circus to the stage of "America's Got Talent" and won, people pack their performances and they have been tapped to star in short films bankrolled by Ellen DeGeneres' pet food company.

Richard Olate, 56, son Nicholas, 21, and 10 poodle-mix dogs — most of them rescues — dazzled audiences and grabbed the "Talent" title in 2012 with their jumping, running, hiding, rolling and riding of dog-size cars and scooters. In the fast-paced, trick-filled shows, the dogs use slides and jump ropes, fall into a conga line in perfect sync and one does back flips flawlessly.

After winning the million-dollar prize, the troupe headlined a show at the Venetian resort and casino on the Las Vegas Strip for six months and started traveling in a cushy motor home and trailer that pamper people and pooches.

"The dogs give us our life, so we make sure they are always in a good place," Nicholas Olate said of the dogs' new mode of travel, which has heating, air conditioning and showers. "Everything's decked out for their comfort."

The Olates, including wife and mom Rebecca, who serves as road and communications manager, spend more than 11 months a year on the road. They still play circuses, but with their fame, now take their performances to concert halls, NBA games and other large venues. A major draw is 6-year-old Lili, the family's only canine performer who can do a back flip and a key reason the Olates won "America's Got Talent." The act triumphed after 45 years of work by the elder Olate. Nicholas Olate says his father, the second youngest of 22 children born in Chile, was 10 when he adopted and started training strays. By 12, he was supporting his entire family with his dog shows. After a circus group saw the act, Richard Olate and the dogs were performing in the United States.

Nicholas Olate, born in Oregon, started working with his dad when he was 6. He said he is often asked how they train the dogs; they don't use treats, instead making the work fun and filled with love.

"Maybe my dad would have trained with treats, but he was so poor, he didn't have money for them," Nicholas Olate said.

For those who wonder if the dogs enjoy performing, you can get the answer by observing their body language, said Dr. Jessica Vogelsang, a San Diego veterinarian and author of pawcurious.com.

"In my experience, high-energy dogs that are given an outlet for that energy are usually pretty damn happy," she said. "Running, jumping, weaving — those are all activities a dog's body is suited for. Work, take a break, have a snack, repeat: not a bad life for a pup."

The Olates and their dogs have even taken on a new type of performance, starring in a series of short online films promoting shelter adoptions. They could even be eligible next year for Oscar consideration in the narrative short film category.

Told from the dog's point of view, a six-minute French language film called "Le



PHOTOS BY JOHN RAOUX/AP

**Top:** Richard Olate works on a trick with performing dog Loca in Sorrento, Fla. **Center:** From left, Loca, Copo and Toby strut their stuff in a conga line. **Right:** Loca performs a leap. **Olate's dogs star in films drawing attention to shelter adoptions.**

Sauvageage" ("The Rescue") opened the Sonoma International Film Festival in California this month and will be shown at the Cannes Film Festival in France in May.

Nicholas Olate plays lead character Philippe, who falls in love after the dogs rescue him and co-star Tate Ashley from their lonely, boring lives. Richard Olate also appears in the film, sitting on a bench holding a dog.

The next film, set for release in June, will look at how dogs choose their human best friends.

The Olates' pooches also manage some brand placement for Halo, Purely for Pets, the DeGeneres-owned natural pet food company that's funding the films.

Steve Marton, Halo's CEO and executive producer of the films, says he hopes they get a large audience because the dogs "show how lives can be changed forever

when you take a shelter dog home."

"Before you see the show, you assume the guy's a good dog trainer," Marton said of the elder Olate. "Then you see it, and you realize Richard is not managing the dogs. He is out there with his partners."

The dogs liked the crowds that gathered for "America's Got Talent" and the show they headlined in Las Vegas, the family says.

"The crowds pumped the dogs up and added to their energy," Nicholas Olate said.

The younger Olate continues to add to his repertoire, displaying his singing chops in a pop album called "Think Big." The dogs also released one, called "The Olate Dogs' Christmas," where they bark along to the music.

Olate hopes to try out for "American Idol" next year. The dogs aren't eligible.

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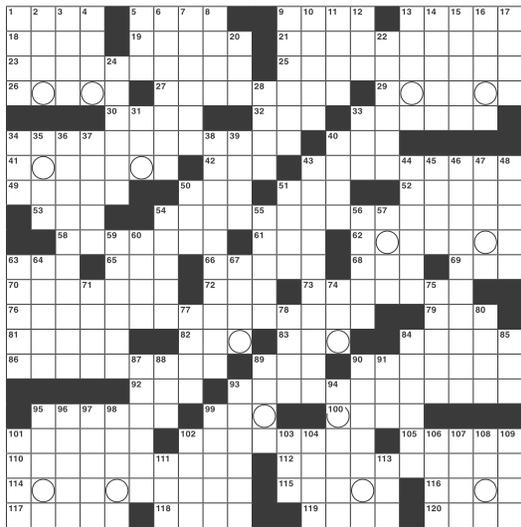
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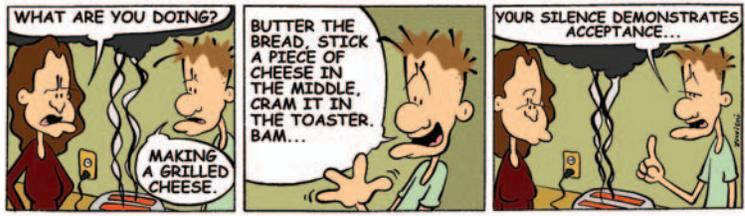
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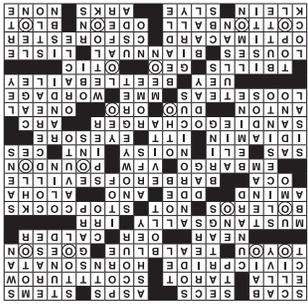
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# GADGETS & CHARTS



STEVE RINGMAN, SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

Neuroscientist Robijanto Soetedjo won \$25,000 in a toy contest to inspire future scientists. See the toy in action at [tinyurl.com/k473wgg](http://tinyurl.com/k473wgg)

## Neuroscientist's toy wins award, praise

By KATHERINE LONG  
The Seattle Times

When he was a child, Robijanto Soetedjo used to play with his electrically powered toys for a while and, when he got bored, take them apart — much to the consternation of his parents.

That curiosity about how things worked led him to a career in medicine and neurophysiology, where he explores how the brain processes electrical signals.

The University of Washington neuroscientist can now call himself a budding toy designer, after taking second place in a national competition this month to create a toy that could inspire a future generation of scientists.

Soetedjo's bioelectricity toy set allows children to measure the electrical signals created by a working muscle, and use that energy to power a light, a fan, a robotic claw or other small motor.

"The judges were really impressed with the creativity of his entry," said Janet Coffey, program officer for the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, which sponsors the competition. "You could imagine kids playing with it — it was

very accessible."

The competition was inspired by the legacy of childhood chemistry sets, which once captivated young scientists but also contained dangerous chemicals that are no longer permitted.

Soetedjo's prototype toy uses off-the-shelf components that allow children (and adults) to visualize the effects of electrical signals produced by muscles. The kit uses electrodes taped to the body to pick up a muscle's electrical signal, then runs that signal through a filter to isolate it from interference, and amplifies it to make it stronger.

A child using the kit can make certain things — like a robotic claw or a light — move or turn on and off just by squeezing and relaxing a muscle. A meter measures the amount of electricity, and a speaker attached to the kit crackles to make it audible.

Not only does his prototype have a gee-whiz factor, it's also teaching about neuroscience — a hot topic that's the source of much scientific research today, though rarely the focus of an interactive children's toy.

Coffey said all of the winning entries are early prototypes and won't be on the market soon.

## GADGET WATCH

### Grove Dock gives modern devices a natural look

By GREGG ELLMAN  
McClatchy-Tribune Services

I recently received a package in the mail that, if I hadn't known better, I would have mistaken for a brick.

Actually, it was the three-pound solid steel Grove Dock for iPhone, which works with lightning cables for iPhones 4, 5 and 5s.

Built into the base is a cable management system to run your cable up to the device. Once it's there, it wedges in place (and stays there) to let you dock your phone for charging.

The steel base comes in black or plated silver but actually what makes this an attractive piece is the wood covering available in bamboo (my review unit), walnut or maple.

All your phone functions are accessible when docked, and there are rubber bumpers on the bottom to prevent any surfaces from being scratched.

The dock costs more than the average, but it's really a great item and even works with most iPhone cases.

It's also 100 percent USA made in Portland, Ore. Personalized engraving is available with orders of 10 or more.

Online: [grovemade.com](http://grovemade.com), \$79 for Bamboo, \$99, maple or walnut



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short circuit or overheating and will work with more than 10,000 current USB-charging gadgets.

Online: [myinnergie.com](http://myinnergie.com), \$54.99

Mobile Home is a small but very useful device for truly keeping your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road.

The 3-inch device clips onto your sun visor and connects Siri from your iPhone to your car's sound system via Bluetooth.

Once your connection is made you have a simple way to make calls, get directions or even have a text or email read to you.

With the device positioned in a convenient and reachable position, just hit the home button, which activates Siri on your iPhone.

The home button is the only control on the gadget, which is display-less. The internal lithium button cell battery should last about six months before a replacement is needed.

There is no microphone on the Mobile Home so you'll have to use the one built into your car or on the iPhone. Cars without a hands-free Bluetooth system already built into the car won't be able to use Mobile Home.

Online: [beantech.com](http://beantech.com), \$79



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Innergie's Lifehub USB charging hub has something many similar devices do not have: a cord to reach more than nine feet from its power source.

When you add in the reach of the included AC power adapter, you get another 4.9 feet, giving you a total of more than 14 feet of extended power. This enables those needing a boost of power to avoid being confined to sitting next to an AC plug.

A cable management system is built into the hub for easy tangle-free storage.

You get three high-powered (2.1 amp) USB ports to charge a variety of portable electronic gadgets simultaneously.

Innergie has built this with smart technology for high performance and energy efficiency.

