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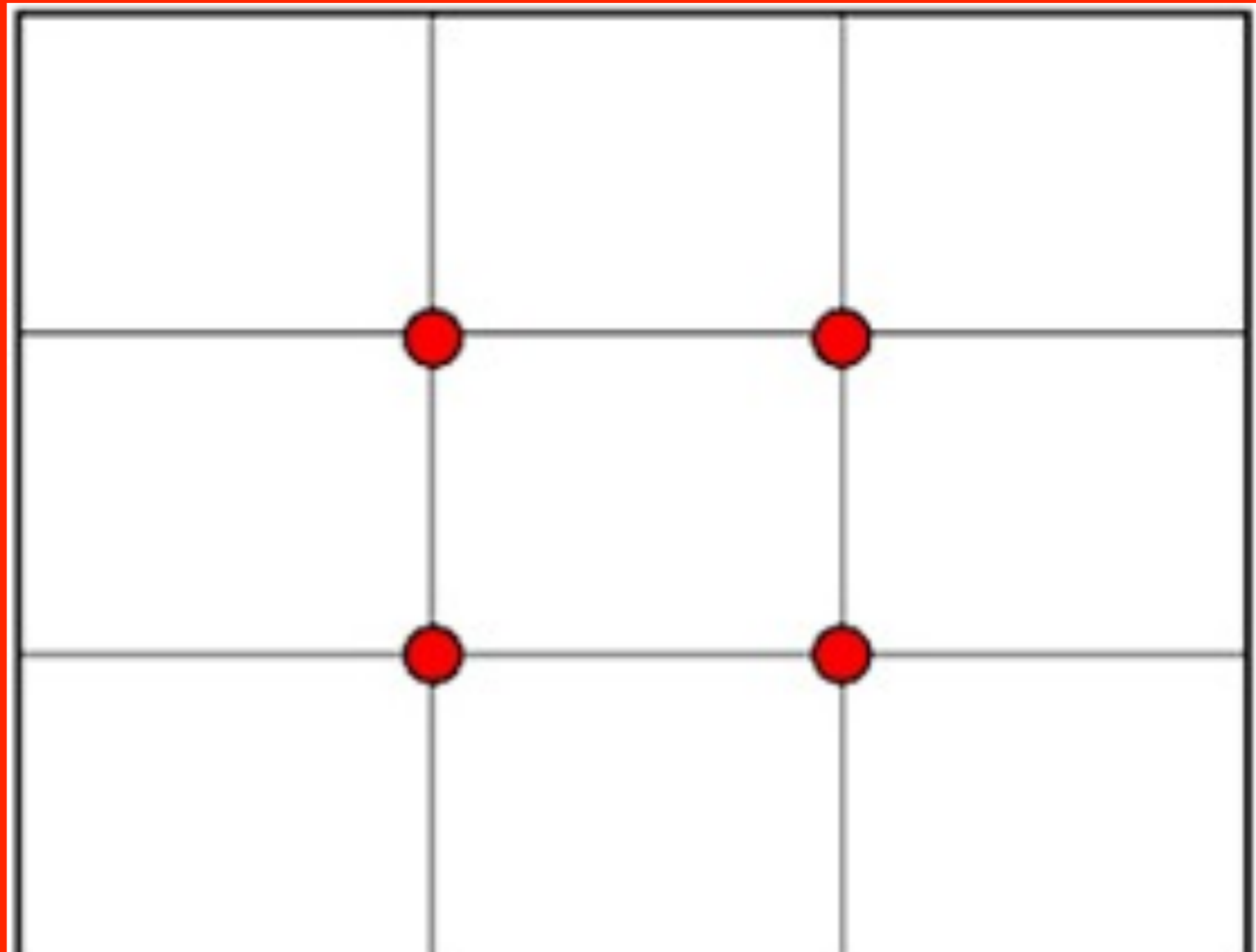
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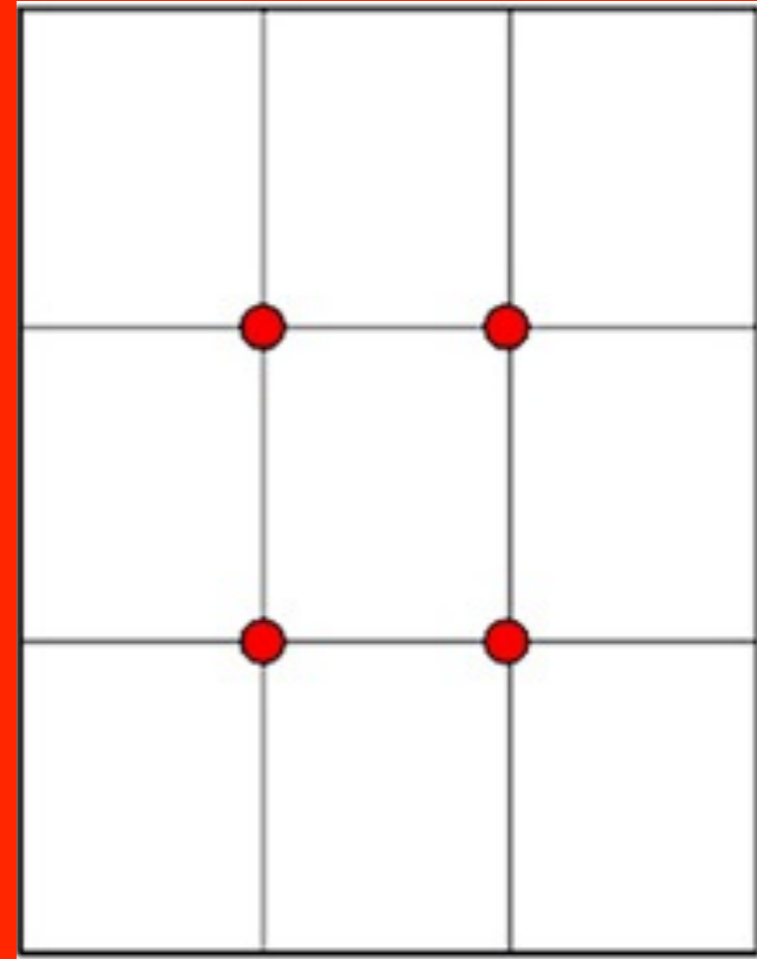
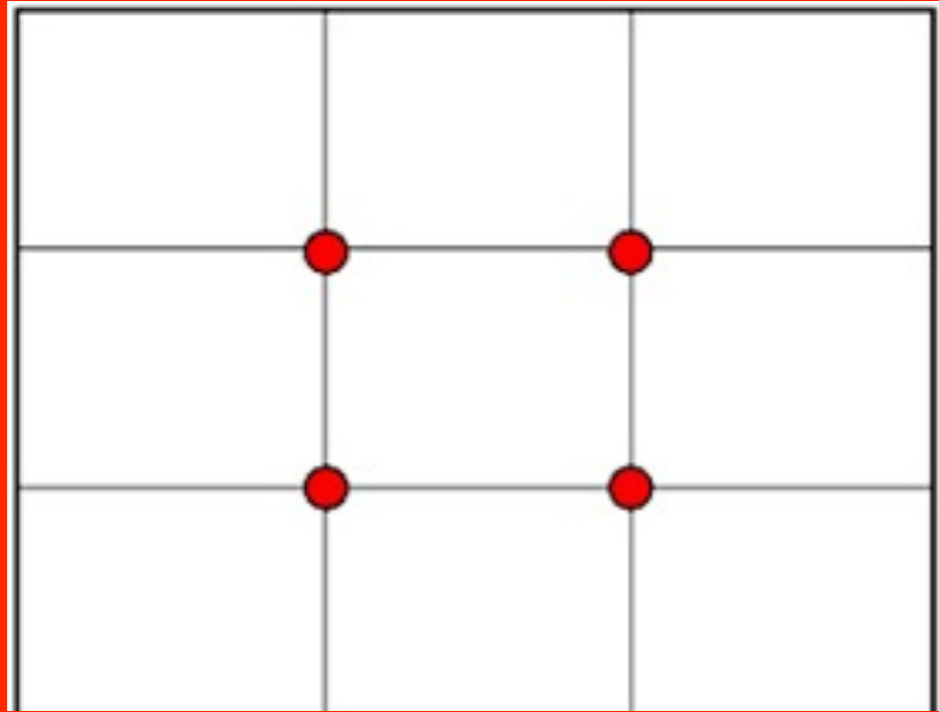
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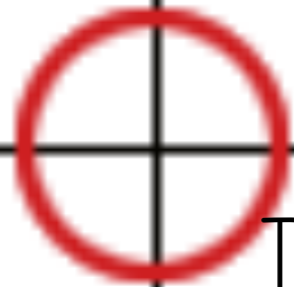
