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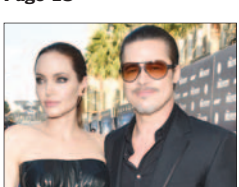

The just-released interim report by the Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General's office substantiates some allegations and makes recommendations to address serious problems at the Phoenix VA medical care system and beyond.

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**10,000** Number of veterans that electronic wait lists could be overlooking in the total of those not seen within 14 days, according to a 2005 audit.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"It was great to see the history of our squadron roll up. I'm just jealous that I can't fly it."**

— Air Force Capt. Brian Shea, a C-130 pilot with the 37th Airlift Squadron, on seeing a C-47 that dropped Allied paratroops as part of the invasion of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944

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# MILITARY

Michael Ciaglo, The Colorado Springs Gazette/AP

**Vice President Joe Biden walks to the stage during the graduation ceremony for the Air Force Academy class of 2014.**

# Biden: World needs new officer skills

## Vice president speaks at Air Force Academy graduation

By Dan Elliott
*The Associated Press*

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The military's newest officers need to be strategic thinkers as well as warfighters because the U.S. will have to choose carefully when deciding whether to act alone in the world or to build coalitions, Vice President Joe Biden told Air Force Academy graduates Wednesday.

Echoing President Barack Obama's remarks earlier in the day, Biden said the nation "must stay engaged with wisdom and humility."

Obama, addressing Army cadets at the U.S. Military Academy graduation, urged restraint before any new military engagements.

Biden told the Air Force graduates that the nation needs a strong economy, a reputation for defending human rights and a presence in North Africa, Southeast Asia and the Pacific to remain a global power.

Biden said the U.S. and China can cooperate and avoid conflict.

He also warned of threats from cyberwarfare, extremism, terrorism and corruption.

For the first time, the world is faced with "the use of corruption and oligarchs in the conduct of a sinister foreign policy," Biden said. He did not elaborate.

Nearly 1,000 white-hatted cadets sat on the football field at the academy outside Colorado Springs, their family and friends seated in the bowl of the grandstand behind them.

At the end of the ceremony, the Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying team roared overhead as the newly commissioned officers tossed their hats into the air. The Thunderbirds were absent last year after the military grounded them, citing budget cuts.

Biden joked about his own misadventures as a college student and told the cadets that minor infractions wouldn't keep them from succeeding.

"I hereby absolve all cadets who are on restriction for minor disciplinary violations," he said.

He congratulated the cadets on accepting gay and lesbian classmates and for fighting sexual assaults, a persistent problem in the service academies and the military.

"No man ever has a right, except in self-defense, to raise a hand against a woman," he said.

At his speech to the U.S. Naval Academy graduating class last week, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel also urged the new officers to combat sexual assault.

In brief remarks at the Air Force Academy before Biden spoke Wednesday, Air Force Secretary Deborah L. James did not mention sexual assault but noted a number of upcoming weddings among the 2014 graduates, some to other graduates.

"I hear there's even been some Falcon love going on around here," she said, using the name of the school's mascot.

Jerilee Bennett, The Colorado Springs (Colo.) Gazette/AP

**The Thunderbirds fly over as cadets toss their hats at the end of the Air Force Academy graduation on Wednesday in Colorado Springs, Colo.**

MILITARY

# The Whiskey 7 revival

## D-Day C-47 stops at Ramstein en route to Normandy for invasion anniversary

By Jennifer H. Svan
*Stars and Stripes*

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Parked on the flight line of this bustling military air field, the twin-engine, propeller-driven plane looked like a borrowed relic from an aviation museum.

Though it's old, the C-47 that dropped Allied paratroops behind enemy lines before dawn on June 6, 1944, isn't done flying yet.

The plane, known as the Whiskey 7, landed at Ramstein on Monday after a smooth 3,600-mile trans-Atlantic crossing that marked its longest journey since shortly after World War II.

Its final destination is Normandy, France, where the aircraft and its crew will spend 10 days participating in commemorations marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day and paying tribute to the war's fallen and surviving soldiers.

Ramstein was an important stop along the way because of the plane's historical ties to the 37th Airlift Squadron.

During the war, Whiskey 7 was assigned to the 37th Troop Carrier Squadron, from which the 37th Airlift Squadron, now based at Ramstein, draws its lineage. The aircraft is believed to be the only remaining airworthy C-47 from the original carrier squadron, a distinctive status that sparked the bold idea for the plane's return to Normandy.

About two years ago, the squadron contacted the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo, N.Y., and asked whether the museum might consider sending its flagship plane to Ramstein to help commemorate the squadron's own 70th anniversary, said Naomi Wadsworth, 55, one of the Whiskey 7's pilots.

"We just couldn't pull it together that fast," Wadsworth said. It was February, not a conducive time to cross the Atlantic due to the potential for wing icing and stormy weather. "And we didn't have the funding," she said.

"Then the whole Normandy thing came up," Wadsworth said. Around the same time, Gary Mitchell, a museum member and World War II buff who passed away in September, received an invitation from France to bring Whiskey 7 to the D-Day anniversary.

Though fundraising continues, the museum has almost reached its goal of $250,000 needed for the trip, money that mostly covers fueling the slow, low-flying plane that so far on its journey to Normandy has guzzled more than 2,000 gallons. In Narsarsuag, Greenland, the plane's third stop, the going rate for 100 low-lead fuel was $20 to $25 per gallon.

Photos by Michael Abrams/Stars and Stripes

**Members of the team responsible for bringing Whiskey 7, a vintage C-47, to Europe pose in front of the aircraft. From left are Craig Wadsworth, Lee Barber, Naomi Wadsworth, Mike Lindsay, John Lindsay, John Hyle, Austin Wadsworth, Dawn Schaible and Chris Polhemus.**

Countless Saturdays leading up to the May 15 departure were spent prepping the plane's engines, tires, landing gear, electrical systems and other components. After departing from Geneseo, a five-member volunteer crew — three pilots, a crew chief and a maintenance chief — made the short hop to Presque Isle, Maine, the northernmost piece of land on the eastern U.S. coast. The plane proceeded to follow the original Blue Spruce Route, an air route over the North Atlantic used to ferry aircraft between the United States and Great Britain during World War II.

"We were blessed with the weather on our trip," chief pilot Chris Polhemus, 58, said Wednesday while briefing reporters at Ramstein. "We're just tickled to death to be here."

Air Force Capt. Brian Shea, a C-130 pilot with the 37th Airlift Squadron, was also thrilled to see the plane parked a few steps outside the squadron's doors.

"It was great to see the history of our squadron roll up," he said. "I'm just jealous that I can't fly it."

The C-47 will be available for public viewing by ID cardholders on Ramp 2-5 by the 37th Airlift Squadron from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday.

It's hard to imagine flying the plane like it was during the war, Shea said. "The courage that they had to be able to take an aircraft like this and fly the way they did, not only with the flak and all the air defenses out there, but the number of aircraft that were in the air that day, the number of paratroopers; it's just something that we don't do anymore," he said. "I can't imagine putting it together."

Back then, after departing from RAF Cottesmore, England, the lead aircraft in the second wave across the English Channel, Whiskey 7, dropped a planeload of paratroops from the 82nd Airborne Division on Drop Zone "0" near St.-Mere Eglise, France, shortly after 2 a.m. on June 6, 1944.

"It was one of a handful of airplanes that actually put its troops directly on the drop zone … it was one of the very successful drops," Polhemus said.

After the war, the aircraft flew for the Canadian armed forces, then hauled commercial freight and later fell into the hands of a private aviator. The museum acquired the aircraft as a gift, with its current paint and markings from the former owner's family, said Whiskey 7 flight engineer Craig Wadsworth. "It's never been out of flying status since World War II," he said.

It has been given some upgrades, however. A modern radio and touch-screen navigation system made the crossing less challenging than it would have been 70 years ago, said Craig Wadsworth, Naomi's younger brother. But conditions inside the plane on its most recent journey are still far from luxurious.

"It's not bumpy but it is cold," Craig Wadsworth said. "There is a heating system on board but it's really just effective enough to make sure the pilots' feet sweat."

The noninsulated cabin at one point dropped to 28 degrees Fahrenheit. Wadsworth and crew chief Mike Lindsay sat in the canvas jump seats bundled in sleeping bags and thermal underwear. The toilet was a five-gallon drum with a hole and seat on top.

Packed into the plane, just in case, are life rafts, parachutes and wet suits.

"Did I think we would make it? Absolutely," Wadsworth said. "Am I ecstatic, incredibly pleased and relieved at how well the airplane is operating? Absolutely."

At Goose Bay in Labrador, Canada, the crew had to change a defunct generator, one of two powering the aircraft's electrical systems. Other than that, the trip has been mostly smooth, with trailing winds boosting the plane's average speed of 130 knots (about 149 mph) to 180 knots (about 207 mph) — about one-quarter to one-third the average cruising speed of a commercial jet liner.

While in Normandy, the crew will meet up with Leslie Palmer Cruise Jr., 90, a paratrooper who jumped from Whiskey 7 on D-Day. Though the plane will execute several re-enactment parachute drops in Normandy, Cruise this time around has no plans for a flak-filled, nighttime free fall.

"We offered to let him jump out, but he said the last time he parachuted into France, he didn't get a very good reception," Craig Wadsworth said.

Thinking back on the young men who did jump 70 years ago is what inspired Polhemus, a longtime pilot for US Airways, to take the plane back to Normandy.

"I frequently sit in the back of this airplane and I look at the ribs, the stringers, the rivets, the very same airframe" that those kids were looking at 70 years ago, he said. "They jumped from 700 feet into the night skies into German-occupied France, small-arms fire, not knowing what they were going to find.

"Bringing this airplane to Normandy this year, it puts the United States on the world stage. This airplane is nothing more than a symbol of where we were, what we did, why we did it … it's who we are, our values."

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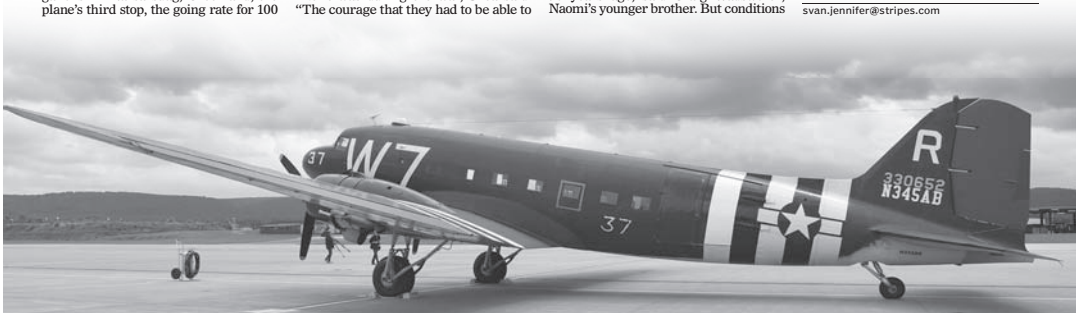

# PACIFIC

PETER D. LAWLOR/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert salutes as he passes the American and Japanese flags at the Ministry of Defense on Monday in Tokyo. Greenert is in Japan for a series of visits with Japanese political and military leaders.**

## Chief of naval operations: Number of ships to rise in the Asia-Pacific region

*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Navy will increase the number of ships deployed in the Asia-Pacific region over the next few years, the chief of naval operations said Thursday.

"It's not that big of a deal for us to think about rebalancing to the Asia-Pacific because we have been here in numbers for some time," Adm. Jonathan Greenert told an all hands call in Yokosuka.

Greenert stressed Japan as a focal point for the "Pacific pivot."

"The most important part of the rebalance is the relationship with the Japanese," Greenert said. "The security in Asia and the rebalancing, the center of gravity and the hinge-point is what we do here. Now the relationship with Japan starts in Yokosuka."

He also stressed the importance of stronger alliances with Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Thailand and Australia.

## USFK, S. Korea to discuss threat of workers' strike

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND AND YOO KYONG CHANG
*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. and South Korean authorities are expected to discuss next month the treatment of thousands of Korean civilians who work for the U.S. military and what to do if they go on strike.

The Korean Employees' Union threatened to walk off the job in April — coinciding with President Barack Obama's visit to Seoul — over complaints ranging from shortened work hours to frozen wages. The walkout was postponed after a ferry disaster that left about 300 people dead.

U.S. Forces Korea said in an email that labor issues may be on the agenda for the June 11 meeting of the Joint Status of Forces Agreement Committee but the focus would likely be the impact that a strike would have on military readiness.

A union spokesman said the group has no plans yet to go on strike but has been told that Korean representatives plan to bring up the union's concerns at the meeting.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs SOFA team said the Korean government may discuss "better treatment" for civilian employees, though she would not specify what that meant.

Yonhap News recently reported the agenda may include job security for Korean employees concerned about losing their jobs when U.S. forces relocate to Pyeongtaek, as well as a wage increase.

The union, which claims to represent about 9,500 workers, has said it wants at least a 1.96 percent raise, retroactive to Jan. 1, with the expectation for additional negotiations this summer.

USFK announced in April that it was giving all South Korean workers a 1.7 percent raise, effective the beginning of May, calling it the maximum amount allowed by law.

USFK in March took steps to avert a mass furlough of its South Korean employees due to a shortfall in funding from Seoul. The South Korean government normally pays the bulk of their salaries but had not done so since a defense cost-sharing agreement between the two nations expired at the end of 2013. South Korea approved a new cost-sharing agreement in April.

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## Japan looks to start housing project for US troop moves to Iwakuni

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — Construction could soon begin on a controversial housing project for Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni as the realignment of U.S. forces in the region continues to consume this small base outside Hiroshima.

Japanese officials have declined to say when work will begin at Mount Atago — which was partially leveled for landfill to build a heavy-lift runway at the base — but contracts were awarded in March, and officials recently met with residents to address noise and safety concerns.

Plans call for the housing project to be completed by May 2015, said a Chugoku-Shikoku Defense Bureau spokesman, who spoke on customary anonymity.

The work is a critical step forward as Iwakuni prepares for its population to double to about 10,000 by 2017, following the move of Carrier Air Wing 5 from Naval Air Facility Atsugi as well as VMGR-152, a KC-130 squadron from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. The moves are part of the realignment of U.S. forces in the region that also includes moving 4,700 Marines and their families to Guam.

Atago will feature 270 officer housing units and a sprawling shared-use recreation complex complete with a cultural center, tea room, baseball and soccer fields and indoor volleyball and basketball courts.

Local Japanese residents sued the Japanese government in 2009 over the proposal after plans for a public housing project fell through, leaving the city and prefecture governments in debt. Prefecture officials then balked at selling the property to the national government before relenting in March 2012. City officials at the time requested the sports facilities and no additional burden on residents.

Both Carrier Air Wing 5 and VMGR-152 were supposed to relocate to Iwakuni by 2014 but were delayed by complications in securing the land rights, moving support facilities and building on- and off-base housing.

Iwakuni residents have complained about safety and disruptions as roads and facilities were changed or their use prohibited over the past few years.

"When you rebuild 77 percent of a base in just a few years, there are going to be challenges for everyone," MCAS Iwakuni spokesman Gunnery Sgt. Nathaniel Garcia wrote to Stars and Stripes. "We believe the base population understands the situation and continues to pull together."

A heavy-lift runway was completed in 2010, and a commercial flight terminal followed a year later. The new Marine Aircraft Group-12 flight line has been commissioned, and its aviation maintenance facilities have been completed. Unit relocations are underway. A new steam generation plant and tactical aircraft refueling system also are finished.

"Soon, the old aviation facilities will be demolished to support additional construction," Garcia wrote. "Although the facilities commissioned to date have been mostly operational, we will soon receive services and quality of life-related facilities. … The good news is that the majority of utility work will be finished this year, and the amount of major road changes and impacts should begin to stabilize, if not decline, in the relative near term."

Iwakuni residents also can expect construction to wrap up shortly on a new commissary, post office and expansions of the Kintai Inn and the Command Assembly Hall.

New elementary, junior high and high schools are expected to be completed by March 2016. There are plans to build 790 on-base housing units by 2017; work already has begun.

There will also be a larger Marine Corps Exchange, a new firefighting facility, a new flight simulation facility, gate improvements and administrative and flight operations-related infrastructure.

"Overall, we are on track," said Garcia, adding that the overall project is about two-thirds complete.

The defense bureau spokesman said it was premature to provide a final cost as some items are still in the planning stages; about 90 billion yen (approximately $900 million) has been budgeted for fiscal 2014.

Another sign that the plan is on track was revealed this week when Japanese Ministry of Defense officials announced that facilities related to the KC-130s, including the aircraft parking apron and hangars, had been completed and turned over to the U.S. military as of May 30, a spokesman told Stars and Stripes.

Advanced parties from VMGR-152 began moving to Iwakuni from Futenma in March, Marine officials in Okinawa said this week. The main body of the squadron, including 870 Marines, civilian employees and family members, is tentatively scheduled to begin moving in June and be completed by the end of September. Their 15 KC-130J Super Hercules aircraft are expected to have full operational capability by April 2015.

Despite the move, the aircraft will still maintain a presence on Okinawa, officials said.

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MILITARY

# Compensation curbs likely in 2015 budget

By Tom Philpott

In shaping a 2015 defense authorization bill, Congress has decided to protect the prized commissary benefit from the most worrisome budget threat to base grocery stores in decades.

But military personnel are not likely to escape other key compensation curbs to include a second consecutive annual pay raise cap in January of 1 percent versus 1.8 percent needed to match private sector wage growth.

Also, 1 million recipients of Basic Allowance for Housing are likely to see BAH increases dampened for the next three years until rates, on average, cover 95 percent of local rental costs versus 100 percent today.

Finally, beneficiaries with prescription drug needs likely will face sharply higher out-of-pockets costs if they rely on retail pharmacies, or if they choose to use brand name medicines over less costly generic drugs.

The pay raise cap, BAH raise slowdown and higher drug co-pays are all found in the Senate Armed Service Committee's version of the defense policy bill (S 2289) but not in the House-passed bill (HR 4435).

The Republican-led House Armed Services Committee continued its recent yearly pattern of leaving no fingerprints on any rollback in compensation growth sought by the Obama administration and military leaders to accommodate lowered defense spending targets.

But the political rhetoric of protecting troops and families from budget cuts eventually has to give way to budget realities created by the bipartisan 2011 Budget Control Act, as amended last January, with its sequestration tool to force automatic cuts if Congress doesn't comply.

The Senate committee's embrace of plans to raise member out-of-pocket costs are likely to become law because the House, in rejecting any compensation curbs, failed to identify alternative cuts to avoid creating a $2 billion hole in the defense budget. That means House-Senate conferees, in ironing out differences in separate versions of the bill, almost certainly will have to accept the Senate panel's menu for slowing compensation growth.

Both the House and the Senate committee agreed to reject administration plans to consolidate TRICARE options and to raise TRICARE fees to include Medicare-eligible beneficiaries under TRICARE for Life. But pharmacy co-pay increases, to be phased in over 10 years, would mean higher out-of-pocket costs mostly for older retirees, spouses and survivors.

The Senate Armed Services Committee, chaired by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who is retiring, reshaped the administration's compensation package with an eye to soften the impact on enlisted members and their families, sources explained. It did so

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by rejecting a three-year plan to slash the $1.4 billion annual subsidy for the Defense Commissary Agency.

A second theme was to avoid significant structural changes to compensation, including TRICARE reforms, until after the blue ribbon Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission releases its report with final recommendations next February.

Here's a rundown of compensation changes in the Senate committee bill, which House-Senate conferees will find difficult to derail in negotiating a final defense authorization bill this summer.

**Raise cap.** The Senate bill projects saving $534 million in 2015 by capping the January military pay raise at 1 percent. Freezing the pay of generals and admirals at current levels would save another $1 million.

**Dampening BAH.** No individual would see stateside housing allowances fall but annual increases would be smaller for three years until BAH, on average, covers 95 percent of average rental costs instead of 100 percent. Also, BAH rates no longer would be set to cover renter's insurance. In 2015, that would save taxpayers $391 million in housing allowances.

**Prescription co-pays.** The Senate bill accepts a plan to "fully incentivize" use of mail order and generic drugs. The current $17 co-pay to get a 30-day supply of a brand name drug on the military formulary at a retail outlet would jump to $26 in January. Co-pays at retail would increase by another $2 annually over the next seven years to hit $40 by 2022, and $45 by 2024.

Beneficiaries now have a co-pay of $44 to get nonformulary drugs at retail outlets. Under the Senate plan, nonformulary drugs could only be obtained by mail order. The co-pay for a three-month supply of pills by mail would be raised from $43 to $51 in January and increase annually thereafter to reach $66 by 2017 and $90 by 2024.

Co-pays for a brand name drug on formulary, when filled by mail order, would double from $13 to $26 next January and increase by $2 to $4 annually to reach $34 by 2019 and $45 by 2024.

Beneficiaries could continue to have prescriptions filled for free at base pharmacies. Generic drugs would continue to be provided at no charge by mail order until 2019 when a co-pay would be set at $9 for a 90-day supply. The current $5 co-pay for generic drugs at retail would be increased by $1 a year starting in 2015 and reach $14 in 2024.

In its 2013 defense bill, Congress ordered TRICARE to begin a pilot program that requires older beneficiaries to obtain all maintenance drugs for conditions like high blood pressure through home delivery for at least a year. The plan took effect this spring. The Senate bill would replace the pilot with a requirement that all retirees and family members, regardless of age, use mail order or base pharmacies for maintenance meds.

Defense officials estimate that the higher drug co-pays, ignored by the House but moving toward enactment, will save $829 million in 2015 alone.

**Commissaries.** Only the House bill would lower the commissary subsidy, by $100 million, in fiscal 2015. But the cut is to encourage efficiencies and doesn't allow stores to set higher prices for patrons.

**COLA minus-one.** Under current law, members who enter service for the first time on or after Jan. 1 this year and serve until retirement would see retiree cost-of-living adjustments capped at 1 percentage point before inflation. The Senate bill would push the effective date of the COLA-minus-one formula out two years to affect new entrants starting in 2016, giving the compensation commission time to reject or bless the change.

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# Army staff sergeant faces multiple assault charges

By Dan Lamothe
*The Washington Post*

An Army staff sergeant is accused of sexually assaulting several female soldiers since 2011, including at least one while he was deployed to Afghanistan and others more recently while he served as a drill sergeant, according to military officials and court documents.

The accusations are detailed in a charging document filed against Staff Sgt. Angel Sanchez, who appeared at a pretrial hearing at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on Wednesday. Sanchez has served at the base since August, training new soldiers with the 14th Military Police Brigade.

The Pentagon said this month that the military's sexual assault problem is more widespread than commanders had realized. The Sanchez case is singular because he is alleged to have assaulted a dozen women, and he used his position as a drill sergeant to threaten some of his alleged victims, according to military documents.

Ernesto Gapasin, Sanchez's attorney, said in a phone interview that his client was formally notified of the charges by his commanding officer on May 13. Several of the women involved in the case testified Wednesday and Gapasin said he had questions about the reliability of some of them.

Sanchez has served one deployment each in Iraq and Afghanistan, earning a Bronze Star, Army officials said. He has been removed from drill sergeant duty, and currently serves in an office job with his unit, said Tiffany Wood, a base spokeswoman.

Sanchez is accused of sexually assaulting four women and assaulting eight others by touching them inappropriately, said Wood.

Sanchez's alleged crimes date to when he was deployed to Afghanistan between March 2011 and March 2012, according to charging documents. Several incidents were said to have occurred at Outpost Dandar, in Kunar province.

While in Afghanistan, Sanchez also kept up a steady stream of obscene commentary aimed at his female colleagues, military prosecutors said.

"I know you guys are married, but it's OK if you have a deployment buddy," he allegedly told one lower-ranking soldier while raising the prospect of sexual contact.

"If you give me two minutes, it will be the best two minutes of your life," he told another woman, according to charging documents.

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VA SCANDAL

# House grills VA officials on hidden records

By Travis J. Tritten
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — For more than four hours Wednesday night, House lawmakers hammered VA officials to turn over internal documents on off-the-books wait lists at a Phoenix hospital.

Earlier Wednesday, an interim Department of Veterans Affairs inspector general investigation found inappropriate scheduling practices such as those in Phoenix are "systemic" in the nationwide veterans' health care system, adding fuel to what was already set to be a very tense hearing on Capitol Hill.

The IG announced it found that 1,700 veterans — 54 percent — who were waiting for primary care at the Phoenix VA hospital had not actually been added to official electronic waiting lists. By not adding the patients to the waiting list, the staff at the hospital significantly understated wait times and boosted job performance evaluations, which were connected to employee awards and salary increases, the IG reported.

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee said Wednesday it has tried for weeks to obtain emails and other documents from the VA after issuing a subpoena May 8 and charged that the VA was still improperly withholding some records related to wait lists and allegations of veteran deaths at the Phoenix hospital.

"Why wouldn't you turn over the documents ... just tell the truth?" asked Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn. "In my mind, I am thinking right now, 'They're hiding something from me,' and I have no reason to think you are not."

Three VA executives, including Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations Thomas Lynch, who flew to Phoenix to conduct initial investigations in April, told the lawmakers that four off-the-books lists were used and destroyed at the facility between 2012 and 2013.

The VA provided the committee 5,500 pages of documents following a May 8 subpoena but said Wednesday that some documents were withheld by VA legal counsel under attorney-client privilege, angering committee members.

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> R-Tenn.

Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., scoffed at that, saying he thought the VA was still stonewalling, and pointing out that the VA missed a May 19 deadline to provide all correspondence related to the facility waiting lists and deaths.

He said the agency was using attorney-client privilege inappropriately, and had not provided other internal documents clearly covered by the House subpoena, including VA executives' notes taken during an earlier hearing.

"Until the VA understands that we are deadly serious, you can expect us to be over your shoulder every single day," Miller said.

Miller continued to press the three officials, saying the VA has still not filled 110 committee requests for information, some of which are related to Phoenix.

Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs Joan Mooney said the VA's office of legislative affairs is working with the committee and over past five years has responded to about 100,000 requests for information.

"Ma'am, veterans died," Miller said, alluding to the allegations. "Get us the answers, please!"

"I understand that, Mr. Chairman, and I will look into getting you that request," she said.

"That's what you said three months ago!" Miller responded. "This has been going on since January."

Between late 2012 and mid-2013, Lynch said the hospital had created a "work product" with its electronic scheduling software that listed patients whose appointments had been canceled. He said the lists were used to keep track of those who needed to be rescheduled and denied that the list was kept secret.

"Once the rescheduling has occurred, the list is no longer necessary, so it is appropriately destroyed because it does contain patient identifiable information," such as Social Security numbers, Lynch testified.

In addition to that electronic temporary record, the VA had created three other lists that included new enrollee requests for an appointment, requests for consultations from the emergency room and requests for appointments made through the VA telephone hot line, he said.

Lynch said all 1,700 veterans who had requested care but had not been added to the VA waiting list would be contacted by Friday and offered covered health care outside the agency health system.

The VA also will reach out to veterans affected by inappropriate scheduling at other facilities and make the same offer, he said.