Your device will charge without worrying about a



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## ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 albums on the iTunes Store for April 23:

1. "The New Classic" (Deluxe Version), Iggy Azalea
2. "Frozen" (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
3. "Horizon" (Deluxe), Future
4. "You Make Me Brave" (Live), Bethel Music
5. "Pop Psychology," Neon Trees
6. "Crash My Party," Luke Bryan
7. "Ghost Stories," Coldplay
8. "From Here To Now To You Live — EP," Jack Johnson
9. "American Beauty — EP," Bruce Springsteen
10. "Pure Heroine," Lorde

— Compiled by MCT

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The top streamed tracks on Spotify for April 23:

1. John Legend, "All of Me"
2. Katy Perry, "Dark Horse"
3. Jason Derulo, "Talk Dirty" — feat. 2 Chainz
4. Beyoncé, "Pumpin' II"
5. Idina Menzel, "Let It Go"
6. Aloe Blacc, "The Man"
7. Lorde, "Team"
8. Coldplay, "Magic"
9. DJ Snake & Lil Jon, "Turn Down for What"
10. Pharrell Williams, "Happy (from Despicable Me 2)"

— Compiled by The Associated Press

## ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for April 23:

1. "The Godfather Trilogy: The Capopala Restoration"
2. "The Wolf of Wall Street"
3. "Don Jon"
4. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"
5. "American Hustle"
6. "Frozen"
7. "Ride Along"
8. "Gravity"
9. "12 Years a Slave"
10. "Philomena"



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## VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer ranks the Top 10 PC games for April:

1. "Dark Souls II," Namco Bandai
2. "Diablo III: Reaper of Souls," Blizzard
3. "Smite," Hi-Rez Studios
4. "Totalfall: Electronic Arts," Blizzard
5. "Hearthstone," Blizzard
6. "TowerFall: Ascension," Matt Makes Games Inc.
7. "The Elder Scrolls Online," Bethesda
8. "Lutrofrus," Devolver Digital
9. "Mercenary Kings," Tribute Games
10. "Trials Fusion," Ubisoft

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## APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for April 23:

- ANDROID
1. The Amazing Spider-Man 2
  2. Polar Bowler
  3. God of Light HD
  4. Baldur's Gate Enhanced Edition
  5. Impossible Road
- Top 5 paid apps for April 23:
- APPLE
1. The Amazing Spider-Man 2
  2. Minecraft — Pocket Edition
  3. Heads Up!
  4. The Survival Game: Mini Game With Worldwide Multiplayer
  5. Wallykazam! Letter and Word Magic HD

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## MOVIES



PHOTOS BY SONY PICTURES/AP

Connor Corum, left, and Greg Kinnear star as son and father in "Heaven Is for Real," which is based on a book. Kinnear plays a pastor whose son thinks he went to heaven during an operation. Of his character, Kinnear says: "It's a pastor who's not walking around in a robe, a man of the cloth. I have seen that guy, but I really haven't seen this guy," Kinnear says. "He's a wrestling coach, a volunteer firefighter and repairs garage doors. He's a dad and father. That felt honest and real to me."

# 'Heaven' has family story at its heart

Actors Kinnear, Church say they also appreciate faith-based film's room for questions

BY RICK BENTLEY  
The Fresno Bee

Greg Kinnear says it's impossible for an actor to be part of a movie like "Heaven Is for Real" and not start thinking about his or her own personal convictions. The film, based on the book of the same name, recounts 4-year-old Colton Burpo's story of visiting heaven.

"I guess this could have been just another role. But to be in a movie that brings up the fundamental question of whether you believe or don't believe, it's impossible not to have some of that resonate within you," Kinnear says. "We had some very thoughtful conversations about it."

Kinnear plays Pastor Todd Burpo, the head of a small church in rural Nebraska who deals with a revelation by his son while trying to hold his family together despite financial hardships and personal tragedies. Kinnear likes that while the film deals with the huge question about heaven and hell, the real core is the family story.

Kinnear says he appreciated that the character was flawed and dealing with doubts.

"It's a pastor who's not walking around in a robe, a man of the cloth. I have seen that guy, but I really haven't seen this guy," Kinnear says. "He's a wrestling coach, a volunteer firefighter and repairs garage doors. He's a dad and father. That felt honest and real to me, coming from a small town myself. I had an instant connection because this wasn't that one-note character I had seen before."

Kinnear hadn't read the book before signing on to the project. When he heard the story for the first time, he was convinced it would make a compelling movie — even if it



Thomas Haden Church, known more for indie movies and "Spider-Man 3," plays a banker who is skeptical of Colton Burpo's claims in "Heaven Is for Real."

wasn't based on a true story.

"I think the film has been opened up to more than a church-going audience," Kinnear says. "Regardless if you believe in heaven or you don't, that's secondary to the journey of this family in a small town."

Co-star Thomas Haden Church hadn't heard of the book when he was sent the script. After making movies like "Sideways" and "Spider-Man 3," Church wasn't certain if being part of a faith-based movie was the right ca-

reer choice. His mind was changed when he visited the widow of his longtime cattle partner and saw the book on her table.

Church stops short of saying that was a sign, but it was the point when he decided to do the movie.

A big part of the movie deals with the crisis of faith the pastor has after his son begins to reveal things to him that he shouldn't be able to know. After spending his entire life convincing parishioners they should believe in heaven, Burpo becomes confused even though it looks like his son has given him proof.

The real Todd Burpo says it best: "To say you believe in heaven is a totally different thing than to say what you believe about near-death experiences. We know in the Bible it says you get a better body, but here's my son saying he knows what that looks like. But how can I prove that?" Burpo says. "I think as a pastor, one of my biggest fears is to stand in the pulpit and not be able to preach something I don't know for sure. I want to make sure when I preach and I teach that I know the answer."

"I don't want to stand up and say 'I could be right.' That's a real heavy burden for me."

More than a million copies of the book have been sold in printed or e-book versions. Despite the popularity, there are plenty who dispute the claims because Colton's trip didn't come during a near-death experience. No matter the detractors, Colton knows what he saw.

"Just because I had my experience doesn't mean I'm special. I still get tested every day," says Colton, who is now 15. "It may mean I know what to expect, but there's still some stuff I never see coming."

NATION

# The new Dust Bowl?



A snowplow piles tumbleweed near Ordway, Colo. Parts of Colorado are being overrun with tumbleweeds because of the drought affecting much of the western U.S. "Gathering tumbleweeds is like gathering kindergarteners with a bunch of balloons and trying to keep them in one location," said roadman Russel Bennett.

CROWLEY COUNTY/AP

## Tumbleweeds taking over drought areas in Colorado

By P. SOLOMON BANDA  
The Associated Press

**M**ini-storms of tumbleweed have invaded the drought-stricken prairie of southern Colorado, blocking rural roads and irrigation canals, and briefly barricading homes and an elementary school.

Firefighters even had to cut a path through them to get to a pregnant woman who feared she'd be trapped in her home if she went into labor.

The invasion of the tumbleweed, an iconic symbol of both the West's rugged terrain and the rugged cowboys who helped settle it, has conjured images of the Dust Bowl of 80 years ago, when severe drought unleashed them onto the landscape.

"It never ends," said Chris Talbott, as he used a snow shovel to push the weeds off his lawn into a stack on the street in Colorado Springs.

The latest drought, which began in 2010, has created tumbleweed trouble in parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Desiccated Russian thistle, a woody leafy plant, and Kochia, both invasive weeds from Eurasia, are the culprits.

In Colorado, herds of cattle would eat the tumbleweed, helping to keep it in check, but many ranchers in recent years have reduced or gotten rid of their animals because of the drought. After the first winter freezes in November, the plants broke loose and began rolling with the wind.

"They looked like sheep running across the prairie because the whole prairie was alive," Ordway rancher Doug Tecklenburg said of a March 15 wind storm. He's taken to driving with a pitchfork in his truck to get through clogged roads.

For municipal authorities, there's a big price tag for that tumbleweed.

Crowley County, the high plains country of ranching and farming east of Pueblo in southern Colorado, has spent \$108,000 since November — more than a third



P SOLOMON BANDA/AP

Chris Talbott stands with a pile of tumbleweed in front of his home in Colorado Springs, Colo. "It never ends," he said.

of its annual budget — clearing roads and bridges of tumbleweed to make sure residents and emergency vehicles can move.

It's labor-intensive work. "Gathering tumbleweeds is like gathering kindergarteners with a bunch of balloons and trying to keep them in one location," said Russel Bennett, a Crowley County roadman.

El Paso County, which includes Colorado Springs, has spent \$209,000.

"Try pushing them with heavy equipment and they just roll on you, fly over the top," said Alf Randall, the county's acting public works director. "The frustrating part is once you get the first wave beat down, packed down and out of the road, the wind comes up and here comes the next batch."

Aside from the roads, the tumbleweeds have buried

cars and blocked houses in new developments on the outskirts of Colorado Springs.

Some residents have suggested making biofuel pellets out of the weed. "We're really not set up for that," said Crowley County Commissioner Gary Gibson. "If anybody wants to do that, all I can say is, if they want to come down here, they're welcome to."

Bennett, the roadman, cobbled together a device from bit pieces of machinery, leftover steel from a bridge project and belts donated by a neighbor. The device, which looks like an old-fashioned push mower, grinds tumbleweed to dust.

The county is using the machine, christened "Puff the Magic Dragon," to clear weeds off roads. County Commission Chairman Tobe Allumbaugh said other counties have contacted him about how to build one.

More work is in store. Irrigation ditches that crisscross the region have snagged tons of tumbleweed. All of it will have to be cleared so that farmers and cattle ranchers can water their fields and pastures.

Given the cost, at least three Colorado counties — El Paso, Crowley and Pueblo — are considering local states of emergency that would allow them to seek financial help from the state.

At his county commission office, Allumbaugh played for a reporter a song called "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" — popularized by Gene Autry's 1935 film of the same name — and said that people often think of it as they dismiss tumbleweeds as a harmless bit of nostalgia of a wide-open West.

He said he has even drawn snickers when he mentions that the county has a "tumbleweed emergency."

"What we have is not funny," he said.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Netflix gets its own cable channel

By BRIAN FUNG  
The Washington Post

Netflix has reached an agreement with three smaller cable companies that, for the first time, will let U.S. subscribers watch the streaming video service's content as though it were an ordinary cable channel.

The deal will add Netflix as an app to certain set-top boxes nationwide on RCN, Grande Communications and Atlantic Broadband. It will give subscribers of those companies the ability to watch Netflix content they would otherwise be able to get only on their PCs, tablets and phones, or with a third-party set-top box.