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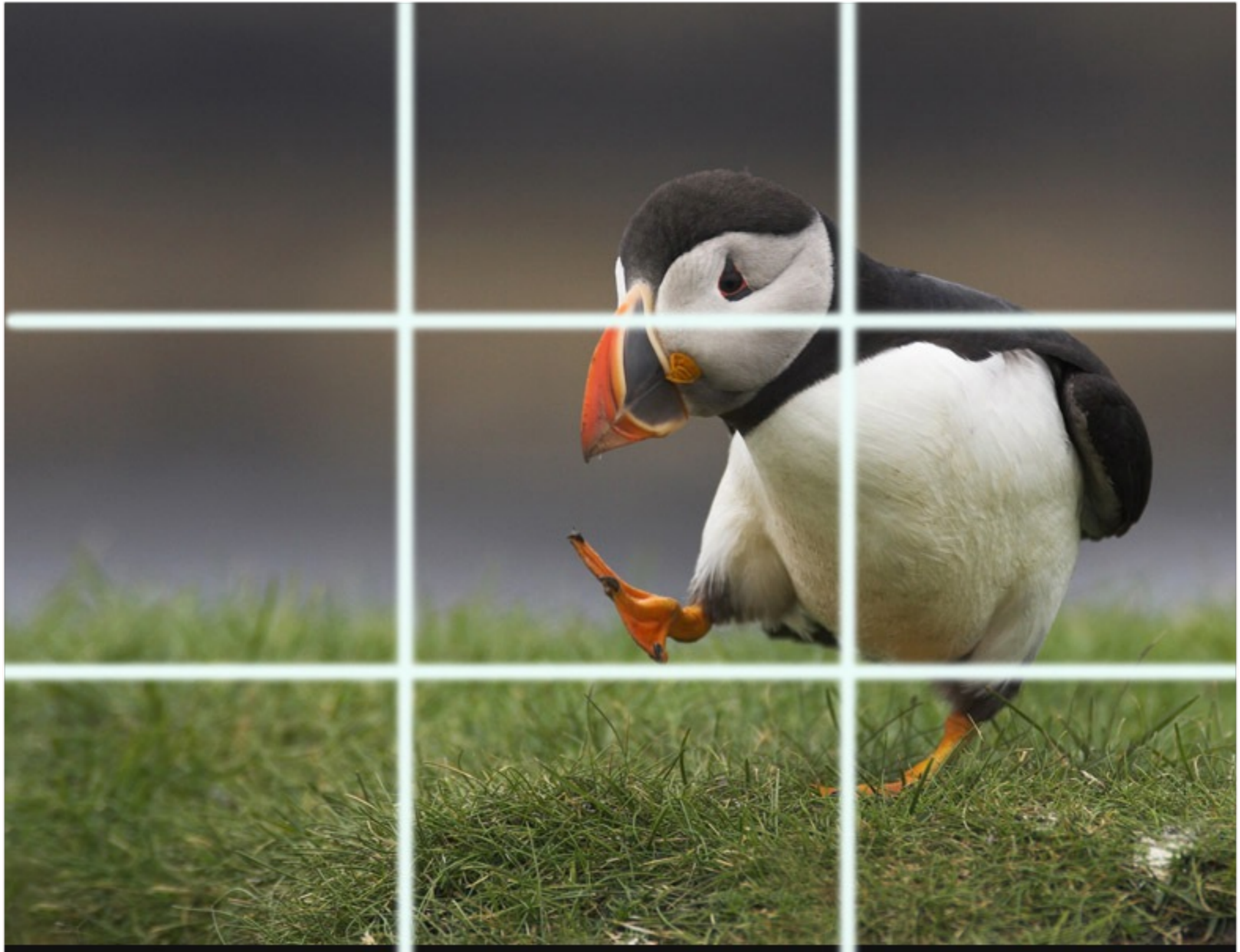
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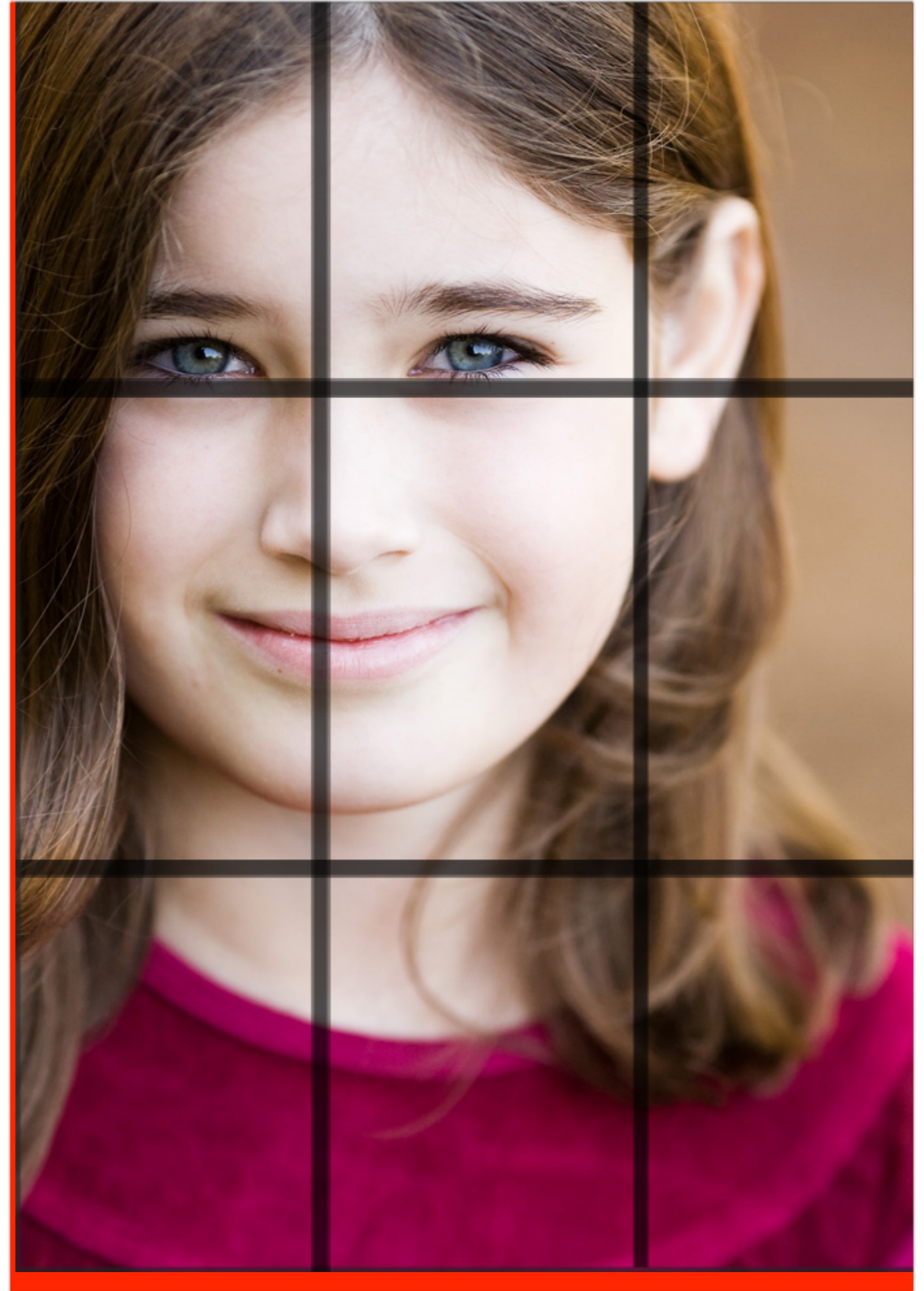
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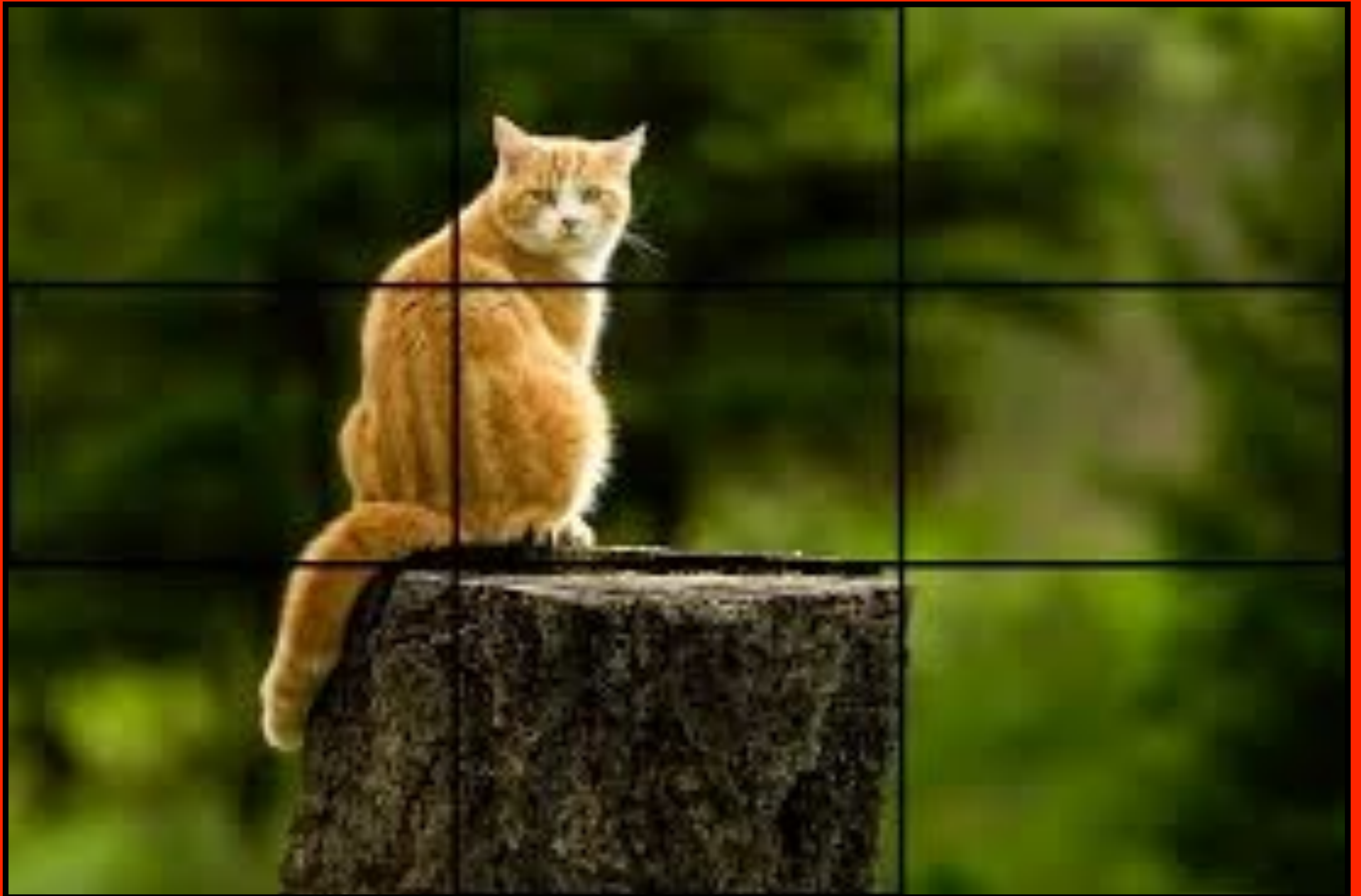


