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## Petraeus taking Afghan helm

■ Obama ends role of McChrystal after Rolling Stone remarks.

By **SCOTT WILSON** and **MICHAEL D. SHEAR**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama dismissed Gen. Stanley McChrystal on Wednesday after concluding that his military chief in Afghanistan

had badly damaged the chain of command and could no longer work effectively with the civilian leadership at a crucial moment in the war.

White House officials said Obama's decision, made over a tense 40 hours, pitted his desire to retain a talented general who designed the Afghan strategy against the importance of preserving the authority of the commander in chief. Ultimately, his de-

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A former aide remembers Petraeus as the "Energizer general."

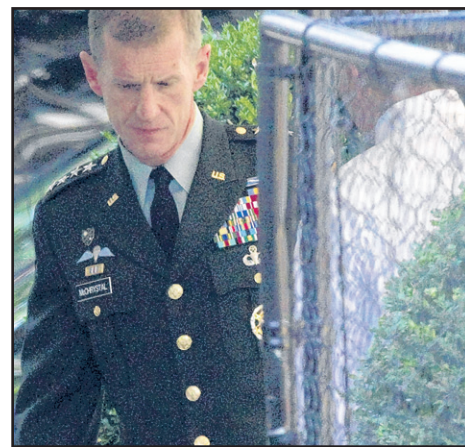
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cision to turn over the Afghan command to Gen. David Petraeus allowed the president to keep his strategy intact, given Petraeus' key role in formulating it last year, and changed the calculus of a

choice that once seemed to have no political upside.

Obama's dismissal of McChrystal, 55, calmed fears within his own party that he might look weak if he confronted the general. Meanwhile, Petraeus' appointment, expected to sail through the Senate confirmation process, drew praise from congressional Republicans, who provide crucial

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Gen. Stanley McChrystal arrives Wednesday at the White House in Washington for a meeting with President Barack Obama.  
AP Photo EVAN VUCCI

## Storms slam area again



Tribune Photo/GENE KAISER

A tree came down on a house in the 600 block of 28th Street in South Bend on Wednesday night as the Michiana area was hit by severe storms for the second time in less than a week. Three people in the house reportedly were taken to an area hospital with minor injuries, including a 17-year-old girl and a 3-year-old boy.

■ More damage as I&M crews wrap up work from Friday.

By **MARY KATE MALONE**  
Tribune Staff Writer

Five days after a string of storms pummeled the Michiana area, another round of severe weather moved through the region Wednesday night — once again knocking down trees and power lines.

A tornado reportedly touched down in eastern

Elkhart County.

There were also reports of funnel clouds sighted in St. Joseph County (Ind.) and Goshen, including one that apparently lifted debris 30 feet in the air.

Wednesday's storm, like Friday's, had wind gusts that reached up to 90 miles per hour, officials said.

But the recent storm was not as widespread as Friday's, which dealt major damage to a much larger area, said WSBT chief meteorologist Rick Mecklenburg.

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**Another round of power outages**

Just when area utility companies seemed on the brink of restoring power to all area customers after last week's storm, they faced a new collection of daunting outage figures after Wednesday night's weather.

Indiana & Michigan Power Co. customers without power, as of late Wednesday night:

- Elkhart, 2,300
- LaPorte, 2,900
- Buchanan, 300
- Benton Harbor, 300
- Three Rivers, 800
- NIPSCO customers:
  - Goshen, 4,687
  - LaPorte, 5,919
  - Michigan City, 3,808
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## Husband charged in wife's slaying

■ Mrs. Stewart vanished from parents' Colon Twp. home on April 26.

By **DOUGLAS FARMER**  
Tribune Staff Writer

CENTREVILLE, Mich. — Nearly two months after Venus Stewart disappeared, Michigan State Police arrested and charged on Tuesday her estranged husband with her murder.

Venus Stewart went missing from her parents' home in Colon Township about 8 a.m. April 26, and the first and only name police identified as a person of interest was her estranged husband, Douglas Stewart. Early in June, the police determined Douglas Stewart had been in Michigan the morning of his wife's disappearance, before returning to his residence in Virginia that night.

"We've been working on this and compiling a lot of evidence against Mr. Stewart in this case," said Lt. Mike Risko of the White Pigeon Post. "The issue being we don't have (the victim), so we had to be extra diligent in producing the evidence to hand to the prosecutor to take this to court."



Stewart

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## IRS puts \$10,000 lien on Zorich's charity

■ Former Bear admits paperwork backlogged, funds must be disbursed.

By **JARED S. HOPKINS**  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — At the height of his career with the Chicago Bears in the mid-'90s, Chris Zorich was perhaps better known for his tackling skills on the gridiron: Thanksgiving turkeys for needy families, holiday toy drives, col-

lege scholarships for troubled kids.

But today the Chris Zorich Charitable Foundation is in disarray. The former Notre Dame All-American and current Notre Dame employee acknowledges he lost track of the charity's finances several years ago and has not gotten around to disbursing the hundreds of thousands of dollars that remained.

