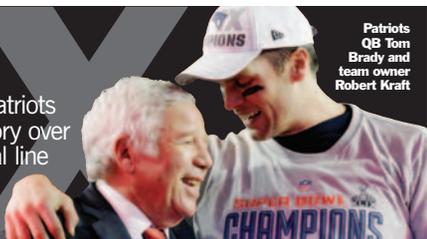


## SUPER BOWL

Brady wins third MVP trophy as Patriots rally in fourth quarter, pull out victory over Seahawks with interception on goal line

Back page; Pages 28-31

Patriots QB Tom Brady and team owner Robert Kraft



# STARS AND STRIPES®

stripes.com

Volume 73, No. 206

©SS 2015

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

平成27年4月3日 第三種郵便物認可 日刊(土日除く)  
発行所 星条旗新聞社 〒106-0032 東京都港区六本木7丁目23番17号 定価 ¥50

50¢/Free to Deployed Areas

## Two years ago, a retired Marine on Okinawa was given a housing allowance. Now he's been handed a bill for \$100,000.



## DREAM JOB TURNS INTO NIGHTMARE

MATTHEW M. BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Retired Marine Christopher Garcia, seen here with his wife, Natalie, and their five children, was promised a housing allowance when he was offered a job on Okinawa. After more than two years on the job, Garcia has been notified that he was given the benefit in error and that he would be responsible for refunding more than \$100,000 in back rent and utilities.

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa

Christopher Garcia couldn't figure out why he was being called into the civilian human resources department on Okinawa.

It had been two years since he retired as a Marine gunnery sergeant and took a job as the lead defense travel administrator in the III Marine Expeditionary Force's disbursing office. The transition had gone so well, his office had been recognized for excellence.

But, it turns out, things were too good to be true.

SEE ALLOWANCE ON PAGE 5

## DOD BUDGET

# Obama asks for massive increase

President ignores caps, requests \$585.3 billion

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is asking Congress for \$585.3 billion in defense spending for fiscal 2016, but doubts remain about whether actual Pentagon funding will come close to that level.

The president's budget request, released Monday, seeks \$534.3 billion in base funding for the military, plus \$50.9 billion in war funding and other supplemental programs. If enacted, base funding would jump \$38.2 billion — nearly 8 percent — while war funding would drop \$13.3 billion — about 21 percent — relative to fiscal 2015 levels.

But unless Congress changes the law and lifts spending caps, known as "sequestration," the Department of Defense will only receive about \$499 billion in base funding for fiscal 2016.

War funding, which the Pentagon refers to as "Overseas Contingency Operations" or "OCO" is not subject to sequestration caps.

The base budget pie would be divided among the services: \$126.5 billion for the Army, \$137 billion for the Navy, \$24 billion for the Marine Corps and \$152.9 billion for the Air Force.

SEE BUDGET ON PAGE 6

AT STRIPES.COM AND IN WEDNESDAY'S EDITION

■ The services lay out their fiscal 2016 budget requests

# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's a shame there aren't any commercials for antidepressants, because these commercials make me want some. Football is supposed to be an escape."

— Jon Early, who watched the Super Bowl with friends, on somber ads shown during the game that covered such topics as preventable childhood death and the terror of domestic abuse

See story on Page 9

# WAR/MILITARY



PHOTOS BY CARLO MUNOZ/Stars and Stripes

Members of the Washington Redskins cheerleading squad take a group selfie with U.S. servicemembers during the Super Bowl XLIX party at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, early Monday.

# TOP CLICKS ON STRIPES.COM

The most popular stories on our website:

1. For Okinawa Marine, LQA benefit turns into debtor's nightmare
2. 'Free' ferry running up multimillion-dollar tab for Alaska borough's residents
3. 2-star general has come a long way from being a 'punk kid from Chicago'
4. New spy case shows Russia up to old tricks, prosecutors say
5. US soldier's death a tale of war, terrorism hatched from afar

# COMING SOON

Video games

"Alien: Isolation"



# TODAY IN STRIPES

- American Roundup ..... 16
- Business ..... 14
- Classified ..... 19, 22
- Comics ..... 13
- Crossword ..... 13
- Faces ..... 17
- Opinion ..... 20-21
- Shifting Gears ..... 15
- Sports ..... 23-32
- Weather ..... 14

# Troops in Afghanistan revel in Super Bowl

By CARLO MUNOZ  
Stars and Stripes

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Though it may not be an official holiday, Super Bowl Sunday remains a cause for celebration for football fans throughout the United States. It's no different for the roughly 10,600 American servicemembers still stationed in Afghanistan.

U.S. civilians and military personnel based at Bagram spent two months preparing for the game. They created football-themed decorations throughout the sprawling base and planned a massive Super Bowl party at the "Clamshell," one of the base's biggest Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities.

In his first Super Bowl downrange, Air Force 1st Lt. Andrew Carper and his team helped pull together enough food, games and entertainment to get the crowd of soldiers,

See more photos of Super Bowl XLIX-related festivities at Afghanistan's Bagram Air Field at [stripes.com/go/superbowl](http://stripes.com/go/superbowl)

sailors, airmen and Marines ready for the kickoff at 4 a.m. Monday in Afghanistan.

Asked about his experience, Carper replied, "It's what I hoped it would be."

As kickoff neared, groups of servicemembers huddled around several flat-screen televisions set up for a Madden 15 video game tournament while others gravitated toward the cornhole games going on near the football table, which was tucked next to coolers full of sodas and nonalcoholic beer.

Others, in a bow to U.S. military regulations, played rounds of "near-beer pong" on long, folding tables lined with cups of water. Those who didn't play helped themselves to plates of traditional football fare — pizza,



Seahawks fans cheer at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, as Seattle scores its first touchdown in Super Bowl XLIX.

burgers and chicken wings — and listened to Lo!Krawl, 3rd Infantry Division's rock band.

Members of the Washington Redskins cheerleading squad entertained the football fans in a pregame show, then took selfies with groups of soldiers and airmen.

After the final whistle blew on Super Bowl XLIX and the New England Patriots eked out a 28-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks early Monday morning, Carper said all the planning and hard work were worth it. "It's about everyone else [here]," not just those who helped bring the Super Bowl to Bagram, he said.

[munozy.carlo@stripes.com](mailto:munozy.carlo@stripes.com)



Stay connected to your military community, no matter how far you are from home.

News, information and more — 24/7

[stripes.com](http://stripes.com) STARS AND STRIPES

## MILITARY

# Push for US to arm Ukrainian troops grows

Stars and Stripes

Gen. Philip Breedlove, the top U.S. military commander in Europe, now favors arming Ukrainian troops with defensive weapons, but the Obama administration has yet to decide whether to send lethal aid to a country that has been at war for nearly a year with Russia-backed separatists.

The New York Times on Sunday, citing unnamed sources, said top administration officials support a fresh look at the possible delivery of arms to Ukrainian forces, which have suffered a series of losses in recent weeks.

Secretary of State John Kerry, who will be in Ukraine's capital, Kiev, on Thursday, and Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are open to new discussions about lethal

assistance, the Times reported. Outgoing Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel also supports sending defensive weapons to Ukrainian forces, the paper said.

However, The Associated Press reported that President Barack Obama continues to have reservations about escalating the conflict. An administration official told The AP that Obama is worried about starting a proxy war with Russia and also has doubts about the Ukrainian military's capacity for effectively using high-powered weaponry. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Obama worries that no amount of arming the Ukrainians would put them on par with Russian military capabilities.

Ukraine has long sought lethal aid in the fight against the separatists, who NATO says have

received significant military assistance from Moscow, ranging from anti-aircraft equipment and drones to heavy arms and on-the-ground Russian advisers.

Moscow has denied providing assistance to the insurgents and has warned that the delivery of weapons to the government forces would only serve to escalate the conflict.

Opponents of providing lethal assistance say such support could intensify the conflict in Ukraine and hinder efforts toward a political solution. Supporters say a more lethal Ukrainian military could give Moscow pause.

Susan Rice, Obama's national security adviser, has resisted proposals to provide lethal assistance, but she now is expected to reconsider the matter, according to The Times.

Meanwhile, in an independent report issued Monday, eight former senior American officials urged the United States to send \$3 billion in defensive arms and equipment to Ukraine. The recommendations include delivering anti-air missiles, reconnaissance drones, armored Humvees and radar that can pinpoint the location of enemy rocket and artillery fire.

Retired Adm. James Stavridis, the former top NATO military commander; Michèle Flournoy, a former senior Pentagon official; and Ivo Daalder, the former U.S. ambassador to NATO, are among the officials who authored the report calling for more robust action.

"A firm Western response can bolster Kyiv's ability to deter further Russian attacks," the report

says, using the Ukrainian name for the capital. "Moreover, if confronted by a strong Western response in support of Ukraine, the Kremlin will be far less tempted to challenge the security or territorial integrity of other states, including NATO members Estonia and Latvia."

So far, the U.S. has limited support to Ukraine to nonlethal items such as night-vision goggles and first-aid equipment.

While western sanctions have harmed the Russian economy, they have not prompted Moscow to change course in Ukraine. In March of last year, Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimea peninsula. Since then relations between the West and Russia have steadily deteriorated.

news@stripes.com



RASHENE MINCV/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

## Merged POW/MIA agency is operational

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency became operational Friday following deactivation ceremonies at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, Defense officials said.

The new agency is now the sole government entity tasked with recovering and identifying America's war dead from past conflicts.

In February 2014, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel directed the merging of the two commands, as well as certain functions of the Air Force's Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory, into a single, more accountable agency.

The move followed two years of scandal and inquest, and the new agency faced challenges and doubts even before it started operations.

In October, a report by the Defense Department inspector general said poor leadership and a hostile work environment could continue to plague the mission. Families of the missing and advocacy groups have criticized the reorganization due to lack of transparency and accountability.

From staff reports

## A valuable wave of assistance leaves Liberia

Servicemembers deployed in support of Operation United Assistance show excitement before their departure from Roberts International Airport near Monrovia, Liberia, on Sunday. The operation was established to assist U.S. Agency for International Development-led efforts to contain the Ebola virus outbreak in west Africa. All troops will go through 21 days of controlled monitoring at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; Joint Base Eustis-Langley, Va.; Fort Hood, Texas; or Fort Bliss, Texas.

# New Alaska Guard commander vows to change culture

By SAMANTHA MASUNAGA  
Los Angeles Times

Four months after a federal investigation found that some members of the Alaska National Guard were ostracized and abused after reporting sexual assaults, Gov. Bill Walker on Friday named a new leader to "turn the page" on the Guard's damaged culture.

Retired U.S. Army Col. Laurel Hummel was appointed adjutant general, the first woman to lead the state's National Guard. She will also serve as the commissioner of the state department of

military and veterans affairs.

"Changing culture is a slow process, but it starts with making sure there's one set of standards, one set of rules that everyone obeys, no matter where they are in the chain of command," Hummel said during a news conference. "There will be no old boys network. There will be no old girls network."

In September, Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Katkus was forced to resign after a scathing investigation found numerous allegations of sexual abuse and other misconduct in the Guard. The report

found that some sexual assault complaints before 2012 were not properly documented, that the victims were not referred to advocates, and that their confidentiality was breached.

The inquiry also found that while Alaska National Guard officials launched numerous internal investigations into sexual assault reports, those investigations were not always adequately conducted. When surveyed, a number of guard members said they had little trust in the leadership.

The scandal became an issue in the November gubernato-

rial race. Republican incumbent Sean Parnell, who was initially thought to be a shoo-in, faced criticism over his handling of the Guard's sexual assault allegations. He was defeated by Walker, an independent.

Hummel graduated from West Point in 1982 and was a member of the U.S. Military Academy's third graduating class that included women. Walker described her as having a "very distinguished background and record, very appropriate to step up and take the reins and basically turn the page of the Alaska National Guard."

Hummel served 30 years of active duty and also worked as a professor at the academy's department of geography and environmental engineering, according to the governor's office. She recently ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the state House of Representatives in November.

"We're looking to restore a climate of mutual trust and respect," Hummel said Friday. "We'll be doing a top-down and bottom-up review of our priorities, our missions, our objectives and procedures and determine what needs to be changed."

MILITARY

# Senate takes up bill to cut suicide rate among veterans

By MATTHEW DALY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—A bill aimed at reducing a suicide epidemic among military veterans appears headed for the president's desk.

The bill was expected to take up a bill on Monday named for Clay Hunt, a veteran who killed himself at age 26 in 2011. The bill is in response to suicides that on average claim the lives of 22 military veterans every day.

The measure, which passed the House last month, would require the Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit to independent reviews of their suicide prevention programs and to make information on suicide prevention more easily available

to veterans. It also would offer financial incentives to psychiatrists and other mental health professionals who agree to work for the VA and to help military members as they transition from active-duty to veteran status.

Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, said he expects overwhelming approval of the bill, which passed the House unanimously and has the support of major veterans groups. "When you have 8,000 veterans a year committing suicide, then you have a serious problem," Isakson said, noting that more veterans have died by suicide in recent years than have died in battlefields in Iraq and

Afghanistan.

John Madigan, vice president of public policy at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, said passage of the bill would be a major victory not just for veterans but for the larger fight against suicide. Veterans account for 1 out of every 5 suicides in the United States.

The group has set a goal of reducing the nation's suicide rate by 20 percent by 2025, "and it is legislation like the Clay Hunt Act that will make it happen," Madigan said.

Supporters of the bill were frustrated late last year when the measure was blocked by then-Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

Coburn, who retired in Janu-



CHARLES DHARAPAN/AP

**Army veteran David Dickerson, of Oklahoma City, Okla., joins others in March 2014 to place flags on the National Mall in Washington representing veterans and servicemembers who have died by suicide.**

ary, said the bill duplicated existing programs. He also objected to the \$22 million price tag.

Isakson said the latest version of the bill orders the VA to find money for suicide-prevention programs within its \$154 billion budget.

## Plans for Parris Island's 100th birthday in works

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — The Marines are making plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the training center on Parris Island.

The recruit depot began training Marines on Nov. 1, 1915. The Island Packet of Hilton Head Island reported that a series of events are being planned this fall to mark the occasion.

Events already in the works include a black-tie dinner, a Low-country boil supper and a parade featuring the Marine Band in October.

Two new displays at the Parris Island Museum will also be unveiled. A film about the history of the depot narrated by actor Tom Berenger will be shown.

## State of Georgia buying homes around air base

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — Dozens of homes have been purchased by the government in an ongoing effort to remove residents from areas near Robins Air Force Base in central Georgia.

The (Macon) Telegraph reported that the goal is to use government money to buy houses in noisy areas near the base and then demolish them.

Local leaders say it reduces the threat of what's called encroachment, which could be a key factor in future decisions on which bases to close and which ones to keep open.

Daniel Brown, business operations specialist for the state Department of Natural Resources, said that in the last several months, the state of Georgia has finalized the sale of four small mobile home parks, a small apartment complex and some other properties.

## Governor to establish 'Chris Kyle Day' in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas — Chris Kyle, the retired Navy SEAL depicted in the blockbuster movie "American Sniper," will have a day in his honor, two years after being killed.

Gov. Greg Abbott planned to sign a proclamation declaring Monday as "Chris Kyle Day" in Texas, where Kyle was raised and lived after serving in Iraq.

Kyle is reputed to be the deadliest sniper in American history. Actor Bradley Cooper plays him in a movie based on Kyle's autobiography, "American Sniper."

Kyle and another man were fatally shot in February 2013 at a North Texas gun range. The trial of the suspected gunman, a fellow veteran believed to have mental health issues, starts this month.

From The Associated Press

# Navy Yard workers return to scene of rampage

By DE'NEEN L. BROWN  
The Washington Post

They were to begin returning on Monday to the place where they hid beneath desks, barricaded themselves behind office doors, and fled down corridors as 12 colleagues were shot to death at the Washington Navy Yard.