Altogether, the agreement covers as many as 500,000 of the cable firms' existing subscribers — though that figure could grow as more customers sign up.

To get the service when it launches Monday, a customer must simultaneously subscribe to one of the three cable companies as well as Netflix. The technology



**‘The entire cable television market is in the process of reinventing itself.’**

Jeff Kagan  
telecom analyst

also requires a TiVo set-top box provided by the cable company. The agreement follows experiments by Netflix with pay-TV providers in Denmark, Sweden and Britain. Analysts said the move reflects Netflix's broader ambitions to compete with the likes of cable-only services such as HBO.

“The entire cable television market is in the process of reinventing itself,” said Jeff Kagan, an independent telecom analyst. “Watching television on TV used to be the entire pie. Now it's just one slice of it.”

In order to make the deal possible, Netflix said it had to negotiate with some of its content partners to allow streaming on cable boxes.

“We're making Netflix a channel on our lineup and in our channel guides,” said David Iensberg, chief marketing officer for Atlantic Broadband. “Literally, watching Netflix is as easy as changing the channel.”

Watching Netflix typically requires using a separate retail set-top box (such as a Blu-ray DVD player or another Internet-enabled device). But the deal, which was years in the making, according to RCN chief executive Jim Holland, allows Netflix subscribers to watch streaming video without switching devices and remotes.

Netflix's agreement with RCN, Grande and Atlantic comes weeks after the streaming video service struck a controversial financial agreement with Comcast to ensure a smooth experience for consumers. The two deals, however, are distinct, whereas Netflix is paying Comcast to improve customers' download speeds and viewing experience, Netflix is still unavailable from Comcast's own cable box.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (April 27)	\$1.4194
Dollar buys (April 27)	€0.7045
British pound (April 27)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (April 27)	100.00
South Korean won (April 27)	1,011.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6800
Canada (dollar)	1.1040
China (Yuan)	6.2538
Denmark (Krone)	5.3963
Euro (Pound)	€0.9975
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.3837/7,227
Europe (Forint)	724.14
Israel (Shekel)	3.4726
Japan (Yen)	102.14
Kuwait (Dinar)	€0.2820
Norway (Krone)	€0.8919
Philippines (Peso)	44.62
Poland (Zloty)	3.2044
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2567
South Korea (Won)	1,041.15
Switzerland (Franc)	€0.8809
Thailand (Baht)	32.27
Turkey (Lira)	€0.1340

(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 euro, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

MARKET WATCH

April 25, 2014

Dow Jones industrials	-140.19
	16,361.46
Nasdaq composite	-72.78
	4,075.56
Standard & Poor's 500	-15.21
	1,863.40
Russell 2000	-21.32
	1,123.03

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.44

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	85	62	47	Louisville	82	63	Pcldy	Pocatello	51	30	Cir	Slous City	68	52	Rain
Ablene, Tex	85	53	Cldy	Cheyenne	40	31	Snow	Fresno	72	49	Pcldy	Portland, Maine	51	37	Rain	Siox Falls	61	49	Rain
Akron, Ohio	59	41	Cldy	Chicago	56	45	Cir	Goodland	64	37	Rain	Macon	85	61	Pcldy	South Bend	62	47	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	45	26	Cldy	Cincinnati	76	53	Pcldy	Grand Junction	56	31	Cldy	Madison	51	41	Rain	Spokane	52	34	Snow
Albuquerque	64	39	Cir	Cleveland	55	43	Cldy	Grand Rapids	57	41	Cldy	Medford	57	36	Rain	Springfield, Ill.	77	62	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	62	37	Pcldy	Colorado Springs	52	32	Rain	Great Falls	54	34	Cldy	Memphis	80	68	Rain	Springfield, Mo.	75	58	Rain
Amarillo	75	41	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	86	60	Cir	Harrisburg	62	57	Pcldy	Miami Beach	86	73	Cldy	Tucson	80	60	Rain
Anchorage	54	38	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	85	63	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	82	57	Pcldy	Midland-Odesa	79	51	Cldy	Univ. Ark.	67	50	Cldy
Asheville	80	56	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	67	49	Cldy	Hartford	67	39	Pcldy	Milwaukee	47	40	Cldy	Richmond	70	49	Cldy
Atlanta	82	63	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	52	35	Cir	Harrisburg	62	57	Pcldy	Mpls-St Paul	49	42	Rain	Rochester	77	54	Pcldy
Atlantic City	64	40	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	92	71	Cldy	Helena	56	33	Cldy	Missoula	52	31	Rain	Rockford	52	37	Cldy
Austin	62	42	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	85	59	Cldy	Honolulu	81	67	Cldy	Mobile	60	48	Cldy	Rockford	59	45	Cldy
Baltimore	67	45	Cir	Dayton	69	48	Cldy	Houston	87	73	Cldy	Montgomery	83	64	Cldy	Sacramento	66	47	Rain
Baton Rouge	93	70	Cldy	Daytona Beach	85	66	Pcldy	Huntsville	82	63	Cldy	Nashville	83	63	Pcldy	St Louis	81	66	Rain
Bilings	70	49	Rain	Denver	52	34	Rain	Indianapolis	71	56	Cldy	New Orleans	83	70	Cldy	St. Petersburg	86	72	Pcldy
Birmingham	81	65	Cldy	Des Moines	70	58	Rain	Jackson, Miss.	82	69	Cldy	New York City	62	45	Pcldy	St Thomas	86	77	Cir
Bismarck	49	39	Rain	Detroit	57	43	Cldy	Jacksonville	86	68	Pcldy	Newark	66	44	Pcldy	Salerno, Ore.	55	42	Rain
Boise	56	33	Cir	Duluth	38	31	Cir	Juneau	50	38	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	64	53	Pcldy	Salt Lake City	51	36	Pcldy
Boston	51	42	Cldy	El Paso	74	53	Cldy	Kansas City	75	56	Rain	North Platte	68	40	Cldy	San Angelo	69	52	Cldy
Bridgeport	60	40	Cldy	Elkins	69	44	Pcldy	Key West	81	77	Cir	Oklahoma City	81	51	Cir	San Antonio	95	65	Pcldy
Brownsville	90	74	Pcldy	Erie	50	41	Cir	Knoxville	83	63	Cir	Omaha	72	53	Rain	San Diego	87	59	Pcldy
Buffalo	55	36	Pcldy	Eugene	54	41	Rain	Lake Charles	83	71	Cldy	Orlando	89	66	Pcldy	San Francisco	64	51	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	44	35	Cldy	Fairbanks	57	37	Pcldy	Lansing	55	39	Pcldy	Paducah	81	66	Rain	San Jose	66	48	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	44	35	Cldy	Fargo	47	39	Rain	Las Vegas	75	56	Pcldy	Pendleton	58	36	Rain	Santa Fe	57	27	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	84	63	Cir	Flagstaff	50	30	Pcldy	Lincoln	72	48	Rain	Peoria	74	69	Rain	St. Marie	48	32	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	77	52	Pcldy	Flint	54	39	Cldy	Little Rock	81	66	Rain	Philadelphia	63	45	Pcldy	Savannah	85	64	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	84	60	Cir	Fort Smith	80	57	Rain	Los Angeles	71	55	Cir	Pittsburgh	63	44	Pcldy	Seattle	54	41	Rain

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# AUTO RACING/SPORTS BRIEFS

## Harvick dominates Nationwide in Richmond

By HANK KURZ JR.  
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Kevin Harvick pulled away on a restart with 47 laps to go and ended Chase Elliott's two-race winning streak in NASCAR's Nationwide Series with a dominating victory early Saturday at Richmond International Raceway.

Harvick led 202 of the 250 laps in a race delayed nearly 3½ hours at the start by rain Friday night. The victory was the 41st of his career in the series, and his record-extending seventh at 0.75-mile Richmond.

Elliott, the Georgia high-schooler and son of racing great Bill Elliott, was looking to win his third consecutive race and pad his points lead, but managed to do just the latter when Harvick was too fast.

"I think he just outdrove me a little bit, honestly," Elliott said. "Some of it was me. I kind of let him get too far out in front of me."

The pair finished nearly seven seconds ahead of third-place finisher Kyle Busch, and Harvick said Elliott, a teammate at JR Motorsports, has had a positive impact that helped produce the 1.2 finish.

"He pushes us to be better by trying different things," Harvick said. "He's as good as they get and a lot of fun to be around."

Busch never really contended, but said his team made steady gains all race long.

"The racing was sort of a struggle for us to start with," he said. Kyle Larson, awarded the pole for Saturday's Sprint Cup race based on practice speeds when qualifying for that race was rained out earlier Friday night, finished fourth, with pole-sitter Brian Scott fifth.

Scott, the pole-sitter, led the



STEVE HELMER/AP

**Kevin Harvick celebrates winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at the Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., early Saturday.**

first 239 laps here last September before getting passed by Brad Keselowski with 11 laps to go. Scott led the first 43 laps Friday night and stayed in the top 10 all night, but with Harvick repeatedly opening up huge margins, second place seemed like the prize at stake.

Elliott took that away as the only car that could challenge Harvick at the end.

The ending was tougher for Elliott Sadler, who had worked his way up to third with some nifty work by his pit crew, but when the race went back to green with 54 to go, he got turned around in Turn 2. It looked like Trevor Bayne nudged Regan Smith, who then nudged Sadler. The Emporia native finished sixth.

Elliott's points lead grew from 13 to 19 over Smith, who finished eighth.

The race also marked the Nationwide Series debut for Daniel Suarez, who has impressed in the K&N Pro Series East Tour. He drove for Joe Gibbs Racing, starting 12th and finishing 19th. Suarez also was scheduled to return to race in Saturday rescheduled K&N Pro Series East Tour race starting at 9 a.m.

## Briefly

# Caps get rid of coach, GM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — General manager George McPhee and coach Adam Oates lost their jobs with the Washington Capitals on Saturday after the team failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 2007.

McPhee's contract was up and the team announced it will not give him a new one after his 17 years as the GM, which included drafting Alex Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom in the first round.

Oates was fired with one season left on his three-year contract. A former star player for the Capitals, he was in his first job as an NHL head coach.

This season, Washington finished with the ninth-most points in the Eastern Conference, one spot out of a playoff berth.