The VA is engulfed by a scandal that began in April at Phoenix. Similar allegations have surfaced in at least 10 other states, angering veterans and triggering a string of bills in Congress aimed at punishing alleged VA wrongdoing.

The IG examined a sample of 226 veterans at the Phoenix facility and found they waited 115 days, on average, for their first primary-care appointment. The IG said it is also looking into allegations of improper hiring practices, sexual harassment and bullying at the Arizona facility.

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Meanwhile, its investigation has expanded to various other VA facilities, which constitute the largest integrated health care system in the United States, serving 200,000 veterans each day.

"To date, we have ongoing or scheduled work at 42 VA medical facilities and have identified instances of manipulation of VA data that distort the legitimacy of reported waiting times," said the interim report, which was issued after urging from Congress. A final report is expected by August.

The ongoing investigation and VA testimony failed to satisfy House lawmakers that enough is being done.

At the House hearing, Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Ind., said after two hours of testimony she learned little from the VA executives about who was responsible for the inappropriate hospital scheduling that may be linked to veteran deaths.

"Dr. Lynch, does the buck stop with you on these deaths? Are you responsible?" Walorski asked.

"I don't know if it does but I consider myself responsible," Lynch said.

Mooney and VA Congressional Relations Officer Michael Huff did not directly answer Walorski's pointed question.

"Yes, I am responsible for ensuring our focus at this point … our focus remains on caring for our veterans," Mooney said.

Huff said: "I am a staff level congressional relations officer who is a civil servant and also a veteran. I am not a supervisor, I'm a staff level federal employee and I do the best job I can."

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# Shinseki faces growing demand for resignation

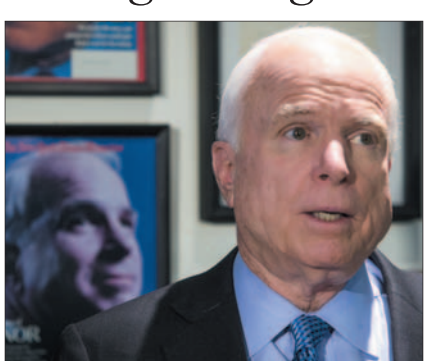
By Patrick Dickson
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Embattled VA Secretary Erik Shinseki faced a growing chorus of calls for his resignation following a detailed and scathing report from his own inspector general, which found that veterans in Phoenix waited an average of 115 days for an initial doctor visit.

Coming soon after a whistleblower in Phoenix claimed that "secret" waiting lists might have contributed to the deaths of 40 veterans there, the Veterans Affairs IG released an interim report Wednesday with still more stinging revelations, including that scheduling staffs at as many as 42 VA hospitals nationwide are using "gaming strategies" to hide long delays in care.

Soon after, Sen. John McCain, who until Wednesday had urged a wait-and-see approach, called for Shinseki to step down.

"I haven't said this before, but I think it's time for Gen. Shinseki to move on," the Arizona Republican said during an interview on CNN. "I was going to wait for the hearing that's going to take place here very soon. But this keeps piling up."



Charlie Leight, The Arizona Republic/AP

**Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., on Wednesday joined a growing chorus of lawmaker demands for the ouster of VA Secretary Eril Shinseki.**

At least 58 members of Congress, 20 of them Democrats, now have called on Shinseki to resign.

Six Democratic senators have called for Shinseki's resignation: Al Franken, of Minnesota; Mark Udall, of Colorado; Kay Hagan, of North Carolina; John Walsh, of Montana; Mark Warner, of Virginia; and Jeanne Shaheen, of New Hampshire.

McCain and Walsh are the Senate's only combat veterans.

"The Inspector General's report is so troubling that I have come to the conclusion that the Department of Veterans Affairs needs new leadership. I believe it would be in the best interest of veterans for Secretary Shinseki to step down," Franken said in a statement.

In the House, Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, and Rep. Howard (Buck) McKeon, R-Calif., outgoing chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, also said Shinseki should go.

House Speaker Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, remained a high-profile holdout, saying he still does not see how Shinseki's ouster helps uncover and fix the underlying problems plaguing the VA.

"The question I ask myself is, 'Is him resigning going to get us to the bottom of the problem?'" Boehner told reporters Thursday. "Is it going to help us find out what is really going on?' And the answer I keep getting is no."

Boehner stressed instead that the VA's problems are the responsibility of the president.

"The real issue here is that the president is the one who should be held accountable," Boehner said."

The American Legion was the first major veterans organization to call for Shinseki's resignation.

On May 5, Legion commander Daniel Dellinger said Shinseki and other top department leadership should step down following reports of delays and neglect at VA health centers around the nation.

Soon after, President Barack Obama, in a televised address, offered what many felt was tepid support for Shinseki. Asked if Shinseki offered to resign, Obama would only say that the secretary "cares deeply about veterans and he cares deeply about the mission, and I know that Rick's attitude is if he doesn't think he can do a good job on this and if he thinks he's let our veterans down, then I'm sure that he is not going to be interested in continuing to serve."

NBC News late Thursday morning was reporting that Shinseki's resignation was a question of when and not if, and that the White House was already considering replacement candidates.

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MILITARY

# Obama presents caution as strength

By Chris Carroll
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Short of direct threats to national security, the U.S. military isn't the first tool to reach for when conflicts arise around the globe, President Barack Obama told West Point graduates on Wednesday.

Coming after nearly 13 years of nonstop fighting in the Middle East and Southwest Asia, the president's speech appeared to be calibrated for a war-weary America — civilian and military alike — willing to side with him over critics who argue that failing to take more direct action forsakes U.S. leadership in crises from Syria to Ukraine to Iran.

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In defending his measured approach to conflicts around the globe, Obama said working with the international community for diplomatic solutions is not a sign of weakness. The United States will act unilaterally to defend itself, he said, but short of that, the country will seek partners and work with allies to accomplish its overseas goals.

"U.S. military action cannot be the only — or even primary — component of our leadership in every instance," he said. "Just because we have the best hammer does not mean that every problem is a nail."

Obama has endured harsh criticism over his administration's refusal to provide more U.S. military support to rebel fighters in Syria, where Western-backed fighters are contending both with the repressive regime of Syrian president Bashar Assad and al-Qaida affiliated insurgents bolstered by foreign jihadists. But it was the right decision, he said.

"As frustrating as it is, there are no easy answers, no military solution that can eliminate the terrible suffering anytime soon," he said. "As President, I made a decision that we should not put American troops into the middle of this increasingly sectarian war."

Other calls have come from Republicans and Democrats alike, demanding a greater show of force against Russia for annexing part of Ukraine, or for military action against Iran, or terrorist groups in Africa. Soon after the speech, House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Ed Royce, R-Calif., issued an email statement that Obama has not done enough to deal with global threats, including Syria and North Korea, sacrificing U.S. leadership and credibility.

"The Obama Administration has consistently underestimated the threats we face: Iran, North Korea, al-Qaida, and others," Royce said. "In many corners of the globe, the world is growing more unstable, with a tide of militancy facing the United States and our allies.

Rushing to use the military with an unclear view of consequences has caused repeated blunders, Obama said at West Point. He vowed to the graduates — whom he pointed out were members of the last class graduating before the scheduled end of combat operations this year in Afghanistan — that he would not initiate military operations for the sake of appearances.

"I would betray my duty to you and to the country we love if I ever sent you into harm's way … because I was worried about critics who think military intervention is the only way for America to avoid looking weak," he said.

Obama's theme — when and how to use the military — is not a new one, but analysts said it has never been put forth as forcefully or prominently as the West Point speech, which aides said would lay out Obama's approach to foreign policy in his final years as president.

"I think the reason he had to give the speech is that both here in the United States and abroad he's become viewed as a very weak leader," said Gary J. Schmitt, a resident scholar on national security issues at American Enterprise Institute, a conservative Washington think tank.

While bashing advocates of profligate military intervention, Obama has failed to live up the principles he promoted in the speech, Schmitt said. The president has not nurtured democracy in Egypt, nor has he worked effectively with allies to support pro-Western rebels in war-torn Syria, Schmitt said.

Obama's speech was short on specifics about how to lay the groundwork for increased U.S. "soft power," said Jacob Stokes, a research associate at the Center for A New American Security, a Washington think tank with close ties to the Obama administration.

Funding diplomatic and civilian initiatives is frequently difficult, while the Pentagon's comparatively large budget places undue emphasis on military solutions — something he said military leaders themselves have long recognized.

"The big issue is not a disagreement over policy, but the challenge is turning this policy into action," Stokes said.

A human rights advocate said that while Obama's theme has been oft-discussed, it has never sunk in.

"The idea that not every problem has a military solution has proven really hard to get into our national discourse," said Heather Hurlburt, senior fellow for national security at Human Rights First, based in New York. "There have been efforts for a long time from the military and civilian side alike saying we have a fabulous tool, but let's not overuse it."

Obama may feel it particularly necessary to try to steer U.S. foreign policy in a slightly different direction as the U.S. trims its defense budget and potential adversaries flexing their muscles.

"One reason for him to do this now is that both Russia and China are acting in pretty aggressive ways, and there's a sort of knee-jerk reaction that to counter that, we should steam around the Black Sea and build more aircraft carriers to counteract China," she said. "The Obama framework is that that isn't necessarily the right approach. He's explaining to Americans how we're going to compete and thrive in an environment where our competitors are newly assertive."

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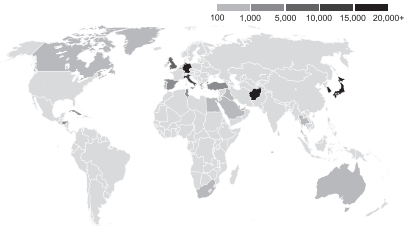
## US troops around the globe

American military forces are stationed in dozens of countries. Deployments overseas of 100 or more U.S. troops as of March 31:




**Post-Cold War presidents and military interventions**

**George H.W. Bush** 1989-1993 Took office amid fall of Berlin Wall and dissolution of Soviet Union. Military actions against Panama, Iraq, Somalia.

**Bill Clinton** 1993-2001 Ended Somalia mission; launched military action in Haiti; backed NATO airstrikes against Serbia; launched strikes against al-Qaida targets.

**George W. Bush** 2001-2009 After 9/11 attacks, launched military actions in Afghanistan and Iraq that lasted for the duration of his presidency.

**Barack Obama** 2009- Ended Iraq War; drew down U.S. forces from Afghanistan; supported NATO military action against Libya; launched attacks against al-Qaida.

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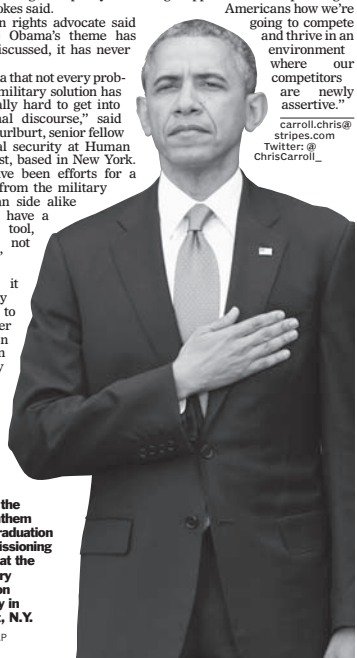

**President Barack Obama stands for the national anthem during a graduation and commissioning ceremony at the U.S. Military Academy on Wednesday in West Point, N.Y.**

Mike Groll/AP

**'U.S. military action cannot be the only — or even primary — component of our leadership in every instance. Just because we have the best hammer does not mean that every problem is a nail.'**

**President Barack Obama in his West Point speech**

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# Obama's Afghanistan plan omits unmet goals

By Ernesto Londono
*The Washington Post*

Calling the approaching end of America's combat mission in Afghanistan an "enormous achievement," President Obama on Wednesday seemed intent on shifting the burden squarely onto the Afghans and putting Washington's longest war farther in the nation's rearview mirror.

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"Our reduced presence there allows us to more effectively address emerging threats in the Middle East and North Africa," Obama told the graduating class of West Point cadets, the first since Sept. 11, 2001, that is unlikely to see combat in the near future.

Left largely unmentioned were the myriad goals the United States set out to accomplish in Afghanistan and, to varying degrees, is now quietly abandoning. While the president said future U.S. military engagements should avoid creating more enemies than they eliminate, he neglected to mention the formidable strength of the Afghan insurgency as the United States prepares to downsize from 32,800 troops to 9,800 by the end of the year, and then to nearly none by the time he leaves office.

A small but consequential cell of al-Qaida fighters also remains operational in northeastern Afghanistan despite a years-long, dogged effort by the United States to completely dislodge the group founded by Osama bin Laden.

Al-Qaida's relationship with local factions of the Taliban "remains intact and remains an area of concern," according to the Pentagon's latest report to Congress on the state of the Afghan war. The report was released last month. The Haqqani network, a faction of the Taliban that the Defense Department calls "the most virulent strain of the insurgency," serves as a "critical enabler" of al-Qaida, straddling the porous border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Afghan insurgent groups continue to operate with the acquiescence of segments of the Pakistani government, U.S. defense officials say. The prospect of a negotiated settlement to the conflict — something Washington explored by allowing the Taliban to open a political office in Qatar — appears entirely doomed.

David Sedney, who served as the Pentagon's top official overseeing policy in Afghanistan and Pakistan until last year, said the Taliban has proved to be a remarkably resilient foe.

"Their core leadership is just as strong as they were before," Sedney said in an interview Wednesday. "Their funding has gotten better because they are getting more and more opium profits by seriously taxing every stage."

Despite a U.S. investment of nearly $7 billion to combat the opium trade and to deprive insurgents of drug proceeds, Afghanistan's poppy industry is thriving, according to the latest assessment of U.S. defense officials, who said in the report that "insurgent penetration of that market is extensive and expanding."

The establishment of Afghanistan's 340,600-strong security forces is arguably the U.S.-led international coalition's signature achievement. Although they remain stymied by weak logistics systems, nepotism and widespread corruption, the Afghan army and police in some ways have exceeded expectations on the battlefield during the past year. They were instrumental in ensuring a relatively safe voting environment during the first round of Afghanistan's presidential election last month, which was hailed as a success.

But as a period of political transition in the country begins, Sedney and other former senior officials involved in Afghanistan policy see a danger of disengaging too quickly.

"We've built up lots of militaries that have ended up in ways that are not consistent with our values, and the Afghan military is at high risk of that," Sedney said. "The Afghan military going bad is just as dangerous for us as the possibility of the Taliban taking over."

# Hagel: Afghan anti-terror planning still underway

By Lolita C. Baldor
*The Associated Press*

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Wednesday it was not clear yet how many troops the U.S. will use to battle terrorists in Afghanistan in the coming two years, but he expressed some confidence that the Afghan forces will improve enough to secure and govern their own country.

In his first public comments about the drawdown plans unveiled by President Barack Obama this week, Hagel acknowledged there still were a lot of unanswered questions about how many of the nearly 10,000 U.S. forces remaining in the Afghanistan next year will be devoted to the counterterrorism mission. He said it also was unclear how many troops NATO and other international partners would contribute and what exactly those forces would do.

But he said he expected allies would make their decisions about the numbers and types of troops they would commit to the post-2014 mission in Afghanistan by the end of June. Hagel, who spoke to reporters traveling with him on a 12-day trip to Asia and Europe, expects to meet with NATO defense ministers next week.

Speaking in a hangar to a crowd of U.S. troops, Hagel also said he will be traveling to Afghanistan during this overseas trip.

President Barack Obama announced Tuesday that the U.S. would leave 9,800 U.S. troops in Afghanistan at the end of this year to continue training the Afghans and conduct counterterrorism missions. That number would be cut in half by the end of 2015, and most of the remainder would leave by the end of 2016.

Hagel said U.S. military commanders believe those numbers are adequate to train and advise the Afghans and to fight terrorists. And while he said "there are no guarantees," he suggested the plans laid out by Obama were enough to keep Afghanistan from backsliding into more terrorist violence like what has happened in Iraq since U.S. troops left there.

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**Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel greets military personnel Wednesday while visiting Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.**

Allauddin Khan/AP

**An Afghan policeman stands guard Thursday after a bomb explosion in Kandahar province Afghanistan.**

# Bombs kill 4; NATO soldier dies in helicopter accident

By Mirwais Khan and Amir Shah
*The Associated Press*

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Roadside bombings across Afghanistan killed 4 people on Thursday as officials reported that a NATO soldier died in a helicopter crash in Kandahar the previous day.

The crash, in which 15 coalition servicemembers were injured, happened after the helicopter accidentally struck a communications antenna on Wednesday, an Afghan official said.

In northern Jawzjan province, a roadside bomb hit the car of the intelligence chief of Aqcha district on Thursday morning, police officer Faqir Mohammad Jawzjani said.

The explosion killed the district chief, Manzurullha, and his bodyguard, and wounded three other officials who were travelling with them, Jawzjani said. Like most Afghans, Manzurullha used only one name.

Jawzjani blamed the Taliban for the attack, saying the bomb used in Aqcha district was very powerful and completely destroyed Manzurullha's vehicle.

Also on Thursday, two roadside bombings minutes apart killed an Afghan policeman and wounded four others in the city of Kandahar, said police officer Shamsullha, who also uses one name.

The first explosion struck a police car as it drove down a street, killing one officer and wounding two. Then, as other policemen who were nearby rushed to the site of the blast, a second explosion went off, wounding two more policemen, said Shamsullha.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks Thursday. The Taliban have launched their annual spring offensive, promising to step up attacks against Afghan security forces in a bid to undermine the Western-backed government as foreign combat troops prepare to withdraw from the country by the end of the year.

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# CIA halts drone strikes in Pakistan

By Ken Dilanian
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Just after midnight last Christmas, Pakistani officials say, two Hellfire missiles from a U.S. drone slammed into a house in Miramshah, Pakistan, killing four militants.

It was an otherwise unremarkable episode in the sixth year of a relentless unmanned aerial campaign by the CIA. Unremarkable, except for this: There hasn't been a drone strike reported in Pakistan in the months since.

The secret, targeted-killing program that once was the mainstay of President Barack Obama's counterterrorism effort appears to be winding down. In a major foreign policy speech at the U.S. Military Academy on Wednesday, Obama said the U.S. would continue to carry out occasional drone strikes, but he cited Yemen and Somalia, not Pakistan, where drone missiles once rained down at a rate of two per week.

Armed U.S. drones are still flying regularly over Pakistan's tribal areas, and CIA targeting officers are still nominating militants to a kill list, according to U.S. officials regularly briefed on the covert program who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss covert programs publicly. But over the past five months, no missiles have been fired.

And while the CIA won't say the program has ended, Obama announced this week a plan to pull nearly all American troops out of Afghanistan by the end of 2016. The targeted-killing program in Pakistan relies on drones flown from, and intelligence gathered in, U.S. bases in Afghanistan that would then be closed.

"The program (in Pakistan) appears to have ended," said Peter Bergen, who has closely studied drone strikes for the New America Foundation, a Washington think tank.

Several factors are driving the change, U.S. officials say. Many of the senior al-Qaida figures in Pakistan have been killed. Those who remain are much harder to target because they are avoiding mobile phones and are traveling with children, benefiting from stricter targeting rules designed to prevent civilian casualties.

Also, the tribal areas of Pakistan are no longer the hotbed of al-Qaida activity they once were, officials and outside analysts say. Hardcore al-Qaida militants from Pakistan have gone to Syria and Yemen, home to Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, which U.S. officials consider the most dangerous al-Qaida affiliate.

And Obama administration officials are pushing to have the U.S. military, not the CIA, carry out drone strikes. Because the military generally requires permission from a country to operate on its territory, most analysts don't believe it could carry out regular drone attacks in Pakistan.

The White House and CIA declined to comment for this story.

For as long as they are able to fly over Pakistan, CIA drones will hunt for senior al-Qaida figures, including Ayman al-Zawahiri, al-Qaida's leader, U.S. officials say. If the agency gets a clean shot at such a target, it will push the button, they say.

But as the CIA closes its remote Afghanistan outposts where case officers met with Pakistani sources and technicians eavesdropped on cellphones, intelligence collection will dry up, making militants harder to track.

"By the end of this year, we will have a noticeable degradation in our ability to collect intelligence on people of concern," said Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

Without commenting explicitly about drone strikes, Rogers criticized what he calls "a pullback in the counterterrorism strategy," a move he says "has made Americans a little less safe."

The current drone cease-fire in Pakistan is by far the longest pause since President George W. Bush ordered a stepped-up campaign of targeted strikes in that country's tribal area in the summer of 2008. The pace intensified under Obama. All told, there have been 354 strikes in Pakistan since 2004, according to the Long War Journal, an online publication that tracks the strikes through media reports.

But the rate of strikes began falling in 2011 and decreased each year since. Last year, Obama announced stricter targeting criteria, including a provision that no strike would occur unless there was "a near certainty" that civilians would not be harmed.

Even before that, American officials appear to have made the calculation that it was no longer worth it to attack lower-level militants in Pakistan, given the bitter opposition to the attacks in that country. Last year, an analysis by the New America Foundation found that just 58 known militant leaders had been killed in drone strikes in Pakistan, representing just 2 percent of the total deaths.

Obama seemed to allude to the backlash Wednesday when he said, "Our actions should meet a simple test: We must not create more enemies than we take off the battlefield."

In December, the Obama administration reached an informal deal with Pakistan that the CIA would suspend drone strikes — except against the most senior al-Qaida leaders — while the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif pursues peace talks with the Taliban. The talks have sputtered, and last week Pakistani fighter jets killed more than 60 people in North Waziristan, a militant stronghold, according to local media reports.

But Pakistani officials say the cessation in drone strikes has strengthened support for counterterrorism operations among a public that deeply resented an American bombing campaign on its soil. A senior Pakistani official said the hiatus made the government feel like the U.S. was hearing their concerns.

Mohammad Sajjad/AP

**Pakistan women take part in an April 2011 rally against the U.S. drone strikes in Pakistani tribal areas in Peshawar, Pakistan.**

# White House touts energy policy as new rules loom

By Jim Kuhnhenn
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's administration, setting the stage for upcoming restrictions on coal-fired power plants, is making a concerted effort to cast its energy policy as an economic success that is creating jobs, securing the world's biggest oil consumer against international upheavals and shifting energy use to cleaner sources.

In a 42-page report to be released Thursday, the White House argues that significant increases in the domestic production of natural gas and reductions in oil consumption have better positioned the United States to advance its economic and environmental goals. The U.S. is a top oil importer, second only to China, and remains the No. 1 consumer of oil.

Few of the report's conclusions are new, but it includes a detailed analysis of how past reliance on petroleum imports made the U.S. economy especially susceptible to oil price shocks, a vulnerability that White House economists say has been diminished by a reduced U.S. demand for foreign oil.

The report, obtained in advance by The Associated Press, is designed to inoculate the administration against criticism that new Environmental Protection Agency regulations on coal-fired power plants, expected to be unveiled Monday, will increase electricity costs, cost jobs and be a drag on economic growth. Conservatives and business groups such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have argued that the reductions in emissions will be too small and the consequences to the economy too large to justify new restrictions.

While the White House economic report does not address those criticisms directly, it says greater domestic energy production, the use of wind and solar power and the reduction in oil consumption "have had substantial economic and energy security benefits, and they are helping to reduce carbon emissions in the energy sector and thereby tackle the challenge posed by climate change."y

# DHS secretary asks to study immigration releases

By Alicia A. Caldwell
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson is asking for an internal review of the Obama administration's release of tens of thousands of immigrants in the country illegally who were convicted of crimes and facing deportation. He's telling lawmakers he wants a deeper understanding of the issue.

Federal data published this month showed that the Homeland Security Department released 36,007 convicted criminal immigrants last year who are facing deportation, including those accounting for 193 homicide and 426 sexual assault convictions. The immigrants nearly all still face deportation and are required to check in with immigration authorities while their deportation cases are pending.

News of the releases, which came amid an ongoing review of the Obama administration's deportation policies, incensed Republican lawmakers who contend that President Barack Obama has not properly enforced immigration laws. The House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., said the releases "needlessly endanger Americans' lives."

In testimony sent to Congress ahead of a hearing by the committee Thursday, Johnson said he was "committed to enforcing our immigration laws in a manner that best promotes and ensures national security, public safety and border security." He said he has asked for a "deeper understanding" of the releases, and he pledged to continue to work with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to ensure public safety.

Johnson said many of the releases were directed by an immigration judge or were prompted by other legal requirements. His written testimony did not provide additional details.

The White House said this week it asked Johnson to delay completing his review of deportation policies until the end of the summer. It was a move aimed at salvaging hope for Congress to act on an immigration bill before November's midterm elections.

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# 8 cars earn a top rating for collision warnings

By Dee-Ann Durbin
*The Associated Press*

DETROIT — The 2014 Chevrolet Impala was the only non-luxury car to earn the highest safety rating in new tests of high-tech crash prevention systems.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety tested cars equipped with collision warning and automatic braking systems. It gave a "superior" rating to cars that both warned the driver of a potential collision and applied the automatic brakes to significantly slow the cars.

The BMW 5 Series, BMW X5, Mercedes-Benz E-Class, Buick Regal, Cadillac CTS, Cadillac XTS and 2015 Hyundai Genesis also earned "superior" ratings in the test results released Thursday.

Collision warning and automatic braking systems use radars, cameras and lasers to determine if a vehicle is getting too close to the car in front of it. Most of the systems warn the driver — audibly, with vibrations in the seat, or both — and prepare the brakes to maximize their effect when the driver presses them.

In some cases, the vehicles brake themselves. That action may not prevent a crash, the institute said, but reducing the speed before the car hits something can help make crashes — and injuries — less severe.

The Impala's rating wasn't affected by a government investigation of one driver's report that the automatic braking system went off several times without warning, eventually causing an accident. Insurance Institute spokesman Russ Rader said the group is aware of the investigation but had no issues with the Impala in testing.

The Virginia-based institute, which is funded by insurers, began testing and rating the systems last fall in hopes of pressuring automakers to adopt them as standard equipment.

Tests are conducted at 12 miles per hour and 25 miles per hour. In the highest-rated cars, the brakes slowed the cars to 2 or 3 mph or less.

Thirteen 2014 models earned "advanced" ratings, meaning they warned drivers but their brakes reduced the speed only moderately. Those vehicles were: the BMW 3 Series, Buick LaCrosse, Lexus IS, Audi A3, Audi A6, BMW 3 Series, Dodge Durango, Lexus GS, Mercedes-Benz CLA, Infiniti QX50 and Infiniti QX70. The BMW 5 Series and BMW X5, which won superior ratings when equipped with a radar and camera, earned "advanced" ratings when equipped with City Brake, a camera-only system.

Three models earned "basic" ratings, meaning they warned drivers of a potential collision but reduced the car's speed by less than 5 mph. They were: the BMW 3 Series (without City Brake), the Infiniti Q70 and the Toyota Avalon.