Some Navy Yard workers are looking forward to going back to Building 197 and regaining a sense of normalcy 17 months after the shooting rampage. Others are so traumatized that they can't bring themselves to re-enter their old workplace, where contractor Aaron Alexis stalked cubicles, hallways and stairwells with a sawed-off Remington shotgun on Sept. 16, 2013.

Beth Ann Cordova lost two coworkers that day — Michael Arnold and Richard "Mike" Ridgell. A third person she is close to, Jennifer Bennett, was wounded.

Cordova, 55, an executive assistant and data manager, said she would steel herself to head to her new desk inside the renovated building. But there are certain parts of Building 197 that she would rather avoid, even after a tour several weeks ago designed to ease her fears.

"I did not wish to go anywhere near where Jennifer had been shot, and I still don't," Cordova said. "He hurt my friend. I could have lost her."

Cordova knows a group of people who refuse to go back to Building 197, the headquarters of the Naval Sea Systems Command. The Navy has accommodated their wishes by transferring them to other jobs in other buildings,



MATT McCLAIN/The Washington Post

**Law enforcement personnel converge on the Washington Navy Yard on Sept. 16, 2013, after reports of a mass shooting.**

said Vice Adm. William Hilarides, who leads NAVSEA.

Dozens of other workers have retired rather than return, even as the Navy has completed a \$6.4 million renovation of the building to erase the worst memories of the mentally ill Alexis, 34, who was killed that day by police.

The overhaul of the building includes new offices, doors, windows, carpet and paint. Even the entrance, where Ridgell, 52, a security guard, was killed, has been removed. Outside, there are concrete steps, benches and windows where the entrance used to be.

"In fact, you can't find vestiges of it," Hilarides said. "Several of our folks dragged Mike out after he had been shot and tried to save him in the parking garage. So there is a lot of emotion about

that."

About 2,800 workers were expected to return to the sprawling building on Monday. Inside the entry area, there is a space dedicated to the 12 people who died in the shooting: Ridgell, Arnold, Martin Bodrog, Arthur Daniels Sr., Sylvia Frasier, Kathleen Nark Gaarde, John Roger Johnson, Mary Frances DeLorenzo Knight, Frank Kohler, Vishnu Pandit, Kenneth Bernard Proctor Sr. and Gerald Read. The memorial was unveiled on Sunday to the victims' families.

The building has been renamed in honor of Joshua Humphreys, who designed the first Navy frigates. Hilarides said a new name was an important reminder of NAVSEA's resilience.

A task force of NAVSEA em-

ployees oversaw the renovation of the historic brick building, which had been used during World War II to assemble guns for battleships.

During the renovation, Building 197's workers were relocated to a former Coast Guard facility at Buzzard Point in Southwest Washington.

On Saturday, movers began carrying in files and installing computers for the first wave of returning workers, said Rory O'Connor, an NAVSEA spokesman. Other workers will return on a staggered weekly move-in schedule over the next nine weeks.

Hilarides acknowledged that some workers are struggling with the return. To help, NAVSEA organized groups of workers to tour the building in small groups in recent weeks.

"We didn't want anyone to say, 'The first day I go back in the building is the first day I go back to work,'" he said.

Cordova said her tour was extremely helpful. "I was on the 'Who's going to have a problem?' tour," said Cordova, who was reassured by all the changes she found. "It looked different, and I thought, 'I can deal with this.'"

Not everyone came to that conclusion. One woman on a different tour started having an anxiety attack a quarter of the way through the first floor and had to leave, according to someone who was with her. She isn't scheduled to move into the building until March and will try to visit again.

Accommodations are being made for those too traumatized to return, Hilarides said.

**STARS AND STRIPES**  
However you read us, wherever you need us.  
Mobile • Online • Print

**EUROPE**  
ADVERTISING  
KATHRYN PETERSON  
peterson.kathryn@stripes.com  
+49 (0) 173 313 6411

**MIDDLE EAST**  
ADVERTISING  
KATHRYN PETERSON  
peterson.kathryn@stripes.com  
+49 (0) 173 313 6411

**PACIFIC**  
ADVERTISING  
YUKO SAITO  
CustomerHelp@Stripes.com  
+81(3) 6385 3267 DSN 315.229.3267

## MILITARY

# Daunting challenges ahead for next defense secretary

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As U.S. defense secretary, Ashton Carter would face a daunting pile of problems at home and abroad. And then there are the unforeseen crises.

His confirmation hearings before the Senate Armed Services Committee are scheduled to begin Wednesday. Here is a sampling of the top issues facing Carter, 60, who served in the Pentagon under President Bill Clinton and was deputy defense secretary in 2011-13.

## Islamic State

Among the toughest problems Carter would inherit is the war against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

The bombing of Islamic State targets in Syria, which began in September, probably will continue well into Carter's tenure and maybe beyond. But he may face a more rapidly changing situation on the ground in Iraq, where the

U.S. now has about 2,500 troops.

The Iraqi government wants to launch a major counteroffensive to regain lost territory, particularly the northern city of Mosul, but it is unclear whether Iraqi troops can succeed without U.S. soldiers by their side to call in airstrikes. Carter may have to decide in coming months whether to recommend to President Barack Obama that he authorize U.S. troops to perform that role.

Carter also would manage, and assess the effectiveness of, a program designed to train members of the moderate Syrian opposition.

## Afghanistan

Obama decreed that America's combat mission in Afghanistan ended last September, but about 10,500 U.S. troops on the ground and many are still conducting counterterrorism operations against the Taliban and other insurgents.

American and coalition forces continue to train and advise the Afghan military. Obama has said

that the U.S. can continue to provide ground and air support to the Afghan forces when needed.

Carter will have to deal with nagging questions about the pace of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, which under current plans would have all U.S. troops out by the end of 2016. Afghan officials are worried about the reduction in U.S. troop support.

U.S. military commanders say they will wait until after this summer's fighting season to decide if they should request any changes to the current drawdown. Any change to the pace could be seen as Obama renegeing on his promise to end the war.

## Russia

The U.S. is relying on NATO partners to help pressure Russia to relent in its support of anti-government rebels in eastern Ukraine — a problem that aligns with Carter's long history of advocating for closer NATO ties to Ukraine.

Carter would be expected to



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

**Defense secretary nominee Ashton Carter, left, meets with Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., ranking member on the Senate Armed Services Committee, on Capitol Hill in Washington on Jan. 22.**

weigh in on the question of whether to expand U.S. assistance for Ukraine to include weaponry.

Carter's background also fits another Russia problem: Moscow's reluctance to continue with a decades-long U.S. program to help secure surplus Russian nuclear materials to ensure they do not fall into terrorists' hands. Carter has focused on the problem of "loose nukes" in Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

## China

Improving defense relations with China is likely to rank as a Carter priority, in part because of tensions over Beijing's growing

military might, regional influence and expanding cyberwarfare capability. Carter will have to key an eye on the other leading defense challenge in Asia — North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

## Health of the force

After more than a dozen years at war, America's servicemembers have battled more than enemy insurgents. At home, suicides, sexual assaults, traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress all increased as the wars dragged on. Both suicides and reported sexual assaults increased last year, compared with 2013.

# Allowance: LQA benefit turns into debtor nightmare for retired Marine

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Despite being promised a housing allowance when he was offered the job, the HR office was now telling him that the interpretation of the rules had changed and he no longer qualified.

Then, he essentially was handed a bill for more than \$100,000.

"Regrettably, the previous determination of your eligibility for [living quarters allowance] was erroneous," CHRO Director Deborah Summers wrote in a letter handed to Garcia on Jan. 20. "Because you have been erroneously receiving LQA payments, you are required to repay the LQA you have received."

Garcia was in shock.

Not only was he on the hook for two years' rent and utilities, but his housing allowance payments would stop immediately. He said it would be nearly impossible to afford his lease now, and his family — had just celebrated Christmas.

"When I see what this is doing to my family ... it's the betrayal of a loyal individual," Garcia said. "I don't have the disposable income to just throw down another \$8,000 on a lease now."

Five other individuals have recently gotten similar notifications, Marine officials said — a replay of the scenario that tormented nearly 700 Defense Department employees in 2013.

Those employees, mostly in Europe, were determined to have been granted LQA in error. Other civilians were lured to positions overseas only to be told that the crucial benefit was being taken away. Army reservists were caught in a similar housing allowance trap.

The Defense Department blamed bureaucratic errors and misinterpretation of regulations, and in nearly every case, it was determined that the workers were not at fault. Yet the burden of resolving the issue fell squarely on their shoulders. At the time, the DOD said it would likely waive the workers' debt, but first they would have to sign a waiver acknowledging the debt existed. Many were reluctant to do so, saying it would put them on the hook for the money.

In the aftermath, all who have applied for the waiver have had the debts waived. The fight went until 2014.

As it sought to resolve the issue, the Defense Department ordered an audit of all employees hired locally in Europe and granted a one-year reprieve on the benefit for those found eligible there and at other overseas locations.

Defense Department and U.S. Forces Japan officials declined to say why the issue has come up again, referring questions to the Marine Corps. The Marines said the Navy's Office of Civilian Human Resources and the Marine Corps Installations Pacific Civilian Human Resources Office have been offering assistance to those affected on a case-by-case basis.

They declined to comment on Garcia's case.

"We are in communication with Headquarters Marine Corps to seek further assistance in this matter," a Marine spokesman said in a statement to Stars and Stripes.

Garcia has been told he should apply to have the debt waived once the bill arrives, but he said he once that as little solace.

Garcia's odyssey began in June 2012, when that Marine thought they had found a new lead defense travel administrator for the Pacific region. Emails and letters provided to Stars and Stripes, however, indicate officials were dismayed when the top candidate withdrew because of ineligibility for a housing allowance.

"The officials called the position 'mission critical,' saying it was historically difficult to fill because special skills were needed. Those skills might be found locally — in the retiring Marines who had experience with the Defense Travel System, for example. But regulations state that applicants who are not living in the United States at the time they apply for the job are not eligible for housing allowance without a waiver. The position had been budgeted for a housing allowance and moving expenses from the U.S. if offered to a state-side hire, the documents say.

Marine officials did not want to waive the benefit, however. When Garcia was flagged as the next top candidate, according to Marine Corps documents, he would not accept the position without the housing benefit. And officials feared a future problem filling the position if the benefit wasn't offered, the documents say.

In the Marine Corps' application for a waiver, the benefit was called a "recruitment incentive," and officials were pleased that they would save the expenses of moving a family from the States because Garcia's was already on Okinawa.

The waiver was endorsed by the chiefs of staff for the commanding generals of the 3rd Marine Logistics Group and III MEF. It was

approved by J.C. Wright, chief of staff for Marine Corps Installations Pacific, in September 2012.

"Mr. Garcia meets the eligibility requirements," Wright wrote in his letter to the deputy director of MCI/PAC civilian human resources. He affirmed it was in "the Marine Corps' interest" to approve the request.

Garcia, who is from Chicago, claims he even double-checked with those hiring him on his eligibility for the housing allowance because he saw what was happening in Europe. He was assured he qualified.

He got to work soon after, sporting Marine Corps cuff links as he traded his cammies for a shirt and tie. He sunk his teeth into the position, he said. He and his wife, Natalie, continued to raise their five kids in their Okinawa City home. The position was to run through October 2016.

Now, he has been told that because his case cropped up in a new audit, he doesn't even qualify for the year of amnesty that many others were given.

With his rent for February unpaid and his landlord already seeking payment, Garcia said he is close to breaking down. His children are days away from being forced out from their stable environment and possibly away from their school and friends.

This looming upheaval was evident on the faces of his older children as they gathered at the family home last Wednesday evening. The mood was somber as they discussed the path forward. Garcia's smaller children played nearby, seemingly unaware of what was happening.

It all makes his blood boil. "How can the DOD continue

to treat people like this?" he said, his voice wavering. "All said and done, other than maybe a year and a half, I've given almost 26 years to the federal government as an active-duty Marine and as a Marine Corps civilian."

"Veterans' organizations were sympathetic."

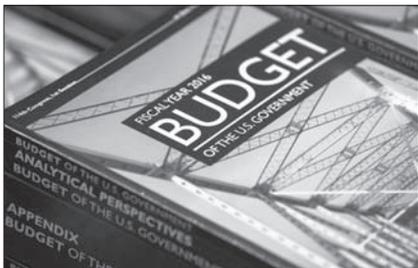
"Changing the rules in the middle of an overseas assignment will not produce any faith in the civilian personnel management system going forward," Veterans of Foreign Wars spokesman Jay Davis wrote in a statement to Stars and Stripes.

"The VFW along with the overseas combatant commanders back in 2013 strongly supported grandfathering [LQA] payments until the end of current overseas employment contracts. It was and still is the right thing to do for dedicated DOD employees who are now under tremendous mental and financial stress because of a reinterpretation of regulations that also doesn't benefit the government, which must now eat the added cost of an out-of-cycle move to bring in a replacement who will receive LQA."

burke.matt@stripes.com

Click today...cash today  
www.militaryloans.com

## NATION



J. SCOTT APLENWITZ/AP

President Barack Obama's \$4 trillion budget plan arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington early Monday.

# A \$4T proposal

## Obama's record-high spending plan sent to Congress; dustups inevitable

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama set up another clash with Republicans by sending Congress a \$4 trillion budget Monday that seeks to raise taxes on wealthier Americans and corporations and increase domestic spending.

In a message accompanying the massive budget books, Obama said his proposals are "practical, not partisan." But even before the books were delivered, Republicans found plenty to criticize in tax increases totaling \$2 trillion.

"The president is advocating more spending, more taxes and more debt," said House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. "A proposal that never balances is not a serious plan for America's fiscal future."

The annual budget proposals are more like wish lists than initiatives soon to become law. Congress is now fully controlled by Republicans who oppose Obama's proposals. And the budget resolutions eventually approved by Congress would be nonbinding.

But budgets influence the spending bills that determine how

much Americans will be taxed and how government programs will be funded.

Obama's proposal Monday puts into relief the divisions in Washington. Obama maintains that the U.S. economy has improved enough to raise some taxes and increase spending to help Americans who haven't benefited from the recovery. Republicans say Obama's proposals would threaten the recovery and the focus should be on eliminating the budget deficit.

Those differences are likely to be the core of the political debate during the final two years of Obama's presidency and could carry over into the 2016 race to elect Obama's successor.

Boehner and other Republican leaders said the budget they produce this spring will achieve balance within 10 years, curb the explosive growth of government benefit programs and reform the loophole-cluttered tax code.

In a lengthy run-up to Monday's budget release, the Obama administration said its budget represented a strategy to strengthen the middle class and help "hard-working families get ahead in a time of relentless economic and technological change."

# Military, DOD civilian pay raise sought

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama wants to give the uniformed military and federal workers a 1.3 percent pay raise for fiscal 2016.

The 1.3 percent increase would be more than the 1 percent pay bump given to troops and federal workers for the past two fiscal years. The Defense Department is proposing pay increases of 1.3 percent in fiscal 2017, 1.5 percent in fiscal 2018, 1.5 percent in fiscal 2019 and 1.8 percent in fiscal 2020.

Other personnel budget requests include:

- Slowing the growth in the

basic allowance for housing by requiring servicemembers to pay an additional 4 percent in out-of-pocket costs over the next two to three years.

■ A \$100 million reduction in commissary subsidies, from \$1.3 billion in fiscal 2015 to \$1.2 billion, with savings "from efficiencies and operating changes that do not require legislative changes." Patrons could see reduced operating days and hours, according to budget documents.

■ A steady increase in Tricare-for-Life annual enrollment fees for retirees age 65 and older through fiscal 2020.

■ Consolidation of Tricare health care plans with increased

deductibles and pharmacy copays paid in over the next 10 years.

The DOD estimates that the proposed changes in military compensation would save the department \$25.4 billion over the next five years. Military pay and benefits currently eat up 35.5 percent of the Pentagon's base budget.