"I feel a change is needed in order to get us back to being a top echelon team that competes for the Stanley Cup," Capitals owner Ted Leonsis said, according to the team's news release announcing the moves.

Ovechkin has won three league MVP awards and again led the NHL in scoring this season with 51 goals, but the Capitals haven't made it past the second round of the playoffs during the Russian wing's career.

The Capitals reached the Stanley Cup finals in 1998, McPhee's first year on the job, and were swept by the Detroit Red Wings. Later, McPhee oversaw a "re-build" ordered by Leonsis, including jettisoning top players with big contracts such as Jaromir Jagr.

While McPhee eventually built a young roster filled with offensive stars, he never placed as much emphasis on constructing a rugged, defensive-minded blue line cop. He hired a succession of coaches with zero previous NHL experience running a team, including Glen Hanlon, Bruce Boudreau, Dale Hunter and Oates.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

**Adam Oates won't be back as coach of the Washington Capitals. Capitals owner Ted Leonsis and president Dick Patrick announced Saturday that they will not renew the contract of vice president and general manager George McPhee and have fired Oates.**

The Capitals went 65-48-17 under Oates in his two seasons.

## Both Harrisons staying at Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky twin freshman guards Andrew and Aaron Harrison will return for a second season to a stocked Wildcats squad coming off an NCAA championship appearance.

Both had been mentioned as possible NBA first-round draft picks after leading Kentucky's march through the NCAA tournament.

The twins said in a statement through the school were returning for another shot at the title. "Last year's run was special, but we still have unfinished business," Aaron said.

Added Andrew: "I'm returning for my sophomore season because I want to win a national title."

In other college basketball news:

■ National champion UConn is losing one junior star to the NBA

Draft, while another says he is staying with the Huskies.

The school announced Friday that forward DeAndre Daniels has filed the necessary paperwork with the NBA and will forgo his senior season of eligibility.

It also said that guard Ryan Boatright will return next season.

## Former NFL QB Morrall dies at 79

MIAMI — Earl Morrall stepped in when the 1972 Miami Dolphins needed him most. And then he willingly stepped aside, earning enduring admiration from his teammates and coach Don Shula.

Morrall, who started 11 games during the Dolphins' perfect season and spent 21 years as an NFL quarterback, died Friday at age 79. He had been in failing health for some time.

"There would be no perfect season, and probably no Super Bowl win in 1972, without Earl Morrall," Bob Griese said Friday.

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# NHL PLAYOFFS



The Blackhawks' Jonathan Toews scores the winning goal in overtime past Blues goaltender Ryan Miller during Game 5 on Friday at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. Chicago now leads the series 3-2.

## Champs are back in control

Toews tips tight series in Blackhawks' favor with breakaway OT goal

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Duncan Keith came clean: He just wanted to clear the puck out of danger. Somehow, it found Jonathan Toews' stick.

The Chicago Blackhawks captain made the most of a lucky carom, scoring on a breakaway in overtime to beat the St. Louis Blues 3-2 on Friday night and give the defending Stanley Cup champions a 3-2 series lead.

"Oh, I'm not going to give myself that much credit," Keith said. "Maybe some guys would. Lucky break by us."

The Blues had control before Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford stopped a shot by David Backes.

Seconds later, the Blackhawks were in command. They've taken three straight in an ultra-tight series that's had four overtimes, and can wrap up the series at home with Game 6 set for Sunday.

"It's huge, it's a great opportunity," Toews said. "But you know it's going to take our best effort that we've had so far, and I think we're ready to give that."

Momentum changed quickly on the winner.

Keith's clearing attempt deflected off Andrew Shaw's shin pad and right to Toews alone at center

ice coming off a change and catching the Blues defense on a change. He charged the net with Jordan Leopold and Jay Bouwmeister in futile pursuit, then threw a few fakes at goalie Ryan Miller — the player the Blues acquired to make a Cup run — before scoring on a backhandler at 7:36 of overtime.

"I wasn't even sure where their D-men were," Toews said. "Just got going as fast as I could. Take advantage of a chance."

"I was just trying to some of the guys in the other room, I'm trying to get the puck out of the zone and all of a sudden it lands on his stick," Keith said. "Couldn't believe it. So, I was pretty happy seeing that."

St. Louis defenseman Roman Polak saw Toews coming off the bench but reasoned that the Blues had control, so he left the ice about the same time Backes was shooting. Replacement Jay Bouwmeister never had a chance and Toews also got behind Jordan Leopold.

"It was a lucky bounce or something," Polak said. "It was just a lucky bounce."

"What's putting going to do?" St. Louis forward Alexander Steen said. "You just get back on the horse. It's a game. You have to win four. They have three, we have two. Off to Chicago we go. See you there."

## Mason pulls Philly even with NY

By DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Steve Mason skated off the Flyers' ice to a roar to have a career to hear.

The thunderous cheers quickly changed to an appreciative chant: "Ma-son! Ma-son! Ma-son!"

Headed to New York with new life, Mason sure earned this curtain call.

Mason stopped 37 shots for his first career post-season win, Matt Read and Jakub Voracek scored and the Philadelphia Flyers evened their first-round matchup against the New York Rangers with a 2-1 win in Game 4 on Friday night.

In his first start of the series, Mason shut down the Rangers, and shut out the noise of a raucous crowd.

"The crowd is unbelievable this time of the year," Mason said. "It's definitely loud out there. Sometimes, it's almost too loud for a goaltender. You can't hear the shot being released."

He had no trouble keeping his eye on the puck and was in top form almost two weeks after he suffered an upper-body injury. Ray Emery was solid in the first three games but Mason played the final 7:15 in

a 4-1 loss Tuesday night.

Mason was just getting warmed up. He played perhaps his best game of the season, denying a Rangers team that pressured him with shots all game. He was a wall in the final tense minutes when the Rangers pulled goalie Henrik Lundqvist for the extra attacker.

Dominic Moore scored for the Rangers, who squandered their chance to be in position to win the series at home in Game 5 on Sunday.

"You don't want to go to MSG down 3-1 in the series and have to win in that building," Mason said. "For us, it was pretty much a must win."

The Rangers outshot the Flyers 16-6 and dominated a first period that put Mason to work in a hurry. But the Flyers escaped with a 1-1 tie after Jason Akeson's shot off the backboards bounced straight to Read, who beat Lundqvist on his left side for the goal.

"He told me he meant to do that," Read said. "It came right to me. I just had to one-time it. I think Lundqvist got a piece of it but we'll take it."

In the second, Voracek redirected Brayden Schenn's shot from the slot past Lundqvist for a power-play goal and a 2-1 lead.

## Scoreboard

**First round**  
(x=if seven)  
(x-if necessary)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Boston 3, Detroit 1

Detroit 1, Boston 0  
Boston 4, Detroit 1  
Boston 3, Detroit 0  
Boston 3, Detroit 2, OT

**Saturday:** at Boston  
**Monday:** at Detroit  
**x-Wednesday:** Detroit at Boston

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0  
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0  
Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2  
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3

**Pittsburgh 2, Columbus 2**  
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3  
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2OT  
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3  
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT

**Saturday:** at Pittsburgh  
**Monday:** at Columbus  
**x-Wednesday:** at Pittsburgh

**N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 2**  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1  
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2  
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1

**Friday:** Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 1  
**Sunday:** at N.Y. Rangers  
**x-Tuesday:** Philadelphia at Columbus

**x-Wednesday:** at N.Y. Rangers  
**Colorado 2, Minnesota 2**  
Colorado 5, Minnesota 4, OT  
Minnesota 1, Colorado 0, OT  
Colorado 2, Minnesota 1, 2OT

**Saturday:** at Colorado  
**Monday:** at Minnesota  
**x-Wednesday:** at Colorado

**Chicago 3, St. Louis 2**  
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, 3OT  
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT  
Chicago 2, St. Louis 0  
St. Louis 3, Chicago 1, OT

**Friday:** Chicago 3, St. Louis 2, OT  
**Sunday:** at Chicago  
**x-April 28:** at St. Louis

**Anaheim 3, Dallas 2**  
Anaheim 4, Dallas 3  
Anaheim 3, Dallas 2  
Dallas 4, Anaheim 0  
Dallas 4, Anaheim 2

**Friday:** Anaheim 6, Dallas 2  
**Sunday:** at Anaheim  
**x-Tuesday:** at Anaheim

**San Jose 2, Los Angeles 1**  
San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3  
San Jose 7, Los Angeles 2  
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 3, OT  
Los Angeles 6, San Jose 3

**Saturday:** at San Jose  
**Monday:** at Los Angeles  
**x-Wednesday:** at San Jose

## Friday Flyers 2, Rangers 1

N.Y. Rangers	1	0	0-1
Philadelphia	1	1	0-2
<b>Goals</b>	2	1	
1 (Bovie), 4:38, 2, Philadelphia, Read 1 (Akeson, Coburn), 8:55			
<b>Shots on Goal</b>	19	11	
10-38, Philadelphia 6-11, 8-25			
<b>Power-play opportunities</b> —N.Y. Rangers 0 of 4, Philadelphia 1 of 5			
<b>Goals</b> —N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 2-20 (25 shots, 27 saves), St. Louis, Miller 2-30 (38-37)			
A=20,132 (19,541), T=2:31.			

## Blackhawks 3, Blues 2 (OT)

Chicago	1	1	0-1
St. Louis	0	1	0-2
<b>Goals</b>	3	2	
1 (Bickell, Hjalmarsson), 16:11			
<b>Scoring Period</b> —1, St. Louis, Oshie 1 (Steen, Jackman), 11:04, 3, Chicago, Smith 1 (Brookbank, Kane), 17:10			
<b>Third Period</b> —4, St. Louis, Pietrangolo 1 (Schwartz), 1:42			
0 of 4, Philadelphia 1 of 5			
<b>Shots on Goal</b> —Chicago 9-11, 8-2-30			
10-38, Philadelphia 6-11, 8-25			
<b>Power-play opportunities</b> —Chicago 0 of 4, Philadelphia 1 of 5			
<b>Goals</b> —Chicago, Crawford 3-20 (29 shots, 27 saves), St. Louis, Miller 2-30 (38-37)			
A=19,796 (19,150), T=2:55.			