Jacquelyn Martin/AP

**Steven Paska, 26, center, of Arlington, Va., asks his girlfriend Jessica Deegan, 27, to marry him in April in Washington. Society's actual gender roles are shifting, with more women being breadwinners than ever before. But when it comes to dating, Americans' attitudes toward money and gender roles hew to the traditional and sometimes conflict, according to a new poll.**

# Contradictions abound in the new dating game

By Jennifer Agiesta
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Who ever said the dating game was logical?

A new Associated Press-WE tv poll turns up all kinds of contradictions when people lay out their thoughts on dating, especially when it comes to money and gender roles.

Seven in 10 of those surveyed say it's unacceptable to expect a date to pay for everything. But most still say it's a man's job to pay for the first date.

Most say it's OK to ask someone out because he or she seems successful. But even more say it's unacceptable to turn down people because they haven't had much success.

One-third think it's OK to search for online clues about a potential first date's success in life. But very few say daters should pay attention to each other's finances before they are exclusive.

Overall, the traits that men and women rate as important hew to traditional gender roles.

Men and women agree that personality is the most important trait to consider when deciding whether to go on a first date with someone, and very few overall say money is a top consideration. Yet men are more apt than women to prioritize looks, while most women place greater emphasis on a suitor's financial situation and career ambitions.

It's not just older people who feel that way: The differences are amplified among younger singles. About half of single men under age 45 say looks are a priority; 70 percent of single women under 45 call career ambitions key.

There's a clear gender gap on finances.

Men are less likely than women to say they're comfortable dating someone who makes significantly more money than they do — 71 percent of women would be comfortable in that situation compared with 59 percent of men. Women are more wary of dating someone who earns less — 43 percent of men would be OK dating someone with a significantly lower salary; just 28 percent of women would.

More broadly, uncoupled Americans are squeamish about dating those whose financial situations may not equal their own. A shaky financial past is generally acceptable (more say they're comfortable dating someone who grew up in a poor family than in a wealthy one), but a questionable present inspires doubt. Just 16 percent say they would be comfortable dating someone who is unemployed, 23 percent someone with significant student loan debt.

Once dating turns to commitment and love, money is a bigger consideration for women when deciding whether to wed. Among men who aren't married or living with a partner, 84 percent say they'd marry someone they love regardless of whether she or he could provide financial security. Women are more cautious — just 61 percent would choose marriage for love without regard to financial standing.

Over time, Americans' views on how women ought to balance family and career have shifted in favor of greater choice for women. But the new poll also finds a more restrictive view on how men with a family ought to view their career, suggesting the rules many apply to dating continue once families are formed.

A Time/Yankelovich survey conducted in March 1978 found that about three-quarters of Americans felt women ought to put their husbands and children ahead of their careers and felt women with young children shouldn't work outside the home unless it's financially necessary. Now, about half hold those views.

But the new poll also found that half of Americans believe a man with a family has a responsibility to choose a higher-paying job over one that is more satisfying, up from 42 percent who felt that way in 1978.

The poll was conducted in conjunction with WE tv ahead of the launch of the show "Mystery Millionaire."

The AP-WE tv Poll was conducted May 16-19 using KnowledgePanel, GfK's probability-based online panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. It involved online interviews with 1,354 adults, including an oversample of 310 adults who have never been married. Results for all respondents have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

# Calif. town votes to end dispute over hot sauce

*The Associated Press*

IRWINDALE, Calif. — The fiery fight is apparently over between the makers of a popular hot sauce and a small Southern California city that said its factory's smells were unbearable.

The Irwindale City Council voted Wednesday night to drop a public nuisance declaration and lawsuit against Huy Fong Foods, makers of Sriracha hot sauce. The dual moves brought an effective end to the spicy-air dispute that had Sriracha devotees worried about future sauce shortages and had suitors including the state of Texas offering Huy Fong a friendlier home.

The closed-session council vote was unanimous with one councilman abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune reported.

Residents and business leaders praised the vote that some called overdue.

"Thank you so much for saving Irwindale because we were headed in the wrong direction," Fred Barbosa, who lives in Irwindale, told the Tribune after the vote.

Bob Machuca of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. said the resolution showed California is "open for business" and is "what we needed to do a long time ago."

The city of about 1,400 people had been at odds with the company, which recently moved its main operations there, after residents complained last year of spicy odors burned their throats and eyes.

It wasn't immediately clear what prompted the council change its position, but the company had been asking the city for more time as it worked with regional air-quality officials on a plan to make the smell go away.

But city officials met behind closed doors Tuesday with company CEO David Tran and representatives of Gov. Jerry Brown's Business and Economic Development Office. Afterward Mayor Mark Breceda said he would ask the council to end the fight.

Tran, an immigrant from Vietnam whose company produces several chili sauces based on the flavors of his native country, said Tuesday that he installed stronger filters at the plant, and he's confident they will block fumes when the chili-grinding season begins in August.

Nick Ut/AP

**The Irwindale City Council voted Wednesday night to drop a public nuisance declaration and lawsuit against Huy Fong Foods, makers of Sriracha hot sauce.**

NATION

# In a class of its own

## New Orleans district closes public schools in favor of all-charter model

By Lyndsey Layton
*The Washington Post*

NEW ORLEANS — The second-graders paraded to the dumpster in the rear parking lot, where they chucked boxes of old work sheets, notebooks and other detritus into the trash, emptying their school for good.

Benjamin Banneker Elementary closed Wednesday as New Orleans' Recovery School District permanently shuttered its last five traditional public schools this week.

Sharell Washington was absorbing the school closing.

"I'm sad. I like this school," said Sharell, a bright-eyed 8-year-old who does not know where she will attend school in the fall. "I've been here since kindergarten, and I know a lot about this school. I have friends here. They always have my back."

With the start of the next school year, the Recovery School District will be the first in the country made up completely of public charter schools, a milestone for New Orleans and a grand experiment in urban education for the nation.

It has been two decades since the first public charter school opened in Minnesota, conceived as a laboratory where innovations could be tested before their introduction into public schools. Now, 42 states encourage charters as an alternative to conventional schools, and enrollment has been growing, particularly in cities.

In New Orleans, under the Recovery School District, the Louisiana state agency that seized control of almost all public schools after Hurricane Katrina ravaged the city in 2005, the traditional system has been swept away.

The creation of the country's first all-charter school system has improved education for many children in New Orleans, but it also has severed ties to a community institution, the neighborhood school, and amplified concerns about racial equality and loss of parental control.

An all-charter district signals the dismantling of the central school bureaucracy and a shift of power to dozens of independent school operators, who will assume all the corresponding functions: the authority to hire and fire teachers and administrators, maintain buildings, run buses and provide services to special-needs students.

Of the Recovery School District's 600 employees, 510 will be out of a job by week's end. All 33,000 students in the district must apply for a seat at one of the 58 public charter schools, relying on a computerized lottery to determine placement.

Edmund D. Fountain/For The Washington Post

**Ashiria Glasper, 6, and her peers take part in a physical education class May 27 at the Akili Academy charter school in New Orleans.**

Critics of the all-charter New Orleans model say it is undemocratic, because leaders of charter schools are not accountable to voters. They also say the system is challenging for parents, who have to figure out logistics that were not an issue when their children walked to neighborhood schools.

"They don't answer to anyone," said Sean Johnson, the dean of students at Banneker, whose father attended the school while growing up in the Black Pearl neighborhood. "The charters have money and want to make more money. They have their own boards, make their own rules, accept who they want and put out who they want to put out."

Advocates say the all-charter model empowers parents.

"We've reinvented how schools run," said Neerav Kingsland of New Schools for New Orleans, which promotes and supports charter schools. He is leaving the organization to try to export the model to other cities. "If I am unhappy with service I'm getting in a school, I can pull my kid out and go to another school tomorrow. I don't have to wait four years for an election cycle so I can vote for one member of a seven-member board that historically has been corrupt."

# Snowden calls his actions patriotic

By Fred Barbash
*The Washington Post*

Edward Snowden, in an hour-long television interview broadcast Wednesday night, portrayed himself as a "patriot" who broke the law in an act of "civil disobedience" directed at "massive" constitutional violations by the U.S. government.

While Snowden said he would like to return to the United States from Russia, where he sought asylum after leaking thousands of documents detailing the extent of the government's sprawling surveillance program, he said he was not about to "walk into a jail cell."

That, he said, would serve as a "bad example for other people in government who see something happening, some violation of the Constitution, and think they need to say something about it."

Snowden, a fugitive, has been charged with theft and espionage by the U.S. government.

Asked directly by NBC's Brian Williams whether he was looking for "clemency or amnesty," Snowden said, "I don't think there's ever been any question that I'd like to go home. I mean, I've from day one said that I'm doing this to serve my country. Now, whether amnesty or clemency ever becomes a possibility is not for me to say.

"That's a debate for the public and the government to decide," said Snowden, whose leaked documents detailing the U.S. government's sprawling surveillance efforts sparked an additional debate over that program's future.

He said disclosing those documents was an act of patriotism. "Being a patriot doesn't mean prioritizing service to government about all else," said Snowden, who was interviewed in Moscow. "Being a patriot means knowing when to protect your country and knowing when to protect the Constitution against the encroachment of adversaries. Adversaries don't have to be foreign governments. They can be bad policies."

Asked about his relationship with the Russian government, he said he had none.

On Wednesday, Secretary of State John Kerry characterized Snowden's actions as "betrayal," telling him to "man up" and return home.

The government has charged the one-time National Security Agency contractor with theft and violations of the 1917 Espionage Act for disclosing the details of the government's electronic spying program to news organizations.

**Edward Snowden speaks to NBC News anchor Brian Williams during an exclusive interview.**

The former analyst, who now describes himself as someone who was a "spy" when he did work for the NSA, said he didn't bring any documents to Russia because he thought that would make him look like "Tweety Bird to Sylvester the Cat. I [would] look like a little walking chicken leg with all these documents."

The course that ultimately brought him to Russia, Snowden says, began with the September 11, 2001, attacks. The attack, he claimed, changed him. In 2004, he enlisted in the U.S. Army special forces, but an injury sidelined his military aspirations. NBC reported he had broke both his legs, but didn't provide additional details.

# White males dominate workforce at Google

By Martha Mendoza
*The Associated Press*

SAN JOSE, Calif. — In a groundbreaking disclosure, Google revealed how very white and male its workforce is — just 2 percent of its Googlers are black, 3 percent are Hispanic, and 30 percent are women.

The search giant said Wednesday that the transparency about its workforce — the first disclosure of its kind in the largely white, male tech sector — is an important step toward change.

"Simply put, Google is not where we want to be when it comes to diversity," Google Inc. senior vice president Laszlo Bock wrote in a blog.

The numbers were compiled as part of a report that major U.S. employers must file with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Companies are not required to make the information public.

The gender divide is based on the roughly 44,000 people Google employed throughout the world at the start of this year. The company didn't factor about 4,000 workers at its Motorola Mobility division, which is being sold to China's Lenovo Group for $2.9 billion. The racial data is limited to Google's roughly 26,600 workers in the U.S. as of August 2013.

Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg recently said the social networking company is headed toward disclosure as well, but it was important to share the data internally first.

Apple Inc., Twitter, Hewlett-Packard Co. and Microsoft Corp. did not respond immediately to queries about possible plans to disclose data.

Bock said Google has been working to diversify.

Since 2010, the firm has given more than $40 million to organizations working to bring computer science education to women and girls, he said. The company also is working with historically black colleges and universities to elevate coursework and attendance in computer science.

Gender and ethnic disparities are reflected throughout the tech industry.

About 7 percent of tech workers are black or Latino in Silicon Valley and nationally. Blacks and Hispanics make up 13.1 and 16.9 percent of the U.S. population, respectively, according to the most recent Census data.

WORLD

# Ukraine military helo shot down; at least 12 dead

By Peter Leonard and Alexander Zemlianichenko
*The Associated Press*

SLOVYANSK, Ukraine — Rebels in eastern Ukraine shot down a government military helicopter Thursday amid heavy fighting around Slovyansk, killing at least 12 soldiers including a general, officials said.

Acting President Oleksandr Turchynov told the parliament in Kiev that rebels used a portable air defense missile to bring down the helicopter. He said 14 died, including Gen. Serhiy Kulchytskiy, according to the Interfax news agency.

Ukraine's National Guards put the death toll at 12 including the general, but said information about the crash was still being clarified. It said one soldier was badly wounded.

Slovyansk, a city of 120,000 residents 100 miles from the Russian border, has become the epicenter of fighting between pro-Russia insurgents and government forces in recent weeks. It's in the Donetsk region, one of the two provinces in eastern Ukraine that have declared independence from the central government in Kiev.

An Associated Press reporter saw the helicopter go down amid a trail of black smoke. Gunshots were heard in Slovyansk near the crash site and a Ukrainian air force jet was seen circling above. It was too dangerous to visit the site itself.

Turchynov said the helicopter was rotating troops into a checkpoint when it came under rebel fire. Residential areas in Slovyansk have regularly come under mortar shelling from government positions on a hill above the city, causing civilian casualties and prompting some residents to flee.

Interfax said Kulchytskiy had once served in the Soviet army and was in charge of combat training for Ukraine's National Guards.

Billionaire candy magnate Petro Poroshenko, who just won Ukraine's presidential vote, has promised to negotiate with people in the east but has also vowed to uproot the armed rebels. He is not yet in charge however — a date is still being set for his swearing-in early next month — and has not spoken about the insurgency since his victory speech Monday.

Russia's Foreign Ministry on Thursday denounced the use of aircraft and artillery against the rebels and demanded that Kiev end a "fratricidal war and launch a real political dialogue with all political forces and representatives of the regions."

The ministry said it would be impossible to restore peace in Ukraine without ending the government's military action against the rebels and withdrawing Ukrainian troops from the east. It called on the West to use its clout with Kiev to "stop Ukraine from sliding into a national catastrophe."

The separatists in Ukraine have pleaded to join Russia, but President Vladimir Putin has ignored their appeal in an apparent bid to de-escalate tensions with the West and avoid a new round of Western sanctions.

Putin has denied sending any troops into Ukraine, but fighters from Russia, including from the battle-hardened region of Chechnya, have been appearing among the separatists.

An insurgent in Donetsk, who identified himself only by his nom de guerre, Baran (Ram), told reporters Thursday that 33 Russian citizens were among the rebels killed earlier this week.

Dozens of rebels were killed — insurgent leaders said the death toll might be up to 100 fighters — when Ukrainian forces used combat jets and helicopter gunships Monday to dislodge those trying to seize control of Donetsk airport, Ukraine's second-largest.

Efrem Lukatsky/AP

**A Ukrainian soldier smokes a cigarette while guarding a checkpoint outside Slovyansk, Ukraine, on Thursday.**

# Kazakhstan, Belarus set new alliance with Russia

By Vladimir Isachenkov
*The Associated Press*

MOSCOW — The leaders of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan on Thursday created an economic union that intends to boost cooperation between the ex-Soviet neighbors, a pact which was at the source of the crisis in Ukraine.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said the Eurasian Economic Union — which Moscow had pushed Ukraine to join, helping spark the worst crisis in relations between Russia and the West since the Cold War — takes the countries' cooperation to a "new level" while respecting their sovereignty.

"We are creating a powerful and attractive center of economic development, a major regional market bringing together over 170 million people," Putin said during talks in Kazakhstan's capital, Astana.

He added that the pact would allow the countries to exploit their economic potential and strengthen their positions in global markets.

With a combined annual economic output of $2.2 trillion a year, the alliance's economic size would be close to that of Britain and well below that of the U.S.' $17 trillion.

The union is the development of the existing Customs Union including the same nations. In addition to free trade, it coordinates the members' financial systems and regulates industrial and agricultural policies along with their labor markets and transport systems. The deal stops short of introducing a single currency and delays the creation of a common energy market.

The signing followed years of tense negotiations, and many differences have remained.

# Former military chief el-Sissi wins Egypt presidency in a landslide

*The Associated Press*

CAIRO — With nearly all ballots counted, Egypt's former military chief has won a crushing victory over his sole opponent in the country's presidential election, his campaign said Thursday. But the results were stained by questions about turnout despite a robust government effort to get out the vote.

Retired field marshal Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi won more than 92 percent of the votes, compared with 2.9 percent for his sole opponent and 4 percent of invalid votes, according to a tally released by his campaign.

His victory was never in doubt, but the career infantry officer had pushed for an overwhelming turnout as well to bestow legitimacy on his ouster last July of Egypt's first freely elected president, the Islamist Mohammed Morsi.

Turnout was more than 46 percent after officials extended voting to a third day, according to interim President Adly Mansour.

That figure was lower than the 52 percent turnout in the 2012 presidential election that vaulted Morsi to power. It also was lower than the bar el-Sissi himself set in his last campaign interview, when he said he wanted three-quarters of the country's 54 million registered voters to cast ballots so he could "show the world" his support.

Still, el-Sissi can genuinely claim he comes into office with an impressive vote tally of 23.38 million votes — significantly more than the 13 million won by Morsi two years ago. His sole opponent, leftist politician Hamdeen Sabahi, received 736,000 votes.

It was telling that Sabahi, who came in third in the previous election, garnered less than the 1.03 million spoiled ballots cast.

Official election commission figures will likely be released next week but are not expected to change much due to the wide gap in results.

Addressing a news conference on Thursday, Sabahi accepted defeat. But he said the turnout figure was not credible, adding, "It is an insult to the intelligence of Egyptians." Earlier, when voting was extended to a third day, he protested that it aimed to "distort" the people's will.

Hesaidseriousviolationsmarred the balloting itself — though not enough to significantly change the outcome. His campaign pulled its representatives from polling stations Wednesday to protest what it called intimidation and arrests of its staffers, one of whom was referred to a military tribunal.

Lobna Tarek, El Shorouk Newspaper/AP

**Election workers count ballots at a counting center in Cairo on Wednesday.**

# WORLD

Wason Wanichakorn/AP

**Thai schoolgirls have their photographs taken with soldiers guarding the area to prevent an anti-coup demonstration at Victory Monument in Bangkok on Thursday.**

# Thai troops block coup protests

By Thanyarat Doksone
*The Associated Press*

BANGKOK — More than 1,000 Thai troops and police sealed off one of Bangkok's busiest intersections Thursday to prevent a planned protest, as authorities said they would no longer allow any demonstrations against last week's military coup.

Truckloads of soldiers blocked all incoming roads to the capital's Victory Monument in a massive show of force at the height of evening rush hour in an area that serves as one of the city's commuter bus hubs.

More than a dozen police prisoner trucks were parked along the emptied roundabout, but there was little sign of protesters, who have come out almost daily to defy a ban on political gatherings.

A Belgian man was detained for wearing a T-shirt saying "PEACE PLEASE," and two Thai women were taken away on a police truck after they showed signs with anti-coup messages.

The anti-coup demonstrations have been generally small and mostly leaderless but protesters had planned to gather Thursday and called for a mass rally on Sunday.

Gen. Somyot Poompanmoung, the deputy national police chief, said the small protests would no longer be allowed. He said nine companies of soldiers and police — about 1,350 — were deployed in Thursday's operation.

"We know their rally is mainly for symbolic reasons, but it's against the law," he said. "We have to keep the law sacred."

Somyot warned that if protesters change their tactics, "we are ready to tackle that."

Earlier, in another part of the city, about 100 students held an anti-coup protest on the campus of prestigious Thammasat University which ended peacefully.

The large army deployment came a day after hundreds of protesters gathered at Victory Monument and outnumbered soldiers. Scuffles broke out in which water bottles and other objects were hurled at soldiers, and a green army Humvee was vandalized with large white letters reading, "NO COUP. GET OUT."

The mounting tension comes a week after the army seized power, overthrowing a government that won a landslide election victory three years earlier. The army says it had to act to restore order after seven months of increasingly violent political turbulence.

Earlier Thursday, the army told foreign media that it eventually plans to hold elections, but offered no time frame for guiding the country back to democratic rule.

"We neither have any ambition nor desire to cling to power," said Lt. Gen. Chatchalerm Chalermsukh, the army's deputy chief of staff. "We will definitely have an election," he said, but "this will take some time. If you ask me how long it will take, that's difficult to answer."

In the past week, the junta has acted to silence its critics and has warned that it will not tolerate dissent.

# Jonathan pledges to save girls

*The Associated Press*

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigeria's leader vowed on Thursday to "do everything possible to bring our daughters home," referring to the mass abduction of more than 300 schoolgirls, and said the Islamic extremists who kidnapped them threaten the country's democratic gains.

"It is a sad fact that as I address you today, all the gains of the past 15 years of democratic governance in our country are threatened by the presence of international terrorism on our shores," President Goodluck Jonathan said in a speech marking Nigeria's transformation from decades of military dictatorship. He also blamed the Islamic uprising on "extremist foreign elements" and offered amnesty to those who renounce violence.

Jonathan gave no details of what is being done to rescue the girls who the military claimed this week it has located. But the military chief said he fears using force to rescue them could get them killed. Jonathan has ruled out swapping the girls, who were kidnapped from a school in the town of Chibok on April 15, for detained insurgents.

Boko Haram started off as a moderate religious sect that preached Western influences have corrupted Nigerian society and caused the massive graft that impoverishes the nation and keeps people in the northeast among the poorest of the poor.

Jonathan has promised to address the poverty that helps fuel the uprising — but only once the insurgency is put down.

Sunday Alamba/AP

**Women sing slogans in Abuja, Nigeria, on Wednesday while calling on the government to rescue the girls kidnapped from the school in Chibok.**

## N. Korea OKs kidnap probe

TOKYO — North Korea has agreed to open a new investigation into the fate of Japanese citizens whom it abducted in the 1970s and 1980s, Japan and North Korea said Thursday.

North Korea's official news agency KCNA said that Japan voiced its intent to lift sanctions on the country. Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters that lifting sanctions would depend on progress in the investigation.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the agreement was just a first step toward resolving the kidnapping issue that has long kept the nations at odds.

It came after three days of talks between North Korean and Japanese officials in Stockholm earlier this week.

From The Associated Press

# Officials: Missing jet is not in search area

By Barbara Demick
*Los Angeles Times*

BEIJING — The case of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 became ever more mysterious Thursday as Australia claimed that the missing airliner is not in the more than 300-square-mile patch of ocean where authorities have been searching since early April.

The admission came after a U.S. Navy official disclosed that the four "pings" once described as the most promising clues to the plane's supposed location in the southern Indian Ocean most likely did not come from the plane's black boxes.

"I wouldn't say we are back to square one, but maybe to square one-and-a-half," said Ron Bishop, an Australian search-and-rescue expert and head of aviation at Central Queensland University.

The flight disappeared March 8 on its way from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people aboard. Between April 5 and April 8, officials announced that an Australian ship equipped with a U.S.-made towed pinger locator had detected four signals that matched the frequency of the missing Boeing 777's black boxes.

The U.S. Navy's deputy director of ocean engineers, Michael Dean, said in an interview late Wednesday with CNN that the pings probably didn't come from the plane.

"Our best theory at this point is that (the pings were) likely some sound produced by the ship," he was quoted telling CNN.

The Australian task force coordinating the search indirectly confirmed Dean's assessment in an obliquely worded statement on Thursday.

"The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has advised that the search in the vicinity of the acoustic detections can now be considered complete and in its professional judgment, the area can now be discounted as the final resting place of MH370," read the statement from the Joint Agency Coordination Center.

The announcement bolstered various conspiracy theorists who believe that the plane was hijacked, and heartened some family members who believe that passengers might still be alive and held hostage somewhere.

"To a family member, it is good news that the plane is not under the water of the Indian Ocean ... the hope has come back," said Sarah Bajc, an American teacher working in Beijing whose partner, Philip Wood, was one of the passengers.

One of the most vocal of the passengers' relatives, Bajc said that the initial announcement that signals had been detected from the plane struck many family members as too convenient.

"Wow, the first time the ping tracers went into the water they find the ping, like it is magical," Bajc said.

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**Left: Land grab victims from Michaung Kan village stage a sit-in April 28 at their protest camp in front of City Hall in Yangon, Myanmar. They were protesting land confiscation by the military many years ago. Above: Photos, flowers, bananas and coconuts are offered by the protesters to the "Demon of Earth" at a makeshift altar in front of their camp. With their petitions to the government going unanswered, the villagers have turned to black magic for help.**

# 'This is our last weapon'

## Myanmar villagers petition the supernatural to punish entities who seized their homes

BY AYE AYE WIN
*The Associated Press*

YANGON, Myanmar — Victims of land grabs in Myanmar have eagerly tested newfound freedoms by protesting and sending petitions to the president and parliament, to no avail. Now some are turning to old ways: Curses and black magic.

Coffins marked with the names of those who seized property have been set ablaze. In rugged central regions of the country, aggrieved villagers have prayed for mountain gods to unleash their wrath.

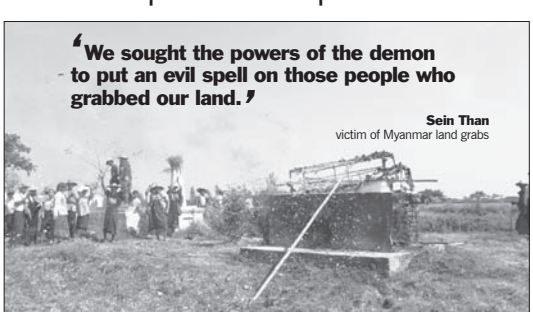
"This is our last weapon," said Sein Than, who was among 200 families evicted from homes at Michaung Kan in eastern Yangon, where they had lived for generations. He and dozens of others presented offerings — and pleas — to "demons of the Earth."

"Punish those who grab our land and desecrate the pagoda," they chanted in front of a Buddhist temple. "Drag them to the lowest level of being and keep them there forever."

Land seizures by the military, the government and private companies linked to junta cronies have long been commonplace in this Southeast Asian country, whether for development or the extraction of natural resources.

Many of those who lost their land in the biggest land grabs in the 1990s were relocated to remote areas. Some became squatters on their own land, or were allowed to continue farming if they paid rent. Some houses of farmers who did not give up their land have been bulldozed.

The elected government that ended a half-century of dictatorship in 2011 has restored speech freedoms, released political prisoners and implemented other changes that have prompted the international community to ease sanctions. Many victims of land grabs had hoped new government would help them, but evictions have continued.




DAILY ELEVEN/AP

**Farmers set fire to three coffins as they perform the "funeral" for those who confiscated more than 1,000 acres of their farmland in Bago, Myanmar.**

Some who have challenged the system have been charged with disrupting public tranquility or violating a new law on peaceful assemblies, offenses punishable by up to two years in prison.

Sein Thein and other families from Mi chaung Kan were among those staging frequent protests in front of Yangon's city hall. Their sit-in protest is in its second month, but with few options available to them, some now see appealing to mystical forces as a last resort.

"We sought the powers of the demon to put an evil spell on those people who grabbed our land," said Sein Than.

Myanmar is predominantly Buddhist, but spirit worship and animists are tolerated and deeply embedded in the society. People worship spirits either to ward off evil befalling them or to bring good fortune. Belief in black magic and supernatural powers are more common in rural and ethnic areas.