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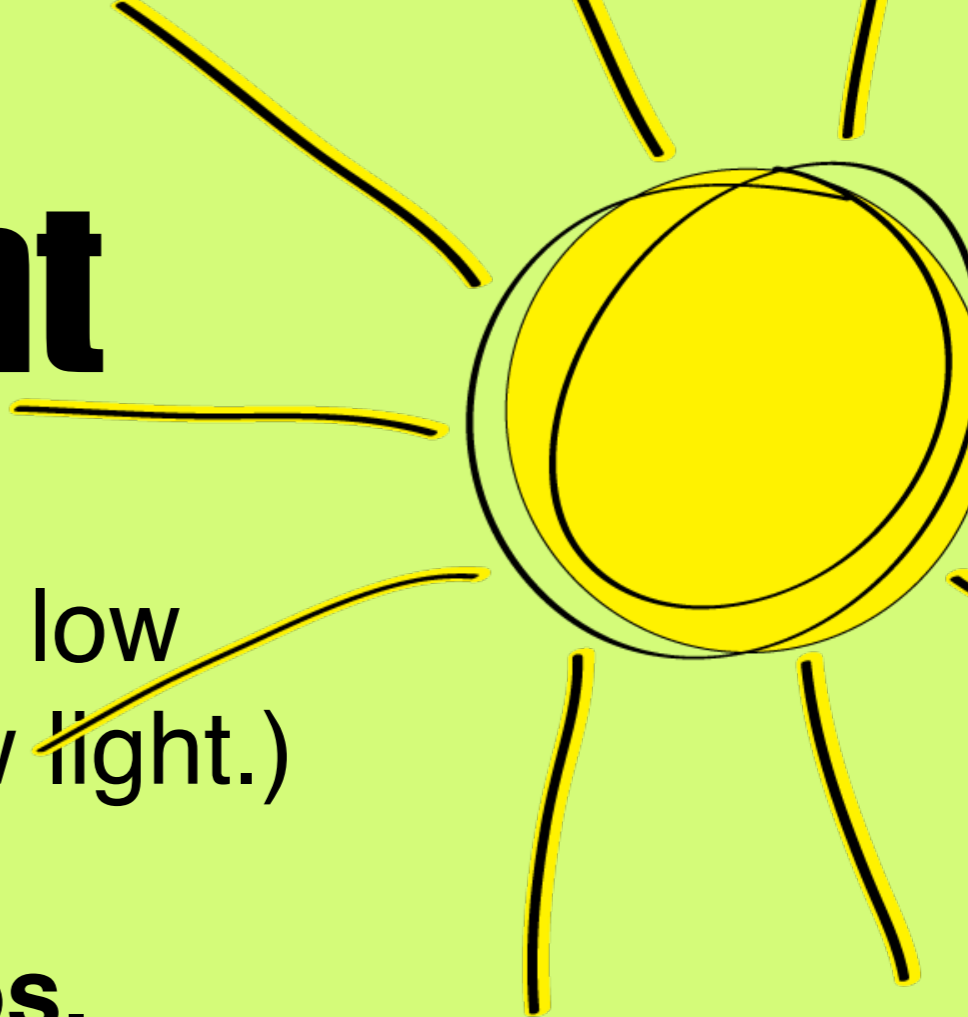