## Ducks 6, Stars 2

Dallas	1	1	0-2
Anaheim	2	1	3-6
<b>Goals</b>	6	2	
<b>First Period</b> —1, Anaheim, Bonino 1 (Getzlaf, Perry), 5:52 (pp), 2, Dallas, JaBenn 4, 10:00 (sh), 3, Anaheim, Rakell 1 (Steen, Jackman), 10:26 (pp)			
<b>Second Period</b> —4, Anaheim, Perreault 2 (Getzlaf, Maroon), 1:05 (pp), 5, Dallas, Horcoff 1, 10:17			
<b>Third Period</b> —6, Anaheim, Silfverberg 2 (Perreault, Fowler), 6:59 (pp), 2, Anaheim, Horcoff 1, 12:16-8-36			
0 of 4, Philadelphia 1 of 5			
<b>Goals</b> —Dallas, Lehtonen 2-3-0 (21 shots, 27 saves), Dallas 12-16-8-36			
A=17,334 (17,174), T=2:39.			

# Getzlaf's return powers Anaheim

By GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ryan Getzlaf hates missing hockey games, and the Anaheim Ducks just aren't the same when their captain isn't there.

After one agonizing playoff game away, Getzlaf came roaring back to put the Ducks in command of their series with Dallas.

Getzlaf had a goal and two assists in his return from injury, and the Ducks scored four power-play goals in a 6-2 victory over the Stars on Friday night to take a 3-2 lead in their first-round series.

Getzlaf became the Ducks' career postseason scoring leader with a dynamic performance that betrayed no problems from his undisclosed upper-body injury — except maybe, he acknowledged, on a horrendous first-period giveaway to Jamie Benn for Dallas' first goal.

"I thought I got better as the game went on," Getzlaf said. "I felt more and more comfortable. The crowd was unbelievable. Everything was fired right up. They give us so much energy."

Game 6 is Sunday in Dallas.

The Ducks captain, who got hit in the face with a slap shot in the series opener, has 66 playoff points, surpassing Teemu Selanne's 64 in franchise history.

Corey Perry also had a goal and two assists for the top-seeded Ducks, who broke open a tight game early in the third period and confidently moved to the brink of the second round after dropping the last two games in Dallas. Getzlaf and Perry led the way, putting Anaheim one win away from just its second playoff series victory since its only Stanley Cup title in 2007.

"Every time you get your captain back, it's going to make you feel better," Anaheim coach Bruce Boudreau said. "It's like your big brother is back. Guys felt a little more secure, and he came out and had a great game."

Nick Bonino, Mathieu Perreault, Jakob Silfverberg and Rickard Rakell also scored for Anaheim, which set a franchise record for playoff power-play goals. The Ducks chased Karri Lehtonen with five goals on their first 21 shots.

Shawn Horcoff also scored for the Stars, who couldn't score on seven power-play chances. Despite the lopsided final score, the Stars regretted a missed opportunity.

"The second period, we just utterly dominated," Dallas coach Lindy Ruff said. "We hit post. We hit crossbar. Spent the whole time down in their end. It's tough. We lost the special-teams battle, which was the difference tonight."

# MLB STATISTICS

## American League

TEAM BATTING										
AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg					
Detroit	681	92	188	77	.276					
Minnesota	689	93	188	79	.276					
Baltimore	775	102	210	106	.271					
Texas	764	99	207	141	.271					
New York	802	100	219	109	.271					
Los Angeles	816	116	216	110	.269					
Kansas City	748	100	216	109	.269					
Oakland	745	80	190	97	.265					
Seattle	768	100	215	107	.265					
Tampa Bay	781	99	197	20	.264					
Boston	822	97	202	20	.262					
Chicago	794	101	215	107	.262					
Cleveland	759	94	183	166	.261					
San Diego	749	82	169	98	.261					
Houston	794	73	165	26	.248					

Roberts NY	63	10	14	0	4.222
Yescobar TB	82	3	18	1	2.220
Jacobs HO	92	7	16	4	12.219
Swisher Cle	73	10	15	4	2.215
Villar HO	74	9	16	3	6.216
Reddick Oak	65	8	14	1	5.215
Alfonse NY	82	10	15	4	2.215
Fielder Tex	84	11	18	2	7.214
Alfonse NY	82	10	15	4	2.215
Sperez KC	79	4	16	0	6.203
Seager Sea	79	7	14	2	6.197
Alfonse NY	80	7	16	2	6.197
De Aza Sea	75	9	14	3	9.187
Baker Sea	62	7	15	3	7.183
Alfonse NY	80	7	16	2	6.197
Carter HO	77	7	12	2	6.169
Masterson KC	76	7	12	1	6.158
Ibanez LAA	70	7	11	3	5.157
Lawrie Tex	66	8	13	5	18.151
Freese LAA	63	7	9	1	5.143
Castaneta Cle	62	7	9	1	5.133

INDIVIDUAL BATTING										
AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg					
Viciedo CWB	73	10	27	1	9.370					
Goetz TB	59	12	20	4	15.359					
Alarain CWB	95	16	34	4	7.358					
Alfonse NY	60	15	26	4	15.358					
Rodriguez Sea	65	13	23	2	8.346					
Alfonse NY	60	15	26	4	15.358					
Alfonse NY	91	9	30	1	11.330					
Rios Tex	96	13	28	0	11.326					
Ellis HO	83	12	28	0	11.326					
Longoria TB	88	11	28	3	27.318					
Colabello Min	84	14	28	3	12.315					
Choo TB	89	16	28	8	8.315					
Zobrist TB	80	12	26	2	12.312					
Hendrick LAA	93	15	29	2	2.309					
Hammer LAA	68	6	21	0	2.309					
Napoli Bos	85	12	26	1	15.306					
Plouffe Min	85	18	26	2	15.306					
Beltan NY	82	13	26	1	15.306					
Alackston Det	66	12	20	0	9.303					
Hosmer KC	86	12	20	0	9.303					
Alfonse NY	82	13	26	1	15.306					
Asebar KC	73	10	22	1	13.301					
Alfonse NY	73	10	22	1	13.301					
Trout LAA	93	17	28	5	14.301					
Alfonse NY	85	13	24	1	14.299					
Loney TB	77	9	23	1	14.299					
Lowrie Oak	81	17	24	2	10.296					
Beltan NY	85	13	24	1	10.296					
Jeter NY	86	15	22	0	6.294					
Markakis Bos	81	15	22	0	6.294					
Pujols LAA	92	17	27	9	21.293					
Kinsler Det	86	15	26	1	14.291					
Canse Sea	86	9	25	1	10.291					
Donaldson Oak	101	19	29	7	20.287					
Alfonse NY	89	17	22	1	13.286					
Navarro Tor	70	10	22	1	13.286					
Vazquez Det	74	6	11	0	8.284					
Tor Hunter Det	67	9	19	1	6.284					
Branley Cle	85	13	20	1	9.282					
DeJernings TB	75	10	20	1	6.282					
Callapo Oak	79	9	21	3	12.280					
Infante KC	90	11	25	1	11.278					
Alfonse NY	90	11	25	1	11.278					
Boggs Bos	78	17	21	1	15.276					
Eaton CWB	76	17	21	1	15.276					
Bautista Sea	78	17	21	1	15.276					
Pedroia Bos	95	15	27	0	6.276					
Ayer LAA	80	14	22	1	11.275					
Castellanos Det	66	9	18	2	17.273					
Dav Murphy Cle	86	9	18	2	17.273					
Nawman Det	81	11	21	1	13.274					
Alfonse NY	85	9	23	1	10.271					
Asoriano NY	87	12	18	0	10.271					
Moss Oak	79	9	20	2	17.263					
Adrian CWB	68	11	18	1	11.263					
Jabreu CWB	95	9	20	2	17.263					
Alfonse NY	85	9	23	1	10.271					
Andrus Tex	88	15	23	1	4.261					
McBriera Det	81	5	17	1	4.261					
Hart Sea	66	5	17	1	4.261					
Garner NY	78	11	20	1	8.256					
Kipnis Cle	82	11	21	1	11.255					
Ordiz Bos	86	9	22	1	13.256					
Alfonse NY	75	14	19	2	9.259					
Choiws Bay	73	8	18	2	10.247					
Schoop Bay	73	8	18	2	10.247					
McCann NY	77	11	19	2	9.244					
Bradley Jr Bos	67	8	17	1	14.238					
Cespedes Oak	84	8	20	4	24.238					
Alfonse NY	80	6	19	0	14.238					
Smook Sea	76	11	18	3	14.238					
Alfonse NY	72	10	19	2	11.232					
Myers TB	82	10	19	2	11.232					
Acabre Sea	82	12	19	1	7.226					
Siemens Bos	102	8	19	1	7.226					
Encarnacion Tor	89	11	20	1	9.225					
Alfonse NY	80	6	19	0	14.238					
Fowler HO	92	12	17	1	3.224					
Dozier Min	90	23	20	7	9.222					

## National League

TEAM BATTING										
AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg					
Colorado	839	133	248	31	126.296					
St. Louis	801	96	210	19	120.291					
Yankees	764	101	199	19	96.260					
Washington	837	109	216	25	98.258					
Arizona	778	94	202	20	88.253					
Philadelphia	801	98	206	18	91.257					
San Diego	801	98	206	18	91.257					
San Francisco	802	81	195	12	78.243					
Los Angeles	802	81	195	12	78.243					
San Francisco	769	98	180	28	96.234					
Los Angeles	769	98	180	28	96.234					
Pittsburgh	828	90	187	28	88.226					
San Diego	789	63	173	13	86.220					
New York	786	90	173	14	86.220					

Trumbo Ari	81	12	17	7	19.210
Verble SD	85	6	17	0	2.210
Bjopton Ari	82	9	17	1	2.207
Alfonse NY	85	17	2	0	2.206
Toledano NY	60	3	12	0	4.200
Alfonse NY	85	6	16	0	5.188
Alfonse NY	85	6	16	0	5.188
Sandoval SF	82	9	14	2	6.171
Craig ST	87	7	15	1	5.170
Alfonse NY	88	9	13	7	14.171
JH Pereira ST	78	7	13	4	8.169
Goetz TB	75	7	13	4	8.169
Alfonse NY	83	6	12	1	8.145
Granderson NYM	78	5	11	1	7.141