It was uncommon, if not unheard of, to see people attempt to use black magic against Myanmar's former military rulers. Though successive Myanmar leaders have consulted astrologers for advice and guidance, there has been little to suggest that the tactics have upset officials.

About 120 miles north of Yangon, Myanmar's biggest city, farmers in Thegone township in Bago region went to a cemetery in mid-April and burned three mock coffins, wishing for the deaths for those who confiscated more than 1,000 acres of farmland. They prayed that their tormentors would go through the same pain and distress the farmers have felt.

In central Myanmar's Magwe region, where hundreds have been displaced by a copper mine project, people have held ceremonies calling on the guardian spirits of the mountains to punish those responsible for their suffering.

Women went to a spirit house at the edge of Wet Hmay village to ask the guardians of the region's 33 mountains to turn the people who stole their land into stone statues. They carried bamboo baskets filled with offerings such as coconuts, bananas, pickled tea leaves and cheroots, a sort of cigar made with ingredients such as tamarind, charcoal and the stem of an indigenous plant.

"We have appealed to various levels of government, we have appealed to the company, but our demands remain unanswered so far," said Than Than Htwe, a villager from Tone village whose 4 acres of farmland was taken by the mine company, a joint venture between a military-controlled holding company and China's Wanbao Mining Ltd.

"We now turn desperately to the spirits to help us and we believe those evil people will be punished," he said.

That was one case in which officials did react. Five organizers of the coffin burning have been charged with disrupting tranquility.

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FAITH

# ‘We’re going to get more of the post-gang era’

## Gang members take fewer seats over the years at Christian center

By Hector Becerra
*Los Angeles Times*

Photos by Barbara Davidson, Los Angeles Times/MCT

**Eliasar Avalos, left, and his sister, Angelina, wait for their parents after Pastor Joey Oquendo’s service at the Boyle Heights Christian Center in Los Angeles.**

LOS ANGELES — Pastor Pete Bradford, a reformed “dope fiend” from San Diego, went out into the streets of Boyle Heights looking for gang members to pray over. Finding them wasn’t hard.

It was the early 1990s, the era of “Boyz n the Hood” and “Colors” and gangsta rap. Everything about gang life in Los Angeles was loud — the jagged slashes of graffiti, the thrum of police helicopters, the percussion of gun blasts.

Bradford, who said God had called him to L.A.’s Eastside, opened the Boyle Heights Christian Center in a low-slung building on 1st Street. The Pentecostal church became known as a house of worship for gang members, drug addicts and lost souls.

“It was not unusual to hear gunshots every day,” recalled Bradford, 66, who decided to retire last spring when Parkinson’s disease made it difficult to control his body. “We had windows shot out. They weren’t shooting at us. They were shooting at each other.”

Now, the loudest sound isn’t gunshots, but the insistent, clattering roar of the Gold Line train that sometimes fuzzes out the sermons of Bradford’s young successor, Joey Oquendo. The streets where gang members once prowled are dotted with cafes, wine bars, community theaters, art galleries and bookstores.

On a recent morning, Oquendo hoisted drywall sheets into the church. The pulpit was bounded by the two-by-four skeletons of walls laid bare.

The gang members who once made up the bulk of the parish are mostly gone, leaving a congregation that can number fewer than 20. Some of the old-timers thought the 29-year-old Oquendo — who was born in New York to Puerto Rican parents but grew up in San Bernardino — too young, too inexperienced, not battle-hardened enough.

Oquendo said if they want to come back, he’ll welcome them. But the church will be different, because the neighborhood is different.

“There’s members who have been here forever, but in essence, a new church is starting,” Oquendo said. “Gang members want better things too. But because of who I am, and because of who my members are, we’re going to get more of the post-gang era.”

When the reconstruction of the church is finished, Oquendo said, even the name won’t be the same.

**Pastor Joey Oquendo helps renovate the worship center in March.**

### Gangs over time

Few neighborhoods influenced the way that gang members look, act and talk from New Mexico to El Salvador as much as the Eastside neighborhoods that include Boyle Heights. Some of the gangs went back to the Great Depression.

Even now, 34 gangs are squeezed into the 15-square-mile Hollenbeck area largely made up of Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights and El Sereno. But when Bradford came to Boyle Heights, L.A.’s gangs were especially bold.

In each of the three years after Bradford arrived in 1990, there were more than 2,000 homicides in L.A. County. In 1992, the LAPD’s Hollenbeck Division, which patrols Boyle Heights, had 86 killings, most of them gang-related. Father Gregory Boyle, the founder of Homeboy Industries, called the years from 1988 to 1998 “the decade of death.”

“One summer, someone died like for a month straight, every weekend,” said Charles Williams, 36, a drummer in the church band who joined when he was 15. “You couldn’t play basketball because they were shooting at the backboards.”

When Oquendo arrived, in 2013, L.A. County had 592 homicides, about a quarter as many as when Bradford began. Hollenbeck recorded just 14 homicides last year — a sharper decrease than in the rest of the county.

“The reputation of Boyle Heights to me was pretty much ‘American Me,’ you know, ‘Blood In, Blood Out,’” Oquendo said, referring to movies about Eastside street gangs. “But gang activity has died down a lot, not just in L.A, and Boyle Heights, but across the nation.”

### Neighborhood changes

After he was busted for drug possession in the late 1960s, Bradford was a fugitive for seven years, living in a hippie colony in Northern California and a tepee in New Mexico.

He became a minister and by the late 1980s was drawn to the stories of the gang violence in L.A. He arrived in a neighborhood dominated by housing projects and four gangs warring in close proximity.

Gang members at the time didn’t worry about so-called gang enhancements that levied tougher penalties for even basic crimes if someone was on a gang list. Proudly proclaiming gang fealty was the norm.

Bradford met Mike Garcia, now 69 and a retired gang member, who became his guide to the neighborhood’s wild side.

With Garcia’s help, he opened the back of the church as a gym, which attracted members of one gang and then others. Many joined the church.

“He would read you a Scripture from the Bible, and from there he would run with that Scripture into the streets, and related it to what he went through and what a lot of the guys went through,” Garcia said.

When the housing projects got torn down in the late 1990s, replaced with tidy condominiums and public housing, many of the gang members who had lived in the neighborhood or hung out there left.

Oquendo was preaching at a traditional church in San Antonio when he got the call about a small church in Boyle Heights.

He talked to his wife and said no. They had been in Texas eight months and had only begun to feel settled. But after consulting with her again — and God, he said — Oquendo changed his mind, and traded his slacks, dress shirt and tie for jeans, polo shirts and a New York Yankees cap.

Garcia said he decided to give the young pastor a chance. Oquendo had been in a tagging crew when he was a teenager, ending up in juvenile hall, and told a story about pulling a shotgun at a party — a moment that he said helped lead him to God.

But Garcia was surprised by his youth, and Oquendo’s sermons didn’t resonate with an experience shaped by the gang life.

Garcia left, but his daughter —whom he first took to the church when she was 10 — stayed as one of the Sunday school teachers.

For the moment, the church is diminished. Only a handful of the remaining parishioners ever claimed direct membership in a gang. You’ll still see a man or two with his old gang loyalties inked into his body. But now he may sit just a few feet from a 13-year-old girl wearing a Nirvana shirt.

The two pastors each carried messages for their time, Garcia said. But one message hasn’t changed: Come as you are. He’s confident that the church will grow again, even if it’s a different house of God.

Oquendo said he expects that the church’s new membership will be more diverse. He’s chosen a new name — Cityscape: Church of Los Angeles — that he hopes will help “redefine how people see our city.”

WORLD

# ‘Our children are getting fatter’

## Report: 30 percent of world is now overweight; no country is immune

By Maria Cheng
*The Associated Press*

LONDON — Almost a third of the world is now fat, and no country has been able to curb obesity rates in the last three decades, according to a new global analysis.

Researchers found more than 2 billion people worldwide are now overweight or obese. The highest rates were in the Middle East and North Africa, where nearly 60 percent of men and 65 percent of women are heavy. The U.S. has about 13 percent of the world's fat population, a greater percentage than any other country. China and India combined have about 15 percent.

“It's pretty grim,” said Christopher Murray of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, who led the study. He and colleagues reviewed more than 1,700 studies covering 188 countries from 1980 to 2013. “When we realized that not a single country has had a significant decline in obesity, that tells you how hard a challenge this is.”

> **‘Parts of the world are quite literally eating themselves to death.’**
> **Dr. Margaret Chan**
> WHO's director-general

Murray said there was a strong link between income and obesity; as people get richer, their waistlines also tend to start bulging. He said scientists have noticed accompanying spikes in diabetes and that rates of cancers linked to weight, like pancreatic cancer, are also rising.

The new report was paid for by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and published online Thursday in the journal, Lancet.

Last week, the World Health Organization established a high-level commission tasked with ending childhood obesity.

“Our children are getting fatter,” Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO's director-general, said bluntly during a speech at the agency's annual meeting in Geneva. “Parts of the world are quite literally eating themselves to death.” Earlier this year, WHO said that no more than 5 percent of your daily calories should come from sugar.

“Modernization has not been good for health,” said Syed Shah, an obesity expert at United Arab Emirates University, who found obesity rates have jumped five times in the last 20 years even in a handful of remote Himalayan villages in Pakistan. His research was presented this week at a conference in Bulgaria. “Years ago, people had to walk for hours if they wanted to make a phone call,” he said. “Now everyone has a cellphone.”

Shah also said the villagers no longer have to rely on their own farms for food.

“There are roads for (companies) to bring in their processed foods and the people don't have to slaughter their own animals for meat and oil,” he said. “No one knew about Coke and Pepsi 20 years ago. Now it's everywhere.”

In Britain, the independent health watchdog issued new advice Wednesday recommending that heavy people be sent to free weight-loss classes to drop about 3 percent of their weight. It reasoned that losing just a few pounds improves health and is more realistic. About two in three adults in the U.K. are overweight, making it the fattest country in Western Europe.

“This is not something where you can just wake up one morning and say, ‘I am going to lose 10 pounds,’” said Mike Kelly, the agency's public health director, in a statement. “It takes resolve and it takes encouragement.”

Mark Lennihan/AP

**Two overweight women hold a conversation in New York in 2012. Researchers reviewed more than 1,700 studies covering 188 countries covering over three decades and found more than 2 billion people worldwide classified as overweight or obese. The highest rates of obesity were found in the Middle East and North Africa, with the U.S. having about 13 percent of the world's fat population.**

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**Customers of all shapes and sizes sit at street cafes in Egypt.**

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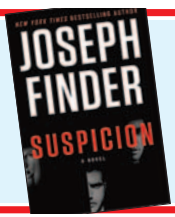


*Single dad Danny Goodman finds himself unable to afford the private school his teenage daughter adores and accepts a loan that brings the DEA into his life and leads to an impossible choice: indictment for accepting drug money or an unthinkably treacherous undercover assignment.*

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FACES

# Prankster arrested for rushing, touching Pitt

*The Associated Press*

A man arrested after rushing up and touching Brad Pitt on the red carpet at the Hollywood premiere of the movie "Maleficent" is a Ukrainian journalist with a history of getting too close to celebrities.

Los Angeles police officer Sally Madera identified the suspect Thursday as Vitalii Sediuk. He was jailed Wednesday on suspicion of misdemeanor battery at the El Capitan Theatre and was held in lieu of $20,000 bail.

Witnesses saw the man from the fan area jump over a barrier onto the red carpet and rush at Pitt, touching him briefly before security guards wrestled him back across the barrier. He was led away in handcuffs. Police could only confirm that he made contact with Pitt, and could not classify it any further.

Pitt, who was apparently unhurt, resumed signing autographs before walking into the theater.

In February Sediuk, 25, was cited for trespassing after grabbing the microphone before Adele accepted an award at the Grammys. Last year, Will Smith slapped Sediuk after he tried to kiss him on a red carpet, and he drew Madonna's ire a year earlier by presenting her a bouquet of flowers.

JOHN SHEARER, INVISION/AP

**Angelina Jolie, left, and Brad Pitt arrive at the world premiere of "Maleficent" in Los Angeles on Wednesday.**

# Bella Thorne plays a tomboy in 'Blended'

BY RICK BENTLEY
*The Fresno Bee*

The first time Bella Thorne slipped into the look she would wear through the majority of the romantic comedy "Blended," she reacted the way any other teenager would.

"The thing that ran through my mind was that this was not a cute look," Thorne says of the boyish clothes and wig. "But, while it was a look I would have never picked, it did show me how much I like playing characters. I now know I don't just want to play the pretty girl all the time."

Thorne's transformation is so complete that she looks nothing like the aspiring dancer she played in the Disney Channel series "Shake It Up."

She plays Hilary, the daughter of the character played by Adam Sandler. He's a single father of three girls — Thorne playing the oldest — who has done his best but treats the girls as if they were boys.

Thorne's character goes along with this until she meets a young man on a mixed-up family vacation. "Blended" is the story of a single dad (Sandler) and a single mom (Drew Barrymore) who meet on a disastrous first date. But through a series of comic twists, the couple — and their children — end up sharing an African vacation.

Filming in Africa was a fun learning experience for Thorne. She found it a great opportunity to learn from Sandler and Barrymore, whom she's been a fan of since she first saw "The Wedding Singer."

"I definitely learned a lot from them because they are both such great comedians and famous for making people laugh. For me, it was just a matter of you hope they think you are funny. I was way too nervous around them because of that," Thorne says. "But, it ended up being a very fun set."

During the weeks she was in Africa, Thorne found Barrymore to be somewhere between a mom and sister in the way she treated her. But even with all of the strong on-set connections, Thorne found it tough to be away from her real home for so long.

The 16-year-old actress has a lot of projects going. Along with six more feature films waiting to be released, she's the new Candie's girl, has just released the new single "Call It Whatever" and signed a three-book deal with Random House. Thorne loves everything she's doing, but she is particularly proud of the upcoming "Autumn Falls" book series because she had to overcome dyslexia when she was younger. That conquest is a main motivation in her becoming an author.

"I love writing my book series because I want kids all over the world to know that if I can write a book — three books — then they can do anything," Thorne says.

So far, there's nothing that Thorne's attempted that she's not been able to conquer. The only hurdle is that she's her own worst critic. It's a trait she got from her father.

"He was never satisfied and knew he could always do better," Thorne says. "He told me that you are never on top. There's always someone above you and that I should always work to do better."

**Bella Thorne appears in the movie "Blended." The movie stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. "I ... learned a lot from them because they are both such great comedians and famous for making people laugh," Thorne says.**

RICHARD SHOTWELL, INVISION/AP

READING RAINBOW/AP file

**LeVar Burton's campaign to bring "Reading Rainbow" to the online masses reached its fundraising goal within hours of its launch Wednesday on Kickstarter, according to the website.**

# Burton makes a fundraising plea for online version of 'Reading Rainbow'

*The Associated Press*

LeVar Burton's fundraising effort to bring "Reading Rainbow" to the online masses is a by-the-book success.

The goal of raising $1 million by July 2 was reached within hours of the campaign's launch Wednesday on Kickstarter, according to the website. More than 23,000 donors had pledged $1.1 million and counting.

Burton was the host of "Reading Rainbow," the children's literacy program that aired on public TV through 2009.

"It was my mother who taught me that, by picking up a book, I could 'go anywhere' and 'be anything,'" Burton said in a posting on Kickstarter.

Contributors can claim rewards ranging from autographed memorabilia to a private dinner with Burton to a chance to put on the visor that the actor wore on "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

"We're not just getting pledges, but so much email love that our server froze," said Mark Wolfe, Burton's business partner. "I'm so happy to help. LeVar taught me to read," is among the typical messages, he said.

A tablet version of "Reading Rainbow" was released in 2012 and became a top-selling education app. It provides access to hundreds of books and Burton's videotaped "field trips," to historic and other places, said Wolfe, who co-founded the for-profit RRKidz company with Burton. The Kickstarter campaign is intended to help bring an online version to more children for a $5 monthly subscription fee, Wolfe said.

## Group's lawyers looking into video

A representative for One Direction says the band's lawyers are dealing with a video showing two band members smoking what the singers referred to as an "illegal substance."

British tabloid The Daily Mail posted the clip Tuesday of Zayn Malik smoking and speaking with Louis Tomlinson, who is filming the video.

"This matter is in the hands of our lawyers," their publicist said Wednesday.

In the video, 22-year-old Tomlinson says "joint lit, happy days," and asks his bandmate, "What do you think Zayn about that kind of content?" The 21-year-old Malik responds: "Very controversial."

The video led some angry fans to post photos of them burning One Direction's concert tickets.

## Other news

■ Fox News host **Bill O'Reilly's** fourth book in his multimillion-selling history series will examine the mysterious death surrounding famed World War II Gen. George Patton. Stephen Rubin, president and publisher of Henry Holt and Company, announced Wednesday that "Killing Patton" will be published Sept. 23. Martin Dugard will be the co-author.

■ **John Janick,** 36, is to replace Jimmy Iovine at Interscope. Janick, one of the youngest executives to lead a top label, made his stamp on the industry when he founded the independent label Fueled by Ramen in 1996 when he was just 18.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Council approves liquor license for gun range

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — Bullets and beer could soon become a reality at a gun range in Oklahoma City. As long as the bullets come before the beer, that is.

The Oklahoma City City Council approved a liquor license on Tuesday for the Wilshire Gun Range, a planned 40,000-square-foot establishment that will include 24 firearm lanes, 10 archery lanes and a cafe where food and alcohol can be served.

Co-owner Jeff Swanson said the gun range will be the first in the state where people can shoot and enjoy libations — and do it safely.

People must shoot first, and then drink, Swanson said. To ensure that, customers' driver's licenses will be scanned before he or she operates a lane or orders food, alcohol or merchandise.

"Once you order a drink your driver's license is scanned and you are red-flagged and you're not allowed into any of the shooting facilities, either as a spectator and certainly not as a shooter for the remainder of the day," Swanson said.

## Anonymous cash man creates Twitter frenzy

CA SAN FRANCISCO — Someone is dropping envelopes full of cash across San Francisco — and causing an international frenzy on social media.

An anonymous man with the Twitter handle #HiddenCash has been hiding money throughout the city since Friday, leading scores on a scavenger hunt. His Twitter following exploded from a few hundred Friday to more than 80,000 and counting by midday Tuesday.

One of his clues Tuesday told San Francisco followers to "find Mr. Franklin along the 'crookedest street,' (towards the bottom)."

Translation: There was a $100 bill at the bottom of Lombard Street, the popular touristy thoroughfare that's best known as the "Crookedest Street in The World."

Hidden Cash's anonymous creator said his giveaways are a "social experiment for good." He claims to make his money off San Francisco's hot and lucrative real estate market and hopes that winners also "pay it forward."

## Police chase naked man near ferry terminal

WA SEATTLE — Police said a naked man who ran from officers on Seattle's waterfront and then jumped into Elliott Bay was fleeing a hospital where he had been taken for a medical evaluation.

Now he's back in a hospital for another medical evaluation.

Police said the man fled Harborview Medical Center on Tuesday, took off his clothes and headed downhill toward the water.

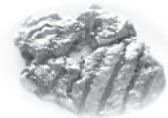
Police were chasing him as he ran toward Colman Dock and jumped into the water near the ferry terminal.

Fire boats responded and pulled the man from the water.

## THE CENSUS

**298**

**The number of seconds it took — just under five minutes — for a Nebraska woman to break a Texas steakhouse's speed record for eating a 4½-pound steak.** The Amarillo Globe News said that competitive eater Molly Schuyler, 5-foot-7 and 125 pounds, celebrated her feat by polishing off a second steak of the same size. The previous record was 8 minutes and 52 seconds. The restaurant foots the bill for anyone who can eat one of the steaks, a baked potato, shrimp, a salad and bread roll in under an hour, so Schuyler ate those side dishes as well.



Rick West, (Suburban Chicago) Daily Herald/ AP

# Daredevil deer totals van

**Heidi Conner, of West Dundee, Ill., views the shattered windshield of her minivan at her home in West Dundee, Ill. Conner said she and her four children were traveling on the Jane Addams tollway Sunday when a 200-pound deer leapt from an overpass and landed on her vehicle. Conner said the accident totaled the van and caused minor injuries. Illinois State Police said the deer died.**

## Sacred Indian site eyed for national park

VA RICHMOND — Land along the York River that archaeologists believe was the center of a vast Indian empire before the first Europeans settled in Virginia is gaining White House attention as a possible addition to the National Park System.

President Barack Obama has set aside $6 million to acquire more than 250 acres of the former Indian village in Gloucester to achieve that goal. Congress must approve the funding in the 2015 funding proposal.

Called Werowocomoco, the land is believed to have been the seat of power for Powhatan.

Powhatan oversaw an empire that included 30 political divisions and 15,000 to 20,000 Indians at the time Capt. John Smith and his fellow settlers established the first permanent English settlement in North America in 1607. Some Virginia Indians have called the site "our Washington, D.C."

It is also believed to be where Pocahontas appealed to Powhatan, her father, to spare the life of Smith.

## Reported mountain lion turns out to be a dog

NE KEARNEY — Nebraska wildlife officials have determined that a reported mountain lion near The Archway in Kearney was actually just a dog.

The Kearney Hub reported that a man fishing on a lake north of the monument, which spans Interstate 80 at Kearney, called Kearney police around noon Sunday to report seeing a mountain lion in the area.

Local law enforcement officers and a conservation officer from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission searched the area and found a set of animal tracks, but determined those tracks came from a dog, not a cougar.

Dale Johnson, a Buffalo County conservation officer, took photographs of the animal's tracks and will forward them to a state biologist for a second opinion.

## Man holding breath in tunnel causes crash

OR MANNING — A 19-year-old man told investigators he caused a three-car crash when he fainted while holding his breath as he drove through a tunnel northwest of Portland, Oregon State Police said.

Daniel J. Calhon, of Snohomish, Wash., told investigators he fainted Sunday afternoon while holding his breath in the Highway 26 tunnel near the community of Manning, according to a news release. His car, a 1990 Toyota Camry, drifted across the center line and crashed head-on with a Ford Explorer.

Both vehicles struck the tunnel walls before a pickup hit the Camry.

Calhon and his passenger suffered non-life-threatening injuries, as did the two people in the Explorer. The two people in the pickup were not hurt.

Calhon was cited for reckless driving, three counts of reckless endangerment and fourth-degree assault in Washington County Circuit Court.

State Police Lt. Gregg Hastings said Monday he's not sure why Calhon was holding his breath, but some people hold their breaths in tunnels as part of a game or superstition.

## Man fails 3 times in effort to rob laundromat

KS WICHITA — Three strikes and you're out for a man who tried to rob a Wichita laundromat.

Wichita police said the man walked into the Fabric Care Center early Sunday and gave the employee a note saying "This is a robbery." The unimpressed employee said he had a gun, and the man left.

Police Sgt. John Ryan said the man returned a second time and told the employee that he, too, had a gun. But he left again when they argued.

About 10 minutes later, the man returned. This time, he poured himself a cup of coffee, took the robbery note from the counter and left. The employee then called 911. Other than the coffee, nothing was taken from the business.

From wire reports

BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Apple adds swagger in $3B Beats deal

By Michael Liedtke and Ryan Nakashima
*The Associated Press*

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple is buying more flair, swagger and song-picking savvy with its $3 billion acquisition of Beats Electronics, a headphone and music-streaming specialist founded by rapper Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine, one of the first recording executives to roll with the hip-hop culture.

Wednesday's announcement came nearly three weeks after deal negotiations were leaked to the media. It's by far the most expensive acquisition in Apple's 38-year history, a price that the company is paying to counter a threat posed to its iTunes store.

The price consists of $2.6 billion in cash and $400 million in Apple stock that will vest over an unspecified time period. The deal is expected to close before October.

With $1.1 billion in revenue last year, Beats is already making money and will boost Apple's earnings once the new fiscal year begins in October, Apple CEO Tim Cook said in an interview.

Iovine, 61, and Dre, 49, were the keys to the deal. They began working with Apple in the early days of its iTunes store and now will become key in Apple's music divisions, though Cook said their roles haven't been determined yet

"We have known these guys forever," Cook said of Iovine and Dre. "We've dated, we've gone steady and now we are getting married. This relationship started a decade ago, so we know there is an incredible cultural fit. These two guys have a very rare set of skills. It's like finding a particular grain of sand on the beach. It's that rare."

Cook indicated Beats' music streaming service was the main selling point in the deal, though the headphone line also is expected to continue growing, too.