Personnel costs "must be kept under control to allow the Department to fund the required balance of force size, modernization, and readiness and training needed to meet the needs of today and tomorrow," the DOD said in a press release.

harper.jon@stripes.com  
Twitter: @JHarperStripes

# President seeks big increase in VA funding

By HEATH DRUZIN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Facing a growing national crisis in veterans' health care and a flood of new veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the president wants to give the beleaguered Department of Veterans Affairs a nearly 8 percent boost in funding for measures including hiring more VA doctors, giving veterans more health care options and increasing money for construction.

Overall, the proposed 2016 budget includes \$70.2 billion in discretionary funding for the VA, the second-largest federal department.

Some of that funding will go to the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act, which aims to hire more doctors at struggling VA health facilities and to give veterans languishing on monthlong waiting lists the option of seeking care at private hospitals.

The money is also aimed at reducing the backlog of veterans' disability compensation claims, which remain in the hundreds of thousands despite a long effort to expedite them. Many have been pending for years.

Included in the proposal is money to hire more staff to handle such claims. Other targets of the budget include ending veteran homelessness and increasing veteran access to jobs and housing.

The VA has been under fire since last spring, when whistleblowers revealed the existence of secret wait lists used to make it appear that veterans were getting medical care more quickly than they were. In fact, veterans often waited for months or years for appointments, and some died before they received care.

The scandal, which centered around the Phoenix VA, uncovered a national crisis in veterans' health care, cost former VA Secretary Eric Shinseki his job and led to calls from lawmakers and veterans group for an overhaul of the department.

The proposed budget calls for an advance appropriation request of \$63.3 billion for 2017 medical care, which is a 5.5 percent increase over 2016.

"This funding will ensure continued investment in the five pillars the President has outlined for supporting the nation's veterans: providing the resources and funding they deserve; ensuring high-quality and timely health care; getting veterans their earned benefits quickly and efficiently; ending veteran homelessness; and helping veterans and their families get good jobs, education, and access to affordable housing," according to the proposal released by the White House.

Lawmakers generally have been receptive to the VA getting

more funding, though some have questioned whether there is sufficient planning and oversight at the department to make sure the additional money is spent appropriately.

Also, congressmen have clashed recently with VA officials over issues of transparency and the pace of reforms within the department.

House Committee on Veterans Affairs Chairman Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., said he is committed to providing the VA with "the resources it needs," but warned that the budget would be tightly scrutinized. He called President Barack Obama's proposal to reallocate some money from the Veterans Choice Act to other areas of the VA a "nonstarter."

"For its part, VA has left hundreds of millions in health care funding unspent since 2010 as thousands of veterans languished on waiting lists and squandered more than \$1 billion on a host of botched construction projects, acquisition failures and extravagant employee conferences," Miller said in a released statement. "That's why we will ensure President Obama's Fiscal Year 2016 VA budget request receives the scrutiny it is due over the coming weeks."

druzin.heath@stripes.com  
Twitter: @Druzin\_Stripes

# Budget: Plan foresees net force reduction of 11,300 troops; Air Force, Navy would see modest rise

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The other \$94 billion would fund DOD-wide programs and activities.

There would be a reduction of 11,300 in total force military end strength from current levels. The Army would lose 15,000 active-duty soldiers. Air Force and Navy active-duty components would see modest increases in troop numbers, and Marine Corps active-duty end strength would remain about the same.

Modernization programs would receive \$17.5 billion across the department, including about \$1.1 billion for the Joint Strike Fighter, the Pentagon's most expensive

acquisition program.

Lifting sequestration would require a budget deal between the White House and a Republican-controlled Congress. The two parties have been at loggerheads since Obama took office in 2009, and many political observers are skeptical that a deal can be reached.

While GOP leaders generally support giving the DOD budget relief, they are opposed to Obama's proposal to remove budget caps on domestic programs. Obama and other Democratic leaders have suggested that they would oppose efforts to cut domestic programs to pay for higher

defense spending.

There "seems to be a broad consensus in both chambers and in the executive (branch) that defense spending, as it has been the last couple years, is too low, given the global threat environment," Kathleen Hicks, a defense analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, told reporters last week. "Trade-offs between defense and nondefense discretionary spending... will really be the big questions because that's what's going to be required to increase defense spending above the sequester caps."

In a press release put out Monday, the Pentagon warned that "a

return to sequester-level funding would be irresponsible and dangerous, resulting in a force too small and ill-equipped to respond to the full range of potential threats to the nation."

The war funding request remains high, despite the fact that U.S. troop levels in Afghanistan have been slashed to approximately 10,000. The \$50.9 billion of proposed OCO money would go toward the ongoing train-and-assist mission in Afghanistan; training and equipping forces battling the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria; a Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund; a European Reassurance Initiative to address

NATO allies' concerns about Russian activities in Eastern Europe; and other programs.

Politically sensitive cost-saving proposals include:

- Curbing the growth in personnel costs, including military pay and benefits.
- Retiring older weapon systems, such as the A-10 Thunderbolt aircraft.
- Eliminating excess infrastructure and facilities, including a request to initiate a new round of Base Realignment and Closure, also known as BRAC, in fiscal 2017.

harper.jon@stripes.com  
Twitter: @JHarperStripes

NATION

# GOP contenders auditioning on world stage

By PHILIP RUCKER  
AND ANNE GEARAN  
The Washington Post

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is in the United Kingdom, where he said he looks forward to being reacquainted with Prime Minister David Cameron on Monday.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal recently returned from a European tour during which he assailed Hillary Rodham Clinton for her "meanness toward..." and next Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is due in London for an overseas trip of his own.

Republican presidential hopefuls are busy auditioning on the world stage ahead of the 2016 campaign, trying to bolster their résumés and develop expertise as their party seizes on foreign affairs as a key theme in its effort to reclaim the White House.

GOP leaders and strategists consider foreign policy a weakness of President Barack Obama's record, and the president's potential vulnerability for Clinton, the likely Democratic candidate who helped carry out Obama's first-term foreign policy as secretary of

state. Many contenders have been attacking Clinton. Before bowing out last week, Mitt Romney called the Obama administration "timid" and accused Clinton of acting "cluelessly."

Yet many of the Republican Party's rising stars — like Romney, its 2012 nominee — are governors with scant international exposure, so they are acting quickly to try to gain credibility.

Enter Christie, whose London visit is his fourth foreign trip as governor, following tours of Canada, Israel and Mexico. Ahead of official meetings that begin here Monday, Christie took in a soccer match Sunday afternoon.

As he exited the gleaming Emirates Stadium, bundled up on a frigid afternoon with Arsenal's red-and-white team scarf, Christie said he was excited about nurturing relationships with British officials.

Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, said talking about foreign affairs reveals a presidential candidate's character, communications skills and decision-making style. While domestic issues "concern budgets,

**“You don't want to make a mistake which would raise questions about your readiness for the job.”**

Richard Haass  
Council on Foreign Relations president

detailed lawmaking, cooperation with Congress and technical matters," he said, "foreign affairs are in some ways simpler. It's about how to handle bad guys, how to protect the country and how to convey confidence and purpose."

Like Christie, most of the other Republican White House hopefuls have articulated hawkish views in line with their party's traditional orthodoxy, though a divergent and more isolationist view has emerged within the party's libertarian wing represented by Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky.

Any Republican candidate would face an unusual challenge in drafting national security platforms in opposition to Clinton. As a senator and 2008 presidential

candidate, Clinton developed a record and reputation as a foreign policy hawk that would complicate or head off the traditional GOP argument about Democratic weakness on security issues.

Nearly two years out from the next presidential election, the contenders have yet to present specifics beyond sketching out their worldviews. It is also unclear how much foreign affairs will shape the campaign. If the economy continues to improve, the public's attention could turn beyond America's borders.

Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, whom several presidential candidates have consulted, said it is important for candidates to "kick

some tires around the world." He added: "You don't want to make a mistake which would raise questions about your readiness for the job."

So it is that would-be Republican candidates have been traveling the globe — many of them under the guise of trade missions to promote economic development for their states on trips paid with public funds.

Former Texas governor Rick Perry has traveled overseas repeatedly since his failed 2012 presidential campaign, including visits last year to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, and to China, Japan and several Eastern European nations.

Israel is a popular spot for many prospective candidates. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence spent Christmas in Jerusalem, where he met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, while former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee is leading a tour there later this month.

For the 150 or so potential candidates, join Huckabee for meetings with senior Israeli officials and tours of Holy Land sites, including swimming in the Dead Sea.

## Strippers lobby for better work conditions

By JONATHAN J. COOPER  
The Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — Any tourist guide to Portland, Ore., will tell you about the strip clubs.

There are dozens of them, something for any taste or any neighborhood, helped to ubiquity by Oregon's fierce protection of free speech.

Tired of watching well-meaning strangers impose their own visions for improving the plight of the dancer, some of Portland's seasoned strippers are working directly with state lawmakers and professional lobbyists.

As the United States, strip-fighters have stepped up their fight for better working conditions. Some are suing. Others have filed complaints with state regulators. A handful have unionized. But the effort in Oregon to work directly with the legislature — with the support of lobbyists — is unique.

"The hardest part about being a stripper is battling the stigma that we are victims that need help from outsiders," said Elle Stanger, a stripper who's been active in the movement. "It doesn't matter if you work in education, clergy, any kind of blue collar work — the people who do the work know what the work environment needs."

Stanger has worked her entire five-year career at the Lucky Devil Lounge. She's pleased with the management, she said, and isn't concerned she'll face retaliation for speaking publicly. But



Don Ryan/AP

Stripper Elle Stanger poses for a photo in front of the Lucky Devil Lounge, where she performs, in Portland, Ore.

as the assistant editor of Exotic Magazine, a local publication for the sex industry, she's seen plenty of clubs. They're not all as great as hers.

"Some of the buildings are literally dilapidated and not maintained," Stanger said. "You have entertainers that could injure themselves from broken glass on the stage, poor wiring with the sound system. We just want to get these workplaces up to a minimum safety standard at least."

There may be a few bad apples, but most club owners take dancers' safety seriously and are appalled when strippers are mistreated, said Claude DeCorsi, a club operator and president of the Oregon chapter of the Association of Club Executives, an industry group.

"We're here to protect and make safe environments for entertainers," DeCorsi said. "They're the reason we exist."

The dancers and lobbyists have settled on a handful of improvements they'd like to pursue.

Ideally, they want to see strip clubs comply with mandatory health and safety standards — clean stages, structurally sound poles, adequate security. But that could be a tough sell in the legislature.

More realistically, they plan to push for a mandate that clubs display a poster outlining dancers' rights with a hotline they can call to ask questions or report abuses. They want the hotline to be staffed by people with experience in the industry, not bureaucrats or law enforcement.

Strippers generally work as independent contractors rather than employees. They pay a stage fee or a portion of their earnings to the management, bartenders, bouncers, DJs and other support staff.

## Oil workers stage 1st big walkout since '80

By LYNN DOAN  
AND BARBARA POWELL  
Bloomberg News

SAN FRANCISCO — The United Steelworkers union, which represents employees at more than 200 U.S. oil refineries, terminals, pipelines and chemical plants, began a strike at nine sites on Sunday, the biggest walkout called since 1980.

The USW started the work stoppage on a labor contract that expired Sunday, saying in a statement that it "had no choice." The union rejected five contract offers made by Royal Dutch Shell on behalf of oil companies including Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. since negotiations began on Jan. 21.

The steelworkers' union hasn't called a strike nationally since 1980, when a stoppage lasted three months. A full walkout of USW workers would threaten to disrupt as much as 64 percent of U.S. fuel production. Shell and union representatives began negotiations amid the biggest collapse in U.S. oil prices since 2008.

"The problem is that oil companies are too greedy to make a positive change in the workplace," USW International Vice President Tom Conway said in the statement. "They continue to value production and profit over health and safety, workers and the community."

Ray Fisher, a spokesman for The Hague, Netherlands-based Shell, said by email on Saturday that the company remained "committed to resolving our differences

with USW at the negotiating table and hope to resume negotiations as early as possible."

The USW asked employers for "substantial" pay increases, stronger rules to prevent fatigue and measures to keep union workers rather than contract employees on the job, Gary Beavers, the USW

international vice president who manages the union's oil sector, said in an October interview. The refineries called on to strike span the U.S., from Tesoro Corp.'s plants in California and Washington state to Marathon Petroleum Corp.'s Catlettsburg complex in Kentucky and three sites in Texas, according to the USW's statement.

Tom Conway  
USW International  
vice president

"The problem is that oil companies are too greedy to make a positive change in the workplace."

"There will be a knee-jerk reaction in gasoline and diesel prices because we don't know how long this is going to be or how extended it might be," said Carl Larry, Houston-based director of oil and gas at Frost & Sullivan.

NATION

# Pa. groundhog predicts 6 more weeks of winter

The Associated Press

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. — The handlers of Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, said Monday the furry rodent has forecast six more weeks of winter.

Members of the top hat-wearing Inner Circle announced the "prediction" Monday morning.

A German legend has it that if a furry rodent sees his shadow on Feb. 2, winter will last another six weeks. If not, spring comes early. The forecast also was announced on Twitter, as was referenced in the official proclamation read by Jeff Lundy, the Fair Weatherer of the Inner Circle.

"Forecasts abound on the Internet, but, I, Punxsutawney Phil am still your best bet. Yes, a shadow I

see, you can start to Twitter, hash tag: Six more weeks of winter!"

The forecast was delivered after a steady, predawn rain turned to snow as temperatures dropped from the high 30s to about freezing.

They were forecast to keep dropping over much of the state, prompting the state Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit to 45 mph for many interstate highways that were already wet and were expected to freeze or to be covered with snow as the day wore on.

The rain kept some revelers away, with state police estimating the crowd at about 11,000, slightly smaller than in recent years when upward of 15,000 attended.

No mention was made of Sunday night's Super Bowl, unlike Groundhog Day 2009 — the last



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Groundhog Club handler Ron Ploucha holds Punxsutawney Phil, the weather-prognosticating groundhog, on Monday during the 129th celebration of Groundhog Day on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa.

time the celebration occurred the morning after the big game — which was won by the nearby Pittsburgh Steelers that year.

Despite the German legend, Phil's handlers don't want to see if he sees his shadow — as he

likely would not have on such an overcast day. Instead, the Inner Circle decide on the forecast ahead of time and announce it on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill in the town for which the groundhog is named, about 65 miles northeast

of Pittsburgh.

Records going back to 1887 show Phil has now predicted more winter 102 times while forecasting an early spring just 17 times. There are no records for the remaining years.

# Storm heads toward Northeast after blanketing Midwest

BY SYLVIA LEE WINGFIELD AND SOPHIA TAREEN  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — A winter storm is bringing its fury to the Northeast on Monday, causing the cancellation of flights, classes and major court cases a day after it dumped up to a 1.5 feet of snow onto the Chicago area.

The weather system moved

slowly eastward through into Pennsylvania, New York state and then into the northern region of New England. There residents were celebrating the New England Patriots football team's Super Bowl victory just days after digging out from a massive storm that brought from up to 3 feet of snow to some areas.

More than 2,300 flights were canceled Monday, with about a

seventh of them at Boston's Logan Airport. On Sunday, more than 2,000 flights were canceled in the Midwest, the vast majority of which were into or out of Chicago's two airports.

The snowstorm was expected to deepen off the southern New England coast, bringing accumulations up to 16 inches to Boston.

In New York state, a winter storm warning is out for more

than 20 counties.

The Philadelphia area received about an inch of snow before the precipitation changed over to rain.

In New York City, Mayor Bill De Blasio said residents should be ready for a snowy and icy commute. The city may get up to 4 inches of snow and ice is possible.

Public officials throughout New England announced parking bans

ahead of the storm so crews could keep the roads clear.