In April, the Internal Revenue Service filed a \$10,000 lien against the charity. And the Illinois attorney general's office, which canceled the charity's registration six years ago, said it was

trying to reach Zorich regarding the charity's operations after the Chicago Tribune asked about its status.

The foundation reported \$864,645 in assets on its 2002 tax return, apparently the last one filed. Zorich said he forgot about the money and assumes it's still there. When the Chicago Tribune asked to see a bank statement listing the funds, Zorich responded that he did not have one available.

Zorich, who retired from the NFL in 1997 and now works in the University of Notre Dame's athletic office, said the charity

closed in 2008 and last accepted donations around 2005. He said he was surprised to hear that [www.chriszorich.org](http://www.chriszorich.org) lists an address to mail donations.

Zorich said he had assumed that the charity's former executive director had filed tax returns for the years after 2002 and was shocked to hear otherwise from the Chicago Tribune.

"I was kind of concentrating on other things, not necessarily that the foundation was up to par," he said in a recent interview. "To find



Zorich

out things weren't in order is kind of shocking to me."

Many high-profile professional athletes publicly declare their intention to give something back to the community. The organizations do charitable work while also offering another connection with fans and positive media coverage. But as Zorich's story suggests, the efforts can run into trouble if they are not managed correctly.

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Blogger Mike Petrucelli visits the Wienermobile at [southbendtribune.com](http://southbendtribune.com).



**Forecast, C7**

Clouds early, high of 83

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# Charity: Problems for Zorich

Some of Chicago sports' biggest stars — Michael Jordan and Mike Ditka among them — had trouble operating the charities they founded. Sammy Sosa, in a rare but extreme example, closed his foundation after the director was found to have mishandled money. Cubs Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg parted ways from a charity bearing his name, and a year later a lack of money forced it to dissolve.

"There's this conception that in philanthropy — that in doing good — it will all take care of itself. It will not," said Greg Johnson, executive director of the Sports Philanthropy Project, who consults and advises teams and athletes on philanthropic work. "It's a business, and if you don't tend to your business, it'll fall apart. If you didn't do your workouts all the time you wouldn't be very effective on the field."

A south-sider who became an All-American lineman at Notre Dame, Zorich founded his charity in 1993, two years after being drafted by the Bears, to honor the mother who raised him on a \$250 monthly paycheck.

During his seven NFL seasons, including six in Chicago, Zorich received many accolades and awards for helping disadvantaged children. Tax returns from 2000, 2001 and 2002 show the foundation spent more than \$130,000 annually on programs. In

each year, the group spent more than 65 percent of its expenses on programs, exceeding the voluntary standard set by the Better Business Bureau.

"Our big event was our food drive. Sometimes Mom and I didn't have food in the house, and we'd have to go through garbage sometimes to get food," said Zorich, who in May was recognized by a Chicago Croatian group for his charity work. "We wound up getting great sponsors and we wound up feeding 1,500 people a year."

Zorich, who has a law degree from Notre Dame but said he did not pass the bar exam, currently serves as Notre Dame's manager of youth programming and community outreach, assisting with contracts and scheduling.

Problems for the charity began in 2002, when it failed to submit an annual report to the Illinois attorney general on time, according to the attorney general's office. By the time the report was filed two years later, the registration had been canceled, barring the charity from soliciting donations in Illinois.

Zorich said he was aware the registration was canceled but had assumed the foundation's executive director, Barbara Singer, who also was his cousin, had eventually filed the correct paperwork and resolved the matter. The charity continued to operate, he said.

According to the IRS master business file from GuideStar, an independent nonprofit that posts tax returns for U.S. nonprofits online, the foundation's last federal tax return covers June 2002 through May 2003. The IRS office didn't receive the return until

2007, according to the document's time stamp.

"Things started to get a little shaky in like 2004," Zorich said. He said the foundation continued soliciting donations until sometime in 2005.

Zorich said operating the charity was complicated by Singer's battle with cancer and the death of her husband. He said he did not bring in additional volunteers or employees to help handle the finances over fear that Singer would think he viewed her death as imminent.

"I didn't want to make her feel like I thought she was dying, to put it bluntly," Zorich said.

Singer's death in January 2008, he said, left him grieving and distracted. Zorich put documents in storage and, he recalled, promised himself to remember to distribute the assets.

"As I packed everything in the storage I was like, 'Eventually we need to get to this because we have \$800,000 in there and obviously some not-for-profits could benefit from it,'" he said.

Tax-exempt organizations that dissolve are required to disburse their money, usually to other charities. Zorich said he would hire an accounting firm to sort through the finances and help distribute any remaining assets. He told the Chicago Tribune he had not yet heard from the attorney general's office.