## EXCHANGE RATES

**Military rates**

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| Euro costs (May 30) | $1.3976 |
| Dollar buys (May 30) | €0.7155 |
| British pound (May 30) | $1.72 |
| Japanese yen (May 30) | 99.00 |
| South Korean won (May 30) | 995.00 |

**Commercial rates**

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| Bahrain (Dinar) | 0.3771 |
| British pound | $1.6715/0.5983 |
| Canada (Dollar) | 1.0864 |
| China (Yuan) | 6.2380 |
| Denmark (Krone) | 5.4870 |
| Egypt (Pound) | 7.1525 |
| Euro | $1.3603/0.7351 |
| Hong Kong (Dollar) | 7.7529 |
| Hungary (Forint) | 222.20 |
| Israel (Shekel) | 3.4720 |
| Japan (Yen) | 101.69 |
| Kuwait (Dinar) | 0.2825 |
| Norway (Krone) | 5.9606 |
| Philippines (Peso) | 43.86 |
| Poland (Zloty) | 3.05 |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal) | 3.7508 |
| Singapore (Dollar) | 1.2546 |
| South Korea (Won) | 1,020.90 |
| Switzerland (Franc) | 0.8977 |
| Thailand (Baht) | 32.81 |
| Turkey (New Lira) | 2.0916 |

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

## INTEREST RATES

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| Prime rate | 3.25 |
| Discount rate | 0.75 |
| Federal funds market rate | 0.09 |
| 3-month bill | 0.03 |
| 30-year bond | 3.30 |

## EUROPE GAS PRICES

| Country | Super E10 | Super unleaded | Super plus | Diesel |
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| Germany | $3.902 | $4.081 | $4.248 | $4.171 |
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| Netherlands | -- | $4.885 | $5.182 | $5.059 |
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| U.K. | -- | $4.016 | $4.183 | $4.106 |
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| Azores | -- | -- | $4.174 | -- |
| Change in price | -- | -- | -30.8 cents | -- |
| Belgium | -- | $4.084 | $4.343 | $4.215 |
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| Turkey | -- | -- | $4.672 | $5.006* |
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| Italy | $3.974 | -- | -- | $4.239 |
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## PACIFIC GAS PRICES

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## MARKET WATCH

May 28, 2014

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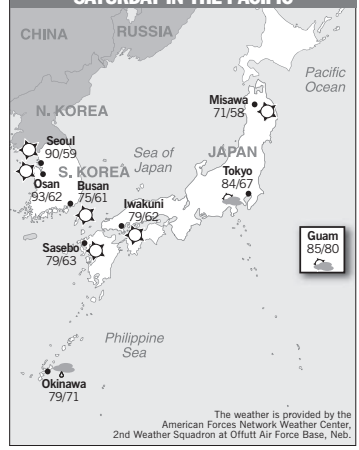
| Dow Jones industrials | -42.32 | 16,633.18 |
| Nasdaq composite | -11.99 | 4,225.07 |
| Standard & Poor's 500 | -2.13 | 1,909.78 |
| Russell 2000 | -5.52 | 1,136.68 |

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### FRIDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

### FRIDAY IN EUROPE

### SATURDAY IN THE PACIFIC

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### Friday's US temperatures

| City | Hi | Lo | Wthr | Chattanooga | 87 | 64 | Rain | Fort Wayne | 80 | 56 | Clr | Louisville | 86 | 65 | PCldy | Pocatello | 83 | 44 | PCldy | Sioux City | 86 | 65 | PCldy |
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| Abilene, Tex | 87 | 66 | PCldy | Cheyenne | 72 | 54 | Rain | Fresno | 91 | 61 | Clr | Lubbock | 85 | 63 | PCldy | Portland,Maine | 64 | 46 | Cldy | Sioux Falls | 84 | 63 | PCldy |
| Akron, Ohio | 78 | 54 | Clr | Chicago | 78 | 50 | Clr | Goodland | 85 | 57 | Clr | Macon | 88 | 65 | Cldy | Portland,Ore. | 78 | 49 | PCldy | South Bend | 80 | 55 | Clr |
| Albany,N.Y. | 73 | 51 | Cldy | Cincinnati | 81 | 62 | Clr | Grand Junction | 81 | 57 | Cldy | Madison | 81 | 50 | Clr | Providence | 67 | 48 | PCldy | Spokane | 76 | 44 | Clr |
| Albuquerque | 84 | 62 | Cldy | Cleveland | 75 | 55 | Clr | Grand Rapids | 78 | 51 | Clr | Medford | 81 | 48 | PCldy | Pueblo | 86 | 57 | Cldy | Springfield,Ill | 84 | 62 | PCldy |
| Allentown, Pa. | 73 | 50 | Cldy | Colorado Springs | 81 | 55 | Cldy | Great Falls | 73 | 41 | PCldy | Memphis | 88 | 68 | Cldy | Raleigh-Durham | 77 | 63 | Cldy | Springfield,Mo | 80 | 64 | Cldy |
| Amarillo | 85 | 60 | PCldy | Columbia,S.C. | 88 | 67 | Rain | Green Bay | 80 | 49 | Clr | Miami Beach | 86 | 76 | Cldy | Rapid City | 75 | 58 | Rain | Syracuse | 73 | 52 | Cldy |
| Anchorage | 52 | 48 | Rain | Columbus,Ga. | 88 | 67 | Cldy | Greensboro,N.C. | 77 | 63 | Cldy | Midland-Odessa | 90 | 65 | PCldy | Reno | 80 | 52 | Clr | Tallahassee | 88 | 67 | Rain |
| Asheville | 81 | 59 | Cldy | Columbus,Ohio | 81 | 60 | Clr | Harrisburg | 74 | 55 | Cldy | Milwaukee | 71 | 49 | Clr | Richmond | 71 | 59 | Cldy | Tampa | 88 | 73 | Cldy |
| Atlanta | 86 | 67 | Cldy | Concord,N.H. | 69 | 46 | Rain | Hartford Spgfld | 70 | 48 | Cldy | Mpls-St Paul | 85 | 61 | Clr | Roanoke | 75 | 59 | Cldy | Toledo | 79 | 54 | Clr |
| Atlantic City | 68 | 49 | Cldy | Corpus Christi | 88 | 71 | Cldy | Helena | 77 | 44 | PCldy | Missoula | 77 | 38 | PCldy | Rochester | 75 | 53 | Clr | Topeka | 85 | 66 | Cldy |
| Austin | 86 | 69 | Cldy | Dallas-Ft Worth | 85 | 67 | Cldy | Honolulu | 88 | 73 | Clr | Mobile | 87 | 69 | Rain | Rockford | 82 | 52 | Clr | Tucson | 100 | 68 | PCldy |
| Baltimore | 75 | 56 | Cldy | Dayton | 79 | 58 | Clr | Houston | 84 | 69 | Cldy | Montgomery | 88 | 68 | Cldy | Sacramento | 83 | 54 | Clr | Tulsa | 83 | 67 | Cldy |
| Baton Rouge | 86 | 70 | Rain | Daytona Beach | 88 | 70 | Cldy | Huntsville | 85 | 66 | Cldy | Nashville | 87 | 66 | Cldy | St Louis | 85 | 67 | PCldy | Tupelo | 88 | 66 | Cldy |
| Billings | 74 | 52 | Cldy | Denver | 77 | 57 | Cldy | Indianapolis | 81 | 60 | Clr | New Orleans | 85 | 73 | Rain | St Petersburg | 87 | 74 | Cldy | Waco | 85 | 67 | Cldy |
| Birmingham | 86 | 69 | Cldy | Des Moines | 84 | 62 | PCldy | Jackson,Miss. | 87 | 68 | Rain | New York City | 71 | 54 | Cldy | St Thomas | 88 | 78 | PCldy | Washington | 78 | 58 | Cldy |
| Bismarck | 78 | 62 | Rain | Detroit | 78 | 55 | PCldy | Jacksonville | 88 | 69 | Cldy | Newark | 73 | 55 | Cldy | Salem,Ore. | 76 | 49 | PCldy | W. Palm Beach | 86 | 76 | Cldy |
| Boise | 81 | 44 | Clr | Duluth | 76 | 52 | Clr | Juneau | 59 | 44 | Rain | Norfolk,Va. | 72 | 61 | Cldy | Salt Lake City | 86 | 58 | PCldy | Wichita | 84 | 66 | Cldy |
| Boston | 66 | 50 | Cldy | El Paso | 94 | 71 | PCldy | Kansas City | 84 | 66 | Cldy | North Platte | 87 | 57 | PCldy | San Angelo | 90 | 62 | PCldy | Wichita Falls | 86 | 67 | Cldy |
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| Brownsville | 89 | 76 | Cldy | Erie | 71 | 55 | PCldy | Knoxville | 86 | 64 | Cldy | Omaha | 85 | 66 | Cldy | San Diego | 72 | 62 | Cldy | Wilmington,Del. | 73 | 54 | Cldy |
| Buffalo | 74 | 54 | PCldy | Eugene | 74 | 46 | PCldy | Lake Charles | 84 | 68 | Rain | Orlando | 91 | 69 | Cldy | San Francisco | 65 | 54 | Cldy | Yakima | 78 | 44 | PCldy |
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| Casper | 74 | 49 | Cldy | Fargo | 89 | 61 | Rain | Lexington | 84 | 63 | PCldy | Peoria | 83 | 59 | Clr | St Ste Marie | 75 | 50 | PCldy | | | | |
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| Charleston,W.Va. | 82 | 61 | PCldy | Flint | 78 | 50 | PCldy | Little Rock | 83 | 67 | Rain | Phoenix | 104 | 77 | PCldy | Seattle | 73 | 49 | PCldy | | | | |
| Charlotte,N.C. | 82 | 66 | Cldy | Fort Smith | 81 | 67 | Cldy | Los Angeles | 75 | 61 | PCldy | Pittsburgh | 79 | 56 | PCldy | Shreveport | 83 | 68 | Rain | | | | |

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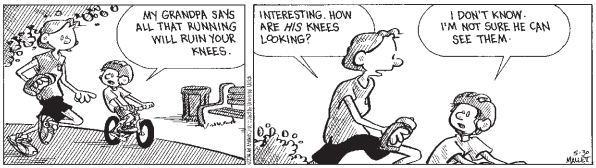


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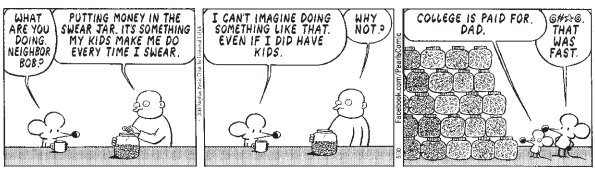
**Pearls Before Swine**

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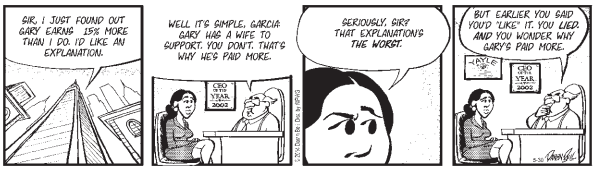


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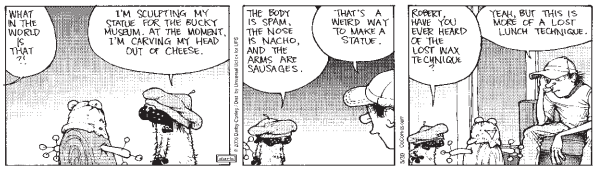


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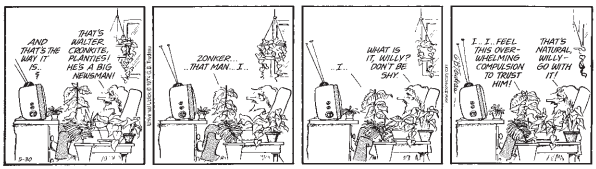


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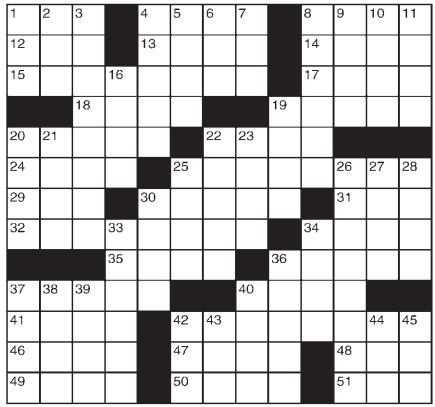
# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## ACROSS

1 "Caught ya!"
4 Apportion (out)
8 Freeway access
12 GPS display
13 Valhalla VIP
14 Met melody
15 Moving along slowly
17 Penny
18 Bird food
19 Take to the ice
20 Monopoly building
22 Puzzle feature
24 Caspian feeder
25 Farmer's chore
29 Wrestling surface
30 Targets for some kicks
31 Neither mate
32 In supplication
34 Diamond corner
35 Show stubbornness
36 Cagney's partner
37 Pat down
40 Saucy
41 Mineral deposit
42 Pipes and such
46 "— want for Christmas ..."
47 San —, Italy
48 Japanese sash
49 Rind
50 Arabian gulf
51 Run-down horse

## DOWN

1 Pump up the volume
2 "2001" computer
3 Religious defector
4 Prototype
5 Tend manuscripts
6 Can matter
7 U.K. lang.
8 Din
9 Vicinity
10 Mouthwash flavor
11 Party spread
16 One-on-one battle
19 Gets some rays
20 Camel feature
21 Exam format
22 Toasting sound
23 Singer k.d.
25 "Modern Family" husband
26 Nothing doing?
27 Beezer
28 "Riders of the Purple Sage" writer
30 Neb. neighbor
33 Engage in rappelling (Brit.)
34 Zinger
36 Air freshener scent
37 Envelope part
38 Characterization
39 Cleese cohort
40 Cougar
42 Expert
43 Moon vessel
44 Cagers' org.
45 Showbiz job

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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**5-30** **CRYPTOQUIP**

Z VUEEYIURR DXH PSK OUZIIH IYGUL RVUFYNYF GYELR KN EXBR PZR FOHYED "ZIQKELR NKO BSU VKKO!"

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHEN WE COLOR THESE SOFT GOOSE FEATHERS WITH A CRIMSON PIGMENT, WE'LL PAINT THE DOWN RED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals O

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# OPINION

## US volunteers monitor Ukraine vote

By Trudy Rubin

KIEV, Ukraine

When Ukrainians voted Sunday for a president, Reno Domenico, of South Jersey, was a poll monitor in Kherson, on the border of occupied Crimea. Ulana Mazurkevich, a mainstay of Philly's Ukranian-American community, was poll-watching in Odessa. Marta Fedoriw, of Allentown, Pa., was checking polls in Dnieperpetrovsk.

All are volunteers, paying their own way. And all agree that Sunday's presidential election was crucial if Ukraine is to withstand crippling pressures from Russia.

"Ukraine desperately needs this election to succeed," said Domenico, who led training sessions for 222 U.S. pollwatchers organized by the Ukrainian Congress of America.

If this election is credible, as attested to by international observers, that will undercut Russia's efforts to dismember Ukraine and compel the Kremlin to recognize Ukraine's elected president. Those three monitors from the Philly area are on the front lines.

Domenico got interested in Ukraine when it was part of the Soviet Union, after he set up a long-running exchange program between Sterling High School, in Somerdale, N.J., and a Ukrainian secondary school. When he retired in 2006, he moved to Kiev and opened the Sterling Business School, partnering with Rowan University; the program trains midcareer administrators. He has been involved in election monitoring since Ukraine's 2004 Orange Revolution, which ousted a president who won by massive cheating.

Ukraine's second revolution in a decade, this one prompted by Russian pressure on Kiev to renege on planned links to the European Union, has brought economic life here to a standstill.

"If Ukraine is going to get a fresh start, it will be with this election," Domenico said. "As Americans who know how to do this, I feel we are obliged to do something.

"I have 40 years' experience (with political activity) in Camden County, and there are no tricks here I haven't learned," he said.

EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP

**Election commission officials count ballots at a polling station in Kiev, Ukraine, on Sunday.**

He will really be on the front lines: Crimeans who still want to and are gutsy enough to vote in Ukraine can cross their new Russian-imposed border to this nearby Ukrainian town.

Fedoriw has an equally compelling reason for hoping this election is a free and fair one. She was one of the first American investors in Ukraine in the 1990s, just after it became independent following the breakup of the Soviet empire. She invested her family's life savings into renovating and running the Grand Hotel in Lviv. Her parents had fled western Ukraine when the Soviets arrived, and she wanted to return to their homeland.

Her dreams were destroyed by the deadly brand of Russian mafia-style corruption that still undermines Ukraine. Legally required to take on a Ukrainian partner and offer him a 51 percent share in the business, she was told six months later that he had taken the business over. Her husband's cousin, a local who had been hired as the hotel director, was shot dead. Neither police nor courts would help her.

She hopes a new Ukrainian president will finally tackle this corrupt system, and said, "That's why I came back." She was pollwatching in a key city with long ties to Russia, that Moscow had hoped but failed to destabilize.

The dynamic Mazurkevich has long been active in Ukrainian-American affairs. She monitored Ukranian elections three times and was in Kiev for the Orange Revolution. Ukrainian leaders who come to the United States often visit Philly's large Ukrainian-American community and usually stay in her home. Only recently, a parliamentarian who was one of the leaders of the Euro-Maidan revolution was her houseguest.

"Why do I do this? Because my life has been dedicated to human rights," she said as the group of monitors prepared to leave the Dniepro Hotel, located near a still-standing barricade of tires where several Maidan demonstrators died.

"The most basic human right is to have a choice of leaders," she said, before leaving for Odessa, where provocations by pro-Russian separatists recently led to the tragic death of more than 40 people.

All three Philly-area residents are hoping a successful election will help Ukraine move past this recent trauma. They are doing their part.

Trudy Rubin is a columnist and editorial-board member for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

## The other side of campus sexual assaults

By Cathy Young

It's a familiar story: A student is suing a university over the alleged mishandling of a sexual assault report. But the suit filed in federal court in New York City last week against Columbia University has a different twist: The student is male, and his complaint is that he was denied due process when the university suspended him for a year and a half on a complaint of sexual misconduct.

According to the suit, the student, identified only as John Doe, had a consensual "hookup" with his accuser, a fellow student and his roommate's ex-girlfriend, in the bathroom of her dorm room, shortly before the end of the 2013 spring term. He claims that the young woman invited him to her dorm room for a sexual encounter. In the next several days, he says, she texted him to express concern about how their encounter would be perceived in their social circle if it became known.

After both students returned to school, in September, Jane Doe filed charges within the university's disciplinary system, accusing the young man of "nonconsensual sexual intercourse." After what John Doe claims was an egregiously biased investigation, in an atmosphere of heightened attention to the problem of campus sexual assault and university inaction, he was found responsible and punished with a suspension until fall 2015.

The lawsuit claims that John Doe was railroaded because Columbia University was anxious to shield itself from criticism for being too lenient with male students accused of sexual assault, particularly student-athletes. (He was a member of the crew team.) The complaint also alleges sex discrimination, asserting the student was singled out for unfair treatment because he is male.

Far from being an oddity, this suit is part of a growing trend. Similar complaints are pending against other schools, including the University of Michigan and Vassar College. A Pennsylvania federal judge this month refused to dismiss such a lawsuit against St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. In April, Ohio's Xavier University settled a lawsuit from basketball player Dez Wells, who was expelled in 2012 over what he says — and the county prosecutor agrees — was a false accusation of rape.

Are all of these male plaintiffs innocent of wrongdoing? Nobody knows; just as nobody knows whether all of the female students who are suing schools for not taking their reports of sexual assault seriously were really assaulted. But the lawsuits from men highlight issues that tend to be neglected in the campaign for the worthy cause of preventing and punishing sexual violence. Among these issues is the tendency in college hearings to presume guilt in he said-she said cases, particularly with strong pressure from the federal government for schools to use the lowest evidentiary standard. This is exacerbated by disciplinary codes which define "nonconsensual sex" so broadly that even slight intoxication can negate consent and verbal persuasion can be deemed coercive.

The claims by male plaintiffs are reminders that there is another side to the story. The complaint from Columbia's John Doe says he had to get counseling for suicidal thoughts as a result of the sexual assault accusation, that his academic and athletic career has been irreparably damaged, and that the university ignored his complaint of being harassed on campus by the accuser's friends. If true, his plight deserves as much sympathy as that of a woman who is ignored and harassed when she brings an accusation against a popular campus athlete.

Cathy Young is a regular contributor to Reason magazine and the website RealClearPolitics. She wrote this for Newsday.

# OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

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

### China-Russia natural gas deal
***The (Memphis, Tenn.) Commercial Appeal***

It's always a mistake to read too much into body language, but in a Financial Times photo of the Russian and Chinese presidents signing a huge 30-year, $400 billion natural gas deal Vladimir Putin looks slightly discomfited while Xi Jingping looks like the proverbial cat that swallowed the canary.

The deal eased pressure on Russia from Western Europe's dependence on Russian gas, which Putin has been willing to wield as a diplomatic weapon in his efforts to get his way in Eastern Europe, a fact surely not lost on the Chinese.

The Chinese, whose booming economy seems to have an inexhaustible demand for energy, are looking for alternative sources of natural gas. Given the up-and-down relations between the Russians and Chinese, it's inconceivable China would allow itself to become wholly dependent on Russian supplies, especially after the European example. Meanwhile, Russia, whose treasury is resource-dependent, must have markets for its gas.

Owing to problems Russia and its gas company, Gazprom, have had with the European market, the Chinese were apparently able to drive a hard bargain, forcing concessions they would not have gotten in normal times. Gazprom has committed to build a $55 billion pipeline to the Chinese border and develop its eastern Siberian gas fields to supply the Chinese.

Putin faces a thorny long-term problem. Russia's population is shrinking, especially in its far East. China's population is growing, desperate for work, and right next door is resource-rich but underpopulated eastern Siberia. Already illegal Chinese immigrants have begun to leak across the border.

There's a saying in Western financial circles: If I owe you $10,000 I don't sleep at night; if I owe you $10 million, you don't sleep at night. Outside observers can only wonder: Who's sleeping more soundly over this deal: Putin or Xi?

### Gun rights in America
***Anniston (Alabama) Star***

What America needs are common-sense gun-control laws that respect both sides of the argument and do whatever's necessary to thwart preventable gun-related violence.

Last Friday, a young man in an upscale California community killed six people and then committed suicide with legally bought handguns. Elliot Rodger, the gunman, left a trail of social media explanations for why he sought revenge against those he felt had shunned him. In the last few days it's become apparent that Rodgers' previous encounters with law enforcement and mental health officials weren't enough to stop this unsteady young man from committing another of these all-too-common American mass murders.

The Second Amendment — regardless of your modern-day interpretation of it — doesn't touch on one of gun control's biggest problems: how to keep firearms out of the hands of those who shouldn't have them because of health concerns.

This passage from Monday's Los Angeles Times is particularly wise. "The mental health system is imperfect, by design — a teeter-totter that weighs patients' civil liberties against public safety. Rodger existed in the middle, on the fulcrum, simmering and disturbed, just beyond arm's reach."

When it comes to gun violence in the United States, statistics are both helpful and confusing. Since the Sandy Hook shootings in Connecticut in December 2012, there have been at least 44 additional school shootings in America, according to gun-control advocacy groups Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Nevertheless, Bureau of Justice data released last summer show that the number of gun-violence deaths dropped 39 percent between 1993 and 2011.

If you want a verified statistic involving guns in America, you can find it.

Devoid of spin or political influence is this fact: Guns are readily available to too many people with mental health issues. Databases designed to prevent the mentally ill from legally purchasing guns work well in too few states. And from the law-enforcement perspective, there's this: Half or more of the people shot and killed each year by police have mental health problems, according to a study from the National Sheriffs' Association and the Treatment Advocacy Center.

America's quest for a safer nation compels us to rethink the "teeter-totter" that's allowing guns to legally get into the hands of the wrong people. The death toll rises, yet again.

Andrew Medichini, Pool/AP

**Pope Francis talks to journalists aboard the papal flight on his way back to Rome on Monday at the end of a three-day trip to the Middle East.**

### The pope's Mideast diplomacy
***Chicago Tribune***

Pope Francis was guaranteed to make headlines on his visit to the Middle East just by the fact that the head of the Roman Catholic Church was going to one of the most tense regions in the world. He did make headlines ... but he also showed he has a remarkable talent for diplomacy and a flair for the dramatic gesture.

The safest course would have been to script every moment of his itinerary and reduce the risk of controversy.

So what did he do? Made an apparently impromptu invitation Sunday to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres to visit the Vatican to pray for peace. Both men accepted. Since Peres does not lead Israel's government — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does — this is not likely the stuff of a big diplomatic breakthrough. Still, it was a grand symbolic gesture — raising the prospect of Jewish and Palestinian leaders praying together at the seat of Roman Catholicism.

Apparently at Abbas' urging, Francis made an unexpected stop Sunday at a graffiti-covered section of Israel's security barrier on the edge of Bethlehem, where the pope touched his forehead to the wall and said a prayer. Palestinians view the security wall as evidence of Israel's intolerable control over their territory. Israel sees the wall as essential to its defense against Palestinian attacks. The stop rankled Netanyahu.

A day later, at the suggestion of Netanyahu, Francis made an unscheduled visit to a memorial to victims of terrorism. He also visited the grave of Theodor Herzl, the founder of Zionism who espoused the idea of the modern Jewish state. That visit rankled some Palestinians. Overall, though, Palestinians had to be pleased that the pope during this trip repeatedly supported their bid for statehood.

The journey created no breakthrough in the long and immensely vexing process of reaching peace between Israel and the Palestinians. But the pope did force leaders on both sides, at least momentarily, out of their comfort zones. There's value in that. The pope should take his show on the road again soon.

### Calling out the cyberbully
***Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald***

Pretty hypocritical — that's how some commentators are characterizing the U.S. government's decision to indict five Chinese military officials for hacking into U.S. companies' computer systems to steal economic secrets.

The critics argue that the far-ranging National Security Agency spying, as revealed by Edward Snowden, shows that the United States has its own hands dirty and lacks the moral standing to lecture China on cyberprowling.

To which the answer is this: The indictment by the U.S. Justice Department was fully justified. The scale of economic theft being carried out by China's military hackers amply warrants a frank and robust U.S. response.

While the Snowden revelations did raise civil liberties concerns about some national security-related spying by our country, when it comes to cyberenabled economic theft, there is no moral equivalence between our country and China.

The Pentagon doesn't have 120,000 computer specialists in the Washington area and elsewhere doing nothing but hacking into the databases of foreign companies, then distributing the corporate information to U.S. firms.

That's precisely what China's military does to unfairly aid companies in its own country. Indeed, it does so on a colossal scale, all as part of a coordinated, state-sanctioned strategy.

"By any measure, it's the largest theft in human history," said P.W. Singer, a technology expert at the Brookings Institution. "The scale of the IP theft is massive." The theft costs U.S. companies more than $100 billion a year.

"They're not paying for the R&D, but they're getting the benefits of the R&D," Singer said.

Take the example of SolarWorld, our country's largest manufacturer of solar panels. To succeed, the company depends on its own initiative and its own research, spending heavily on research and development. It obeys global trade rules. In short, it's an honest company operating responsibly in the marketplace.

China took a different approach to developing its solar panel sector.

No one expects the Chinese officials to be hauled into court in Pennsylvania, where the indictment was filed. Instead, the aim is something else: to begin a process by which the United States builds broad support, in the corporate world and international community, to push back against China's irresponsible behavior to the extent possible.

### End the Redskins insult
***Los Angeles Times***

What's in a name? In the case of the Washington Redskins, a lot of history — and an irrefutable ethnic slur that ought to embarrass the National Football League enough to finally force some action.

Citing the speed with which the National Basketball Assn. reacted to Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling's racially charged remarks about blacks, 50 U.S. senators on Thursday urged the NFL to put pressure on Redskins owner Dan Snyder to drop the franchise's offensive name.

It is regrettable that Virginia's two Democratic senators, who represent a large portion of the team's fan base, opted not to sign the letter. (Republicans, for some reason, were not invited to sign.) Tim Kaine said he supports the name change but didn't like the tone; if so, maybe he should have sent his own concurring letter. Mark R. Warner's office said he didn't think it "was for Congress to dictate what the league does" and that "team names will change to reflect the times," implying the problem will resolve itself.

Warner is right in one regard: It is not up to Congress to dictate this change. But this was not a piece of legislation; it was a personal statement of 50 senators' objections to a patently racist term. It's hard not to conclude that Kaine and Warner, unlike Maryland Sens. Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, put fear of losing fan votes ahead of taking a principled stand.

And it is a slur. Defenders of the name point to an etymology that began with Native Americans calling themselves "red skins" to differentiate themselves from the European settlers, the "white skins." Those linguistic roots, however, do not trump the evolution of the term into an ethnic slur; it's been a pejorative for a very long time. The National Congress of American Indians and other tribal organizations have strongly objected to the term, and as targets of the slur, they are in the best position to call it so.

The team has been called the Redskins since moving from Boston in 1937. That's 77 years; we don't think a team called the "Darkies" would have been tolerated for that long, although there's really not much difference. The team's owners have complained over the years that renaming the team would anger fans and make meaningless the millions of dollars that have been spent marketing the team. To which we respond: It's past time for a change. Cut your losses.

We should note too that the NFL, as a business association, is tax-exempt (though the individual teams are not), which means American taxpayers are an unwilling party to this embarrassment. This page has argued before that Snyder should drop the offensive name, and we renew that call now. Change the name, and end the insult.