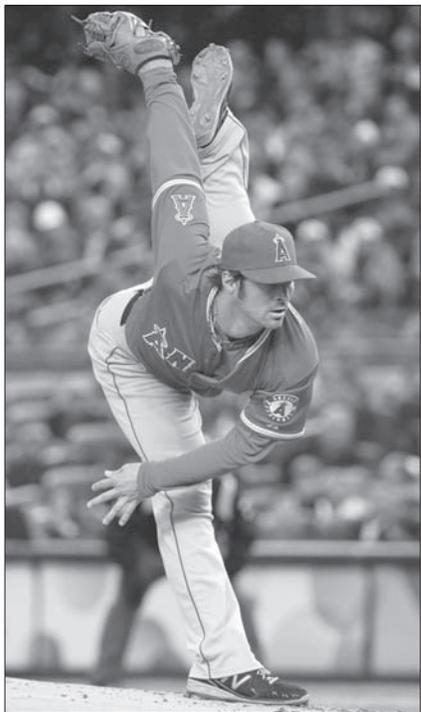
TEAM PITCHING										
ERA	IP	BB	SO	Sh	SV					
Oakland	2.67	185	64	178	2					
Kansas City	3.15	173	68	65	173	2				
Seattle	3.58	165	77	84	178	2				
Boston	3.70	231	90	206	0					
Texas	3.89	203	89	195	6					
Detroit	3.99	177	78	52	71	2				
Los Angeles	3.92	174	89	93	154	2				
Cleveland	4.02	200	90	83	203	2				
Tampa Bay	4.32	202	98	119	28	2				
New York	4.32	202	98	119	28	2				
Baltimore	4.46	217	97	152	1					
San Diego	4.47	209	104	102	1					
Houston	4.53	221	118	95	174	0				
Philadelphia	4.54	221	118	95	174	0				
Minnesota	4.54	221	118	95	174	0				
Chicago	5.23	226	125	114	154	0				

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING										
ERA	IP	BB	SO	L	ERA					
M Perez Tex	38	26	9	23	4.0	1.42				
Vargas KC	35	28	8	18	2.0	1.54				
Clayton Cle	28	23	9	29	1.0	1.61				
Kazmir Oak	33	22	6	31	3.0	1.62				
Feldman HO	27	16	9	1	1.69	1.69				
Ventura KC	25	19	9	27	2.0	1.80				
Shields KC	33	26	7	35	2.0	1.91				
Fernandez Sea	36	23	4	43	3.0	2.04				
Tanaka NY	29	22	2	35	3.0	2.15				
Buehrle Tor	33	33	12	27	3.0	2.18				
Verlander Det	33	33	12	27	3.0	2.18				
Gray Oak	32	30	13	31	3.0	2.25				
Malister Cle	35	24	7	17	3.0	2.18				
Salvatore NY	27	16	7	29	3.0	2.30				
Chavez Oak	31	27	7	33	1.0	2.32				
Scherer Det	46	34	1	44	1.0	2.45				
Ross Jr Tex	29	27	8	26	1.0	2.45				
Richards LAA	25	13	14	24	0.0	2.32				
Leiter Bos	34	37	8	36	2.0	2.67				
JohnKans CWB	25	20	13	14	2.0	2.84				
New York	28	23	8	16	2.0	3.21				
Skaggs LAA	28	23	8	16	2.0	3.21				
Keuchel HO	24	25	6	24	2.0	3.33				
Scherer Det	33	26	9	33	1.0	3.46				
Hutchison Tor	26	27	9	33	1.0	3.46				
Tillis Bay	24	18	7	24	0.0	4.20				
Alfonse NY	20	15	9	22	0.0	3.54				
Alfonse NY	22	11	13	3	3.63	3.63				
Harris NY	22	19	12	20	0.0	3.68				
Wilson LAA	32	29	12	33	3.0	3.69				
Kluber Cle	32	38	6	30	2.0	3.90				
Quintana CWB	30	31	9	22	1.0	3.90				
Porcello Det	25	24	4	16	3.0	3.96				
Alfonse NY	24	25	1	25	1.0	4.00				
Archer TB	31	34	5	25	2.0	4.11				
Weaver LAA	31	24	11	22	2.0	4.11				
Lackey Bos	28	13	7	24	0.0	4.20				
B Norris Bay	24	24	6	17	1.0	4.44				
Masterson KC	38	31	13	30	4.0	4.50				
Ortolf HO	27	29	8	22	0.0	4.61				
Ortolf HO	27	29	8	22	0.0	4.61				
Guthrie KC	25	27	7	14	2.0	4.68				
Alfonse NY	32	31	1	42	1.0	4.78				
Alfonse NY	22	30	5	17	3.0	4.91				
Alfonse NY	29	29	18	24	1.0	5.90				
Dickoy Tor	24	30	11	16	1.0	6.00				
Dickoy Tor	24	30	11	16	1.0	6.00				
Erjohson CWB	24	27	15	18	1.0	6.46				
Jimenez Bay	27	33	17	21	0.0	6.59				
Alfonse NY	20	20	10	27	0.0	6.77				
Er Ramirez Sea	27	27	11	20	1.0	6.75				
Correia Min	27	37	8	12	0.0	7.33				

INDIVIDUAL BATTING										
AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg					
Blackmon Col	83	20	33	5	17.398					
Alfonse NY	71	20	27	3	17.380					
Ymlino ST	83	10	30	3	11.367					
Alfonse NY	84	16	30	3	11.					



MLB



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

Angels pitcher C.J. Wilson follows through on a pitch during the first inning Friday's 13-1 win over the Yankees in New York.

AL roundup

# Angels rough up Yankees

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Albert Pujols hit one of Los Angeles' four home runs, C.J. Wilson kept New York in check again and the Angels roughed up the road-weary Yankees 13-1 Friday night.

Pujols hit homer No. 501 and Ian Stewart had a two-run shot off Hiroki Kuroda (2-2) for the majors' top slugging squad. Erick Aybar connected for a three-run drive and Colin Cowgill went deep against Bruce Billings.

"The offensive part of our club is doing what it needs to do," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Hopefully we'll start to match it on the mound, particularly in the bullpen."

Wilson (3-2) gave up one run in six innings, the seventh time in eight starts he's held New York to two or fewer earned runs.

The Angels' 35 homers is a club record for March and April and leads the majors. Pujols has a major league-leading nine home runs.

**White Sox 9, Rays 6:** Jose Abreu hit a game-winning grand slam with two outs in the ninth inning for his second home run of the night, rallying host Chicago past Tampa Bay.

Evan Longoria's two-run homer in the top of the ninth put the Rays ahead 6-4, but the White Sox weren't done. Abreu's drive off closer Grant Balfour (0-1) won it after Chicago pitchers combined for 11 walks.

Abreu, the rookie slugger from

**'I really didn't have any expectations... I wasn't trying to hit them — they have just happened.'**



**Jose Abreu**  
Chicago White Sox 1B, the first rookie in MLB history to hit nine home runs by the end of April

Cuba who signed a \$68 million, six-year contract in the offseason, finished with three hits and six RBIs.

**Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 1:** David Ortiz homered and Jake Peavy pitched seven strong innings as visiting Boston beat Toronto.

The Red Sox set season highs with 16 hits and eight extra-base hits as they roughed up left-hander Mark Buehrle (4-1), who was trying to become the first Blue Jays pitcher to start a season with five straight wins.

**Tigers 10, Twins 6:** Nick Castellanos homered and drove in three runs, and Torii Hunter had two doubles and two RBIs to lead Detroit over host Minnesota.

Rick Porcello (3-1) gave up four runs in five-plus innings for the Tigers, who broke the game open with seven runs in the third. Rajai Davis had three hits to raise his average to .354.

**Royals 5, Orioles 0:** Yorlano Ventura scattered seven hits over eight innings and visiting Kansas City cruised past Baltimore, which played the latter part of the game without slugger Chris

Davis, who left in the fifth with a left oblique strain.

Ventura (2-1) had a career-high eight strikeouts and walked two in his seventh major league start.

**Mariners 6, Rangers 5:** Justin Smoak hit a go-ahead double in the eighth inning and saved the game with a diving catch in the ninth, leading Seattle to a victory over Texas.

Robinson Cano hit a two-run double in the fifth for the Mariners, who won consecutive games for the first time since the opening week of the season.

Cano's double was the only time the Mariners got to Texas starter Robbie Ross Jr., but they battered reliever Neal Cotts (1-2) in the eighth inning, scoring four times to end the Rangers' win streak at three games.

**Athletics 12, Astros 5:** Daric Barton and Josh Donaldson had two RBIs apiece in a seven-run ninth inning to help Oakland beat Houston.

Left Lovrie had two RBIs to help the A's improve to 5-0 against Houston this season and 25-5 against the Astros overall.

NL roundup

# Granderson single caps improbable Mets rally

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Slumping Curtis Granderson grounded an RBI single to cap an improbable two-run rally with two outs in the ninth inning, sending the New York Mets past the Miami Marlins 4-3 Friday night.

After Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Garrett Jones hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth that put the Marlins ahead 3-2, the Mets stung Marlins closer Steve Cishek.

Cishek (1-1) had converted a team-record 33 straight save chances—the longest active streak in the majors—before Lucas Duda led off the ninth with a single and moved up on a sacrifice.

Left fielder Christian Yelich then made a nice running catch on pinch-hitter Bobby Abreu's liner for the second out. Omar Quintanilla followed with a single down the line and Yelich slipped on the dirt as he got ready to throw home, letting Duda score standing up.

"Anytime you get a chance to win and jump up and down with your teammates, it's a good thing," Granderson said.

**Nationals 11, Padres 1:** Bryce



KATHY KRONCEK/AP

Mets pitcher Jonathon Niese, left, hits teammate Curtis Granderson in the face with a shaving cream pie after Granderson hit a walkoff single to give the Mets a 4-3 win over the Miami Marlins on Friday.

Harper drove in a career-high four runs before leaving the game, and Stephen Strasburg pitched seven scoreless innings as host Washington defeated the Padres.

Harper drove in a run with an infield single in the first and had a bases-loaded triple in the third.

Following his headfirst dive into third base on the triple, Harper flexed his left wrist. He was later replaced in left field by Nate McLouth to start the fifth inning. No announcement was made regarding whether or not Harper was injured.