The snowstorm is delaying two of America's biggest court cases — the murder trial of former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez and jury selection in the federal death penalty trial of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Proceedings were expected to resume Tuesday.

# Toledo mayor in critical condition after suffering heart attack

The Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — The mayor of Toledo was in critical condition in a hospital intensive care unit Monday, a day after having a heart attack while checking on road conditions during a snowstorm.

Mayor D. Michael Collins, 70, was driving around the city during a snowstorm when he went into cardiac arrest and crashed into a utility pole about 2 p.m. Sunday.

A passer-by who saw the mayor's

crashed SUV gave him CPR until emergency personnel arrived, said Dr. Christopher Cooper, a cardiologist and dean of the University of Toledo medical school. Collins was not conscious at the time.

Collins is being treated at the University of Toledo Medical Center, where he was heavily sedated and was being closely monitored, Cooper said in a statement Sunday evening. It's too early to give a prognosis on his recovery, he said.

City Council President Paula Hicks-Hudson was sworn in as acting mayor Sunday afternoon and praised the unidentified passer-by who rendered first aid.

"The act of this one person who was there at our mayor's time of need shows this is a great city," Hicks-Hudson said Sunday.

Collins, a retired police officer and former city councilman, became mayor in January 2014.

The independent's first year in of-

fice has been tumultuous. Shortly after he was sworn in, two city firefighters died battling an apartment fire and the city endured the worst winter in its history.

Summer brought widespread, toxic algae blooms in Lake Erie that caused the city to cut off water service to 400,000 people in the Toledo area. And in October, it was learned that Fiat Chrysler Automobiles might move production of the Jeep Wrangler from Toledo to another U.S. plant.



Collins

VOTE!

Stripes  
BEST OF THE  
PACIFIC  
2015-16

Your vote could earn you an Exchange gift card worth \$300!

Win with STARS AND STRIPES.



Vote today at <http://stripesrewards.com/bestofpacific!>

NATION

# Serious Super Bowl ads the name of the game

By MAE ANDERSON  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Forget slapstick and sex in Super Bowl ads: This year, serious was the name of the game.

Nationwide Insurance ran an ad on preventable childhood death. Carnival Cruise Lines struck a somber note with a voiceover by John F. Kennedy speaking lyrically about the sea. And a public service announcement by coalition No More depicted a chilling 911 call from a battered woman to demonstrate the terror of domestic abuse.

Other advertisers had positive albeit equally serious themes: McDonald's said it would let some customers pay with acts of kindness; Coca-Cola showed online negativity and bullying turning positive; and Procter & Gamble's ad for its Always feminine products brand tried to redefine what it means to do things like a girl.

"It's a shame there aren't any commercials for antidepressants because these commercials make me want some," said Jon Early, who was watching the games in New York with friends. "Football is supposed to be an escape."

The serious tone is an effort to win over Americans who have a lower tolerance for crass ads with an overuse of sexually explicit themes and sloganistic games. They also have shifted attention spans these days, thanks to the bite-sized communication of social media.

The serious spots were a continuation of a trend that started last year when advertisers shied away from the tactics that had been commonplace during the Super Bowl. The difference this year is that many of the serious ads had an overarching "message" to live better, think better and be better.

With 30-second ads costing \$4.5 million for the chance to market their brand to 110-plus million Americans, advertisers were trying to stand out by marketing socially conscious messages. In the process, they hoped to boost the image of their brands.

"The Super Bowl reflects what's happening in the country," said Tim Calkins, a marketing professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. "Maybe in the country today we're a little more reflective and a little more pensive."

## A serious tone

A Microsoft ad with a voiceover by rapper Common told the story of a soldier, Nissan returned to a boy who was born missing the tibia and fibula bones in both of his legs so he had to learn to live with prosthetic legs developed by Microsoft.

The ad struck some similar notes with Toyota's Camry ad, which featured Paralympian Amy Purdy, who also has prosthetic legs, snowboarding and dancing set to a speech by Muhammad Ali that ends, "I'll show you how great I am."

Some serious ads bordered on sullen. Nissan returned to the Super Bowl after 18 years with



COURTESY OF PROCTER & GAMBLE/AP

A young girl appears in a Super Bowl spot for Procter & Gamble's Always feminine protection brand Sunday night.

an ad featuring the story line of an up-and-coming race driver and his wife struggling to balance work and raising their son. In a jarring detail that many on social media pointed out, the ad was set to "Cats in the Hat" by Harry Chapin, who was killed in a car crash.

A Nationwide ad showed a boy riding a school bus and lamenting he'll never learn to fly, or travel the world with my best friend, or even grow up, because he died in an accident. The ad was aimed at stopping preventable childhood accidents, but Charles Taylor, marketing professor at the Villanova School of Business in Pennsylvania, said it received the most negative response from his ad viewing panel.

"It's just playing with fire focusing on an adolescent's death in the context of the Super Bowl," he said.

## Positive but serious

Other advertisers tried to inspire people to do positive things. In apparent commentary on how heavily food companies market to Americans, Weight Watchers' Super Bowl debut ad showed pizza and doughnuts in large portions with an ominous voiceover saying, "You gotta eat, right?" A tagline said Weight Watchers can help members take control. But it didn't resonate with all

viewers, many of whom were at Super Bowl parties eating snacks.

Meanwhile, fast food chain McDonald's announced it will randomly select customers who can pay for their food with acts of goodwill, such as calling their moms and telling them they love them as part of a Valentine's Day promotion that starts Monday.

## Humor in between

Not all ads were serious, though. Nationwide's other ad showed "Mindy Project" star Mindy Kaling walking around New York believing she is invisible and doing scandalous acts, including sitting naked in Central Park and going through a car wash. Then, she tries to kiss actor Matt Damon, but as it turns out, he can see her. The idea is Nationwide doesn't treat customers like they're invisible.

Another ad scored early. Chevrolet's spot before kickoff appeared to be a live game feed that turned into static and a blank screen, shocking some viewers. Chevrolet used the trick to show that its Colorado truck has 4G LTE WiFi, allowing for live game streaming in the truck.

"That one got all of our attention," said Kirin Jessel, who watched the game with co-workers in Oakland, Calif. "We were thinking, 'Oh my God, what's happening?'"

## Boston celebrates in peaceful fashion

**BOSTON** — New England Patriots fans from Boston to western Massachusetts celebrated another Super Bowl title raucously but without the destruction and mayhem that has often followed championship victories by local sports teams.

Crowds of mostly college-aged fans gathered in various areas around Boston on Sunday night after the Patriots' 28-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks, and although they screamed and chanted, they remained orderly.

Most fans were watched carefully by police.

Boston police said on their official Twitter account that there were no arrests, adding: "Way to make your team & city proud."

Celebrations at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst were also largely restrained. The campus has had problems with violence at prior sports celebrations.

Several thousand students poured out of dorms in the Southwest residential area, but a campus spokesman said there was just one arrest.

From The Associated Press

## Korea's No.1 Plastic Surgery Hospital

### Grand Plastic Surgery

EYES & NOSE CORRECTION	FACIAL CORRECTION	BREAST CARE	BODY CONTOURING	ANTI AGING
------------------------	-------------------	-------------	-----------------	------------

- Consultation Room
- Main Lobby
- Dermatology Center
- Recovery Room
- Treatment Room
- Operating Room
- Reception

**Grand Plastic Surgery**  
is equipped with total of 21 floors  
(6 basement level & 15 ground level floors)  
separated into different treatment centers to aid fast recovery and convenience of all customers.

Enhance your looks, regain confidence

Grand's Specialized System For International Patients



- Specialty 01**  
Coordinators specialized in 8 different languages
- Specialty 02**  
5 star Hotel concierge system in place
- Specialty 03**  
1:1 Personalized Service for Foreign patients
- Specialty 04**  
Personalized service for Koreans living abroad

**TOKYO**  
FEB 24 25 26  
**TECHNET**  
@ THE NEW SANNO  
[www.afceatokyo.org](http://www.afceatokyo.org)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Phone (+82)70-7119-1580  
(+82)70-7156-8545  
E-Mail [grand.english@gmail.com](mailto:grand.english@gmail.com)  
<http://eng.grandsurgery.com>

Open weekdays 10am - 7pm  
Open Saturday 10am - 5pm  
Closed on Sunday and public holidays



WORLD

**Iraq's al-Maliki denies seeking a comeback**

BAGHDAD — Iraq's former prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, denies he is seeking a political comeback despite frequent appearances in local media and a recent high-profile visit to influential neighboring Iran.

In an interview Monday, al-Maliki said he has no interest in returning to the job he held for eight years unless the people demand it.

His decision to step down in August raised hopes for a new government that could roll back the Islamic State and prevent the country from splitting apart. Al-Maliki, a Shiite, was widely accused of pursuing a sectarian agenda while in office.

**Ebola vaccines human trial starts in Liberia**

MONROVIA, Liberia — A large-scale human trial of two potential Ebola vaccines got underway in Liberia's capital Monday, part of a global effort to prevent a repeat of the epidemic that has now claimed nearly 9,000 lives in West Africa.

The trials are taking place after smaller studies determined the vaccines were safe for human use. By comparing them now with a placebo shot, scientists hope to learn whether they can protect people from contracting the virus that has killed some 60 percent of those hospitalized with it.

Despite the trials' promise, authorities must combat suspicion that people could become infected by taking part. On Sunday in one Monrovia neighborhood, musicians sang songs explaining the trial's purpose and intent in a bid to dispel fears.

**French pimping trial to start for ex-IMF chief**

PARIS — Dominique Strauss-Kahn is going on trial for sex charges in France — the nation where he once was considered a top presidential contender.

The former head of the International Monetary Fund, whose name has become synonymous with charges of sexually assaulting a hotel maid in New York, is facing charges in France of aggravated pimping and involvement in a prostitution ring.

The French prosecution faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$1.7 million fine, as he and more than a dozen other French and Belgian businessmen and police officers go on trial Monday in Lille.

Strauss-Kahn, 65, says he took part in "libertarian fun," but insists he never knew the women involved were prostitutes.

**UN weather agency: '14 hottest year on record**

STOCKHOLM — The U.N. weather agency says 2014 was the warmest year on record, though the temperature difference with 2010 and 2005 is so small that it's impossible to say for sure which of the three years was the hottest.

The World Meteorological Organization's analysis Monday mirrored recent findings by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

From The Associated Press

**UK: Greece risks world economy**

By DANICA KIRKA AND MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's Treasury chief warned that the standoff between Greece and the eurozone over the country's bailout is endangering the global economy, urging the new government in Athens to act responsibly.

George Osborne characterized his talks with Greece's new finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, as "constructive," but cautioned that now was the time to "choose competence over chaos." He urged the eurozone countries to come up with a better plan for jobs and growth in Greece.

"It's clear that the standoff between Greece and the eurozone is fast becoming the biggest risk to the global economy, and it's a rising threat to our economy at home," Osborne said.

Greece's radical left Syriza party won parliamentary elections last week, alarming investors and eurozone governments. Party leader and new Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has said he wants to end years of budget austerity that eurozone countries and the International Monetary



MAT DUNHAM/AP

**British Finance Minister George Osborne, right, walks out to bid farewell to Greece's new finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, after their meeting in London on Monday.**

Fund had required in exchange for \$270 billion in rescue loans. He also wants to renegotiate payment of the bailout debt.

Greece's finance minister will meet with investors and fund managers in London on Monday

as he continues his tour of European capitals to drum up support for his government's demands.

Though Britain is not part of the euro, Varoufakis sought to build rapport with Osborne and faced-to-face talks. Downing Street said

Britain's position is one of continuity — and that Greece should honor the terms of its bailout.

"Tsipras struck a more conciliatory tone. He dismissed what he called scaremongering over his government's position on bailout negotiations and said that while the Greek people expect him to carry out tough negotiations with eurozone creditors, that would happen "within a European framework."

Tsipras said he was surprised many "powerful European forces" back his government's call to focus policies on economic growth and not just debt reduction.

"Europe needs to take a breath, certainly through mutual understanding and common steps," said Tsipras. "But there's no need to further constrict those breaths that people and economies need in order to move toward growth."

Tsipras ruled out suggestions that his government may reach out to Russia for a loan, saying his government's primary objective is to conclude a deal with Greece's European partners and "all those who have loaned to our country and to whom our country has obligations."

**UN official: Kim regime a roadblock on rights**

The Associated Press

TOKYO — A campaign within the United Nations to hault North Korean leader Kim Jong Un before an international court for crimes against humanity has touched off a defensive fury in Pyongyang, where it's being treated like a diplomatic declaration of war — an aggressive act aimed not only at shutting down prison camps but also at removing Kim and dismantling his family's three-generation court of personality.

More paranoia? Actually, according to the U.N.'s point man on human rights in North Korea, that's not too far off the mark, though he stressed no one is advocating a military option to force regime change.

"It would be, I think the first order of the day to get these 80,000 to 100,000 [prisoners] immediately released and these camps disbanded," Marzuki Darusman, the U.N.'s special rapporteur on human rights in North Korea, said. "But that can only happen if the cult leadership system is completely dismantled. And the only way to do that is if the Kim family is effectively displaced, is effectively removed from the scene, and a new leadership comes into place."

Such blunt words from a high-ranking U.N. official are unusual,



KOH SASAHARA/AP

**The United Nations' special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in North Korea, Marzuki Darusman of Indonesia, speaks last month in Tokyo.**

although common among American officials.

Darusman said previous proposals submitted to the U.N. trying to persuade or force North Korea to improve its human rights record were mostly "rhetorical" exercises. He said this resolution, passed by the General Assembly in December, is more significant because it holds Kim responsible based on a 372-page report of findings presented last year by the U.N.-backed Commission of Inquiry that detailed arbitrary detention, torture, executions and political prison camps.

North Korea's intense response has included threats of more nuclear tests, mass rallies across the country, a bitter smear campaign against defectors who cooperated in the U.N. report and repeated allegations that Washington orchestrated the whole thing in an attempt at speeding a regime change.

**As US heroin demand rises, Mexicans grow more opium**

The Associated Press

SIERRA MADRE DEL SUR, Mexico — Red and purple blossoms with fat, opium-filled bulbs blanket the remote creek sides and gorges of the Filo Mayor mountains in the southern state of Guerrero.

The multibillion-dollar Mexican opium trade starts here, with poppy farmers so poor they live in wood-plank, tin-roofed shacks with no indoor plumbing.

Mexican farmers from three villages interviewed by The Associated Press are feeding a growing addiction in the U.S., where heroin use has spread from back alleys to the cul-de-sacs of suburbia.

The heroin trade is a losing prospect for everyone except the Mexican cartels, who have found a new way to make money in the face of falling cocaine consumption and marijuana legalization in the United States. Once smaller-scale producers of low-grade black tar, Mexican drug traffickers are now refining opium paste into high-grade white heroin and flooding the world's largest market for illegal drugs, using the distribution routes they built for marijuana and cocaine.

It is a business that even the farmers don't like. In a rare interview with reporters, the villagers told The Associated Press that it's too difficult to ship farm products on roads so rough and close to the sky that cars are in constant danger of tumbling off the single-lane dirt roads that zig-zag up to the fields. They say the small plastic-

wrapped bricks of gummy opium paste are the only thing that will guarantee them a cash income.

"Almost everyone thinks the people in these mountains are bad people, and that's not true," said Humberto Nava Reyna, the head of the Supreme Council of the Towns of the Filo Mayor, a group that promotes development projects in the mountains. "They can't stop planting poppies as long as there is demand, and the government doesn't provide any help."

Villagers granted the AP access to their farms and agreed to interviews only if they were not identified, fearing it could draw attention from government drug eradicators or vengeful traffickers. Residents say there are no local users. They hate the taste of the bitter product, which goes for export, a lucrative business mostly run by the Sinaloa Cartel.