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## Deals

### Wednesday's transactions

**BASEBALL**
**American League**
**BOSTON RED SOX** — Placed RHP Clay Buchholz on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 27. Recalled RHP Alex Wilson from Pawtucket (IL).
**CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Activated INF Jason Kipnis from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Justin Sellers to Columbus (IL).
**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Placed LHP Sean Burnett on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Matt Shoemaker from Salt Lake (PCL).
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS** — Sent RHP Ronald Herrera to San Diego to complete an earlier trade.
**SEATTLE MARINERS** — Signed OF Xavier Nady to a minor league contract.
**TAMPA BAY RAYS** — Placed C Ryan Hanigan on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Kevin Kiermaier from Durham (IL).
**TEXAS RANGERS** — Activated LHP Joe Saunders from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Aaron Poreda to Round Rock (PCL). Claimed RHP Phil Irwin off waivers from Pittsburgh and optioned him to Round Rock (PCL).
**National League**
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS** — Selected the contract of INF-OF Nick Evans from Reno (PCL). Optioned OF Alfredo Marte to Reno.
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Placed OF Carl Crawford on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of INF-OF Jamie Romak from Albuquerque (PCL).
**BASKETBALL**
**National Basketball Association**
**NBA** — Fined San Antonio C Tiago Splitter $5,000 for violating the league's anti-flopping rules during Game 4 of the Western Conference Finals.
**FOOTBALL**
**National Football League**
**BUFFALO BILLS** — Signed WR Sammy Watkins.
**GREEN BAY PACKERS** — Released LB Victor Aiyewa.
**MIAMI DOLPHINS** — Signed CB Anthony Gaitor.
**NEW YORK JETS** — Signed CB Brandon Dixon to a four-year contract.
**HOCKEY**
**National Hockey League**
**NHL** — Suspended New York Rangers D John Moore two games for his hit on Montreal F Dale Weise in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final.
**NEW YORK ISLANDERS** — Agreed to terms with D Ville Pokka on a three-year, entry-level contract.
**OTTAWA SENATORS** — Signed F Max McCormick to a two-year entry-level contract.
**SAN JOSE SHARKS** — Extended the contract of assistant general manager Joe Will.
**SOCCER**
**Major League Soccer**
**MLS** — Rescinded the fine and one-game suspension for the red card issued to D.C. United F Eddie Johnson during a May 24 game against New England.

## College softball

### World Series

**At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium**
**Oklahoma City**
**Double Elimination; x-if necessary**
**Thursday, May 29**
**Game 1** — Florida (50-12) vs. Baylor (47-14)
**Game 2** — Florida State (55-7) vs. Oregon (54-7)
**Game 3** — Louisiana-Lafayette (49-8) vs. Kentucky (48-14)
**Game 4** — Oklahoma (50-11) vs. Alabama (50-11)
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 5** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Game 6** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 7** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 8** — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 9** — Game 5 loser vs. Game 7 winner
**Game 10** — Game 6 loser vs. Game 8 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 11** — Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 winner
**Game 12** — Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 winner
**x-Game 13** — Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 loser
**x-Game 14** — Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 loser
**Championship Series**
**(Best-of-three)**
**Monday, June 2:** Teams TBD
**Tuesday, June 3:** Teams TBD
**x-Wednesday, June 4:** Teams TBD

## College baseball

### Wednesday's scores

**TOURNAMENTS**
**NCAA Division II**
Tampa 7, Lander 3, Lander eliminated
Minn. St. (Mankato) 3, Seton Hill 1, Seton Hill eliminated

### NCAA Division I tournament

**Double Elimination; x-if necessary**
**At Davenport Field**
**Charlottesville, Va.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Virginia (44-13) vs. Bucknell (30-19-1)
**Game 2** — Liberty (41-16) vs. Arkansas (38-23)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Carolina Stadium**
**Columbia, S.C.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Old Dominion (36-24) vs. Maryland (36-21)
**Game 2** — South Carolina (42-16) vs. Campbell (40-19)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium**
**Gainesville, Fla.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — North Carolina (34-25) vs. Long Beach State (32-24)
**Game 2** — Florida (40-21) vs. College of Charleston (41-17)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At A-Rod Park at Mark Light Field**
**Coral Gables, Fla.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Columbia (29-18) vs. Texas Tech (40-18)
**Game 2** — Miami (41-17) vs. Bethune-Cookman (26-31)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Dick Howser Stadium**
**Tallahassee, Fla.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Kennesaw State (37-21) vs. Alabama (34-22)
**Game 2** — Florida State (43-15) vs. Georgia Southern (39-21)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Jim Patterson Stadium**
**Louisville, Ky.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Kansas (34-24) vs. Kentucky (35-23)
**Game 2** — Louisville (45-15) vs. Kent State (36-21)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Bart Kaufman Field**
**Bloomington, Ind.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Stanford (30-23) vs. Indiana State (35-16)
**Game 2** — Indiana (42-13) vs. Youngstown State (16-36)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Hawkins Field**
**Nashville, Tenn.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Clemson (36-23) vs. Oregon (42-18)
**Game 2** — Vanderbilt (41-18) vs. Xavier (29-27)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Swayze Field**
**Oxford, Miss.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Georgia Tech (36-25) vs. Washington (39-15-1)
**Game 2** — Mississippi (41-18) vs. Jacksonville State (36-25)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Alex Box Stadium**
**Baton Rouge, La.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — LSU (44-14-1) vs. Southeastern Louisiana (37-23)
**Game 2** — Bryant (42-14) vs. Houston (44-15)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At M.L. 'Tigue' Moore Field**
**Lafayette, La.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — San Diego State (42-19) vs. Mississippi State (37-22)
**Game 2** — Louisiana-Lafayette (53-7) vs. Jackson State (31-23)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**At Baggett Stadium**
**San Luis Obispo, Calif.**
**Friday, May 30**
**Game 1** — Pepperdine (39-16) vs. Arizona State (33-22)
**Game 2** — Cal Poly (45-10) vs. Sacramento State (39-22)
**Saturday, May 31**
**Game 3** — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser
**Game 4** — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner
**Sunday, June 1**
**Game 5** — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser
**Game 6** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner
**Monday, June 2**
**x-Game 7** — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner

## AP spotlight

**May 30**
**1903** — Flocarline becomes the first filly to win the Preakness Stakes.
**1908** — Jockey Joe Notter misjudges the finish of the Belmont Stakes and eases up on his mount, Colin, whose career record to that point was 13-for-13. Notter recovers from his mistake and holds off Fair Play, who came within a head of defeating Colin. When he retired, Colin's record stood at 15 wins in as many starts.
**1911** — Ray Harroun wins the first Indianapolis 500 in 6 hours, 42 minutes and 8 seconds with an average speed of 74.59 mph.
**1912** — Joe Dawson wins the second Indianapolis 500 in 6:21:06. Ralph Mulford is told he has to complete the race for 10th place money. It takes him 8 hours and 53 minutes as he makes several stops for fried chicken. The finishing rule is changed the next year.
**1951** — Lee Wallard wins the Indianapolis 500, becoming the first driver to break the 4-hour mark with a time of 3:57:38.05.
**1952** — At 22, Troy Ruttman becomes the youngest driver to win the Indianapolis 500.
**1955** — Bob Sweikert, an Indianapolis native, wins the Indianapolis 500. Bill Vukovich, seeking his third consecutive victory, is killed in a four-car crash on the 56th lap.
**1985** — The Edmonton Oilers win the Stanley Cup for the second straight year with an 8-3 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 5.
**1993** — Emerson Fittipaldi wins his second Indianapolis 500, by 2.8 seconds. Fittipaldi takes the lead on lap 185 and holds on, outfoxing Formula One champion Nigel Mansell and runner-up Arie Luyendyk.
**2004** — In Cooper City, Fla., Canada easily beats the United States in a three-day cricket match, the first competition on American soil sanctioned by the International Cricket Council.
**2005** — Johns Hopkins wins its first NCAA lacrosse title in 18 years, beating Duke 9-8 to complete an undefeated season.
**2009** — Travis Tucker hits an RBI single with one out in the top of the 25th inning to give Texas a 3-2 victory over Boston College in the longest baseball game in NCAA history.
**2010** — Dario Franchitti gets a huge break from a Danica Patrick crash on the last lap to climb back on top of the open-wheel world to win the Indianapolis 500. Franchitti's second Brickyard victory in four years helps his boss, Chip Ganassi, become the first owner to win Indy and NASCAR's Daytona 500 in the same year.
**2011** — Jim Tressel, who guided Ohio State to its first national title in 34 years, resigns amid NCAA violations from a tattoo-parlor scandal that sullied the image of one of the country's top football programs.

## Pro soccer

### MLS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 7 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 21 | 14 |
| Sporting KC | 5 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 13 |
| D.C. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 14 |
| Houston | 5 | 7 | 2 | 17 | 16 | 24 |
| Columbus | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 15 | 14 |
| New York | 3 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 20 | 22 |
| Toronto FC | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 11 |
| Chicago | 2 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 19 | 21 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 24 |
| Montreal | 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 22 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 8 | 3 | 2 | 26 | 25 | 21 |
| Real Salt Lake | 6 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 23 | 13 |
| Colorado | 5 | 4 | 3 | 18 | 16 | 15 |
| FC Dallas | 5 | 6 | 3 | 18 | 22 | 22 |
| Vancouver | 4 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 18 | 14 |
| Portland | 3 | 3 | 7 | 16 | 20 | 20 |
| Los Angeles | 4 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 9 |
| San Jose | 3 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 12 |
| Chivas USA | 2 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 22 |

**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.
**Tuesday's game**
Sporting Kansas City 1, New York 1, tie
**Wednesday's game**
Portland 2, Chivas USA 0
**Saturday's games**
Real Salt Lake at Seattle FC
Columbus at Toronto FC
New England at Montreal
Sporting Kansas City at D.C. United
San Jose at FC Dallas
Philadelphia at Chivas USA
**Sunday's Games**
Los Angeles at Chicago
Houston at Colorado
Vancouver at Portland
**Wednesday, June 4**
Real Salt Lake at Columbus
Chicago at Colorado
**Friday, June 6**
Sporting Kansas City at Houston
**Saturday, June 7**
San Jose at Toronto FC
Columbus at D.C. United
Vancouver at Philadelphia
Colorado at FC Dallas
Seattle FC at Chicago
Portland at Real Salt Lake
**Sunday, June 8**
New York at New England
Chivas USA at Los Angeles

### Wednesday
### Timbers 2, Chivas USA 0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Portland** | 0 | 2—2 |
| **Chivas USA** | 0 | 0—0 |

**Second half**—1, Portland, Adi 1 (Villafana, Nagbe), 65th minute. 2, Portland, Adi 2 (Valeri), 71st.
**Goalies**—Portland, Donovan Ricketts; Chivas USA, Dan Kennedy.
**Yellow Cards**—O'Rourke, Portland, 8th; Delgado, Chivas USA, 10th; Zelletieri, Chivas USA, 28th; Alvarez, Chivas USA, 87th; McKenzie, Portland, 90th+.
**Red Cards**—Burling, Chivas USA, 84th.
**A**—3,702 (27,000)

### NWSL

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 7 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 19 | 7 |
| Chicago | 6 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 15 | 6 |
| FC Kansas City | 4 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 18 | 16 |
| Portland | 3 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 10 |
| Washington | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 18 |
| Western New York | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 11 |
| Sky Blue FC | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 15 |
| Boston | 2 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 19 |
| Houston | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 19 |

**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.
**Wednesday's games**
Chicago 2, Sky Blue FC 0
Boston 4, Portland 1
**Saturday's game**
Houston at Western New York.
**Sunday's games**
Seattle FC at Sky Blue FC
Washington at Boston
**Wednesday, June 4**
Western New York at FC Kansas City
Washington at Chicago
**Saturday, June 7**
Boston at FC Kansas City
Western New York at Portland
Chicago at Seattle FC
**Sunday, June 8**
Houston at Sky Blue FC

## Pro basketball

### WNBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 4 | 1 | .800 | — |
| Atlanta | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1½ |
| New York | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1½ |
| Washington | 1 | 2 | .333 | 2 |
| Connecticut | 1 | 3 | .250 | 2½ |
| Indiana | 1 | 3 | .250 | 2½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Los Angeles | 2 | 1 | .667 | 2 |
| Phoenix | 2 | 1 | .667 | 2 |
| San Antonio | 3 | 2 | .600 | 2 |
| Seattle | 1 | 4 | .200 | 4 |
| Tulsa | 1 | 3 | .000 | 4 |

**Tuesday's game**
New York 70, Seattle 64
**Wednesday's game**
San Antonio 82, Tulsa 79
**Thursday's game**
Connecticut at Indiana
**Friday's games**
New York at Washington
Seattle at Atlanta
San Antonio at Minnesota
Connecticut at Chicago
Tulsa at Phoenix

GOLF/MLB

LYNNE SLADKY/AP

**Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the 12th hole during the final round of the Cadillac Championship golf tournament in Doral, Fla. in March. Woods withdrew from the U.S. Open on Wednesday as he recovers from back surgery that has kept him out of golf for nearly three months. It will be the second U.S. Open, and sixth major, he has missed because of injury over the last six years.**

# Woods withdraws from US Open

BY DOUG FERGUSON
*The Associated Press*

DUBLIN, Ohio — Tiger Woods withdrew from the U.S. Open on Wednesday as he recovers from back surgery that has kept him out of golf for nearly three months.

It will be the second U.S. Open, and sixth major, he has missed because of injury over the last six years.

The U.S. Open is June 12-15 at Pinehurst No. 2, where Woods tied for third in 1999 and was runner-up in 2005. The announcement on his website was not surprising. A week ago at a promotional event for the Quicken Loans National at Congressional, Woods said he still had not taken a full swing with a golf club and did not know when he could.

He had microdiscetomy surgery to relieve a pinched nerve on March 31.

"Unfortunately, I won't be there because I'm not yet physically able to play competitive golf," Woods said. "I'd like to convey my regrets to the USGA leadership, the volunteers and the fans that I won't be at Pinehurst. The U.S. Open is very important to me, and I know it's going to be a great week."

Woods last played on March 9 at Doral, where he closed with a 78 while suffering what he called back spasms. He withdrew in the middle of the final round at the Honda Classic with back pain a week earlier.

Woods is a three-time U.S. Open champion, one short of the record shared by Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones and Willie Anderson.

# Ace: Rookie pitcher's velocity a nightmare for opposing batters

FROM BACK PAGE

And it's no wonder the Royals were concerned when Ventura left Monday night's start against Houston because of elbow discomfort. Ventura departed after Jose Altuve fouled off a pitch in the third inning.

Manager Ned Yost and trainer Nick Kenney went to the mound and Ventura was led off without attempting another pitch.

Ventura will miss his next start after an MRI exam taken Tuesday on his sore right elbow showed no ligament damage.

He was diagnosed with a mild valgus extension overload, a condition in which the repetitive stress on the elbow can cause pain in the joint.

Trainers went out to examine Ventura in the third inning when they noticed a decrease in the velocity on his fastball. But they were confident there was no ligament damage when Ventura said the pain was on the outside of the elbow, rather than on the inside of it.

"It happens. It happens to everybody. It happens to infielders, it happens to outfielders. It's just a freak thing," Yost said. "The pain was on the other side of the elbow, and he only felt it on extension on his fastball. He didn't feel it on his breaking ball or his changeup."

Before his outing Monday night, people were interested how Ventura could throw so hard at his size.

Glenn Fleisig, an expert in medical and mechanical engineering, has been studying pitchers for years at the American Sports Medicine Institute, the nonprofit founded by renowned surgeon Dr. James Andrews. While Fleisig has not examined Ventura specifically, he may be able to explain in general terms what makes the right-hander stand out.

"More than anything it has to do with the timing of the different motions," Fleisig says.

"You watch it by the naked eye," he continues, "and it looks like the guy steps, his body moves forward and he throws. But if you do it in slow motion, it's really a sequence of events.

"When a pitcher's stride foot lands, his arm, totally not connected to his leg, has to be at a certain position, and his hips and trunk has to be at a certain position. And if we break these things down to a very small fraction of a second, the best pitchers are sequencing right."

In science, that sequencing is called a kinetic chain. Ventura's is nearly perfect.

"What a pitcher has to do to maximize his ball velocity is maximize his timing of different body parts," Fleisig explains. "That's not the only thing but it is the most important thing."

Another important element is what Fleisig calls functional strength.

Even though Ventura is about as husky as a foul pole, the muscles, ligaments and tendons that it takes to throw hard have been honed over the years, and not just by pitching.

Unlike youngsters in America who specialize at a young age, Ventura played shortstop — and other sports — along with pitching as a child, and that developed his body into that of a well-rounded athlete.

"His body just figured it out right," Fleisig says.

This matters because, while many pitchers throw hard, very few throw as hard as Ventura. And the difference between a 95 mph fastball and one that hits triple-digits is astounding.

Alan M. Nathan, a physics professor at the University of Illinois, has found that a pitch released at 95 mph will cross the plate in about four-tenths of a second, and that each additional mile per hour trims that flight time by about 1 percent.

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**Kansas City pitcher Yordano Ventura was clocked throwing a four-seam fastball at 102.816 mph last September — the fastest thrown by a starter since the PitchFX system began tracking the velocity and trajectory of pitches in every major league ballpark during the 2006 playoffs.**

While that may not seem like much, keep in mind the margin of error for putting the ball in play is about seven milliseconds.

"So if a pitcher throws at 100 mph but the batter perceives the pitch at 98 mph, the batter will swing late by about 8 milliseconds," Nathan concludes, "and that is outside of the margin of error for hitting the ball fair."

In other words, Ventura makes batters swing and miss a lot.

"I'm thankful I have a good arm," Ventura says with a shrug, "and I'm going to keep working hard to be healthy, but nobody has ever explained to me why I'm able to throw so hard."

During a September call-up last year, Ventura was clocked throwing a four-seam fastball at 102.816 mph — the fastest thrown by a starter since the PitchFX system began tracking the velocity and trajectory of pitches in every major league ballpark during the 2006 playoffs.

This year, the 22-year-old leads the major leagues in average fastball velocity by a wide margin, ahead of power pitchers such as Stephen Strasburg and Justin Verlander. He had a 2.80 ERA through his first nine starts, with 56 strikeouts in 54⅔ innings.

While there may be a scientific explanation for the way Ventura brings the heat, Royals general manager Dayton Moore offers another suggestion: "I think it's God-given," he says.

In truth, the reason Ventura throws hard may be a mixture of science and dogma.

"He was throwing hard at 18, 19 years old," Royals pitching coach Dave Eiland says. "That's not something where you can go, 'Deliver the baseball this way and you'll throw 100.' It's genetics. It must be God-given, you know?"

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# MLB SCOREBOARD

## American League

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 32 | 22 | .593 | — |
| New York | 28 | 24 | .538 | 3 |
| Baltimore | 26 | 25 | .510 | 4½ |
| Boston | 23 | 29 | .442 | 8 |
| Tampa Bay | 23 | 31 | .426 | 9 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Detroit | 29 | 20 | .592 | — |
| Chicago | 28 | 27 | .509 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 24 | 26 | .480 | 5½ |
| Kansas City | 24 | 28 | .462 | 6½ |
| Cleveland | 24 | 30 | .444 | 7½ |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| Oakland | 32 | 21 | .604 | — |
| Los Angeles | 29 | 23 | .558 | 2½ |
| Texas | 27 | 26 | .509 | 5 |
| Seattle | 26 | 26 | .500 | 5½ |
| Houston | 22 | 32 | .407 | 10½ |

## National League

| East Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 28 | 24 | .538 | — |
| Miami | 28 | 25 | .528 | ½ |
| Washington | 25 | 27 | .481 | 3 |
| New York | 24 | 28 | .462 | 4 |
| Philadelphia | 23 | 27 | .460 | 4 |
| **Central Division** | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 32 | 22 | .593 | — |
| St. Louis | 29 | 24 | .547 | 2½ |
| Cincinnati | 23 | 28 | .451 | 7½ |
| Pittsburgh | 23 | 29 | .442 | 8 |
| Chicago | 19 | 32 | .373 | 11½ |
| **West Division** | | | | |
| San Francisco | 34 | 19 | .642 | — |
| Los Angeles | 29 | 25 | .537 | 5½ |
| Colorado | 28 | 25 | .528 | 6 |
| San Diego | 24 | 30 | .444 | 10½ |
| Arizona | 22 | 33 | .400 | 13 |

**Wednesday's games**

Houston 9, Kansas City 3
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 4, Atlanta 0
Milwaukee 8, Baltimore 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Cleveland 2
Texas 1, Minnesota 0
N.Y. Yankees 7, St. Louis 4
Oakland 3, Detroit 1
Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Pittsburgh 0
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 0
Philadelphia 6, Colorado 3
Miami 8, Washington 5, 10 innings
Arizona 12, San Diego 6
Cincinnati 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

**Thursday's games**

Texas at Minnesota
Detroit at Oakland
Kansas City at Toronto
Atlanta at Boston
Baltimore at Houston
L.A. Angels at Seattle
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia
San Francisco at St. Louis
Cincinnati at Arizona
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers

**Friday's games**

Colorado (Nicasio 5-2) at Cleveland (Kluber 5-3)
Minnesota (Nolasco 2-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Nuno 1-1)
Texas (Lewis 4-3) at Washington (Strasburg 3-4)
Kansas City (Vargas 4-2) at Toronto (Happ 4-1)
Tampa Bay (Price 4-4) at Boston (Workman 0-0)
Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 3-3) at Houston (Oberholtzer 1-6)
San Diego (Kennedy 3-6) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 3-4)
L.A. Angels (Richards 4-1) at Oakland (Pomeranz 4-2)
Detroit (Verlander 5-4) at Seattle (Iwakuma 3-1)
Colorado (Nicasio 5-2) at Cleveland (Kluber 5-3)
N.Y. Mets (R.Montero 0-2) at Philadelphia (A.Burnett 3-4)
Atlanta (Teheran 4-3) at Miami (Koehler 4-4)
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 5-4) at Milwaukee (Estrada 4-2)
San Diego (Kennedy 3-6) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 3-4)
San Francisco (Bumgarner 6-3) at St. Louis (Wainwright 8-2)
Cincinnati (Leake 2-4) at Arizona (Arroyo 4-3)
Pittsburgh (Liriano 0-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 3-1)

## Wednesday
## Blue Jays 3, Rays 2

| Tampa Bay | ab | r | h | bi | Toronto | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DeJess dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Reyes ss | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Longori 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | MeCarr lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Loney 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bautist rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| DJnngs cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lind dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Joyce lf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Encrnc 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Forsyth ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | JFrncs 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solis c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | StTlsn ph-2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Myers rf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Lwrie 2b-3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| YEscor ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | DNavrr c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| JMolin c | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Pillar pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kiermr lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Gose cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| SRdrgz 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 31 | 2 | 4 | 2 | Totals | 32 | 3 | 9 | 2 |

**Tampa Bay** 020 000 000—2
**Toronto** 200 000 001—3

No outs when winning run scored. E—Oviedo (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 9. 2B—Joyce 2 (10). HR—Myers (5).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Tampa Bay** | | | | | | |
| Archer | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Jo.Peralta | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| McGee | 1⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Oviedo L,1-1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Toronto** | | | | | | |
| Hendriks | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Rasmussen | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McGowan | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Loup W,2-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Rasmussen pitched to 1 in the 7th. Oviedo pitched to 2 in the 9th. HBP—by Archer (Bautista), by Hendriks (S.Rodriguez). T—3:23. A—17,309 (49,282).

## Mariners 3, Angels 1

| Los Angeles | ab | r | h | bi | Seattle | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HKndrc 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | J.Jones cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Trout cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Romer rf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Pujols 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | MSndrs pr-rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Freese 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Cano 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ibanez dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Smoak 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Aybar ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Seager 3b | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Calhon rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Buck dh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Conger c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ackley lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cowgill lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Zunino c | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | Frnkln ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 29 | 1 | 4 | 1 | Totals | 27 | 3 | 5 | 3 |

**Los Angeles** 000 000 001—1
**Seattle** 020 000 01x—3

DP—Los Angeles 2, Seattle 1. LOB—Los Angeles 3, Seattle 3. 2B—Pujols (14). HR—Zunino (7). SB—Aybar (3). CS—H.Kendrick (3), J.Jones (1).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Los Angeles** | | | | | | |
| C.Wilson L,6-4 | 7⅔ | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Jepsen | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| **Seattle** | | | | | | |
| F.Hernandez W,7-1 | 8⅔ | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Rodney S,13-15 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

HBP—by C.Wilson (Romero). WP—C.Wilson. T—2:30. A—13,895 (47,476).

## Rangers 1, Twins 0

| Texas | ab | r | h | bi | Minnesota | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Choo lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Dozier 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Andrus ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Mauer 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Odor 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Plouffe dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Morlnd 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Arcia rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ABeltre 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Wlngh lf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Rios dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Parmel pr-lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Choice rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | KSuzuk c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LMartn cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Nunez 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Chirins c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | EEscor ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sardins 2b-ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | DSantn cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 34 | 1 | 8 | 1 | Totals | 31 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

**Texas** 000 000 100—1
**Minnesota** 000 000 000—0

E—K.Suzuki (3). LOB—Texas 6, Minnesota 9. 2B—L.Martin (2), Dozier (7), Nunez (1). SB—Rios (10), L.Martin (11). CS—Sardinas (1), Nunez (1). S—D.Santana.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Texas** | | | | | | |
| J.Saunders | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Sh.Tolleson W,1-1 | 1⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cotts H,6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Frasor H,7 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Soria S,9-10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Minnesota** | | | | | | |
| Gibson | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Burton L,1-2 | ⅔ | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Thielbar | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Guerrier | 1⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

WP—Cotts. T—3:12. A—26,472 (39,021).

## Astros 9, Royals 3

| Houston | ab | r | h | bi | Kansas City | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Altuve 2b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Aoki rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Springr rf | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | Infante 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Fowler cf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Pareds 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Presley cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | AGordn lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| MDmn 3b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | BButler dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carter dh | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | Hosmer 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Guzmn 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | AEscor ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Grssmn lf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Ciriaco 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Corprn c | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | Hayes c | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Villar ss | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Dyson cf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 38 | 9 | 11 | 9 | Totals | 33 | 3 | 7 | 3 |

**Houston** 221 013 000—9
**Kansas City** 000 110 100—3

E—Altuve (1), Villar (7), Hosmer (4). DP—Houston 1, Kansas City 1. LOB—Houston 13, Kansas City 8. 2B—Corporan (1), Hosmer (18), A.Escobar (13). HR—Springer (9), Carter 2 (8), Hayes (1). SB—Guzman (2), Dyson 2 (9). SF—Infante.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Houston** | | | | | | |
| Cosart W,4-4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Williams | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| D.Downs | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farnsworth | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| **Kansas City** | | | | | | |
| Duffy L,2-5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| K.Herrera | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| L.Coleman | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Ti.Collins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Mariot | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| G.Holland | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Duffy pitched to 2 batters in the 5th. HBP—by L.Coleman (Springer). T—3:21. A—16,220 (37,903).