Strasburg (2-2) allowed seven hits and walked two, but struck out 11. He turned in his second straight effective start, lowering his ERA from 5.33 to 4.24.

**Brewers 5, Reds 4:** Justin Upton hit a three-run homer to continue another strong April, Ervin Santana earned his third win and the Braves held off the Reds.

Craig Kimbrel gave up a lead-off single to Roger Bernadina and walked Zack Cozart to open the ninth. Kimbrel struck out Bryan Pena and Chris Heisey before earning his seventh save on Joey Votto's groundout.

First baseman Freddie Freeman made a long stretch for Chris Johnson's throw from third base on Heisey's groundball. Red manager Bryan Price challenged first base umpire Vic Carapazza's ruling that Freeman's foot remained on the bag. The call was confirmed, ending the game.

**Cardinals 1, Pirates 0:**Shelby Miller finally scored Pittsburgh, pitching 5<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless innings to lead host St. Louis to a win over the Pirates.

Miller (2-2) entered the game with an 0-5 record and a 5.93 ERA against the Pirates. He allowed just three hits and four walks while striking out four.

**Brewers 5, Cubs 2:**Matt Garza pitched seven strong innings and Lyle Overbay hit his first homer with Milwaukee as the Brewers defeated visiting Chicago.

**Diamondbacks 5, Phillies 4:** Josh Collmenter threw six scoreless innings, Aaron Hill drove in three runs with a homer and double and host Arizona held on to win its season-best third in a row.

**Rockies 5, Dodgers 4 (11):** Charlie Blackmon hit an RBI single in the 11th inning and visiting Colorado got home runs from Troy Tulowitzki and Corey Dickerson to beat Los Angeles.

Interleague

**Giants 5, Indians 1:** Michael Morse homered to help another stellar outing by Tim Lincecum, and host San Francisco beat Cleveland.

Hudson (3-1) scattered four hits over seven innings and struck out five. He walked two, ending an impressive streak of 30 consecutive innings without one.

NBA PLAYOFFS

# Vets lead Nets to victory

## Johnson scores 29, Pierce tallies 18 as Brooklyn takes lead

BY BRIAN MAHONEY  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paul Pierce climbed high for the dunk, Kevin Garnett went to the floor for a loose ball, and Brooklyn suddenly looked and sounded like Boston.

The Nets brought the two champions here so it would be like this, not the way it was for their last home playoff game.

"This is a totally different team, totally different feeling," guard Deron Williams said. "I think we're poised to make a run."

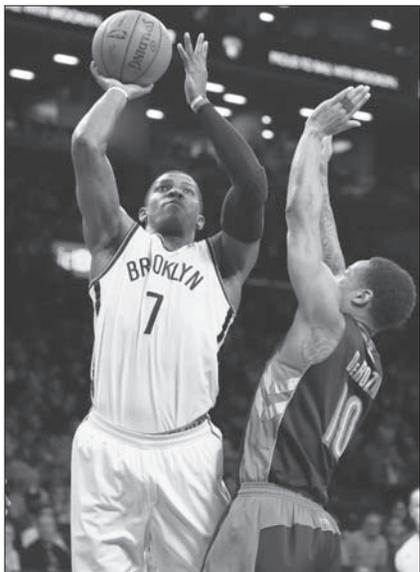
Joe Johnson scored 29 points, Pierce and Garnett brought a charge to their first playoff game in Brooklyn, and the Nets held off the Toronto Raptors 102-98 on Friday night for a 2-1 lead in the first-round series.

Johnson made the clinching free throws with 31 seconds left after the Nets blew almost all of a 15-point, fourth-quarter lead. Williams added 22 points and eight assists for the sixth-seeded Nets, who host Game 4 on Sunday night.

Pierce had 18 points, and he and Garnett provided the game's signature plays late in the second quarter, a reminder that the Nets brought the veterans here as much for their bravado as their basketball.

But all that experience almost didn't matter after the Nets made a series of mistakes down the stretch.

DeMar DeRozan scored 30



FRANK FRANKLIN/MLP

Nets guard Joe Johnson shoots over the Raptors' DeMar DeRozan during the second half of Game 3 of their first-round playoff series.

points for the Raptors, who have lost 13 straight road playoff games. Patrick Patterson added 17 points but missed two free throws with a chance to tie for Toronto, whose last postseason victory was May 6, 2009, in Game 1 of the Eastern Confer-

ence semifinals at Philadelphia. "I missed. First big free throws I've ever missed in my life like I've," Patterson said. "Unfortunately, it (stinks) but all I can do is look forward to the next opportunity."

## Scoreboard

First round (Best-of-seven) (x-if necessary)	Friday
<b>Eastern Conference</b>	<b>Nets 102, Raptors 98</b>
Atlanta 2, Indiana 1	TORONTO — Ross 14-2-2-5, A.Johnson 3-6-1-2, Valanciunas 4-4-2-19-20, Lowry 4-6-6-14, DeRozan 8-21-19-20, Patterson 6-7-2-17, Vasquez 2-6-2-7, Fields 0-0-2-0, Westbrook 1-1-2-3-5, Smith 1-1-4-2-0, Novak 0-0-0-0, Totals 31-67-29-37-98
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	<b>BROOKLYN</b> — Johnson 29-17-4-20, Pierce 5-9-7-18, Garnett 1-3-0-0-2, Williams 1-4-6-22, Livingston 1-3-1-2-3, Plumlee 2-4-0-2-4, Ansonson 1-0-2-2, Televicov 2-7-0-5, Thornton 2-6-2-3-6, Kirilenko 1-1-0-0-0, Blatche 2-3-9-12, Totals 33-67-29-37-102.
Miami 99, Charlotte 88	Brooklyn 19 20 28 25-102
Miami 101, Charlotte 95	Three-Point Goals—Toronto 22-22 (Patterson 3-4, Ross 1-1, Vasquez 1-1, Williams 1-4, Lowry 1-5, Salmons 0-1, A.Johnson 0-2), Brooklyn 10 (Johnson 3-4, Williams 2-5, Pierce 1-3, Televicov 1-5, Garnett 0-1, Thornton 0-2). Fouled Out—Lowry, Garnett, Robinsons—Toronto 47 (Valanciunas 10), Brooklyn 39 (Livingston 6), Assists—Toronto 18 (Vasquez 6), Brooklyn 21 (Williams 8). Total Fouls—Toronto 31, Brooklyn 32. Technicals—Vasquez A=17,32 (17,73).
Toronto 100, Brooklyn 95	<b>Bulls 100, Wizards 97</b>
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	CHICAGO — Dunleavy 12-19 3-4 35, Boozer 6-12-2-14, Noah 2-4-7-6-6, Hinrich 4-2-0-4, Butler 7-7-8-15, Gibson 5-8-8-13, Augustin 4-15 3-4 13, Snell 0-2-0-0, Totals 34-71-20-30-100
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	ARIZONA — Ariza 7-16 0-0-16, Nene 5-15 0-0-10, Gortat 6-12-2-13, Wall 7-14 8-12-23, Beal 6-18-25-35, Booker 1-3-0-2, Webster 2-5-0-0-6, Miller 1-3-0-2, Harrington 0-0-0-0, Gooden 0-0-0-0, Temple 0-0-0-0, Totals 37-86-42-19-97
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	CHICAGO — Butler 28 20 28-100 20 21 18 28-97
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	Three-Point Goals—Chicago 12-24 (Dunleavy 8-10, Butler 2-5, Augustin 2-6, Hinrich 0-1, Snell 0-2), Washington 9-18 (Beal 3-6, Webster 2-5, Ariza 2-6, Wall 1-2). Fouled Out—Noah, Robinsons—Chicago 55 (Noah 9), Washington 47 (Gortat, Ariza 11), Assists—Chicago 24 (Augustin 7), Washington 20 (Wall 7). Total Fouls—Chicago 23, Washington 22. Technicals—Butler, Nene 4. Ejected—Nene A=23,36 (20,36).
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	<b>Rockets 121, Blazers 116 (OT)</b>
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	HOUSTON — Parsons 5-12 4-15, Aisk 3-7-1-17, Howard 10-16 4-24, Beverley 6-15-0-10, Harden 13-35 8-37, Jones 0-0-0-0, Lin 5-11 2-2-13, Daniels 3-8 0-0-0, Totals 45-105-19-22-116
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	PORTLAND — Batum 9-20 4-4-26, Aldridge 8-22 7-23, Lopez 5-10 1-3 11, Lillard 9-16 8-9-30, Matthews 2-7 0-0-5, Robinson 1-1 0-0-2, Williams 6-5 4-5-17, Wright 1-4-0-0-2, Fredland 0-0-0-0-0, Totals 41-28-22 116-116
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	HOUSTON — Parsons 24 21 23 32 6-116
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	Three-Point Goals—Houston 12-31 (Beverley 4-6, Daniels 3-6, Harden 3-11), Parsons 1-4, Lin 1-3, Portland 10-27 (Lillard 4-6, Batum 4-9, Williams 1-2, Matthews 1-5, Aldridge 0-1, Wright 0-2). Fouled Out—Parsons, Matthews, Reardon—Houston 65 (Parsons 25), Portland 54 (Aldridge 10). Assists—Houston 20 (Harden, Lin 6), Portland 21 (Lillard 6). Ejected—Parsons 1, Matthews 1. Technicals—Portland defensive three fouls A=20,302 (19,306).
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	<b>Calendar</b>
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	May 20 — Draft lottery.
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	May 21 — NBA Finals begin.
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	May 16 — Draft entry withdrawal deadline.
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 1	May 26 — NBA Draft.

## Finishers: Griffin, Jordan a powerful inside tandem

FROM BACK PAGE

Since losing Game 1 in Los Angeles, Griffin has dominated David Lee and every other defender the Warriors have thrown his way. And Jordan — who tied a franchise playoff record with 22 rebounds and five blocks in the Clippers' 98-96 win in Game 3 on Thursday night — has been the kind of rim protector coach Doc Rivers had long believed he could become.

The two big men, both just 25 years old, have caused so much disruption that Warriors coach Mark Jackson said Friday he's considering changing his starting lineup for Game 4 on Sunday. The most likely swap would insert Draymond Green at power forward and push Lee to center for Jermaine O'Neal in a smaller, quicker lineup.

"We've got to figure out a way to present some resistance. I think things are going a little too smoothly for Blake," Jackson said during a light shootaround at Golden State's downtown Oakland headquarters.