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3. Use Natural Light

- Smartphones are not great with low light. (Most indoor shots are low light.)
- **Go outside for the best photos.**
- If you must shoot inside, **shoot near a window.** Take the photo with your back to the window.
- **Don't use a flash.** They cause a yellow light or shadows in your photo.



4. Take LOTS of shots!

Practice makes perfect

Take several shots of your subject to increase your chance of getting the perfect photo.



5. Vertical or Horizontal?



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Large photos look better when placed horizontally



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A Ferguson, Mo., police car is vandalized after news that officer Darren Wilson won't be indicted.

Yamiche Alcindor and William M. Welch
USA TODAY

FERGUSON, Mo. — A white police officer will not face charges for fatally shooting an unarmed black teenager in a case that set off violent protests and racial unrest throughout the nation.

A St. Louis County grand jury declined to indict officer Darren Wilson, 28, for firing six shots in a confrontation in August that killed 18-year-old Michael Brown. St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch said late Monday.

The decision had been long awaited and followed rioting that resembled war-zone news footage in this predominantly black suburb of St. Louis. After the announcement, violence erupted in Ferguson while protests spread nationwide.

In his announcement, McCulloch spoke at length about media coverage and the unreliability of eyewitness accounts. He said the grand jury weighed evidence and testimony before concluding there was no probable cause to indict the officer. "The duty of the grand jury is to separate fact from fiction," McCulloch said.

He said prosecuting attorneys presented few potential indictments to the 12-person grand jury, including nine whites and three African Americans, and all were rejected. "The jury was not inclined to indict on any charges," Benjamin Crump, an attorney for Brown's family, said after being informed of the decision by authorities.

Brown's family attorneys received a call from McCulloch shortly before the announcement. Crump took the call and delivered the news to Brown's family in an area hotel.

Brown's family released a statement saying, "We are profoundly disappointed that the killer of our child will not face the consequence of his actions." They urged others to "channel your frustration in ways that will make a positive change."

While calling on protesters to honor the wishes of Brown's family and stay peaceful, President Obama also asked law enforcement to work with communities who feel they have been subject to police abuse. "We need to recognize that the situation in Ferguson speaks to the broader problems that we still face as a nation," Obama said.

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon also called for calm after calling up National Guard troops.

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Source: Prosper Insights & Analytics/NPD
MARKETPLACE TODAY, USA TODAY

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Runway close calls nearly daily

Airports see increase in risky incidents involving airplanes

By Steve Reilly
USA TODAY

Near runway collisions involving commercial airplanes climbed two-thirds from 2003 to 2013 at U.S. airports to a rate of nearly one per day, as a shift to major hubs led to increased traffic in most of those cities, according to a USA TODAY review of federal data.