## Red Sox 4, Braves 0

| Atlanta | ab | r | h | bi | Boston | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Heywrd rf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Holt 3b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BUpton cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bogarts ss | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| FFrmn 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Pedroia 2b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| J.Upton lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | D.Ortiz dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gattis c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Przyns c | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Doumit dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | JGoms lf | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| CJhnsn 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | GSizmr rf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| LaStell 2b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Nava 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| R.Pena ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Lvrnwy ph-1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | BrdlyJr cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 36 | 0 | 9 | 0 | Totals | 34 | 4 | 12 | 3 |

**Atlanta** 000 000 000—0
**Boston** 011 001 10x—4

E—R.Pena (1). DP—Atlanta 2. LOB—Atlanta 10, Boston 11. 2B—F.Freeman (14), J.Upton (12), Bogaerts (12), Bradley Jr. (12).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Atlanta** | | | | | | |
| Floyd L,0-2 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| A.Wood | 2⅔ | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Varvaro | ⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Boston** | | | | | | |
| Lackey W,6-3 | 6⅓ | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Capuano H,4 | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Tazawa | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Breslow | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

WP—Floyd, Varvaro. T—3:09. A—36,189 (37,071).

## Brewers 8, Orioles 3

| Baltimore | ab | r | h | bi | Milwaukee | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Markks rf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Segura ss | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Machd 3b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Braun rf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| A.Jones cf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Lucroy c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C.Davis 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CGomz cf | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| N.Cruz lf | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | MrRnl 3b-1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hardy ss | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Gennett 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hundly c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | RWks ph-2b | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Schoop 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | KDavis lf | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| BNorrs p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Overay 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| DYong ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | WSmith p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brach p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Falu ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Matusz p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Duke p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pearce ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Gallard p | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | | Kintzlr p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | EHerrr 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 34 | 3 | 9 | 3 | Totals | 32 | 8 | 10 | 8 |

**Baltimore** 010 001 100—3
**Milwaukee** 121 000 04x—8

E—W.Smith (1). DP—Baltimore 1, Milwaukee 2. LOB—Baltimore 9, Milwaukee 5. 2B—Markakis (10), Braun (10), C.Gomez (15), Overbay (4). HR—N.Cruz 2 (19), K.Davis (9). SB—Braun (4), C.Gomez (10). SF—Gennett.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Baltimore** | | | | | | |
| B.Norris L,3-5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Brach | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Matusz | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Milwaukee** | | | | | | |
| Gallardo W,3-3 | 6⅔ | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Kintzler | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| W.Smith H,12 | 1⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Duke | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Kintzler pitched to 2 in the 7th. Brach pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. HBP—by B.Norris (C.Gomez). T—3:29. A—28,280 (41,900).

## Reds 3, Dodgers 2

| Cincinnati | ab | r | h | bi | Los Angeles | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BHmltn cf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | DGordn 2b | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Frazier 3b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Ethier cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Phillips 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Puig rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mesorc c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | HRmrz ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bruce rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | AdGnzl 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ludwck lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Kemp lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Berndn lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | JuTrnr 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| B.Pena 1b | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | Butera c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cozart ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Kershw p | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Bailey p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Romak ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MParr p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | League p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Broxtn p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Howell p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schmkr ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | BWilsn p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| AChpm p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 35 | 3 | 8 | 2 | Totals | 31 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

**Cincinnati** 200 001 000—3
**Los Angeles** 000 011 000—2

DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Cincinnati 6, Los Angeles 5. 2B—B.Hamilton (6), Frazier 2 (14), B.Pena (7), D.Gordon (9), Ju.Turner (6). HR—Phillips (4), Puig (11). S—Ethier.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cincinnati** | | | | | | |
| Bailey W,5-3 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| M.Parra H,7 | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Broxton H,4 | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A.Chapman S,5-6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| **Los Angeles** | | | | | | |
| Kershaw L,3-2 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| League | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Howell | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| B.Wilson | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

WP—Bailey, Kershaw. PB—Mesoraco, Butera. T—3:08. A—41,129 (56,000).

## Athletics 3, Tigers 1

| Detroit | ab | r | h | bi | Oakland | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RDavis cf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Crisp cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| AJcksn cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Jaso dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kinsler 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Gentry pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| MiCarr 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Dnldsn 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| VMrtnz dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Moss 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TrHntr rf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Cespds lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| JMrtnz lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lowrie ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Avila c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | DNorrs c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cstllns 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Reddck rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Worth ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sogard 2b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Callasp ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 30 | 1 | 6 | 1 | Totals | 29 | 3 | 5 | 3 |

**Detroit** 000 100 000—1
**Oakland** 000 000 003—3

One out when winning run scored. DP—Detroit 1, Oakland 2. LOB—Detroit 2, Oakland 2. 2B—R.Davis (9), Crisp (9), Sogard (5). HR—Tor.Hunter (8), Donaldson (13).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Detroit** | | | | | | |
| A.Sanchez | 8⅓ | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Nathan L,2-1 BS,4-16 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Oakland** | | | | | | |
| Kazmir W,6-2 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 |

Nathan pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. WP—Kazmir. T—2:26. A—15,590 (35,067).

## White Sox 3, Indians 2

| Cleveland | ab | r | h | bi | Chicago | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bourn cf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Eaton cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ACarer ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GBckh 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brantly lf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Gillaspi 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kipnis 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Viciedo lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Chsnhll 3b-1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | DeAza pr-lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Giambi dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | A.Dunn 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Tomlin pr-dh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | AlRmrz ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| YGoms c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Flowrs c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DvMrp rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | LeGarc pr | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Aguilar 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Semien dh | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Aviles pr-3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sierra rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 33 | 2 | 7 | 2 | Totals | 32 | 3 | 8 | 3 |

**Cleveland** 010 000 001—2
**Chicago** 000 000 111—3

One out when winning run scored. E—Aviles (2). LOB—Cleveland 6, Chicago 8. HR—Giambi (2). SB—Al.Ramirez (10), Le.Garcia (6). S—Bourn. SF—A.Dunn.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cleveland** | | | | | | |
| House | 6⅓ | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Atchison BS,1-2 | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Allen | ⅔ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Shaw L,1-1 | ⅔ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Chicago** | | | | | | |
| Noesi | 7⅓ | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Guerra | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Belisario W,3-3 BS,3-6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Balk—Noesi. T—2:46. A—14,228 (40,615).

## Phillies 6, Rockies 3

| Colorado | ab | r | h | bi | Philadelphia | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blckmn cf-lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Revere cf | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| LeMahi 2b-3b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Rollins ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mornea 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Utley 2b | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Cuddyr rf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Howard 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Dickrsn lf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Byrd rf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Masset p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | DBrwn lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hwkns p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bastrd p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Logan p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | MAdms p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rosario c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Diekmn p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rtledg ss-2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ruf ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Culersn 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Papeln p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CGnzlz ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ruiz c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brothrs p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CHrndz 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stubbs cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | RHrndz p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lyles p | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | GwynJ lf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Barnes ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Belisle p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Tlwtzk ph-ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 36 | 3 | 9 | 3 | Totals | 36 | 6 | 9 | 6 |

**Colorado** 002 000 010—3
**Philadelphia** 001 010 004—6

Two outs when winning run scored. E—Tulowitzki (2), Rutledge (2), Ruiz (3), C.Hernandez (1). DP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Colorado 15, Philadelphia 8. 2B—Morneau (14), Rosario (7), Barnes (7), Utley (22). HR—LeMahieu (1), Morneau (10), Howard (9). SB—Revere (13).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Colorado** | | | | | | |
| Lyles | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Belisle | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Brothers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Masset H,1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hawkins L,2-1 H,1 | ⅔ | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Logan BS,3-3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| **Philadelphia** | | | | | | |
| R.Hernandez | 5⅔ | 6 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Bastardo | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Mi.Adams | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Diekman | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Papelbon W,1-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Bastardo pitched to 3 batters in the 7th. Logan pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. WP—Lyles. T—3:46. A—23,691 (43,651).

## Mets 5, Pirates 0

| Pittsburgh | ab | r | h | bi | New York | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| JHrrsn rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Lagars cf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| NWalkr 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | DnMrp 2b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| AMcCt cf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | DWrght 3b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| I.Davis 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Grndrs rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SMarte lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CYoung lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PAlvrz 3b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Duda 1b | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Mercer ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Tejada ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CStwrt c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Centen c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Morton p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Colon p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| JHughs p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Famili p | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Snider ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Morris p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 34 | 0 | 6 | 0 | Totals | 29 | 5 | 6 | 4 |

**Pittsburgh** 000 000 000—0
**New York** 011 001 02x—5

E—P.Alvarez (12), Mercer (4), D.Wright 2 (6). DP—New York 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 8, New York 8. 2B—P.Alvarez (4). HR—D.Wright (4), Duda (7). SB—D.Wright (3). CS—Lagares (3).

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pittsburgh** | | | | | | |
| Morton L,1-7 | 5⅓ | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| J.Hughes | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Morris | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| **New York** | | | | | | |
| Colon W,4-5 | 7⅓ | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Familia S,1-1 | 1⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

WP—Morton 2, Colon. Balk—Morris. T—3:08. A—34,839 (41,922).

## Marlins 8, Nationals 5 (10)

| Miami | ab | r | h | bi | Washington | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yelich lf-cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Span cf | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Dietrch 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Rendon 3b | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Stanton rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Werth rf | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| McGeh 3b | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | LaRoch 1b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| GJones 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | WRams c | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| MDunn p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Dsmnd ss | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| RJhnsn lf | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Frndsn 2b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sltlmch c | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | McLoth lf | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Ozuna cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Zmrmn p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slowey p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TMoore ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solano ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Detwlr p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cishek p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Espinos ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hchvrr ss | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Storen p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HAlvrz p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Clippd p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hatchr p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Hairstn ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DJnngs p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | RSorin p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| JeBakr ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Dobbs ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ARams p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Blevins p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lucas 1b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Barrett p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 39 | 8 | 14 | 7 | Totals | 43 | 5 | 15 | 4 |

**Miami** 000 400 000 4—8
**Washington** 000 003 100 1—5

E—G.Jones (6), Werth (4). DP—Miami 1, Washington 1. LOB—Miami 7, Washington 15. 2B—Yelich (8), R.Johnson (8), McLouth (4). HR—W.Ramos (1). SB—McLouth (4). S—Dietrich. SF—LaRoche.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Miami** | | | | | | |
| H.Alvarez | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Hatcher | ⅔ | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Da.Jennings H,1 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| A.Ramos BS,3-3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| M.Dunn | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Slowey W,1-0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cishek | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| **Washington** | | | | | | |
| Zimmermann | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Detwiler | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Storen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Clippard | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| R.Soriano | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blevins L,2-2 | ⅓ | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Barrett | ⅔ | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

HBP—by H.Alvarez (Desmond). T—3:47. A—24,830 (41,408).

## Giants 5, Cubs 0

| Chicago | ab | r | h | bi | San Francisco | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bonifac 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pagan cf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Lake cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pence rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rizzo 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Posey 1b | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SCastro ss | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Sandovl 3b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Schrhlt rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | JGutrrz p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Olt 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | J.Lopez p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Coghln lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | HSnchz c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Ruggin ph-lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Colvin lf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| JoBakr c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Affeldt p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EJcksn p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Machi p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Russell p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Arias ph-3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schlittr p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | BCrwfr ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Barney ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Adrianz 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grimm p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Linccm p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Valuen ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | B.Hicks ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | Kontos p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | Blanco lf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 30 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Totals | 31 | 5 | 8 | 4 |

**Chicago** 000 000 000—0
**San Francisco** 000 002 30x—5

E—Olt (4), Arias (1), B.Crawford (5). DP—San Francisco 1. LOB—Chicago 9, San Francisco 7. 2B—Pagan (12), H.Sanchez (7), Colvin (8). SB—Bonifacio (12). S—Pagan.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Chicago** | | | | | | |
| E.Jackson L,3-5 | 5⅓ | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Russell | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schlitter | ⅔ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Grimm | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **San Francisco** | | | | | | |
| Lincecum | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Kontos W,1-0 | 1⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Affeldt | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Machi H,5 | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Gutierrez | 1⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J.Lopez | ⅔ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Affeldt pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. Russell pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. HBP—by Lincecum (Schierholtz). WP—E.Jackson, Grimm. T—3:18. A—41,186 (41,915).

## Yankees 7, Cardinals 4

| New York | ab | r | h | bi | St. Louis | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gardnr lf | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | MCrpnt 3b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| BRorts 2b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | Wong 2b | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| DvRrts p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Hollidy lf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ellsury cf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | Craig 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| McCnn 1b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | YMolin c | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| JMrphy c | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Jay rf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ISuzuki rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Bourjos cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Warren p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | MAdms ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solarte 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Descals ss | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Ryan ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | SMiller p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KJhnsn 3b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | SFrmn p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kuroda p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | JhPerlt ph | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Thrntn p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Maness p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Betncs p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Choate p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ZAlmnt rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | M.Ellis ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Motte p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 39 | 7 | 12 | 7 | Totals | 40 | 4 | 13 | 4 |

**New York** 004 300 000—7
**St. Louis** 000 111 010—4

E—Ryan (2), Maness (1). DP—St. Louis 1. LOB—New York 8, St. Louis 13. 2B—B.Roberts (7), M.Carpenter 2 (12), Wong (5), Y.Molina (12). SB—Ellsbury 2 (14). S—S.Miller.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **New York** | | | | | | |
| Kuroda W,4-3 | 5⅔ | 9 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Thornton | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Betances H,5 | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Warren | 1⅔ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dav.Robertson | 1⅓ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| **St. Louis** | | | | | | |
| S.Miller L,6-4 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| S.Freeman | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Maness | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Choate | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Motte | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Maness pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. Thornton pitched to 1 in the 6th. HBP—by Kuroda (Craig). WP—Kuroda, Warren, S.Miller. T—3:22. A—45,267 (45,399).

## Diamondbacks 12, Padres 6

| San Diego | ab | r | h | bi | Arizona | ab | r | h | bi |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ECarer ss | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | Pollock cf | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| S.Smith rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | GParra rf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Quentin ph-lf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Gldsch 1b | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Headly 3b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Evans 1b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Amarst 3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | MMntr c | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Alonso 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Prado 3b | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Patton p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Hill 2b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rivera ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Owings ss | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Medica lf-1b | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | Inciart lf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Gyorko 2b | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | CAndrs p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maybin cf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | C.Ross ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ATorrs p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Delgad p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Denorfi lf-rf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Thtchr p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grandl c | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Gswsch ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stauffr p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Cahill p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Roach p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Venale cf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | |
| Totals | 39 | 6 | 11 | 6 | Totals | 40 | 12 | 17 | 12 |

**San Diego** 000 130 020— 6
**Arizona** 820 000 20x—12

E—A.Torres (1), Prado 2 (10). DP—Arizona 1. LOB—San Diego 9, Arizona 9. 2B—Medica (3), Pollock 2 (12), G.Parra (8), Goldschmidt (22). 3B—Medica (1), Maybin (1). HR—Medica (3), Goldschmidt (10), Prado (2). S—C.Anderson.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **San Diego** | | | | | | |
| Stauffer L,2-1 | ⅓ | 6 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Roach | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| A.Torres | 1⅔ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Patton | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| **Arizona** | | | | | | |
| C.Anderson W,3-0 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Delgado | 2⅔ | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Thatcher | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cahill | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

HBP—by Roach (Pollock), by Thatcher (Quentin). WP—Roach 3, A.Torres. T—3:29. A—22,233 (48,633).

# MLB

## NL roundup

# Howard's HR in 9th lifts Philies to win

*The Associated Press*

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard is starting to look like a former MVP.

Howard hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Philadelphia Phillies to a 6-3 win over the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday.

Chase Utley hit a tying, RBI single off Boone Logan before Howard drove one out to left-center for his fifth career walk-off homer. Howard finished the series 5-for-9 with two homers and nine RBIs.

"I found the ball. That's about it," Howard said. "With swinging, sometimes you have to tinker with a few things, sometimes it just finds you. You don't question it. You just try to roll with it."

Howard, who was NL MVP in 2006 when he hit 58 homers, has struggled since tearing his Achilles' tendon on the final swing of the 2011 season in a playoff loss. If he regains his old form, Howard could keep the Phillies in contention in a division that lacks a dominant team.

"I believe this is a championship-caliber team," Howard said. "We just have to play like it. We've talked about trying to build on games like this. Now it's about doing it."

Closer La Troy Hawkins (2-1) got the first out in the ninth before Tony Gwynn Jr. reached on second baseman D.J. LeMahieu's throwing error. Ben Revere followed with a single to right. Jimmy Rollins then hit a foul pop that Troy Tulowitzki, a two-time Gold Glove winning shortstop, dropped for an error. But Hawkins retired Rollins on a liner to left. Logan entered and allowed Utley's line-drive single to right that scored Gwynn.

Howard then connected on a 2-2 pitch for his ninth homer.

Jonathan Papelbon (1-1) tossed a perfect ninth for the win.

LeMahieu hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth and Justin Morneau also hit a solo homer for Colorado.

Phillies reliever Mike Adams pitched out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the seventh after Antonio Bastardo walked the first three hitters. Adams entered and retired pinch-hitter Carlos Gonzalez on a home-to-first double play bouncer to the mound. Adams then struck out pinch-hitter Tulowitzki to end the inning.

**Diamondbacks 12, Padres 6:** Chase Anderson became the first Arizona pitcher to win his first three career starts and host Arizona set a first-inning team scoring record with eight runs on eight hits to beat San Diego.

**Reds 3, Dodgers 2:** Brandon Phillips hit a two-run homer against Clayton Kershaw and Homer Bailey pitched seven effective innings to lead visiting Cincinnati over Los Angeles.

**Giants 5, Cubs 0:** Tim Lincecum and five relievers combined on a two-hitter as host San Francisco shut out Chicago. Lincecum struck out five, walked four and hit a batter in another wild, but effective start.

**Marlins 8, Nationals 5 (10):** Casey McGehee's fourth hit of the game drove in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and Reed Johnson doubled home two more as visiting Miami beat Washington.

**Mets 5, Pirates 0:** Bartolo Colon carried a three-hitter into the eighth inning and New York got home runs from David Wright and Lucas Duda as host New York beat sloppy Pittsburgh.

### Interleague

**Brewers 8, Orioles 3:** A day after getting the win with his bat with a pinch-hit RBI double in the 10th inning, Yovani Gallardo earned a victory with his arm as host Milwaukee overcame two home runs by Nelson Cruz to beat Baltimore.

**Yankees 7, Cardinals 4:** Hiroki Kuroda snapped an 11-start road winless streak and Jacoby Ellsbury helped build an early lead with three hits and three RBIs in his first three at-bats as New York defeated host St. Louis.

Matt Slocum/AP

**Phillies players greet Ryan Howard, left, at home plate after his game-winning three-run home run off Rockies reliever Boone Logan in the ninth inning on Wednesday' in Philadelphia. The Phillies won 6-3.**

Jeff Chiu/AP

**Oakland's Josh Donaldson, right, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a walk-off, three-run homer off of Detroit closer Joe Nathan as the Athletics beat the Tigers 3-1 on Wednesday in Oakland, Calif.**

## AL roundup

# A's Donaldson sinks Tigers with 3-run, walk-off homer

*The Associated Press*

OAKLAND, Calif. — After being shut down by Anibal Sanchez all night, the Oakland Athletics were happy finally to get a chance at Detroit's bullpen in the ninth.

Josh Donaldson hit a game-ending three-run homer off Joe Nathan with one out in the ninth and Scott Kazmir pitched his first complete game in nearly eight years to help the A's rally for a 3-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

"It's always a bit of a relief," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "But it's not like Nathan is a day at the beach either. But certainly when a guy has had your number for that long for that period of time, you feel like now here is a new breath of life for us."

Sanchez was in command all night, allowing only two hits as he took a shutout into the ninth inning before Oakland rallied to hand the Tigers their eighth loss in 10 games.

Coco Crisp got it started with one out when he hit an opposite-field double just inside the third-base line that ended Sanchez's night after 111 pitches.

John Jaso greeted Nathan with a single off third baseman Nick Castellanos' glove to set the stage for Donaldson.

"The big out there was getting Jaso," Nathan said. "You get him and it changes everything. It changes how you approach Donaldson. It changes how you pitch to him. It gives me a chance to play with him a little bit. When we didn't get Jaso, it put us in a tough spot."

Donaldson made the most of his opportunity, hitting a towering drive down the left-field line that he stood and watched, hoping it would stay fair. It did as he ended up with his second career walk-off homer, having also hit one April 12, 2013, against the Tigers.

"They had about three balls tonight that went down that line and they kind of kept hooking foul," Donaldson said. "I saw where mine started. I was just praying that it would stay fair."

It did and Nathan (2-1) blew his fourth save in 16 chances.

Kazmir (6-2) allowed six hits and no walks with eight strikeouts, giving up only a solo homer to Torii Hunter in the fourth inning in his second career complete game.

"As a fan that was a fun game to watch right there. It was," Kazmir said. "Throughout the whole game Anibal and I were just battling it out, out for out. We ended up getting a couple of baserunners up in the ninth and Donaldson comes up. You just kind of had that feeling when he came up to be honest with you. He saw that first pitch and didn't miss it. It was awesome."

Sanchez faced the minimum through three innings with center fielder Rajai Davis making a diving catch in the gap to rob Yoenis Cespedes of extra bases in the second inning and the Tigers turning a well-executed 3-6-1 inning-ending double play after Josh Reddick walked in the third for Oakland's first baserunner.

The A's got their first hit the following inning when Donaldson hit a clean single to center. Sanchez was helped again by his defense after that with first baseman Miguel Cabrera snaring a liner by Brandon Moss to end the inning and preserve the 1-0 lead.

**Blue Jays 3, Rays 2:** Pinch-runner Kevin Pillar scored the winning run on a throwing error by pitcher Juan Carlos Oviedo and host Toronto won its ninth straight game and completed a sweep of Tampa Bay.

**Rangers 1, Twins 0:** Joe Saunders made an impressive return to the Texas rotation and Luis Sardinas drove in the only run of the game to lift visiting Texas to a victory over Minnesota.

**White Sox 3, Indians 2:** Moises Sierra drove in the winning run with a single in the ninth inning as host Chicago beat Cleveland to complete a three-game sweep.

**Astros 9, Royals 3:** Chris Carter hit two home runs and George Springer set a rookie club record for homers in a month as visiting Houston beat Kansas City for its fifth straight win.

**Mariners 3, Angels 1:** Felix Hernandez took a shutout into the ninth inning, coming within one out of his first complete game since August 2012 as host Seattle beat Los Angeles. Mike Zunino homered and drove in all of Seattle's runs.

### Interleague

**Red Sox 4, Braves 0:** John Lackey pitched neatly into the seventh inning as host Boston beat Atlanta, its third straight victory after a 10-game losing streak.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

# Gwynn on minds of Aztecs

BY BERNIE WILSON
*The Associated Press*

SAN DIEGO — Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn isn't with his San Diego State Aztecs as they head to the NCAA regionals for the second straight season.

Then again, he is there.

Gwynn has been in his players' hearts and minds since he began a leave of absence in late March to recover from cancer treatment.

And for the better part of May, the Aztecs have rallied around a bobblehead of their coach.

Gwynn

The bobblehead was in the dugout in Las Vegas last weekend — with Gwynn's credential around its neck — as the Aztecs rallied to win the Mountain West Conference tournament and an automatic berth in the NCAA regionals. Freshman infielder Ryan Alvarez is in charge of packing it on the road, which this week means a trip to Lafayette, La., to face 2013 College World Series runner-up Mississippi State on Friday. Louisiana-Lafayette plays Jackson State.

Assistant coach Mark Martinez was looking for something to pump up the Aztecs after they played poorly in a three-game series at New Mexico in early May, including being outscored 19-6 in losing the last two games.

He wanted the Aztecs to wear their all-black, pinstriped uniforms at Long Beach State the following Tuesday, but they couldn't because the 49ers wore black jerseys.

So he asked an athletic department staffer for a Gwynn bobblehead, which was a giveaway item at a basketball game several years ago, early in the tenure of coach Steve Fisher.

"It actually worked out good. We wrapped up little Tony in a towel and went out to the pregame meeting and kind of poked his head out and said, 'Guys, we brought Tony with us. And they went crazy," Martinez said Wednesday.

SDSU won 6-3 that night and is 10-3 since Martinez brought out the bobblehead. The Aztecs (42-19) went 3-1 in the MWC tourney, coming back through the losers' bracket to win it.

In 20 seasons with the San Diego Padres, the lefty-swinging Gwynn had 3,141 hits, a .338 average, won eight NL batting titles and played in the franchise's only two World Series.

Gwynn has had two operations for cancer in his right cheek since August 2010. In a complicated surgery in February 2012, surgeons removed a facial nerve because it was intertwined with a tumor inside his right cheek. They grafted a nerve from Gwynn's neck to help him eventually regain facial movement.

Gwynn was last with the Aztecs on March 25, when they beat Santa Clara 12-4.

Martinez said the staff tries to talk with Gwynn every day.

"For me, it's why I come to work, and I know it's why these guys come. We're trying to do him proud," Martinez said.

MARK CORNELISON, LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER/MCT

**Kentucky starting pitcher A.J. Reed leads the nation in home runs (23) and slugging percentage (7.58) and is fourth in RBIs (70).**

## 10 things to know

# Top seed faces long odds

BY ERIC OLSON
*The Associated Press*

OMAHA, Neb. — The NCAA baseball tournament starts Friday with regionals. The 16 winners advance to super regionals next week, and the final eight go to the College World Series in Omaha beginning June 14.

Here are 10 of the tournament's top story lines:

**1 Year of the Beaver?:** Oregon State has lived up to preseason expectations, and now it's time to see if the overall No. 1 seed can finish the job. Ben Wetzler and Jace Fry are two of the nation's best starters, and left fielder Michael Conforto will be a first-round MLB draft pick. The Pac-12 champs have survived with freshmen in prominent roles — Logan Ice at catcher, Trever Morrison at shortstop and Caleb Hamilton at second base.

**2 The No. 1 problem:** As good as Oregon State has been, the Beavers are up against some bad history. Since the tournament was expanded to 64 teams in 1999, Miami is the only top-seeded team to win the national championship — and that was in 1999.

**3 Who's hot:** Louisiana-Lafayette has won 10 straight thanks to its high-scoring offense. The Sun Belt Conference's Ragin' Cajuns also had a 10-game winning streak the first month of the season and a 14-gamer in March. Their 53 wins are eight more than any other team. SEC tournament champion LSU has won eight straight, and Cal State Fullerton and Kennesaw State have won seven in a row.

**4 Who's not:** The Anteaters of UC Irvine are sucking air right now. They've lost six in a row and eight of their last nine. The good news is they made the tournament. The bad news is they played their way into Oregon State's regional.

**5 The guy everyone knows:** Florida State's Jameis Winston is the first Heisman Trophy winner to play college baseball since Auburn's Bo Jackson in 1986. Winston has been a shutdown reliever with his 95-mph fastball, striking out 29 and allowing four earned runs in 30⅔ innings for a team-best 1.17 ERA. Winston, who has started two games in left field and three as designated hitter, is batting .132 in 38 at-bats.