"Our goal is to bring the organization into compliance so that financial information on the organization is available for potential donors to review and for the protection of the organization's charitable assets," said Robyn Ziegler, spokeswoman for Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

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executive director  
of the Sports  
Philanthropy Project

"Compliance helps us determine that an organization's charitable assets are used appropriately."

On April 9, the IRS issued a \$10,000 lien against the foundation in connection with its tax return from eight years ago, the last one to be filed. Zorich said he was not certain of the reason, and the IRS does not comment on such actions.

Tax-exempt groups that are required to file an annual return and fail to do so for three consecutive years can lose their status — meaning income becomes taxed and contributions to charitable organizations are no longer tax-deductible. Penalties for failure to file can be as much as \$100 per day, up to \$50,000 maximum.

The IRS said it still considers the Zorich charity tax-exempt.

Zorich said he hasn't located any documents in his storage unit to explain the lien or the assets. He said it's easy to get distracted during the search.

"It's one of those things where you run across artwork that we got from kids and you're like, 'I remember that, I remember that,' and all of a sudden it's time for the storage unit to close and to come back the next day," he said.

# California lawmakers push Arizona boycott

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (MCT) — The head of the California Senate and minority lawmakers unveiled a resolution Wednesday urging a boycott of Arizona to protest its new police immigration law.

Sen. Gil Cedillo, a Democrat, said 44 legislators have agreed to co-sponsor his Senate Concurrent Resolution 113. It urges, but does not mandate, an end to California public entities investing or doing business in Arizona.

The measure also recommends not traveling to Arizona and calls on private businesses to consider severing business ties with the state.

Arizona's new law requires police officers to ask for proof of legal status if they have "reasonable suspicion" that someone they stop could be an illegal immigrant.

The law, scheduled to take effect July 29, faces legal challenges by critics who believe it is unconstitutional. Senate President Pro Tem

Darrell Steinberg, a Democrat, joined Latino, Asian, black and gay lawmakers outside the Capitol in support of the resolution.

"The proponents of the Arizona law don't tell you the whole story," he said. "They tell you, well, this is only directed at those who are in this country illegally. Not true."

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer has said officers are being instructed not to use ethnicity as a reason to ask to inquire about legal status. But a number of Arizona police chiefs have expressed concern that officers will be forced to engage in racial profiling.

The resolution urges the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the California State Teachers' Retirement System to stop new investments in Arizona until the law is repealed. It also urges Major League Baseball not to consider Arizona for hosting the 2011 All-Star Game.

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# Charged

Once investigators placed Douglas Stewart in Michigan at the time of his wife's disappearance, they turned their search to Virginia for a person who had impersonated Douglas Stewart for two days.

"We believe that he was pretending to be Mr. Stewart or impersonating Mr. Stewart at a number of different businesses," Risko said. "Paying bills, drawing funds, things of that nature."

Police identified Richard Spencer as the impersonator, and located and questioned him Tuesday morning. Risko said Spencer has been cooperative, and "gave us some much-needed information, filling in the

gaps." That information led to Douglas Stewart's arrest Tuesday about 7 p.m. near his parents' home in Fulton, Mich. He is now being held at the St. Joseph County (Mich.) jail.

Douglas Stewart faces charges of open murder and conspiracy to commit homicide. An arraignment hearing Wednesday afternoon set his bond at \$4 million cash/surety and a preliminary hearing date of July 1.

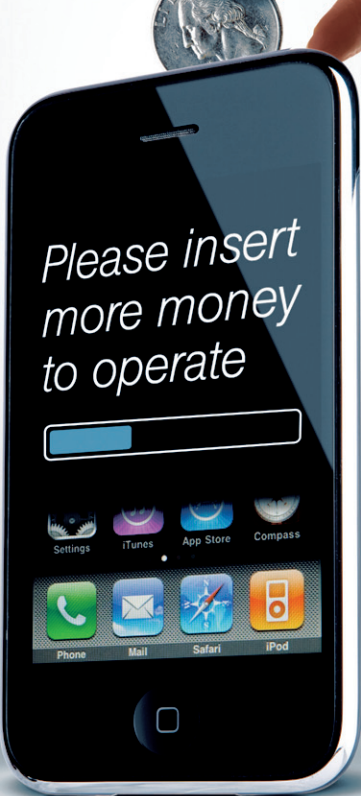
Risko said the charges Spencer could face have not been determined.

"Right now he has been very cooperative, so it depends on if he remains cooperative."

Police are searching in a five-mile radius from the location of Venus Stewart's disappearance for her body.

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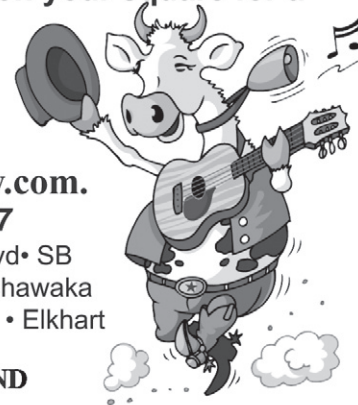
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