The most severe incidents, such as a close call in 2011 at Chicago Midway International Airport where a departing jet missed a taxiing Boeing 737 by 62 feet, are rare, and officials say that shows progress.

There were 341 reported runway incidents — known in the aviation industry as "runway incursions" — involving at least one foreign or domestic commercial flight last year. In six of those incidents, a plane encountered a severe risk of a crash. In the rest, the incidents were less serious but deemed by federal officials to present a collision hazard.

The three airports with the most runway incursions since 2003 are also the nation's busiest: Chicago's O'Hare International, Los Angeles International Airport and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International.

The growth in reported runway incidents nationwide occurred even as the overall number of flights remained relatively flat.

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HAGEL OUT; SIGNALS A RETURN TO WAR

President Obama's decision to replace Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel comes as Obama approves an expanded combat role for U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

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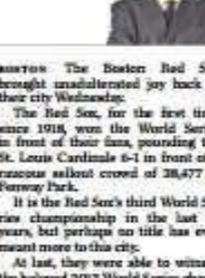


Closer Koji Uehara, left, celebrates with catcher David Ross after getting the final out in the Red Sox's 6-1 victory that secured the team's third World Series crown since 2004. It was the first time since 1918 that the Red Sox clinched a Series title at home.

BOSTON'S FINEST HOUR

Red Sox savor Fenway Park clincher, complete mission to help city heal

Bob Nightengale
USA TODAY Sports



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It's over: Boston Red Sox win World Series, 4 games to 2, spring training (roughly) 107 days away

INSIDE
Victorino has the big hit, 4C
Red Sox did little things, 4C
The World Series seems, 5C

ALMOST THE LAST WORD
"I'M GETTING READY WITH NICK POLES AND MATT, BECAUSE MIKE'S NOT PRACTICING TODAY, AND THAT'S IT. IT DOESN'T HELP ME OR ANYBODY TO SAY, 'HEY, NEXT WEEK, WHEN MIKE COMES BACK, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?'"
Eagles coach Chip Kelly

It was only fitting that the final chapter was laid out Wednesday for all of their fans to see. It was fitting that John Lackey, the

man once reviled in this city for his past struggles, was the one getting a standing ovation, tipping his cap to the fans after handing over a 6-1 lead to this bullpen in the seventh inning.

And it was only fitting that David Ortiz, the man who delivered the most striking words in this city's time of healing and gave a pep talk in the middle of Game 4, carried the team on his back with his .568 batting average, making him the overwhelming choice for World Series MVP.

"Nobody expected this," Ortiz said, "but we never stopped believing."

And yes, he reiterated his legendary words Wednesday: "This is our (sceptre) city."

"We wanted to get back to what Boston is known for," Farrell said. "In our minds, you associate winning with the city of Boston. It's exceeded anything I've experienced."

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By Damon Cummings, AP

Del Potro: Forehands key to 5-set win.

Federer dethroned at Open

Juan Martin del Potro upends five-time champion for his first Grand Slam title, 1, 3, 8C

Jay dishes anew but serves up rehash

Debut in earlier time slot is more of the same from Leno. Review, 1D



By Justin Lubin, NEC

Jay Leno: New show appears at 10 ET.

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Scandal and 'Symbol' of Dan Brown

The author's thriller, out today, is first since *The Da Vinci Code*, 1D



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Kennedy's sons hail his work, legacy

Ted Kennedy Jr., left, and brother recall father's final grit and grace, 5A

Actor Patrick Swayze dies of cancer at 57

The star of *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost* had battled pancreatic cancer, 1D

Swayze: Acted recently in A&E's *The Beast*.



2005 photo by Lefteris Pitarakis, AP

What happened to civility?



Health bill has steep hill to climb

Poll: Obama speech didn't change minds

By Susan Page
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — President Obama's long, hot message about the health care bill...

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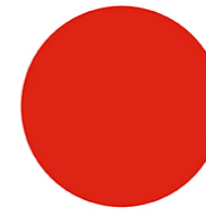
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Vertical photos are a better fit for the columns

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SECTION E



USA TODAY SPORTS



CHAMPS FACE TALL TASK

Repeating rare, but Seahawks stacked

Tom Pelissero @TomPelissero USA TODAY Sports

SEATTLE, WASH. — After the first of the New England Patriots' three Super Bowl wins, coach Bill Belichick went fishing in Florida with Jimmy Johnson and picked his brain on how to combat the change in mentality once a franchise is on top.

The first step is confronting everyone with the reality of the challenge the Seattle Seahawks face, said Johnson, a college psychology major who put his degree to use with the Dallas Cowboys, who won back-to-back titles after the 1992 and '93 seasons.

"Every secretary wanted a raise. Every player wanted to write a book. Every player was bitching and moaning that they didn't get as much credit as Troy (Aikman) and Ernie (Smith) and Michael (Irvin)," Johnson told USA TODAY Sports in a phone interview. "Then the second thing is just the natural complacency. The biggest enemy of great is good. When you're real good, people tend to pull back."

The Seahawks say it won't happen to them as they try to become the first team since Belichick's Patriots a decade ago to successfully defend a Super Bowl title, beginning with tonight's nationally televised opener against the Green Bay Packers.

The Seahawks' June minicamp was so intense they were disciplined by the league for violating rules regarding contact. They had no major contract squabbles aside from running back Marshawn Lynch's week-long training camp holdout. They were lights-out in the preseason.

"The way we prepared in OTAs (organized team activities) and minicamp and obviously training camp as well, I thought we've done better than ever before," Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson said. "That edge, that sense of getting back to where we

▶ STORY CONTINUES ON 13E

TODAY'S KICKOFF MATCHUP: Green Bay Packers at defending Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks, 8:30 p.m. ET, NBC.

2E USA TODAY Sports NFL writers' season picks; what's new this season; NFL by the numbers.