**6 The guy you've never heard of:** Max Pentecost of first-time tournament participant Kennesaw State is the best draft-eligible catcher. He chose to go to the Georgia school instead of turning pro after the Texas Rangers drafted him in the seventh round in 2011. His .423 batting average is second nationally — and best among players in the tournament — and he's batting .481 since March 15. Pentecost has driven in 55 runs with nine homers and 21 doubles, and he's thrown out 21 of 41 base stealers.

**7 The guy who does it all:** Kentucky's A.J. Reed is by far the top two-way player in the nation. He's blossomed from a 25th-round draft pick coming out of high school to the SEC player of the year and probable first- or second-round pick. The left-handed Reed leads the nation in home runs (23) and slugging percentage (.768) and is fourth in RBIs (70). Oh, and the pitcher is tops in the SEC in wins (11).

**8 Penguin power:** Horizon League champion Youngstown State enters the national tournament 16-36 and, at .308, with the lowest winning percentage of a participant since at least 2001. The Penguins got 25 percent of their wins in their conference tournament. Before last weekend, they had won back-to-back games just three times. Two other teams with losing records are in the field: Siena and Bethune-Cookman, which are both 26-31.

**9 You look familiar:** Texas A&M's move from the Big 12 to the SEC didn't sit well with Texas and led to the end of their famous football rivalry. Since the Aggies' SEC membership took effect in 2012-13, the schools have met in a sport just once, that being women's basketball last season. It took the Division I Baseball Committee to bring the Longhorns and Aggies back together on the diamond. They'll play Friday in Houston in one of the most anticipated regional matchups.

**10 Home sweet home:** The host team has won 70 percent (169 of 240) of the regionals held since the tournament went to its current format in 1999. Last year 14 of the 16 hosts made it to super regionals. No year has come close to matching the debacle of 2007, when only seven hosts advanced.

# SPORTS BRIEFS/FRENCH OPEN

## Briefly

# Manny apologizes for BoSox behavior

*The Associated Press*

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez apologized Wednesday for his behavior with the Boston Red Sox in his first public appearance since being hired as a minor league player-coach with the Chicago Cubs.

His apology came before a pregame ceremony in which the team honored its 2004 team that won Boston's first World Series championship since 1918.

"I realize that I behaved bad in Boston," Ramirez said. "The fans were great. I also played great when I was here, but I realized I behaved bad. I apologize for that. I'm a new man."

He said he has been attending church for almost a year.

During seven-plus seasons with Boston, Ramirez hit .312 with 274 homers and 868 RBIs before being traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2008. While with Boston, he often jogged to first base and after fly balls, had a physical altercation with traveling secretary Jack McCormick and exhibited quirky behavior that led to the phrase, "Manny being Manny."

Ramirez was the last of more than 30 members of the 2004 team introduced before Boston's game against the Atlanta Braves. He was the MVP of that World Series sweep over St. Louis.

Now he hopes to make a good impression on players in the Cubs' farm system.

"I'm looking forward to that," Ramirez said. "I can go over there and meet those kids and teach them what to do in the field and what not to do off the field. It's going to be a blast. We're going to have fun out there."

### OU's Cousins recovering from gunshot wound

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma basketball coach Lon Kruger says guard Isaiah Cousins is expected to recover after he was struck by a stray bullet in his hometown of Mount Vernon, New York.

Mount Vernon Police Deputy Commissioner Richard Burke says Cousins was walking with friends Tuesday when he was hit by a bullet from an exchange of gunfire a street away.

Kruger says Cousins was struck in the back of the shoulder but that he won't need surgery. Kruger says neither Cousins nor his friends were the intended target and Cousins was apparently in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Cousins averaged 11 points per game and started all 33 games for the Sooners last year. Kruger says Cousins will join the team for summer activities in June.

### LA fan alleges Chicago goalie sprayed him

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles police say they are investigating a battery report from a fan who says Chicago Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford sprayed water in his face during Game 4 of the Western Conference finals against the Kings at Staples Center.

LAPD spokeswoman Rosario Herrera confirmed the investigation for The Associated Press on Wednesday, shortly before the Blackhawks, down 3-1 in the series, faced the Kings in Game 5 in Chicago.

The report alleges that Crawford used a water bottle to spray the face of the heckling fan, who was thrown out of the arena and later filed the complaint with police. Crawford finished the game on the bench in the Blackhawks' 5-2 loss.

### Buccaneers, Man U owner Glazer dies at 85

TAMPA, Fla. — Malcolm Glazer, a self-made billionaire who shunned the spotlight while leading the takeover of English soccer's Manchester United and transforming the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers into Super Bowl champions, died Wednesday. He was 85.

The reclusive Palm Beach businessman had been in failing health since April 2006 when a pair of strokes left him with impaired speech and limited mobility in his right arm and leg.

He purchased the Bucs for a then-NFL record $192 million in 1995, taking over one of the worst-run and least successful franchises in professional sports. And while Glazer once said he probably overpaid by $50 million, the value of the team has more than quadrupled.

### Source: Shelly Sterling reviewing team bids

LOS ANGELES — Shelly Sterling was reviewing bids from five groups interested in buying the Los Angeles Clippers, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The individual, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly about the deal, said if an agreement to sell is reached before next Tuesday, the NBA's owners wouldn't meet in New York to vote on terminating Donald Sterling's ownership.

The individual wouldn't specify who the interested buyers were, but described them as major players with considerable financial means. The person told the AP the sale price "appears to be increasing to an unbelievable number," and that it could soar past $1.5 to $2 billion, and possibly more.

Another person familiar with the negotiations said Shelly Sterling's attorneys, bankers and others involved in the process were in a locked room reviewing the bids, which were due on Wednesday.

Darko Vojinovic/AP

**Defending champion Rafael Nadal serves the ball during his second round French Open match against Dominic Thiem on Thursday in Paris. Nadal won 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.**

# Nadal moves to third round

By Jerome Pugmire
*The Associated Press*

PARIS — Eight-time champion Rafael Nadal improved his French Open record to 61-1 after beating big-hitting Dominic Thiem of Austria 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 on Thursday.

The Spaniard's only defeat at Roland Garros was in the fourth round against Robin Soderling five years ago. He was never in danger of losing this time, but was occasionally on the back foot as Thiem went for his shots throughout the match and broke the top-seeded Nadal's serve twice.

"It was a dangerous match, dangerous opponent today," Nadal said. "I am happy with the way I resisted. When I had to play long points I did well. When I had to attack and move him, I think I did well."

Although Nadal broke Thiem's serve seven times overall, Thiem's powerful groundstrokes caused Nadal problems and he applauded the 20-year-old Thiem as he left center court.

"He will have his chances to become a top star and fight for these tournaments," Nadal said. "I really fought back against his attacks."

With Nadal serving at 5-1 in the first set, Thiem saved a set point with a backhand volley at the net, then forced a break point with a forehand winner into the right corner and won the game with a replica stroke on the next point.

Nadal sealed the second set with a forehand winner down the line, but Thiem broke him again and then held for a 3-1 lead in the third.

That prompted Nadal to step up a gear and secure two consecutive breaks.

"I continued to deploy an attacking style and him move around the court," Nadal said. "I put pressure on him."

Nadal, who sealed victory on his second match point, next faces either Leonardo Mayer of Argentina, who beat Russia's Teymuraz Gabashvili 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Fifth-seeded David Ferrer of Spain, last year's runner-up to Nadal; Briton's Andy Murray, seeded seventh, and No. 12 Richard Gasquet of France also advanced to the third round in straight sets.

Ferrer beat Italy's Simone Bolelli 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; the two-time Grand Slam champion Murray followed up with a 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 win against Australia's Marinko Matosevic, and Gasquet won 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4 against Carlos Berlocq of Argentina.

Ferrer next faces No. 32 Andreas Seppi of Italy, while Murray faces No. 28 Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany.

Also, 19th-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa beat Axel Michon 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 and American Donald Young won 6-1, 7-6 (1), 6-3 against No. 26 Feliciano Lopez.

In the women's draw, fifth-seeded Petra Kvitova won 6-4, 6-4 against Marina Erakovic, No. 6 Sixth-seeded Jelena Jankovic won 7-5, 6-0 against Japan's Kurumi Nara, and No. 10 Sara Errani of Italy — a runner-up in 2012 and semifinalist last year — won 6-2, 6-4 against Germany's Dinah Pfizenmaier.

Frenchwoman Kristina Mladenovic, who beat second-seeded Li Na — the former champion — in the first round, followed up with a 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3 win against American Alison Riske.

No. 15 Sloane Stephens of the United States; No. 23 Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic, and former French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia also advanced. Kuznetsova faces Kvitova in the third round.

## Scoreboard

### Thursday

**At Stade Roland Garros**
**Paris**
**Purse: $34.12 million (Grand Slam)**
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**
**Singles**
**Men**
**Second Round**

Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Dominic Thiem, Austria, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Andy Murray (7), Britain, def. Marinko Matosevic, Australia, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

Richard Gasquet (12), France, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4.

Kevin Anderson (19), South Africa, def. Axel Michon, France, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Donald Young, United States, def. Feliciano Lopez (26), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (1), 6-3.

Philipp Kohlschreiber (28), Germany, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Andreas Seppi (32), Italy, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Andreas Haider-Maurer, Austria, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

Jack Sock, United States, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

**Women**
**Second Round**

Petra Kvitova (5), Czech Republic, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, 6-4, 6-4.

Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 7-5, 6-0.

Sara Errani (10), Italy, def. Dinah Pfizenmaier, Germany, 6-2, 6-4.

Sloane Stephens (15), United States, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-1, 6-3.

Julia Glushko, Israel, def. Kirsten Flipkens (21), Belgium, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Ekaterina Makarova (22), Russia, def. Coco Vandeweghe, U.S., 6-4, 6-3.

Lucie Safarova (23), Czech Republic, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (24), Russia, 5-7, 6-4, 3-0, retired.

Sorana Cirstea (26), Romania, def. Teliana Pereira, Brazil, 6-2, 7-5.

Svetlana Kuznetsova (27), Russia, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Andrea Petkovic (28), Germany, def. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Pauline Parmentier, France, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, def. Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 6-2, 6-4.

Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor, Spain, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Alison Riske, United States, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-3.

NHL PLAYOFFS/NFL

# Hawks go 2 OTs to keep title defense alive

## Handzus' game-winner sends Stanley Cup champs back to LA for Game 6 of Western finals

BY JAY COHEN
*The Associated Press*

CHICAGO — Brandon Saad and Patrick Kane were everywhere, and the Chicago Blackhawks needed every last play to keep their title defense alive.

The Western Conference finals are headed back to California.

Saad and Kane each picked up an assist when Michal Handzus scored 2:04 into the second overtime, and the Blackhawks beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-4 in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

Saad made a nice pass to the middle and Handzus beat goaltender Jonathan Quick with a backhander for his second goal of the playoffs. The Slovak center celebrated by pounding the boards behind the net as the sell-out crowd of 21,871 roared.

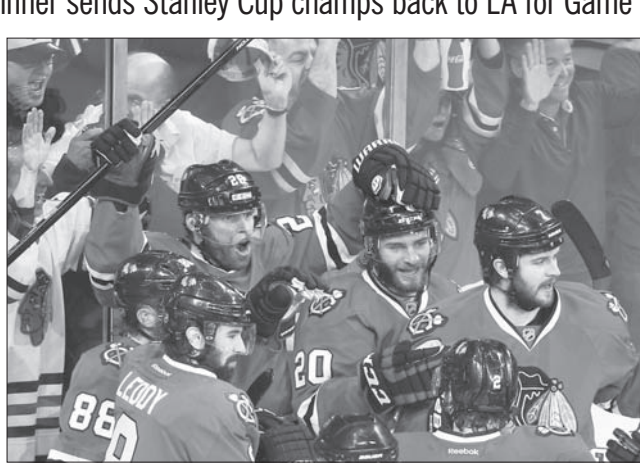
"I saw him for a second there, and threw it," Saad said. "He handled it off his skate and made a great move. It was all good on him. He's a leader out here, does all the right things, so it's good to see him get rewarded."

Handzus has been all over Chicago's lines all season long as the Blackhawks searched for a second-line center behind captain Jonathan Toews. His biggest value right now is on the penalty kill, but it was his offense that kept Chicago's title defense alive.

"I want to help the team as much as I can," Handzus said. "I'm playing on the PK a lot. I'm not playing very well offensively. I'm glad I came through."

Saad had a goal and two assists to help Chicago stop a three-game losing streak. Brent Seabrook, Johnny Oduya and Ben Smith also scored, and Kane set a playoff career high with four assists.

"Personally, I thought Saader was the best player on the ice tonight," Kane said. "He was bringing so much speed and puck protection."



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**Chicago's Michal Handzus, center, celebrates his game-winning goal in the second overtime with teammates as the Blackhawks beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-4 in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals on Wednesday in Chicago. Game 6 is Friday in Los Angeles with the Kings ahead 3-2.**

Game 6 is Friday night in Los Angeles.

"We go home and we come out with a better effort," Kings defenseman Jake Muzzin said. "We've got some experience and veterans in here who know what it takes to stop it."

Marian Gaborik and Dustin Brown each had a goal and an assist, and Jarret Stoll and Tanner Pearson also scored for the Kings, who led 4-3 after two periods. It was Gaborik's NHL-best 11th playoff goal.

Quick and Chicago's Corey Crawford each stopped 40 shots.

Los Angeles was in position to advance to its second Stanley Cup finals in three years before Smith drove to the net and swept in a rebound 1:17 into the third. Smith's third goal of the playoffs set the stage for a frantic finish as both sides pushed for the winning score.

"It's not easy," Kings forward Justin Williams said. "Attaining your ultimate goal is never easy and we're going to do our best to get it done."

Quick made a solid stop on Marian Hossa in overtime and the loose puck was swept away by the Kings. Los Angeles star Anze Kopitar had a chance to win it about nine minutes into the first overtime, but his shot went off the side of the net.

"Overtime, I've seen a lot of games, been involved in a lot of games," said Chicago coach Joel Quenneville, a former NHL defenseman. "That might have been the greatest overtime I've seen."

## Scoreboard

### Conference finals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2**
N.Y. Rangers 7, Montreal 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 1
Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2, OT
Montreal 7, N.Y. Rangers 4
**Thursday:** at N.Y. Rangers
**x-Saturday:** at Montreal

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**
**Los Angeles 3, Chicago 2**
Chicago 3, Los Angeles 1
Los Angeles 6, Chicago 2
Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3
Los Angeles 5, Chicago 2
**Wednesday:** Chicago 5, Los Angeles 4, 2OT
**Friday:** at Los Angeles
**x-Sunday:** at Chicago

### Wednesday
### Blackhawks 5, Kings 4 (2OT)

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| Los Angeles | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0—4 |
| Chicago | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1—5 |

**First Period**—1, Chicago, Seabrook 3 (Toews, Kane), 1:13 (pp). 2, Chicago, Oduya 2 (Kane, Shaw), 3:40. 3, Los Angeles, Stoll 2 (King), 9:49. 4, Chicago, Saad 5 (Shaw, Kane), 11:06. 5, Los Angeles, Gaborik 11 (Kopitar, Brown), 13:16.

**Second Period**—6, Los Angeles, Brown 4 (Gaborik), 11:08. 7, Los Angeles, Pearson 4 (Carter, Richards), 13:08.

**Third Period**—8, Chicago, Smith 3 (Saad, Oduya), 1:17.

**Second Overtime**—9, Chicago, Handzus 2 (Saad, Kane), 2:04.

**Shots on Goal**—Los Angeles 9-16-8-10-1—44. Chicago 9-11-16-8-1—45.

**Power-play opportunities**—Los Angeles 0 of 3; Chicago 1 of 4.

**Goalies**—Los Angeles, Quick 11-8-0 (45 shots-40 saves). Chicago, Crawford 10-7-0 (44-40).

**A**—21,871 (19,717). **T**—3:32.

# Prosecutors: Spilled drink led Hernandez to kill

BY DENISE LAVOIE
*The Associated Press*

BOSTON — In the months leading up to a fatal double shooting, Aaron Hernandez had become increasingly convinced that people had been "testing, trying or otherwise disrespecting him" when he went to nightclubs, prosecutors said.

When a man bumped into Hernandez while dancing, spilling his drink, that may have been the last straw. Authorities say the former New England Patriots star followed the man and his friends, then fired on their car, killing two men and wounding a third.

"I think I got one in the head and one in the chest," Hernandez said to a friend as they raced from the intersection where the victims were shot as they sat in their car, prosecutors said at the former tight end's arraignment.

Hernandez, already charged with killing another man last year, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to seven charges — including two counts of first-degree murder — in the 2012 shooting that killed Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado.

The night de Abreu and Furtado were killed, Hernandez and a friend drove from Connecticut to a Boston nightclub called Cure, Suffolk County First Assistant District Attorney Patrick Haggan said. They were standing at the edge of the dance floor when de Abreu accidentally bumped into Hernandez, smiled at him and did not apologize, according to prosecutors. Haggan said de Abreu and his friends did not appear to recognize Hernandez and had no idea he was upset.

Hernandez became increasingly agitated and told his friend that de Abreu had deliberately bumped into him and "was trying him," Haggan said.

DOMINICK REUTER/AP

**Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez listens to the prosecution's summary of facts as he is arraigned on homicide charges at Suffolk Superior Court in Boston on Wednesday.**

Hernandez and his friend then went to another nightclub, where Hernandez thought he saw de Abreu and his friends come in, Haggan said, but de Abreu and his friends had not left the other club.

Haggan said Hernandez later drove around with his friend until he saw de Abreu, Furtado and others going to their car, then followed them and pulled up alongside their car at a red light.

Hernandez leaned out the driver's side, said "Yo, what's up now," followed by a racial slur, then fired at least five shots into the car, killing de Abreu and Furtado and injuring a man in the backseat, Haggan said.

Hernandez's attorney, Charles Rankin, objected to the description, saying the prosecutor's account of the shooting was an attempt to poison the jury pool. Clerk Magistrate Gary Wilson dismissed the objection, saying it is standard procedure for prosecutors to describe evidence during arraignments in murder cases.

Family members of the victims filled four rows in the courtroom. One woman sobbed loudly as Hernandez entered his not guilty pleas.

Hernandez was released by the Patriots last summer after he was charged in the June 17 killing of semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd, who was dating a sister of Hernandez's fiancee. Lloyd's body was found in an industrial area near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough, Mass.

Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley would not comment when asked if Lloyd's killing was linked to the earlier killings of de Abreu and Furtado. He said Lloyd was not the friend who was with Hernandez the night the two men were killed.

Hernandez will continue to be held without bail. He is due back in court June 24.

# NBA PLAYOFFS

Michael Conroy/AP

**Indiana center Roy Hibbert, left, is defended by Miami center Chris Bosh during the first half of Game 5 on Wednesday in Indianapolis.**

# Pacers avoid elimination

## Indiana survives at home, hits road now

By Michael Marot
*The Associated Press*

INDIANAPOLIS — Paul George and the Pacers got one win Wednesday night.

Now comes the hard part: Winning an elimination game at Miami against LeBron James and the Heat.

George scored 21 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter and inspired his teammates to withstand the Heat's frantic late charge to help keep the Pacers' once-promising season alive with a 93-90 victory in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"We have to go and basically do the impossible, which is go down there and beat them in front of an unbelievable crowd with unbelievable energy and knowing that LeBron is going to come back and try to respond," Pacers forward David West said after finishing with 19 points and nine rebounds. "We've got an ultimate challenge in front of us. I think guys are up for it."

While George fell just short of his career playoff high (39) and four points short of Reggie Miller's franchise record for points in an NBA playoff game, he also had six rebounds, six steals and only three turnovers in 45 minutes. And he helped limit James to a career playoff-low seven points in 24½ minutes, largely because the four-time MVP spent most of the night in foul trouble.

**Eastern Conference finals**
**Indiana vs. Miami**
**Game 6**
AFN-Sports
2:30 a.m. Saturday CET
9:30 a.m. Saturday JKT

It was good enough, barely, to get within 3-2 in the best-of-seven series. Game 6 is Friday night at Miami.

The Heat haven't lost back-to-back playoff games since the 2012 conference finals against Boston, and the Pacers know they have to continue playing the way they did in Game 5 if they intend to get Game 7 back in Indy.

"Coach told me, 'Green light. Stay on green.' David West kept telling me, 'Don't keep no bullets in the chamber' so I really just came out firing," George said. "My teammates found me and I got hot."

Even without James going full throttle, the Heat still had a chance.

After falling into an 11-point hole early in the fourth quarter, the Big Three — James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade — rallied the Heat. James' only three-pointer of the night tied the score at 81 with 3:51 left, and after Indiana answered with five straight, the Heat twice closed to within one in the final 1:16. They even had a chance to take the lead with 4.9 seconds left, but a three-pointer from Bosh that would have given Miami the lead was off the mark.

Bosh finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Wade and Rashard Lewis each had 18 as the Heat went 15-for-31 on three-pionters.

Now the Heat will get a second chance to clinch their fourth straight conference championship at home, where they've won 10 straight postseason games. The last team to reach the NBA Finals four straight times was Boston from 1984-87, and Miami is eager to make sure it doesn't have another trip back to Indianapolis.

"It's the Eastern Conference Finals," James said. "There should be urgency, no matter what."

George was the personification of urgency Wednesday as he delivered the most clutch shooting performance of his young career. The 24-year-old All-Star was 12-for-19 from the field in the second half and was 5-for-14 on three-pointers in the game.

## Scoreboard

### Conference finals

**(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)**
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**
**Miami 3, Indiana 2**
Indiana 107, Miami 96
Miami 87, Indiana 83
Miami 99, Indiana 87
Miami 102, Indiana 90
**Wednesday:** Indiana 93, Miami 90
**Friday:** at Miami
**x-Sunday:** at Indiana

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**
**San Antonio 2, Oklahoma City 2**
San Antonio 122, Oklahoma City 105
San Antonio 112, Oklahoma City 77
Oklahoma City 106, San Antonio 97
Oklahoma City 105, San Antonio 92
**Thursday:** at San Antonio
**Saturday:** at Oklahoma City
**x-Monday:** at San Antonio

### NBA Finals

**Thursday, June 5:** Eastern champion at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
**Sunday, June 8:** Eastern champion at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
**Tuesday, June 10:** Western champion at Indiana or Miami
**Thursday, June 12:** Western champion at Indiana or Miami
**x-Sunday, June 15:** Eastern champion at San Antonio or Oklahoma City
**x-Tuesday, June 17:** Western champion at Indiana or Miami
**x-Friday, June 20:** Eastern champion at San Antonio or Oklahoma City

### Wednesday
### Pacers 93, Heat 90

**MIAMI** — James 2-10 2-3 7, Lewis 6-10 0-0 18, Bosh 9-21 0-0 20, Chalmers 3-4 1-1 8, Wade 7-14 2-2 18, R.Allen 5-11 2-2 15, Haslem 2-2 0-0 4, Cole 0-2 0-0 0, Battier 0-0 0-0 0, Douglas 0-0 0-0 0, Beasley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-75 7-8 90.

**INDIANA** — George 15-28 2-3 37, West 7-11 5-8 19, Hibbert 4-11 2-3 10, G.Hill 4-9 0-2 9, Stephenson 4-11 4-4 12, Scola 3-6 0-2 6, Watson 0-1 0-0 0, Mahinmi 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-78 13-22 93.

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| **Miami** | 16 | 26 | 15 | 33 | **90** |
| **Indiana** | 22 | 11 | 31 | 29 | **93** |

Three-Point Goals—Miami 15-31 (Lewis 6-9, R.Allen 3-6, Wade 2-3, Bosh 2-7, Chalmers 1-2, James 1-3, Cole 0-1), Indiana 6-21 (George 5-14, G.Hill 1-2, Butler 0-1, Watson 0-1, Stephenson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 40 (Bosh 10), Indiana 52 (Hibbert 13). Assists—Miami 22 (Wade 7), Indiana 13 (Stephenson 5). Total Fouls—Miami 24, Indiana 16. A—18,165 (18,165).

# Spurs try to avert repeat of history

By Cliff Brunt
*The Associated Press*

OKLAHOMA CITY — The San Antonio Spurs have seen this nightmare before.

In 2012, the Spurs won the first two games of the Western Conference finals against the Thunder, then lost four straight and were bounced out of the playoffs. This season, the Spurs were cruising in the West finals, winning two blowouts against Oklahoma City before Thunder defensive wiz Serge Ibaka unexpectedly came back from a left calf strain. With renewed confidence and energy, Oklahoma City's youngsters rolled past their veteran counterparts in Game 3, and the reminders started coming.

The Thunder dominated Game 4 to tie the series, and now the Spurs again face a most uncomfortable scenario. They hosted Game 5 on Thursday in danger of falling behind 3-2. If they lose, they'll travel to Oklahoma City on Saturday facing elimination.

Just like 2012.

"Reminding people about what happened in the past helps in some way, but we have to go out there and execute and do things," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said.

The Thunder also have tried to distance themselves from their rare comeback, though they said it helped them remain hopeful when they were down 0-2.

"We can't think about the past," forward Kevin Durant said. "We have to focus on right now. [San Antonio] is well-coached and has a great group of guys. They'll make it tough."

Duncan and the rest of the Spurs must match the intensity of their youthful opponents. Russell Westbrook, just 25, was all over the place in his 40-point, 10-assist, five-steal effort in Game 4.

"It doesn't matter what we do tactically if we don't up that determination, that attitude, that persistent, aggressive, ugly, hard-nosed attitude and I think that was embodied in them in Russell Westbrook," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Ibaka has provided a morale boost. In the two games since his return, the 6-foot-10 power forward has averaged 12 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.5 blocks.

**Western Conference finals**
**Oklahoma City vs. San Antonio**
**Game 6**
AFN-Sports
3 a.m. Sunday CET
10 a.m. Sunday JKT

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# Freak of nature

## Royals' ace Ventura defies expectations with 102-mph heat

BY DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Mo.

He looks unassuming as he steps on the mound, the lithe kid with the limber arm. He tugs at his hat, bounces a rosin bag playfully in his hand, toes the rubber and proceeds to throw what can only be described as a blur toward the plate.

The unsuspecting hitter never lifts his bat off his shoulder. The ball smacks the catcher's glove and the radar gun on the outfield scoreboard blinks: 102 mph.

No wonder he's nicknamed "Ace."

It doesn't seem natural what Yordano Ventura does. Only the biggest, burliest pitchers are supposed to throw triple-digit heat. Certainly not a 6-foot, 180-pound-dripping-wet rookie who signed for $25,000 out of the Dominican Republic and not long ago was playing shortstop.

Yet there he is, standing on the mound at Kauffman Stadium, watching as another failed hitter walks slowly back to his dugout, shaking his head in disbelief.

"That kid's special," Orioles star Adam Jones says, "to say the least."

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**Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Yordano Ventura**

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