According to the DEA's 2014 National Drug Threat Assessment, Mexico produces nearly half of the heroin found in the U.S., up from 39 percent in 2008.

Mexican heroin has become cheaper and more powerful at a time when Americans hooked on pharmaceutical opiates are looking for an affordable alternative. Combined with dangerous addictive pharmaceuticals, a synthetic opiate also produced in Mexico, it is blamed for a wave of new addictions and overdoses in the U.S. Heroin deaths doubled from 2011 to 2013, while deaths from cocaine and prescription opiates remain like fantasy, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

# WAR ON TERRORISM



PHOTOS BY PAUL SCHEMM/AP

People walk in the low-income Tunisian suburb of Mhamdiya, Tunisia, which has produced a number of young men who left to fight in Syria for extremist groups, in December. Many who joined the extremists have returned home after experiencing disillusionment and regret, and live in fear of retaliation.

## The fearful cost of leaving Islamic State

### Disillusioned jihadi recruits face death or jail after quitting fight

By LORI HINNANT  
AND PAUL SCHEMM  
The Associated Press

**T**he man stands furtively on a street corner near the broad avenue cutting through Tunis, his face masked by a hoodie, his tense eyes scanning the workday crowd for any hint of Islamic State militants. He was one of them before he left Syria, only a year ago, and he is afraid.

Now he chain-smokes as he describes the indiscriminate killing, the abuse of female recruits, the discomfort of a life where walls were optional and meals were little more than bread and cheese or oil.

"It was totally different from what they said jihad would be like," said the man, Ghaith, who asked to be identified by his first name only for fear of being killed.

While foreigners from across the world have joined the Islamic State militant group, some arrive in Iraq or Syria only to find day-to-day life much more austere and violent than they had expected. These disillusioned new recruits soon discover that it is a lot harder to leave than to join. Even if they escape, they are trapped in limbo, considered a threat by both their former comrades-in-arms and their homelands.

Thousands of returnees are now under surveillance or in jail in North Africa and Europe, where they are often held to be terrorists and security risks. They are viewed with even more suspicion after the massacre at the Charlie Hebdo offices in Paris last month, orchestrated by a pair of French-born brothers who laid low for years before putting their training to use.

"The men who manage to leave Islamic State or al-Nusra have to do so secretly," said France's top anti-terrorism judge, Marc Trevidic. "Not everyone who returns is a budding criminal. Not everyone is going to kill — far from it. But it's probable that there is a small fringe that is capable of just about anything."

At other times, would-be escapees don't make it out alive in the first place. Many emirs, or unit leaders, simply order death for those they suspect of disloyalty, according to Islamic State propaganda, analysts and those who managed to leave.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says the militant group has killed 120 of its own members in the past six months, most of them foreign fighters hoping to return home. The same propaganda productions that call for skilled recruits in engineering, medicine and finance distribute videos showing the execution of



Mehdi "DJ Costa" Akkari, a Tunisian rapper, looks at an image of his brother Youssef, who fought with extremists in Syria and was killed by a U.S. airstrike, in Tunis, Tunisia, in December.

fighters who have strayed. The Associated Press talked to more than a dozen former fighters, families and lawyers about life in and escape from Islamic State, many of whom spoke only on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution. Their accounts were similar.

#### Proof of devotion

Ghaith went to Syria for jihad to reap what he believed would be the rewards of paradise. Once there, Ghaith said, he was highly disturbed to see female recruits forced into sex in the camps, often "married" for the night by different men.

"It was by force, because they couldn't say no or they would be killed," Ghaith said.

Several others described the same phenomenon to AP, all with evident discomfort. Some men described arguments in the camps over whether such treatment was permissible under Islam.

Ghaith's reluctance to participate in killings soon attracted attention. One night, fellow fighters woke him with a knife to the throat and demanded he recite a particular Quranic verse on Islamic warfare to prove his devotion.

Ghaith left the Islamic State by one of the only ways possible — he surrendered to Syrian soldiers while scouting a checkpoint. He was held for four days before being turned over to his parents, who were in Syria along with a delegation of families seeking their children.

#### Those who die

Unlike Ghaith, the only way out for Youssef Akkari was death.

Akkari began going to the mosque more after one of his friends drowned. He fell in with a local band of religious youths who talked to him about religion, war and the evil of Syrian leader Bashar Assad. His brother, Mehdi Akkari, known by his rapper handle DJ Costa, described how Youssef would spend hours in his room listening to religious chants and reading on his laptop.

One day the family received a message from that he was in Turkey and would soon cross over into Syria.

Then Youssef lost his glasses and became useless to the Islamic State as a fighter in Syria, according to Mehdi. So he was put in charge of preaching jihad to arriving Tunisians, who included doctors, computer experts and even cooks.

The camp was comfortable, with good food, Youssef reported, but the jihadis were a band of criminals who stole cars and belongings from other people's houses. After seven months Youssef began to plot his escape, along with two brothers.

The brothers never made it. Their commander found out and had them killed immediately.

Youssef got just enough warning to hide out. He turned himself in to Kurdish fighters who took him to Turkey, and ultimately made his way back to Tunisia, his brother recounted.

SEE LEAVING ON PAGE 12

# WAR ON TERRORISM

## Leaving: Countries struggle to manage returning jihadis

FROM PAGE 11

Resuming a normal life in Tunisia proved impossible for Yousef, with police harassment on the one hand and his terror of vengeful militants on the other. He returned to Syria and died in an airstrike just outside Kobani in October, in a car filled with foreign fighters. The circumstances of his death are unclear.

The Islamic State militants consider death appropriate for those who try to escape. "If one leaves the caliphate, you are no longer a Muslim ... and should be punished," said Amanda Thomas-Johnson of CAGE UK, which works to reintegrate former extremist fighters in Britain.

### No identity

The Islamic State group works to prevent recruits from leaving from the time they join. The first step is the removal of passports and identity documents, so foreign fighters cannot go home freely.

Hamad Abdul-Rahman, 18, a Saudi who made the trip last summer, said he was met at the Syrian border by seasoned militants who escorted him to a training camp in Tabqa, Syria.

"They took all my documents and asked me if I want to be a fighter or a suicide bomber," Abdul-Rahman told the AP from a maximum-security prison in Baghdad, where he was jailed after surrendering to Iraqi forces. Abdul-Rahman was shackled, handcuffed and hooded during the interview and flanked by two armed guards. He chose to fight.

In early September, he surrendered, he said. An Iraqi defense ministry video aired on state television showed Abdel-Rahman minutes after his arrest, dehydrated and dirty, identifying himself to Iraqi soldiers.

Another Tunisian recruit, Ali, said he stayed in a camp with about 500 people for two months in the winter of 2013, eating little, bathing less, and following orders to go ambush soldiers in the nearby mountains. Then he was tapped to become a courier between Syria and Tunisia, taking back news, money and propaganda videos to raise more recruits.

After four courier trips in three weeks, he left the group in disgust. On one trip to Tunisia, he secretly stayed. He described his journey while sitting in a public park in Tunis, dropping his voice low if anyone approached. When a man sat near him, he moved to the other side of the park.

"It's like I was a terrorist. I was shocked by what I did," Ali said.

He had a piece of advice for would-be jihadis: "Go have a drink. Don't pray. It's not Islam. Don't give your life up for nothing."

### Fight or flight

The predicament for governments is to figure out whether a recruit is returning home to escape from the Islamic State or to help spread its ideals and its violence.

France alone has detained 154 returnees and says about 3,000 need surveillance. Britain has arrested 165 returnees, after about 600 went to Syria. Germany considers about 30 of its 180 returnees extremely dangerous, according to government figures.

Imen Triki, a lawyer who represents returnees in Tunisia, said the majority escape because they are dismayed to find reality so different from the high-gloss, HD video version of jihadi life portrayed by Islamic State propaganda.

"We can say maybe 65 to 70 percent of the people that leave want to return because they find a different situation than what they expected," Triki said.

However, there is often no way to prove it. After the January attacks in Paris, the government there seems in little mood to give the benefit of the doubt to anyone with ties to al-Qaida or Islamic State militants.

"Deradicalization, de-programming, it's not in French culture," said Justice Minister Christian Taubira. "(For many in France),

they need to be punished. That's it. These are the people who can bear witness, who can dissuade others."

French lawyer Martin Pradel said his client is one of 10 men from Strasbourg

who left for Syria last winter after seeing images of victims thought to have been killed by chemical weapons from Bashar Assad's government. The men planned to take up arms on behalf of Syrian civilians, whom they felt were abandoned by the international community, Pradel said.

But they ended up crossing into territory controlled by the group then known as ISIL, which suspected they were spies or enemies. They were jailed for two weeks, and then arrested and locked up again for three weeks. In the process, two of the French recruits died in an ambush.

The men decided to leave, only by one so as not to draw attention. "They left at night, they ran across the fields, they practically crept across the border," Pradel said.

His client surrendered to Turkish authorities. Since he lacked ID, he was taken to the French embassy for temporary transit papers. In France, he was arrested under surveillance for three months and then detained. He remained jailed, along with the others who traveled with him.

In Tunisia, where close surveillance of 400 returnees is far more common than arrests, Ghath is now a free man by most measures. But he does not act like one. He neck still bears a scar where his fellow fighters held the knife, a reminder of a life he entered enthusiastically but came to hate.

"It's not a revolution or jihad," he said. "It's a slaughter."



BRAM JANSSEN/AP

A Kurdish peshmerga soldier on Thursday stands at a destroyed roundabout in the town of Snuny, close to Sinjar, northern Iraq, where the Kurds face a difficult fight against Islamic State militants.

# Kurdish fighters in Iraq struggle to protect gains

By VIVIAN SALAMA  
The Associated Press

SNUNY, Iraq—Only stray dogs and a dozen armed fighters walk the streets of Snuny, a ghost town at the base of Mount Sinjar where rapid military changes of fortune are written on the walls.

"Smoking is banned" has been scribbled in Arabic outside one cafe. A nearby building bears the warning: "Submit to the Islamic State, you infidels."

Those messages don't reflect the views of the new management. Today, flags representing various Kurdish political groups flap furiously in the wind over Snuny, claiming ownership of the town's barren streets.

But all along the Kurds' shifting front lines, it's a tenuous hold sustained only with timely air support from the U.S.-led coalition. Questions remain whether the coalition-backed Kurds can secure strategic crossroads like Snuny and renew an offensive against the Islamic State group, which controls a broad swath of northern Iraq from its base in Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul.

The Kurds retook Snuny from the Sunni militants last month, but a weeks-old battle has reached a point of stalemate on the other side of the mountain for militant-held Sinjar. To the southeast, the oil-rich city of Kirkuk remains at risk of falling to the Islamic State group.

While Islamic State fighters have been forced to retreat from Kobani, the strategic town on Syria's border with Turkey, the battlefield picture suggests they are far from beaten in northern Iraq, where harsh winter weather and thick mud underfoot hampers military moves — and even rear-line positions such as Snuny remain in surprising range of the enemy. Whichever side triumphs will determine whether Islamic State can use the main highway west to funnel weapons and reinforcements to their retreating comrades in Syria.

Just after midnight Friday, fighters from a Yazidi militia and an Associated Press crew were startled awake by the whoosh and thud of mortar shells nearby as Islamic State fighters targeted a headquarters of the Kurdish

Democratic Party. Such attacks underscore the sense that despite Kurdish militias drawn from Iraq, Syria and Turkey have yet to consolidate their gains despite strong coalition air support.

In Kirkuk, Kurdish forces have suffered painful losses from incessant Islamic State militant activity. On Friday, militants attacked several Kirkuk targets and the Kurds lost a senior commander and eight of his troops in battle. Kurdish authorities since have deployed heavy reinforcements to the city, depriving other positions of needed peshmerga fighters.

Overlooking the main highway near Sinjar linking northern Iraq to Syria, a few dozen peshmerga fighters remain in a holding position as they await more arms and troops. Islamic State fighters sought to overrun them last week but were repelled.

"They will never give up," the commander of that position, Brig. Gen. Bahjat Taymes, said of Islamic State fighters dug in barely 100 yards away. "They are ready to die. They are happy to die."

## Japan's Abe defends handling of hostage crisis

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe defended his policy toward terrorism, as the flag at his official residence flew at half-staff Monday in a mark of mourning for two hostages killed by the Islamic State group.

During a long day of parliamentary debate, Abe parried numerous questions about his handling of the hostage crisis, which came to a grisly end with news early Sunday that journalist Kenji Goto had been beheaded by the extremists.

Abe said his announcement of \$200 million in nonmilitary aid for the fight against the Islamic State

group, made during a visit to the Middle East just days before the militants demanded a \$200 million ransom for the two hostages, was meant to convey Japan's strong commitment to battling terrorism and fostering peace and stability in the region.

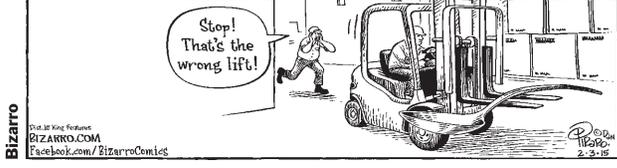
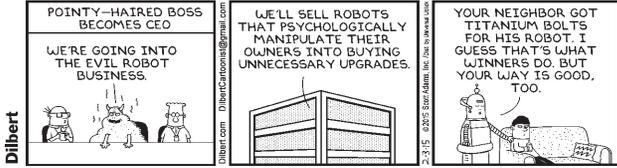
Responding to a question by an opposition lawmaker, Abe confirmed that he was aware of the hostage situation when he made the announcement. Abe said he wished to publicize Japan's contribution to the fight against extremism, and rejected the idea of a more cautious approach.

"As international society seeks

to restore peace and stability in the Middle East ... I thought it would be the most appropriate destination to visit, and that I should broadcast my message to the world from there," Abe said.

Abe said he did not see an increased terrorist risk following threats in a purported Islamic State group video that vowed to target Japanese and make the knife Goto's killer was wielding Japan's "nightmare."

Still, Japan has ordered heightened security precautions for airports and other public transport and at Japanese facilities overseas, such as embassies and schools.



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16			17			
18				19			20			
21				22						
23	24	25		26			27	28	29	
30				31			32			
33		34	35			36	37			
38				39						
40	41	42		43			44	45	46	
47				48			49			
50				51			52			
53				54			55			

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cauldron con-coction
  - 5 Track circuit
  - 8 Nursery furniture
  - 12 Talete|ler
  - 13 "Born in the —"
  - 14 Tardy
  - 15 Shrek, for one
  - 16 Liturgical song
  - 18 Witch's spell (Scott.)
  - 20 Alternative to flats
  - 21 Scoundrel
  - 22 Fallows
  - 23 Brief
  - 26 Rosa's place, in "El Paso"
  - 30 Anger
  - 31 Pond carp
  - 32 Drag along
  - 33 GI's water holder
  - 36 Lightweight wood
  - 38 Wall climber
  - 39 Namely (Abbr.)
  - 40 Backbone
  - 43 Bach's "Coffee —"
  - 47 Singer Blu
  - 49 Eastern potentate
  - 50 Lotion additive
  - 51 Homer's bartender
  - 52 Blast furnace fuel
  - 53 Repair
  - 54 Make up your
- DOWN**
- 2 mind
  - 3 United nations
  - 4 Latvia's capital
  - 5 Deserve
  - 6 "That saved a — like me"
  - 7 Clear of thought
  - 8 Memo acronym
  - 9 Skillet
  - 10 Customer
  - 11 Fight the clock
  - 12 "— have to do for now"
  - 13 Honey bunch?
  - 14 Afterward
  - 17 Shaft of light
  - 18 Avril follower
  - 22 Selfie, e.g.
  - 23 Savings initials
  - 25 Mid-morning
  - 27 Under the weather
  - 28 Greek consonants
  - 29 — Khan
  - 31 Crucial
  - 34 Shaded slightly
  - 35 Endlessly
  - 36 Crib
  - 37 Cortes' victims
  - 39 Lot attendant
  - 40 Ponzi scheme, e.g.
  - 41 Wan
  - 42 Afore of
  - 43 Hoofbeat sound
  - 44 Uncontrolled
  - 45 Polyesian bar decoration
  - 46 War god
  - 48 Punk rock offshoot

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	U	F	F	U	M	P	C	L	I	F	
I	S	L	E	P	A	I	A	I	D	E	
B	E	E	N	S	C	R	A	B	B	L	E
B	R	A	N	D	T	O	M	B	R	E	
				E	U	R	O	P	I	E	
C	H	E	C	K	E	R	S	E	T	C	H
P	E	N	E	A	S	A	T	O	E		
A	R	T	S	M	O	N	O	P	O	L	Y
				H	E	P	N	O	N	E	
A	G	R	E	E	D	N	E	P	H	E	W
J	E	O	P	A	R	D	Y	T	I	R	E
A	N	N	E	A	I	M	I	R	I	S	
R	E	E	D	G	A	S	C	E	N	T	

2-3

CRYPTOQUIP

HVFB W GOWBQ SJ PVWI PUJWZ  
 HWPV PVF OUKKFOGKEMFO,  
 VF CSIP YFFJI IYEPWBQ

E O U S B M P V F I S G C F Z P .  
 Yesterday's Cryptquip: FLICK ABOUT A GUY WHO IMPLANTS MANY LONG BRISTLES ON PONIES' FACES: "THE HORSE WHISKERER."  
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: J equals P

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Consumer spending slips in December

By Josh Boak  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumer spending slipped in December as the pace of motor vehicle sales slowed and more Americans saved their money.