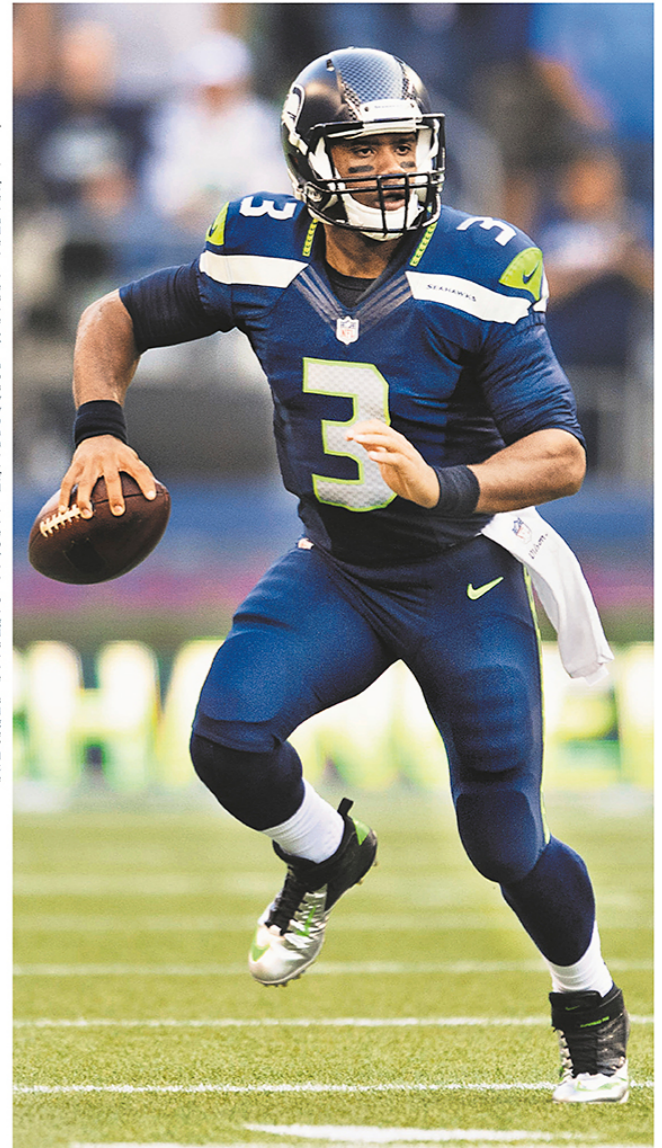
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9E Jarrett Bell on QB Drew Brees and the resurgent Saints; seven bold NFC statements; the 49ers look to put turmoil behind.

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13E What you should know about fantasy football



Quarterback Russell Wilson says the Seahawks are hungry and working as hard as ever in an effort to win another Super Bowl.

BACK TO FOOTBALL

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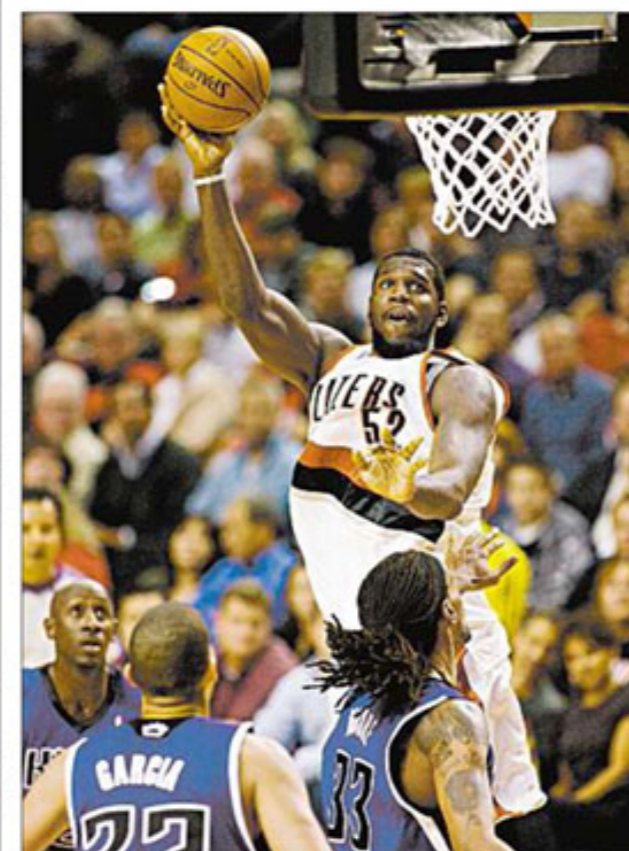


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Above the rest: That's where Trail Blazers fans hope that Greg Oden will take them. They have been waiting since last year, when an injury wiped out his season before it started.

'A lot on my shoulders'

Young Oden has not yet played an NBA game, but expectations high in Portland

By Chris Gobson
 USA TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. — In another place, involving someone else, the moment might've meant nothing. But when Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden rolled his ankle during the team's first training camp practice Sept. 30, it sent this city into a tizzy.
 "Our phone lines lit up," says Jason Swygard, executive producer of the city's prime-time sports radio talk show (ESPN 1080 The Fan). "No question, Greg Oden, right now, is the most scrutinized person in Portland."
 And maybe in the NBA. Since Oden, the No. 1 draft pick in 2007, missed all of last season after microfracture surgery on his right knee, his health is big news. Especially for a team that has missed the playoffs the last five years.
 Blazers guard Brandon Roy hears it around town. "All everybody wants to ask me is, 'How's



Finally: Greg Oden is recovered and ready.

Cover story

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the big fella? How's he doing?"
 "The expectations for him are at a level that I couldn't imagine. Not only was he the top pick, he's a top pick that could change a franchise."
 The frenzy over his ankle baffled Oden (7-0, 279), who is 20 and played one year at Ohio State. "It wasn't that bad," he says. "I walked to the training room. I practiced the day after that."
 But given his potential — and health history, which includes 2006 surgery to repair ligaments in his right wrist, which he damaged in high school — the incident provided a glimpse into the pressures he could face in his delayed rookie season.

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Monday that six to eight NFL players says athletes "should enjoy every op-

Series blank saddles Rays' heavy hitters

Longoria, Pena near record

By Bob Nightengale
 USA TODAY

PHILADELPHIA — They are failing on baseball's biggest stage, possibly leaving an indelible mark in their psyche.
 Evan Longoria and Carlos Pena, instrumental in the Tampa Bay Rays' success all season, are struggling at the worst possible time. They entered Game 5 of the World Series on Monday without a hit in 29 at-bats, striking out 15 times.



Slump: Evan Longoria was 0-for-16 after Game 4.