Griffin has scored 32 and 35 points the past two games, respectively. He's shooting 64 percent from the floor in the series and has been at his best in the biggest spots.

The All-Star power forward made five straight baskets — three bank shots, a

mid-range jumper and a short turnaround — against Lee to open the third quarter in Game 3, part of a run that put the Clippers ahead by 18 points.

"Just continuing to believe," Griffin said, speaking to reporters at the team's downtown San Francisco hotel Friday. "My teammates gave me the confidence to go out there and shoot every time I'm open."

Lee promised he'd be better against Griffin in Game 4.

He has mostly been tasked with guarding Griffin by himself, though Jackson

hinted more double-teams might be on the horizon.

"He's playing at a high level right now," Jackson said. "We forced him to be a jump shooter, and he's making jump shots. On the block, he's aggressive. He's having an outstanding series capping off an outstanding

year."

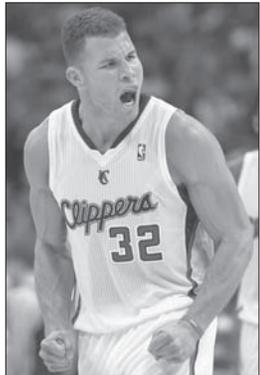
While Griffin's star has shined brightest, Jordan has been the insult-to-injury figure. The Warriors tried to lure Jordan away from Los Angeles in the summer of 2011, signing him to a four-year, \$43 million offer sheet as a restricted free agent. Instead, the Clippers matched the deal.

Now the Warriors — who waived Jeremy Lin and amnestied Charlie Bell to make room for the offer — can only watch Jordan make a major difference on defense while Bogut — acquired in a trade with Milwaukee in March 2012 to be Golden State's franchise center — sits out with an injury.

Jordan's rising game speaks to the Clippers' commitment on defense under Rivers, who challenged the young center to focus on rebounding and protecting the rim this season.

Jordan finished third in voting for the NBA's defensive player of the year award behind winner Joakim Noah of Chicago and runner-up Roy Hibbert of Indiana.

"These guys really rely on me a lot defensively, and when I'm out there, they have all the confidence in the world in me," Jordan said. "As long as I'm my team's defensive MVP, that's all that matters to me."



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Clippers forward Blake Griffin has scored 32 and 35 points in the past two games, respectively, and is shooting 64 percent from the floor against the Warriors for the series. The Clippers lead 2-1 heading into Sunday's Game 4 in Oakland.

NBA PLAYOFFS

# Dunleavy shoots Bulls back into series

Eight three-pointers keep Chicago out of 3-0 hole; Nene ejected

By JOSEPH WHITE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mike Dunleavy was making so many three-pointers, the Washington Wizards overplayed him at the arc and let him drive for a three-point play instead.

The points were coming so easily Bradley Beal guaranteed at halftime Dunleavy wouldn't score again — and then clobbered the Chicago Bulls veteran during a three-point attempt during the third quarter. The ball went in anyway, and Dunleavy completed a four-point play.

"He was in the zone, man," Beal said. "I guess the hoop looked like an ocean to him."

The Bulls needed a go-to guy after their offensive struggles put them in a 2-0 hole in their Eastern Conference first round series. For one night, at least, they found him. Dunleavy scored 35 points, one short of his career-high, and Jimmy Butler hit a go-ahead three-pointer with 24 seconds remaining on Friday for a 100-97 victory.

"Coach mentioned some stuff about getting me some more catch-and-shoot situations, and we did that tonight," Dunleavy said. "A couple of easy layups early on got me going, and I just had one of those nights."

Dunleavy went 12-for-19 from the field, including a career-high eight three-pointers on 10 attempts. Not bad for a 33-year-old who was playing in only his 12th playoff game. He had almost become a forgotten man in this series, scoring 20 points combined in the first two games.

The Bulls will have to keep it up: Game 4 is Sunday in Washington as Chicago attempts to become only the fourth NBA team to win a seven-game series after losing the first two at home.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

**Bulls forward Mike Dunleavy shoots over Wizards forward Trevor Ariza during the second half of Game 3 of their playoff series on Friday in Washington. Dunleavy had 35 points as the Bulls won 100-97.**



ALEX BRANDON/AP

**Referee Jason Phillips moves to separate Wizards forward Nene, right, and Bulls guard Jimmy Butler in the fourth quarter of Game 3 on Friday. Nene received a double technical and was ejected. He also could be suspended for Sunday's Game 4.**

Beal scored 13 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, but he'll be more remembered for a walk-off interview with CSN at halftime, when he guaranteed Dunleavy wouldn't score in the second half.

Wall added 23 points and seven assists for the Wizards, who will have to wonder whether they'll have Nene for Game 4. The Brazilian forward was ejected in the fourth quarter after a forehead-to-forehead confrontation with Butler. Nene grabbed Butler by the back of the neck and the side of the head before they were separated.

Nene is almost certain to get fined, and a suspension is possible.

"I have nothing to regret," he said. "I'm

a warrior right there. What I did, I'm supposed to do."

Nene has been called the "X-factor" by Wall. It sure didn't help that he wasn't available for the final 8:28 of a close game. After avoiding the ejection, Butler made two three-pointers down the stretch and finished with 15 points. He had struggled with his shot in the first two games, shooting 8-for-21 from the field.

After Butler's final three, Washington had a chance to tie when Taj Gibson missed a free throw with 3.1 seconds to play, but Trevor Ariza threw the ball out of bounds after grabbing the rebound in a miscommunication with Wall.

# Harden's 37, Daniels' three late in OT lift Rockets

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — James Harden found his shot, and Troy Daniels made his.

Harden scored a career playoff-best 37 points in Houston's 121-116 overtime victory over the Trail Blazers on Friday night, narrowing Portland's playoff advantage to 2-1 with Game 4 set for Sunday.

But it was the rookie Daniels who nailed a three-pointer with 11.9 seconds to go that pulled Houston out of a funk from losing the first two games of the series at home.

"Means a lot to me that coach called my name," said Daniels, who spent time in the D-League this season and didn't make his pro debut until March 5. "As a rookie, you never know when you're going to play. That shows how much confidence he has in me."

Dwight Howard added 24 points and 14 rebounds for the Rockets. Only three teams have come back to win after losing the first two games of a seven-game series at home: The last was the 2004-05 Mavericks, who came



DON RYAN/AP

**Rockets guard James Harden flashes three fingers after hitting a three-point shot during Game 3 against the Trail Blazers on Friday. Harden scored 37 points as the Rockets won 121-116.**

back against the Rockets.

LaMarcus Aldridge had more than 40 points in each of Portland's victories in the first two games in Houston. But Omer Asik did a good job of shutting him down Friday night, holding the All-Star forward to 23 points. The Blazers were led by Damian Lillard with 30 points.

Portland trailed by as many as 11 points in the final quarter, but Nicolas Batum hit a three-pointer with 41 seconds left to tie it at 110. Harden missed a half-court shot at the buzzer to send the game to overtime.

Lillard's layup gave Portland a 116-112 lead with 3:08 left in the extra period. Jeremy Lin hit

a jumper from the top of the key before Harden's fadeaway tie it with 1:51 to go.

Aldridge missed a jumper over Howard, but Lin missed a three-pointer on the other end before Daniels nailed his three-pointer.

Daniels finished with nine points in the game, all on threes.

Before the game, coach Kevin McHale told Daniels to "be ready," the undrafted signee out of Virginia Commonwealth said. Batum missed a three with 4.9 seconds left and Harden made free throws for the final margin.

The Blazers hadn't opened a playoff series 2-0 since 1977, when they got the early jump on the Lakers en route to the Western Conference title. Portland went on to beat Philadelphia for its lone NBA championship.

Houston coach Kevin McHale, who acknowledged before the game that his team was frustrated, tinkered with the lineup and started Asik in place of Terrence Jones. Asik did a good job in keeping Aldridge out of the paint and the Rockets responded by coming out with intensity.

Patrick Beverley's three-pointer gave the Rockets and early 19-13 lead before Harden fin-

ished off the first quarter with a three-pointer to put Houston up 35-24. Harden and Beverley each finished the first quarter with 11 points.

Harden was the league's top shooting guard in the regular season, but he was 14 of 47 from the field in his opening two playoff games for his worst two-game stretch of the season.

Lillard's three-pointer tied it at 38, but Mo Williams and Robin Lopez each hit baskets to put Portland in front and cap a 16-point run. Lillard led all scorers with 16 points at the half and the Blazers had a 55-54 edge.

Harden's jumper gave the Rockets a 100-91 lead with 6:21 left, but Lillard made free throws that closed Portland to within 103-98 before a falling-down jumper and a foul shot to make it 103-101 with 4:05 left.

Lillard scored on a layup to put Portland in front 107-106 with 1:59 left. After Harden made four straight free throws, Batum made the three-pointer to tie it.

"I thought we had some good looks down the stretch," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "Lin, Harden and Daniels made their shots. And we didn't."

## SPORTS



## Blackhawks catch break

Toews scores breakaway goal in overtime win | **NHL, Page 26**

## NBA PLAYOFFS

# Front and center

## Clippers' high-flying finishers dominating Warriors

By ANTONIO GONZALEZ  
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Blake Griffin buried bank shots, turnaround jumpers and spinning layups. DeAndre Jordan gobbled up rebounds and opposing shots, often flexing his muscles and letting out a roar.

The high-flying finishers who spawned the nickname "Lob City" are doing far more than dunking in the playoffs. The frontcourt tandem has carried the Clippers to a 2-1 lead in their first-round series against the Golden State Warriors, who have found no answer for

either with center Andrew Bogut out with a fractured right rib.

"Just two animals out there just beastin' right now," Clippers guard Darren Collison said.

And both are finally performing in places they haven't always flourished — on defense, in the playoffs and at the most pivotal points of games.

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### LA's fearsome forward...

# 33.5

Blake Griffin's scoring average in the Clippers' past two games. He has also averaged 7 rebounds in those games, both LA victories.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

### ... And rim-protecting rebounder

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Rebounds grabbed by DeAndre Jordan, along with five blocks, in Friday's Game 3 win.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

The Clippers' Blake Griffin, left, celebrates with teammate DeAndre Jordan.

MARCO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

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