The Commerce Department said Monday that consumer spending fell 0.3 percent in December, compared with a 0.5 percent increase in November. Cheaper gasoline and fewer auto sales accounted for most of the decline. Energy prices tumbled 5.2 percent in December for the third straight monthly decline.

Personal income rose 0.3 percent in December, aided by the steady wave of hiring during the past year. Rather than spend those gains, consumers saved 4.9 percent of their disposable income, up from 4.3 percent in November.

Despite the decrease, several indicators show that Americans are growing more comfortable



JEFF CHIU/AP

A woman pays cash while checking out at a Target Store in Colma, Calif., in November. Consumer spending was down in December.

about the economy and are spending money again.

Consumer spending rose at an annual clip of 4.3 percent during the final three months of 2014, the strongest pace since early 2006, the government reported

Friday. That surge helped drive overall economic growth of 2.6 percent, as roughly 70 percent of gross domestic product stems from consumer activity.

The University of Michigan reported that its consumer senti-

ment index stood at 98.1 percent in January, the highest reading since 2004. Half of the consumers surveyed expect the current expansion to continue for the next five years.

Similarly, incomes are rising at a slightly better pace. The Labor Department's employment cost index, which measures pay and benefits, climbed 2.2 percent in 2014, up from 2 percent the previous year. Despite the improvement, the index remains below its historical increase of 3.5 percent.

Much of the ongoing momentum will depend on whether the economy continues to spawn jobs, and most believe that will be the case.

Economists expect the U.S. to report Friday that employers added 230,000 jobs. If the forecast proves accurate, the economy will have gained at least 200,000 jobs in each of the past 12 months, the best streak since the 16 months of gains in excess of 200,000 between 1993 and 1994.

### EXCHANGE RATES

<b>Military rates</b>	
Euro costs (Feb. 3)	\$1.1639
Dollar buys (Feb. 3)	€0.8599
British pound (Feb. 3)	\$1.54
Japanese yen (Feb. 3)	¥115.00
South Korean won (Feb. 3)	₩1,075.00

<b>Commercial rates</b>	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5072/0.6635
Canada (dollar)	1.2581
China (Yuan)	6.2598
Denmark (Krone)	6.5579
Euro (Pound)	7.6117
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7745
Hungary (Forint)	273.80
Israel (Shekel)	3.9370
Japan (Yen)	117.39
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2952
Norway (Krone)	7.6576
Philippines (Peso)	44.11
Poland (Zloty)	3.58
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7575
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3517
South Korea (Won)	1,101.25
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9285
Thailand (Baht)	32.59
Turkey (New Lira)	4.2688

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

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month Treasury bill	0.11
Federal funds market rate	0.11
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	2.22

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr				
Ablene, Tex	25	20	Cldy	Chatanooga	46	30	Cir	Fort Wayne	27	23	Cldy	Louisville	43	31	PCldy	Pocatello	49	35	Cir	Sioux City	26	10	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	15	10	Cldy	Cheyenne	51	25	Cir	Fresno	68	45	Cir	Lubbock	66	36	Cir	Portland, Maine	18	4	PCldy	Sioux Falls	21	6	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	20	15	Cldy	Chicago	26	20	Cldy	Goodland	64	27	PCldy	Macon	55	30	Cir	Portland, Ore.	49	39	Rain	South Bend	26	22	Cldy
Albuquerque	57	33	Cir	Cincinnati	38	28	PCldy	Grand Junction	51	32	Cldy	Madison	20	9	Snow	Providence	21	14	PCldy	Spokane	38	30	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	23	15	Cldy	Cleveland	26	22	Cldy	Great Rapids	25	19	Cldy	Medford	57	45	Rain	Pueblo	63	28	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	36	25	Cldy
Amarillo	65	34	Cir	Colorado Springs	58	31	PCldy	Green Bay	18	10	Cldy	Memphis	51	36	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	45	29	PCldy	Springfield, Mo.	51	30	Cir
Anchorage	19	8	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	50	30	Cir	Harrisburg, Pa.	44	27	Cir	Miami Beach	73	63	Cir	Rapid City	64	56	PCldy	St. Louis	64	56	PCldy
Ashville	43	27	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	56	35	Cir	Hartford	50	32	PCldy	Milwaukee	22	15	Cldy	Richmond	43	26	PCldy	Tampa	66	53	PCldy
Atlanta	52	34	Cir	Corpus Christi	32	24	Cldy	Hartford Spfld	19	3	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	20	8	Snow	Roanoke	43	28	PCldy	Tulsa	62	47	Cir
Atlantic City	30	19	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	19	3	PCldy	Helena	39	15	Cldy	Missoula	38	23	Cldy	Rochester	22	17	Cldy	Topeka	52	21	Cir
Austin	42	22	Cir	Corpus Christi	55	42	Cir	Helena	39	15	Cldy	Mobile	78	68	Cir	Rockford	13	15	Cldy	Tucson	75	48	Cir
Baltimore	32	22	PCldy	Dayton	32	26	Cldy	Houston	49	41	Cldy	Montgomery	53	34	Cir	Sacramento	64	46	PCldy	Tulsa	75	48	Cir
Baton Rouge	52	41	PCldy	Daytona Beach	63	48	PCldy	Huntsville	48	31	Cir	Nashville	48	32	Cldy	St. Louis	47	31	PCldy	Tupelo	50	31	Cir
Bilings	40	13	Cldy	Denver	59	28	PCldy	Indianapolis	35	28	PCldy	New Orleans	52	46	PCldy	St. Petersburg	64	56	PCldy	Waco	53	42	PCldy
Birmingham	50	33	Cir	Des Moines	27	14	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	51	36	PCldy	New York City	25	21	PCldy	St. Thomas	84	74	Cir	Washington	56	47	Cir
Bismarck	17	3	Snow	Detroit	23	21	Cldy	Jacksonville	57	41	Cir	Newark	29	19	PCldy	Salem, Ore.	54	40	Rain	W. Palm Beach	71	61	Cldy
Boise	46	37	PCldy	Duluth	30	20	Cldy	Janeau	30	24	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	39	27	Cir	Salt Lake City	54	39	PCldy	Wichita	56	28	Cir
Boston	20	13	PCldy	El Paso	65	41	Cir	Kansas City	45	21	Cir	North Platte	47	17	PCldy	San Angelo	60	39	PCldy	Wichita Falls	60	39	Cir
Bridgport	22	15	PCldy	Elkins	30	20	PCldy	Key West	66	42	PCldy	Oklahoma City	58	37	PCldy	San Antonio	47	44	Rain	Wilkes-Barre	20	15	PCldy
Brownsville	60	52	Rain	Erie	25	20	Cldy	Knoxville	44	28	Cir	Omaha	31	13	PCldy	San Diego	68	52	PCldy	Wilmington, Del.	29	20	PCldy
Buffalo	21	21	Cldy	Eugene	52	42	Rain	Lake Charles	51	42	Cldy	Orlando	67	50	PCldy	San Francisco	62	50	Cldy	Yonkers	41	32	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	12	7	PCldy	Evansville	43	32	Cir	Lansing	25	19	PCldy	Paducah	45	33	Cir	San Jose	47	47	Snow	Youngstown	24	20	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	-1	-10	Cir	Fairbanks	-2	-23	Cir	Las Vegas	70	49	PCldy	Pendleton	44	35	Rain	Santa Fe	52	27	PCldy				
Casper, Wyo.	48	20	PCldy	Fargo	14	1	Cldy	Lexington	39	29	PCldy	Pearla	30	21	Cir	St. Marie	18	4	Snow				
Charleston, S.C.	53	33	Cir	Flagstaff	55	27	PCldy	Lincoln	34	15	Cldy	Philadelphia	28	22	PCldy	Savannah	55	35	Cir				
Charleston, W.Va.	38	27	PCldy	Flint	24	21	Cldy	Little Rock	52	34	Cir	Phoenix	74	53	Cir	Seattle	51	41	Cir				
Charlotte, N.C.	47	29	Cir	Fort Smith	55	31	Cir	Los Angeles	71	51	PCldy	Pittsburgh	26	21	Cldy	Shreveport	53	37	PCldy				

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

**National temperature extremes**  
Hi: Sun., 84, Alice, Texas  
Lo: Sun., -29, Crane Lake, Minn.

# SHIFTING GEARS

Ford created an "Active Noise Control" system that amplifies the sound of the 2015 Mustang's turbocharged four-cylinder EcoBoost engine through the car speakers.

Ford



# Vroom vroom!

## America's best-selling cars and trucks are built on a lie: Fake engine noise

By DREW HARWELL  
The Washington Post

Stomp on the gas in a new Ford Mustang or F-150 and you'll hear a wheezy, throaty rumble — the same stately roar that Americans have associated with auto power and performance for decades.

It's a sham. The engine growl in some of America's best-selling cars and trucks is actually a finely tuned bit of lip-synching, boosted through special pipes or digitally faked altogether. And it's driving car enthusiasts insane.

Fake engine noise has become one of the auto industry's dirty little secrets, with automakers from BMW to Volkswagen turning to a sound-boosting bag of tricks. Without them, today's more fuel-efficient engines would sound far quieter and, automakers worry, seemingly less powerful, potentially pushing buyers away.

For the 2015 Mustang EcoBoost, Ford sound engineers and developers worked on an "Active Noise Control" system that amplifies the engine's purr through the car speakers. Afterward, the automaker surveyed members of Mustang fan clubs on which processed "sound concepts" they most enjoyed.

Ford said in a statement the vintage V-8 engine boom "has long been considered the mating call of Mustang," but added that the newly processed pony-car sound is "athletic and youthful," "a more

refined growl" with "a low-frequency sense of powerfulness."

Among purists, the trickery has inspired an identity crisis and cut to the heart of American auto legend. The "aural experience" of a car, they argue, is an intangible that's just as priceless as what's revving under the hood.

"For a car guy, it's literally music, to hear that thing rumble," said Mike Rhynard, 41, a past president and 33-year member of the Denver Mustang Club. He's swayed between love and hate with the snarl-boosting sound tube in his 2012 Mustang GT, but of the computerized noise, he's unequivocal: "It's a mind-trick.

cars' synthesized engine melody more realistic.

Volkswagen uses what's called a "Soundaktor," a special speaker that looks like a hockey puck and plays sound files in cars like the GTI and Beetle Turbo. Lexus worked with sound technicians at Yamaha to more loudly amplify the noise of its LFA supercar toward the driver seat.

Some, like Porsche with its "sound symposer," have used noise-boosting tubes to crank up the engine sound inside the cabin. Others have gone further into digital territory. BMW plays a recording of its motors through the car stereos, a sample of which changes depending on the engine's load and power.

Orchestrated engine noise has become a necessity for electric cars, which run so quietly they can provide a dangerous surprise for inattentive pedestrians and the blind. Federal safety officials expect to finalize rules later this year requiring all hybrid and electric cars to play fake engine sounds to alert passersby, a change that experts estimate could prevent thousands of pedestrian and cyclist injuries.

Yet even drivers who appreciate the accompaniment have questioned the mission. A SlashGear reviewer who otherwise enjoyed the new F-150 said the engine sound was piped in "arguably pointlessly." Which raises a more existen-

tial question: Does it matter if the sound is fake? A driver who didn't know the difference might enjoy the thrum and thunder of it nonetheless. Is taking the best part of an eight-cylinder rev and cloaking a better engine with it really, for carmakers, so wrong?

Not everyone is so diplomatic. Karl Brauer, a senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book, said automakers should stop the lies and get

real with their drivers.

"If you're going to do that stuff, do that stuff," Brauer said. "Own it. Tell customers, if you want a V-8 rumble you've got to buy a V-8 that costs more, gets worse gas mileage and hurts the Earth."

"You're fabricating the car's sexiness. You're fabricating performance elements of the car that don't actually exist. That just feels deceptive to me."



It's something it's not. And no one wants to be deceived."

That type of ire has made the auto industry shy about discussing its sound technology. Several attempts to speak with Ford's sound engineers about the new F-150, a six-cylinder model of America's best-selling truck that plays a muscular engine note through the speakers, were quietly rebuffed.

Car companies are increasingly wary of alerting buyers that they might not be hearing the real thing, and many automakers have worked with audio and software engineers to make their

We've got your next car



Locations throughout  
Germany & Italy



WE ARE PATRIOTS!

www.patriot-autos.net



## WHY PAY MORE?

BEAT THE FACTORY PRICE INCREASE

ORDER YOUR 2015.5 VOLVO TODAY AND SAVE!  
HURRY - NEW PRICING GOES INFO EFFECT  
11 FEBRUARY 2015

**CAPITOL**  
MOTORS

Contact us for complete details and a quote.

info@capitolmotors.com

US MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC SALES IN GERMANY & ITALY

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Police: Woman dials in error, offers cop drugs

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — Police say a woman selling drugs made a big mistake that landed her in jail — she mistakenly called an Albuquerque police detective.

KOB-TV reported that Renea Lucero, 30, was arrested last week when she called the detective at his department-issued cellphone and made him an unexpected offer.

Court documents say the detective knew Lucero from a prior criminal case. But the report says he didn't think Lucero realized whom she had dialed.

The officer then set up a drug bust.

The detective said Lucero pulled the heroin out of her bra during a sting. Lucero was arrested on trafficking charges.

## Hunters use darts to reduce horse herds

**CO** GRAND JUNCTION — Hunters in western Colorado are using darts to manage the fertility of wild horses.

The Little Bookcliffs Wild Horse Area Darting Team shoots mares with darts that deliver a contraceptive that has helped control the size of the herds and has earned recognition from the Bureau of Land Management.

Team members have injected 325 doses of fertility drugs since they got together 13 years ago.

According to the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, the result has been smaller, more manageable wild herds.

## Man ordered to trial in necrophilia slaying case

**PA** EASTON — A defense attorney said he's considering a mental health defense for a Pennsylvania man charged with homicide and abuse of a corpse in the death of his stepdaughter.

Gregory Graf, 53, waived a preliminary hearing Friday in the death of Jessica Padgett, 33.

Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli said the defense waived the hearing after viewing a videotape that authorities allege Graf made of himself sexually abusing the victim's body. Morganelli has said necrophilia was Graf's motive.