Manager Joe Maddon bumped them down one spot each in the order Monday, Pena batting cleanup instead of third and Longoria batting fifth.
 "I wanted to unfreeze those guys a little bit," Maddon says. "I thought giving them a little different perspective may help."
 Longoria and Pena's drought was on the verge of the worst World Series performance by teammates. Wally Berger and Lonny Frey of the Cincinnati Reds were 0-for-32 in the 1939 Series, swept in four games by the New York Yankees. "I see them getting themselves out more than anything," Maddon says.
 They hit .295 with nine home runs and 19 RBI in the first two rounds but now have difficulty even making contact. Longoria, 0-for-16 with nine strikeouts, is six at-bats shy of St. Louis Cardinals infielder Dal Maxvill's World Series record of 22 hits at-bats in 1968. The only other hitter in the last 97 years to go at least 20 at-bats without a hit was Gil Hodges (21) of the 1962 Brooklyn Dodgers.
 Hodges raised his average nearly 50 points and batted .302 with 31 homers the following season. Maxvill batted a career-low .175 in 1969.
 "Everybody expects you to perform the way you did all year," said Longoria, who had 27 regular-season homers. "Sorry, it's just not that easy."

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- Game 5: Late Monday
- Game 6: Wednesday at Tampa Bay, 8:35
 Phillies RH Brett Myers vs. Rays RH James Shields
- Game 7: Thursday at Tampa Bay, 8:29
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Rain puts World Series on hold



Ground control: Groundskeepers roll the tarp onto the infield in the sixth inning of Game 5.

Tied in 6th, Game 5 suspended; weather could be factor tonight

By Bob Nightengale
 USA TODAY

PHILADELPHIA — The city of Philadelphia, its teams infamous for legendary collapses and heartbreak, had its patience tested again.
 The Phillies, 10 outs away from winning their first World Series championship since 1980, will have to delay their celebration for at least another day. Maybe longer. Or maybe, if it's up to the Tampa Bay Rays, indefinitely.
 Major League Baseball suspended a World Series game for the first time in history because of rain, as the Phillies and Rays were tied at 2 in the bottom of the sixth inning. The game is scheduled to resume at 8 ET tonight at Citizens Bank Park, though Commissioner Bud Selig said the weather forecast is bleak, with rain expected to continue into today and potentially delaying the Series for several days.
 "We'll stay here if we have to celebrate Thanksgiving here," Selig said. "It will be resumed when I believe weather conditions are appropriate."
 "We have to be sensitive to make sure we don't have a situation like we had" Monday.
 The game was permitted to start, Selig said, only when he was told the forecast would be for one-tenth of an inch of rain for the evening.
 "Everybody wanted to play," said Selig, who met with team officials in the umpires room before the game. "Obviously, I made it with some significant trepidation, but had the forecast held, we would have been OK."
 The Phillies, who hold a 3-1 series lead, were up 2-1 in the sixth inning before Carlos Pena drove in BJ Upton with a two-out single. The game was stopped when Evan Longoria ended the inning with a flyout and was suspended 30 minutes later.
 The game would have been stopped, Selig said, even if the Rays had not scored. Although the game would have been official after 4½ innings under regular-season rules, Selig said he will not permit a rain-shortened game in the World Series.
 "I'm not going to let a World Series end like this," Selig said.

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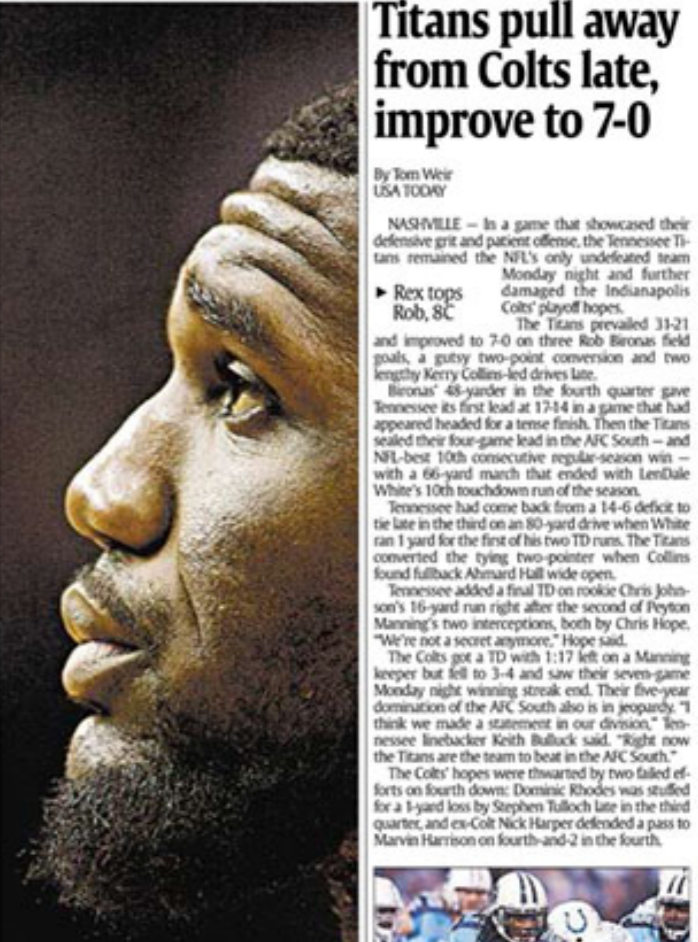
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Hopes riding on his back

Young Oden has yet to play in NBA, but expectations high

By Chris Gobson
 USA TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore. — In another place, involving someone else, the moment might've meant nothing. But when Portland Trail Blazers center Greg Oden rolled his ankle during the team's first training camp practice Sept. 30, it sent this city into a tizzy.
 "Our phone lines lit up," says Jason Swygard, executive producer of the city's prime-time sports radio talk show (ESPN 1080 The Fan). "No question, Greg Oden, right now, is the most scrutinized person in Portland."
 And maybe in the NBA. Since Oden, the No. 1 draft pick in 2007, missed all of last season after microfracture surgery on his right knee, his health is big news. Especially for a team that has missed the playoffs the last five years.
 Blazers guard Brandon Roy hears it around town. "All everybody wants to ask me is, 'How's the big fella? How's he doing?'"
 The expectations for him are at a level that I couldn't imagine. Not only was he the top pick, he's a top pick that could change a franchise."
 The frenzy over his ankle baffled Oden (7-0, 279), who is 20 and played one year at Ohio State.
 "It wasn't that bad," he says. "I walked to the training room. I practiced the day



Titans pull away from Colts late, improve to 7-0

By Tom Weir
 USA TODAY

NASHVILLE — In a game that showcased their defensive grit and patient offense, the Tennessee Titans remained the NFL's only undefeated team Monday night and further damaged the Indianapolis Colts' playoff hopes.
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 The Titans prevailed 31-21 and improved to 7-0 on an 80-yard drive when White ran 1 yard for the first of two TD runs. The Titans converted the tying two-pointer when Collins found fullback Ahmad Hall wide open.
 Tennessee added a final TD on rookie Chris Johnson's 16-yard run right after the second of Peyton Manning's two interceptions, both by Chris Hope. "We're not a secret anymore," Hope said.
 The Colts got a TD with 1:17 left on a Manning keeper but fell to 3-4 and saw their seven-game Monday night winning streak end. Their five-year domination of the AFC South also is in jeopardy. "I think we made a statement in our division," Tennessee linebacker Keith Bulluck said. "Right now the Titans are the team to beat in the AFC South."
 The Colts' hopes were thwarted by two failed efforts on fourth down: Dominic Rhodes was stuffed for a 1-yard loss by Stephen Tulloch late in the third quarter, and ex-Colt Nick Harper deflected a pass to Marvin Harrison on fourth-and-2 in the fourth.