Defense attorney John McMahon said he will seek a mental health evaluation, although he's unaware of prior mental problems.

Authorities said Padgett was last seen Nov. 21. Her body later was found buried behind a shed on the property where Graf lives with her mother.

## Woman arrested after collision with cruiser

**RI** CRANSTON — Cranston police said a woman was arrested on a drunken-driving charge after hitting a marked police cruiser early Saturday.

The officer said an officer on routine patrol just before 2 a.m. saw an oncoming car veering over the

## THE CENSUS

# 57

The percentage of decline in enrollment of black freshmen at the University of Florida from 2007 to 2013. The Gainesville Sun reported Sunday the school saw a nearly 30 percent drop in overall enrollment of black students. Some university officials attribute the decline to the "One Florida" initiative, which prohibits state university from using race or gender as a basis for admission.



SETH WENIG/AP

## Fire and ice

Vehicles and a building are covered with ice as firefighters work Sunday to keep a warehouse fire down in Brooklyn, New York. Firefighters were still dousing the massive warehouse fire that started Saturday. Fire department officials said air quality in the Williamsburg section had been compromised by the blaze that left one person injured from smoke inhalation.

center line. The officer slowed down and moved to the right but the car collided head-on with his cruiser.

Police said the officer was treated for minor injuries. The other driver wasn't hurt.

Police said Amy Drumm, 33, of Cranston, was charged with driving under the influence and refusal to submit to a chemical test. She appears in court Feb. 12.

It's the third time a Cranston police cruiser has been struck by an alleged drunken driver in recent months.

## Pregnant smokers are focus of diaper effort

**OH** AKRON — Pregnant smokers in one northeast Ohio county can get free diapers in exchange for permanently kicking the habit through a new health program.

Summit County's Baby & Me-Tobacco Free program aims to reduce premature births and infant mortality, as studies have linked smoking during pregnancy to preterm labor and health problems for infants, the Akron Beacon Journal reported.

The program's incentive could be worth hundreds of dollars per mother. Pregnant smokers can earn \$25 vouchers each month for one year if they quit smoking, attend at least four support group sessions and prove they're smoke-free by passing monthly carbon monoxide tests after their children are born.

The local program has a budget of about \$61,000. It is funded through a state grant and modeled after the Baby & Me-Tobacco Free program launched in Jamestown, N.Y., 14 years ago.

## Infected man sentenced for spitting on officer

**IN** NEW CASTLE — A central Indiana man infected with hepatitis C has been sentenced to three years in prison for spitting blood into a police officer's face.

Anthony James Hopkins had pleaded guilty to battery by body waste. A Henry Circuit Court judge sentenced Hopkins last week to six years in prison, with three years suspended. Prosecutors said Hopkins, 27, spit into the face of an officer last

April after police were called to a domestic disturbance at his New Castle home.

The Star Press reported that after Hopkins spat in the officer's face, he told him he hoped he developed hepatitis C and gives it "to your wife and kids."

The blood-borne disease can cause life-threatening liver ailments.

## Jailer fired as search for escaped inmate goes on

**NC** BOLIVIA — A Brunswick County jailer has been fired as authorities continue to search for an escaped inmate.

Authorities told local media outlets that Cpl. Ashley Harrell was fired Saturday, a day after being placed on administrative leave.

Harrell was on duty Thursday when inmate William Earl Hewett, 22, of Southport, impersonated his incarcerated brother, who was being released on bail.

Hewett's brother, Curtis Wayne Hewett, 20, has been in jail since Wednesday on an assault charge and had \$3,000 bail. He is now also charged with escape.

Authorities said the brothers must have hatched their plan while in custody together.

William Hewett had been jailed on charges including assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping and communicating threats.

Deputies advised people in the area to keep their cars and homes locked.

## Man asleep in trash bin is dumped into truck

**TX** EL PASO — A man was hospitalized in El Paso after a garbage truck lifted a trash container where he was asleep and dumped it, throwing him into the truck.

Authorities said the truck driver heard a man screaming and called 911.

Firefighters were able to rescue the man within about an hour.

Officials told the El Paso Times the man was treated at the scene Saturday and then was taken to a hospital.

His name and condition haven't been released.

From wire reports

FACES

# Throwdown

**Jimmy Fallon scores with lip-syncing, star power on 'Tonight Show'**

By **TERRY TANG**  
The Associated Press

Even with New England Patriots' players in the room, Jimmy Fallon was the only MVP for hundreds of people in a Phoenix theater.

The Patriots' Brandon LaFell, Danny Amendola and LeGarrette Blount were just a few of the surprise guests during a special Super Bowl edition of "The Tonight Show" Sunday night. Still, Fallon's infectious song-and-dance energy, as well as his lip-syncing skills, were at the forefront.

The special taping was one of the hottest events in town with tickets selling out in less than three minutes.

For a lip sync battle with actors Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart, Fallon unexpectedly brought out Drew Barrymore. Arnold Schwarzenegger also made an unannounced cameo early in the show.

Singer Ariana Grande capped off the night with her single "One Last Time."



Kevin Hart, left, and Will Ferrell, center, joined host Jimmy Fallon for a lip sync contest on the post Super Bowl "Tonight Show" on Feb. 1.



## Record overnight ratings for game

From wire reports

The Super Bowl scored its highest-ever overnight ratings for New England's thrilling win over Seattle, an early indication the game may be on the way to another viewership record.

The Nielsen company said Monday the game had a 49.7 rating in the nation's largest media markets, up 4 percent over last year's game. That means 49.7 percent of the homes in those 56 markets were watching the game. The nation as a whole has 116 million homes with television.

Nielsen had no immediate estimate of the number of viewers. Last year's contest between Seattle and Denver was seen by 111.5 million, the annual game setting a record for the most-watched TV event in U.S. history for the fourth time in five years.

The game had a 72 share, meaning 72 percent of televisions on Sunday night were tuned to NBC's broadcast of the game in which the Patriots scored a 28-24 victory over the Seahawks.

### 'Sniper' tops box office

"American Sniper" scored big again at the box office with an estimated \$31.9 million — a number that, if it holds up, will set a record for Super Bowl weekend.

"Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour" had held the Super Bowl weekend record with a \$31.1 million opening in 2008. According to early estimates, the film's Friday-to-Sunday gross will raise its cumulative domestic take to \$248.9 million in the U.S. and Canada.

The "American Sniper" numbers helped the U.S. and Canadian box office finish almost 20 percent above results from the same weekend last year, and year-to-date grosses are about 8.7 percent above 2014 numbers, according to research firm Kentrack.

Coming in at second for the weekend was the Weinstein Co.'s family film "Ferdinand," which took in \$8.5 million for a cumulative total of \$50.5 million.

Of the three new releases, teen time-travel drama "Project Almanac," distributed by Paramount Pictures, fared the best at No. 3. The film grossed a decent \$8.5 million in its debut.

### Other news

- **Justin Timberlake** shared a picture of a bulging belly — presumably belonging to wife Jessica Biel — on Instagram on Jan. 31, his 34th birthday. He wrote that he was getting the greatest gift ever this year and added: "CAN'T WAIT." Timberlake married Biel in 2012. It will be the first child for both.

- The DreamWorks sequel "How to Train Your Dragon 2" topped the 42nd Annie Awards, taking best feature at the annual honors for animation Jan. 31.

- The family of actress **Geraldine McEwan** says she died Friday following treatment for a stroke. She was 82. McEwan was known for many roles including playing the famous Agatha Christie detective Miss Marple in 12 TV movies.

- Messages of support were being offered Monday as people awaited word on the late singer **Whitney Houston's** daughter, who authorities say was found face down and unresponsive in a bathtub over the weekend in a suburban Atlanta townhome. **Bobbi Kristina Brown**, 21, was taken Jan. 31 to a hospital in the Atlanta suburb of Roswell, Ga., police said. Brown is also the daughter of singer **Bobby Brown**. Brown's husband, **Nick Gordon**, along with a friend, found her in a bathtub Jan. 31, Roswell police said in a statement.

## Bentley expresses his admiration for Grammy awards rival Lambert

By **ANTHONY MCCARTNEY**  
The Associated Press

Dierks Bentley says there won't be any hard feelings if childhood friend Miranda Lambert takes home the Grammy for best country album.

Bentley's "Riser" and Lambert's "Platinum" are both nominated in that category on Sunday. He says if Lambert's name is called, he'll be happy for her.

"Any time she wins or performs, I'm usually the first one standing up and applauding," Bentley said before performing for fans Sunday at the official Super Bowl Tailgate. "A win for her is a win for everyone."

Lambert is already a Grammy owner, but Bentley is still waiting for his first win. The singers toured together and collaborated on music, even earning a Grammy nomination for their song "Bad Angel" at the 2011 awards show.

Bentley says his feelings toward Lambert haven't changed over the years.

"I just feel that she's the same Texas girl that she's always been," he said.

Meanwhile, the 39-year-old Bentley received seven nominations at the Academy of Country Music Awards, to be presented April 15. He is the second most-nominated act, a notch behind Lambert, who earned eight nods.

"It really blew my mind that they nominated me at all, let alone seven," he said.

Lambert's other Grammy nominations include best country solo performance and country song for "Automatic" as well as country duo/group performance for "Somethin' Bad" with Carrie Underwood. Nominees for best country album include Lee Ann Womack, Eric Church and rising singer-songwriter Brandy Clark.

The 57th annual Grammy Awards will air live from the Staples Center in Los Angeles. It will air on AFN-Prime on Feb. 9.



OMAR VEGA, INVISION/AP

**Dierks Bentley — at the Super Bowl XLIX red carpet on Feb. 1 — says he'll be happy for friend and fellow nominee Miranda Lambert if she wins the Grammy in the best country album category.**

NATION

# Measles outbreak shows flaws in vaccine law

By LISA M. KRIEGER

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

California's permissive vaccine law is under fire as the state struggles to contain an expanding outbreak of measles, a once-controlled infectious disease that has sickened more than 90 people across the state and threatens many more.

While state law requires parents to immunize their children, easy-to-obtain exemptions leave tens of thousands of schoolchildren unvaccinated. That puts others at risk, experts say.

"It's absolutely infuriating," said Katie Fischl Fuller, of Santa Clara, whose 5-month-old twins are vulnerable because they are too young to be vaccinated. "You feel helpless, and there's nothing you can do about it."

Fury over California's vaccine policy is spreading along with the measles outbreak that started last month at Disneyland.

Some schools and doctors in Southern California are turning away unvaccinated children, and a Marin County man has urged school officials there to send home his 6-year-old son's unvaccinated schoolmates because the boy is recovering from leukemia, which prevents him from receiving the measles vaccine.

Legislators tried in 2012 to make it tougher for parents to bypass vaccines, requiring counseling and signatures from health care professionals to win exemptions. But two loopholes in the law left it easy for parents to opt out.

People who oppose vaccination because of religious beliefs can skip counseling, a last-minute change that Gov. Jerry Brown added when he signed the updated law.

"These are political compromises" to appease a small but

very vocal anti-vaccine movement, said James Colgrove, professor of sociomedical sciences at Columbia University's School of Public Health and author of a book on the politics of vaccination. "The right to practice religion does not, in my view, include the right to endanger the health of others."

Even the Christian Science Church, which preaches the power of prayer to promote healing, does not oppose vaccination, said spokesman Eric Nelson. The only vocal religious critic is Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who claimed that the flu vaccine was designed to kill people.

State records show more than 13,000 kindergartners in California are unvaccinated because of religious or other personal beliefs. Thousands of other students also are not vaccinated, but state data concentrate on kindergartners as they enter school. In some schools, especially private Waldorf schools, fewer than half of kindergartners are vaccinated.

Balancing individual freedom with protecting community health is a long-standing public policy challenge, experts said. Objections to compulsory vaccination have been raised ever since California first required polio vaccination of all public school students and teachers in 1961.

California is one of 19 states that allow exemptions based solely on parents' personal beliefs. Only in Mississippi and West Virginia does public health trust parental choice. Those states have the strictest vaccination laws in the country, allowing only medical exemptions. The rest of the states accommodate both medical and religious exemptions.

But exemptions were rarely in-



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

Boxes of single-dose vials of the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine and ProQuad vaccine are kept frozen inside a freezer at the practice of Dr. Charles Goodman in Northridge, Calif., on Thursday.

voked until recently. The success of vaccination against dangerous diseases and a federal campaign to protect children led to widespread acceptance.

In 2000, fewer than 0.77 percent of California kindergartners had vaccination exemptions. By 2014, the rate had risen to 2.5 percent, or one in every 40 children.

A series of high-profile incidents and theories about untoward effects of vaccines galvanized activists, Colgrove said. A book and documentary claimed the pertussis vaccine caused brain damage, although evidence remains insufficient to indicate a causal relation. A surge in autism cases triggered an investigation of a feared vaccine connection, but none was found.

"There is no acknowledgment of the side effects of vaccines," said Santa Cruz parent Amy Kelchner, who practices natu-

ropathy and is authorized to write vaccine exemptions. "There is no acknowledgment that they are not 100 percent effective."

"Measles is not as terrible a disease as everyone is making it out to be. ... The body knows how to heal itself," said Kelchner, who has vaccinated her daughter but not her son, because he was not meeting his developmental milestones and she feared that vaccination would contribute to the problem.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, common measles complications include ear infections and diarrhea. Severe complications include swelling of the brain and pneumonia.

Among every 1,000 children who get measles, one or two will die from it. Among them was the 7-year-old daughter of children's book author Roald Dahl.

Against those concerns, the Internet offers guidance to parents worried about vaccinations, with websites advising "Hints For Religious Exemptions to Immunization" and "Using the First Amendment to Opt Out of This Potentially Damaging Procedure."

At the Waldorf-inspired Berkeley Rose School in North Berkeley, 87 percent of kindergartners had exemptions, according to the 2013-14 database of the California Department of Health Services. The rates at some other Bay Area Waldorf schools range from 50 percent to 65 percent.

Some other private schools have exemption rates from 51 to 60 percent of students.

When Brown signed legislation to boost immunization rates, he asked the state health agency to add the decision.

Brown's exemption was contested by vaccine experts — the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Health Officers Association of California and the California Immunization Coalition — who appealed to the California Health and Human Services Agency to strike it. But Brown's language stayed.

The governor's office declined to respond to the concerns. "We'll let the message speak for itself," said spokesman Jim Brown.

As counties race to control the measles outbreak, experts urge closing exemption loopholes.

"California exemptions are far too broad," said bioethicist Arthur Caplan of New York University's Langone Medical Center.

Smokers don't have the right to expose nonsmokers; drivers don't have the right to get on the road after drinking, he said. "I see no reason to lean in favor of the minority who want to put the majority at risk."