NFL plays it close to the vest with positive tests

By A.J. Perez
 USA TODAY

after Sunday's game in London that he has hired a lawyer who's "going to do his job to kind of put the case together."
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 Monday that six to eight NFL players says athletes "should enjoy every op-

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Babcock meets idol Seger at Lions game

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Former stars talk smack on rivalry

No love lost for Michigan's Ray, Michigan State's Banks



Tom Pidgion/Associated Press
Marcus Ray says Michigan State is a basketball school.

BY ANGELIQUE S. CHENGELIS
The Detroit News

Michigan-Michigan State week always brings out some of the deepest emotions.

Tempers flare. Arrogance creeps in. Feathers are ruffled. And, little brothers all over the state this week wonder why it's so bad to be one.

Former Michigan safety Marcus Ray, a starter on the 1997 national championship team, was 3-1 against Michigan State during his career.

Former Michigan State quarterback Tony Banks, who



More inside: It's Ray vs. Banks in a trash talk fest. 4C

as Saturday's noon kickoff at Spartan Stadium creeps closer.

And while the memories for both players remain vivid, there is no love lost for the opposing school.

Ray, 35, who lives in his hometown of Columbus, and has written a book, "Rays of Light" thinks the Michigan State program is a blip on the radar screen, and said, "It will snow in July in northern Africa before Michigan State wins a national championship."

The two shared some thoughts on the rivalry, the campuses — even the coeds —

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Michigan State sports information
The rivalry for two years.

Ratings soar for the Lions

Early TV ratings for Lions 24-13 victory Monday over the Bears at Ford Field made ESPN's "Monday Night Football" the second-best rated game of the year for the network.

The website based on 10.7 Detroit-area household rating for ESPN viewers and 25.7 rating ABC affiliate WXYZ (Channel 7) on what it called "very preliminary numbers."

The Tigers 7-3 loss to the Rangers in Arlington, Texas, drew a 26.4 rating and 45 share in Detroit. Fox Sports representative Lou D'Ermiello told The News in an email.



David Gurabick/The Detroit News
Jahvid Best and the Lions were the top choice of Metro Detroit viewers.

Report: Ohio State pays lawyer \$142,000

The Ohio State Law Center is reporting the university has paid a Columbus law firm nearly \$142,000 to represent players during recent NCAA investigations into the eligibility of several Buckeyes athletes.

Ohio State has had players suspended from three different NCAA investigations over the past 10 months. The university is awaiting a ruling from the NCAA for the violations.

Boston College AD apologizes for remarks

Boston College athletic director Gene DeFilippo sent a letter of apology to the presidents and athletic directors of the Atlantic Coast Conference for saying in a newspaper interview ESPN told the conference to add Pittsburgh and Syracuse.

Boston College officials released DeFilippo's statement Tuesday. In it, he apologizes "any negative effects caused by my recent interview with a Boston Globe reporter."

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Outlook is bright for Michigan basketball

Last season's surprise success comes with steeper expectations

BY ROD BEARD
The Detroit News

Ann Arbor — What a difference a year makes.

In just 12 months, the expectations for the Michigan basketball team have taken almost a 180-degree turn.

Last season, Michigan was coming off a 15-17 campaign and picked to finish near the bottom of the Big Ten, but ended up with a surprising 21-4 record, finishing fourth in the conference and ending with a close loss to Duke in the round of 32 of the NCAA Tournament.

The Wolverines return all but one of their starters and are picked by many to be in the preseason Top 25 this month.

John Beilein addressed the heightened expectations during the team's Media Day on Tuesday at the Jungs Champions Center. Beilein brought in six inexperienced players last season, including freshmen Jordan Morgan, Evan Smotrycz and Tim Hardaway Jr., who is the leading returning scorer. Now, those players have a year of experience — and with it, high expectations.

"There's a confidence and some swagger on this team that we don't want them to lose, but we also want to keep them grounded," Beilein said. "This is a whole new year and we have a whole lot more to accomplish than what happened last year."

Michigan's most notable loss is point guard Darius Morris, who left for the NBA and was

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More online: Browse a photo gallery from Michigan basketball media day at detnews.com/um

Lions attack works, wave after wave



Daniel Meers/The Detroit News
Lions defensive tackle Nick Fairley made his season debut Monday night against the Bears.

Defensive line shows off depth, disruption

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY
The Detroit News

Allen Park — Looking back, it probably wasn't a fair fight.

The Bears came into Ford Field with an offensive line that was part hurt, part inexperienced and fully in trouble against what is easily one of the deepest and most talented defensive lines in football.

Add to that the deafening crowd noise that wreaked havoc on the communication at the line, and well, it's a wonder quarterback Jay Cutler walked out under his own power.

"The pressure that they were putting on our offensive line with their defensive line, I think that started to accumulate a little bit and guys started wanting to get out of there a little bit quicker," Cutler said of the nine false-start penalties in a 24-13 loss Monday. "The crowd noise, you know, there's a lot of things that happened. But, at the end of the day, it can't happen. ... You have to deal with it; you know that going on the road. If you don't handle it well, you're probably going to lose and that's what happened to us."

Handling the sound waves

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49ers at Lions

Kickoff: 1 p.m., Sunday, Ford Field, Detroit

TV/radio: Fox/57

Line: Lions by 5

Records: San Francisco 4-1, Detroit 5-0

Series: San Francisco leads 34-25-1 (San Francisco 20-6, Dec. 27, 2009)

Did you know?: The Lions have a winning record against only one team from the NFC West — Arizona (31-24-5)

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- 2. Use the rule of thirds.**
- 3. Use natural light.**
- 4. Take lots of shots!**
- 5. Decide whether horizontal or vertical is best.**