The Daily Guide to Navigating the European Business Market

Transportation 944

Ship Cars and Containers to and from the USA

OPENING HOURS: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon - Fri  
0800-522-6274 or 800-WSA-SHIP (972-7447)  
For a free rate request, please email: info@worldwide-ship.de  
Visit our Website: www.worldwide-ship.de

Read STARS AND STRIPES online at [www.stripes.com](http://www.stripes.com)

Transportation 944

## VEHICLE SHIPPING SERVICES

- International Shipping
- Import & Export
- Inland trucking (U.S. & Europe)
- Door to door pick-up/delivery service

- Customs clearance
- All Risk Marine Insurance
- Auto Insurance (Germany only)

**For Further Information Please Contact**

<p>GERMANY +49-6134-2592730 0800-CARSHIP (Germany only) info@transglobal-logistics.de www.transglobal-logistics.de</p>	<p>UNITED KINGDOM +44-117 938 1919 0800-7839351 (UK only) info@carshipuk.co.uk www.carshipuk.co.uk</p>	<p>USA +1-972-602-1670 +1-800-264-8167 (US only) info@tgalus www.tgalus</p>
--	--	---

For 2nd POV Shipments - Offices / Agencies near Military Installations

LOGISTICS EUROPE GMBH

# Stripes SERVICE DIRECTORY

The Daily Guide to Navigating the European Business Market

Attorneys 178

**NICKEL**  
**US & German Attorneys**  
 US & German Divorces • Employment  
 Wills and Probate • Support Issues  
 Personal Injury • Tax  
 Contractor Issues  
 Call 069-299-2069-0  
 Email: maiss@nickelonline.de

**EUROPE'S PREMIER MILITARY DEFENSE FIRM**  
**COURT & CARPENTER**  
 Over 45 years defending servicemembers  
 Heilbronner Strasse 150,  
 70191 Stuttgart, Germany  
 Phone in Germany: 0711 490 04320  
 www.militarylawfirm.eu

**Law Offices Joseph K. Kelso**  
**U.S. Attorney at Law**  
 Specializing in:  
 U.S. Federal Employment Law,  
 Administrative Boards, Personal Injury and  
 Medical Malpractice, Claims, International  
 Contracts and Immigration Law.  
 Frankfurt am Main  
 Tel: (06108) 797579 • Fax: (06108) 799622  
 joseph-kelso@t-online.de

Cleaning Service 896

**Professional Rug Cleaning & Repair**  
 \*New Infrared Heating System\* Carpet Appraisals  
 \*Shipping to the US \*Rug Anti Slip Pads  
 Interest Free Payment Plan  
 US \$ checks accepted  
 40 YEARS SERVING THE KMC  
 Ramstein Main City Store  
 Lanzensbusch 7a, 68877 Ramstein-M.  
 For Appt: 06371 58770 or aasandmshop@hotmail.com  
**Aboullah & Meghdîr**  
 Oriental Rugs Ramstein

**Are you in the picture?**  
  
 Reading Stars and Stripes gives you a better handle on issues that affect you most.  
*No one covers the bases the way we do.*  
**STARS AND STRIPES**  
 However you read us, wherever you need us.

Dental 902

**Modern Aesthetic Dentistry**  
  
**NEW opening in Stuttgart**  
 Dr. Charles A. Smith DDS, LVIF is an American trained dentist providing expert dental care with the newest and most successful techniques to cover all your dental needs. Come see why patients travel from all over Europe to visit Dr. Smith for general dental care to smile makeovers. After many successful years in Heidelberg, Dr. Smith has now opened a second office in Stuttgart. Please visit our Homepage and email or call for an appointment.  
 DR. CHARLES A. SMITH ASSOCIATES  
 specialists for aesthetic dentistry  
 Römerstrasse 1 • 69115 Heidelberg • 06221-6516090  
 www.heidelbergdentistry.com • info@heidelbergdentistry.com  
 Charles-Lindbergh-Str. 11 • 71034 Böblingen • 07031-2056062  
 info@boeblingendental.com • www.boeblingendental.com

**American Orthodontist**  
**Over 90% Non-Extraction**  
**Dr. Michael Dillon, DDS, MS (Orthod)**  
 Univ of Maryland, Former USAF  
**All Treatment Fees in US \$**  
  
 Convenient Payment Plans • No Referral Necessary  
 Evening & Weekends • **TriCare Provider**  
 Dr. Dillon  
 American Association of Orthodontists  
 06371-918911 • www.dillonortho.com

**Sell Your Stuff!**  
  
 Take the fuss out of packing up for your next PCS—sell everything with Stripes *free classifieds!*  
**STARS AND STRIPES**

Dental 902

**American Dental Care**  
**Services Offered:**  
 Family Dentistry  
 Certified Orthodontics  
 Crowns and Veneers  
 Implant Surgery  
 Zoom Teeth Whitening  
 Wisdom Teeth Surgery  
 Nitrous Oxide  
 Saturday & Evening Appointments  
 Caring, Friendly American Staff  
  
**LOCATIONS**  
**Wiesbaden Dental Care**  
 06119 887 2650  
 Bahnstrasse 14, 65205 Wiesbaden  
 Wiesbadendental.com  
**Ramstein Dental Care**  
 06371 406230  
 Post Strasse 1, 66877 Ramstein  
 Ramsteindental.com  
 Certified American Dental Hygienists  
 TRICARE Preferred Provider

Financial Services 904

**LOANS up to \$10,000**  
 For Active Duty U.S. Military  
 Call Toll Free  
 Germany: 0800 YES-LOAN  
 Italy/Belgium: 00800 YES-LOANS  
 Stateside: +1.931.802.6522  
 www.yesomni.com  
  
 "We love to say yes"®  
© Omni Financial - ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. All loans subject to approval.

Transportation 944

**Interglobal Shipping GmbH**  
 Specialized Shipping from the US & Canada  
 Autos, Household Goods, Personal Belongings  
 Contact your Pro's at the Docks today!!!  
 info@interglobalshipping.de  
 www.interglobalshipping.de  
 Tel: (0421) 540 650 Fax: (0421) 540 6555  
 TollFree: 0800-0000311

STARS AND STRIPES

Max D. Lederer Jr., Publisher  
Lt. Col. Michael C. Bailey, Europe commander  
Lt. Col. Brian Choate, Pacific commander  
Harry Eley, Europe Business Operations  
Terry M. Wegner, Pacific Business Operations

EDITORIAL

Terry Leonard, Editor  
leonard.terry@stripes.com  
Robert H. Reid, Senior Managing Editor  
reid.robert@stripes.com  
Sam Amrhein, Managing Editor International  
amrhein.sam@stripes.com  
Tina Croley, Managing Editor for Content  
croley.tina@stripes.com  
Sean Moores, Managing Editor for Presentation  
moores.sean@stripes.com  
Joe Gromelski, Managing Editor for Digital  
gromelski.joe@stripes.com

BUREAU STAFF

**Europe/Mideast**  
Teddie Wye, Europe & Mideast Bureau Chief  
wye.teddie@stripes.com  
+49(0)631.3615.9310; cell +49(0)713.215.1881;  
DSN (314)583.9310  
**Pacific**  
Paul Alexander, Pacific Bureau Chief  
alexander.paul@stripes.com  
+81-3 6385.377; cell (090)5883.1673  
DSN (315)22.5377  
**Washington**  
Patrick Dickson, Washington Bureau Chief  
dickson.patrick@stripes.com  
+1(202)761.0908; DSN (312)763.0908  
Brian Bowers, Assistant Managing Editor, News  
bowers.brian@stripes.com  
Amanda Trynias, Design Desk Supervisor  
trynias.amanda@stripes.com

CIRCULATION

**Mideast**  
Robert Reismann, reismann.robert@stripes.com  
+49(0)631.3615.9150, DSN (314)583.9150  
**Europe**  
Van Rowell, rowell.van@stripes.com  
+49(0)631.3615.9111; DSN (314)583.9111  
**Pacific**  
Mari Matsumoto, customerhelp@stripes.com  
+81-3 6385.3171; DSN (315)229.3171

CONTACT US

**Washington**  
Tel: (202) 761-0900; DSN (312)763.0900;  
529 14th Street NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC  
20045-1301

**Reader letters**  
letters@stripes.com

**Additional contacts**  
stripes.com/contacts

OMBUDSMAN

Ernie Gates

The Stars and Stripes ombudsman protects the free flow of news and information, reporting any attempts by the military or other authorities to undermine the newspaper's independence. The ombudsman also responds to concerns and questions from readers, and monitors coverage for fairness, accuracy, timeliness and balance. The ombudsman welcomes comments from readers, and can be contacted by email at ombudsman@stripes.com, or by phone at 202.761.0587.

Stars and Stripes (USPS 0471900) is published weekdays (except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1) for 60 cents Monday through Thursday and for \$1 on Friday by Pacific Stars and Stripes, Unit 45002, APO AP 96328-5002. Periodicals postage paid at San Francisco, Calif., and at additional mailing offices. Postmaster: Please send address changes to Pacific Stars and Stripes, Unit 45002, APO AP 96328-5002.

This newspaper is authorized by the Department of Defense for members of the military services overseas. However, the contents of Stars and Stripes are unofficial, and are not to be considered as the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. government. As a DOD newspaper, Stars and Stripes may be distributed through official channels and use appropriated funds for distribution to remote locations where overseas DOD personnel are located. This newspaper's advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense or Stars and Stripes of the products or services advertised. Products or services advertised shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

© Stars and Stripes 2015

stripes.com

OPINION

Vietnam won't own its entire history

By THOMAS A. BASS

Five years ago I began an experiment — not of my own devising — to study censorship in Vietnam.

In 2009, I signed a contract to publish one of my books in Hanoi. Called "The Spy Who Loved Us," the book tells the story of Phan Xuan An, Vietnam's most celebrated journalist during the Vietnam War. (He ended his career as bureau chief for Time magazine in Saigon.) Only after the war did we learn that An had received a dozen military medals as a Communist spy and served as North Vietnam's deadliest secret weapon.

One might think that a book about a "Hero of the People's Armed Forces" would be published in Vietnam without difficulty, but nothing is published in Vietnam without being censored. For five years, I watched people nip and tuck my book. When a translation was finally published in 2014, I flew to Hanoi to meet my censors — at least the half-dozen who would talk to me. These were the good guys, the brave ones, who were willing to acknowledge the situation. Behind them stood the faceless phalanx that operates throughout Vietnamese society.

My censors, several of whom doubted as my editors and publishers, apologized for what they had to do. They hoped things would improve in the future, as Vietnam and China throw an increasing number of journalists, bloggers and other writers in prison, the tide is flowing in the opposite direction. This is why I decided to commission an accurate translation of my book and publish side-by-side editions of both the censored and uncensored versions. These editions are available online in November, with the international organization Index on Censorship releasing more material this week.

My censors, several of whom doubled as my editors and publishers, apologized for what they had to do.

What did the censors cut from my book? Phan Xuan An is not allowed to "love" the United States or the time he spent studying journalism in California. He is allowed only to "understand" the United States. Removed were the names of exiled Vietnamese and their comments. Also removed was any criticism of China or mention of bribery, corruption or malfeasance on the part of public officials. Even Vo Nguyen Giap, the great general who led Vietnam to victory over the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954, was cut from the narrative, having fallen from favor before his death in 2013.

Known events were excised from Vietnamese history: the Gold Campaign of 1945, when Ho Chi Minh paid large bribes to the Chinese to get them to retreat from North Vietnam; the failed land reform campaigns of the 1950s; the exodus of the "boat people" after 1975; the 1978 war in Cambodia; the 1979 border war against China. The nam tien, the historic southward march of the Viets, in which they worked their way down the Annamite Cordillera, another territory formerly held by Montagnards, Chams, Khmers and other "minority peoples," was cut. An's last wishes, that he be cremated and his ashes scattered in the Dong Nai River, disappeared. They were replaced by a scene describing his state funeral, with the eulogy delivered by the head of military intelligence.

There is also a long list of "errors" in the Hanoi translation, words that my Vietnamese editors have either genuinely or purposefully misunderstood, such as "ghost writer," "betrayal," "bribery,"

"treachery," "terrorism," "torture," "front organizations," "ethnic minorities" and "re-education camps." The French are not allowed to have taught the Vietnamese anything. Nor are the Americans. Vietnam has never produced refugees; it only generates settlers. References to communism as a "failed god" were cut. An's description of himself as having an American brain grafted onto a Vietnamese body was cut. In fact, all of his jokes were cut, not to mention his analysis of how the Communists replaced Ngo Dinh Diem's police state with a police state of their own. By the end of my book, entire pages of notes and sources had disappeared.

In fact, the most insidious changes occur at the level of language. An was born outside of Hanoi. He was a southerner. But the language of the south and other cultural terms were pruned from the text, replaced by the language of the northerners who overran Saigon in 1975. Censorship involves political control and the assertion of power, but in this case it also involves control of memory, history and language.

I am not claiming any special hardship by noting these facts. Vietnamese authors driven into silence and exile have suffered far more grievously. I am merely highlighting the realities of a regime intent on defending its prerogatives. In Vietnam, both the past and the way you talk about it are the property of the state.

Thomas A. Bass is an investigative reporter who teaches English and Journalism at the State University of New York at Albany. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Follow the Big Easy on veteran homelessness

By MITCH LANDRIEU

In New Orleans, we are all too familiar with the feeling of homelessness. After Hurricane Katrina, literally all of us were without a home.

Unfortunately, too many veterans across this country face homelessness on a regular basis. In fact, 50,000 of our nation's veterans are without a home on any given night.

First lady Michelle Obama said it best: "When a veteran comes home kissing the ground, it is unacceptable that he should ever have to sleep on it."

While these brave men and women have served our country across the world, too many of them return home only to fight a new battle — a battle to have a roof over their head at night.

In New Orleans, we have proved it doesn't have to be this way. We can change.

One of my top priorities as mayor is to help those who courageously served our great nation in the armed forces, but, for whatever reason, returned home without a home. So, we took up the charge to be the first city in America to complete Michelle Obama's Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homeless by the end of 2015.

Last month, I was honored to join with military leaders, veterans, and local, state and federal partners at the Nations World War II Museum in New Orleans to officially announce our city had become the first in America to end homelessness among veterans — a full year ahead of the national goal.

It was an extraordinary moment, but it didn't happen overnight. It took time, hard work and perseverance. And it took all of

us, working together with partners at every level, to get the job done — an approach we call the new New Orleans way.

Our first step was to identify and locate every homeless veteran living in New Orleans. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2014 New Orleans Homeless Point in Time survey, there were 192 homeless veterans living on our streets or in shelters on any given night. But this was just a starting point. Then, experienced outreach teams combed New Orleans daily looking for homeless veterans.

These efforts were dramatically supplemented on five nights this fall, when about 150 active-duty military personnel and veterans joined the effort to systematically seek out and engage every homeless veteran. Many of these same servicemembers and veterans would later help move their homeless brothers — and sisters-in-arms into their new homes.

These efforts were 192 VA, HUD, nonprofits, our city's housing authority and countless others all went the extra mile. Through these combined efforts, 227 homeless veterans in New Orleans were permanently housed as a part of the Mayors Challenge — far more than we originally identified.

As we celebrate this historic milestone, we must not recognize an obvious truth: The work of ending veteran homelessness never really ends. Tomorrow, next week or next month, a homeless veteran could arrive in New Orleans or a veteran could lose his or her home.

So, we not only housed all the homeless veterans who could locate in New Orleans, but, in doing so, we also created a new,

sustainable and rapid-response outreach model that combines all of our available resources with the engagement of our local active-duty military personnel and area veterans. Now, when a veteran does become homeless in the city of New Orleans, this homelessness will be rare, brief and nonrecurring.

It is a proud tradition that New Orleans is the first city in America to end veteran homelessness, but it remains a daunting problem across this nation.

In the past few years, President Barack Obama has directed record levels of funding toward helping homeless veterans, achieving historic success in getting our men and women in uniform into housing. However, that support must be supplemented at the local level with a clear mission and a united effort. So, the Mayors Challenge is really a clarion call from the first lady and president to community leaders across the nation to come together and help end veteran homelessness in America once and for all.

To date, 421 local leaders across the nation have accepted the challenge to end veteran homelessness, including 313 mayors, seven governors and 101 city and county officials. We hope that our work in New Orleans can be the front end of this effort, can inspire and guide these cities as they seek to replicate our success.

I call on every city to join New Orleans in ending veteran homelessness for one simple reason: Veterans fought for our freedom and our way of life, and it is now our turn to fight for them.

Mitch Landrieu is the mayor of New Orleans. He wrote this column for CQ-Roll Call.

## OPINION

## Can Walker be president without a degree?

By ALBERT R. HUNT  
Bloomberg News

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker has buzz. He has impressed conservative activists in Des Moines and is the front-runner for likely Republican Iowa caucus-goers, according to a Bloomberg Politics-Des Moines Register poll published this past weekend.

Supporters say the 47-year-old has more diverse qualifications than the other Republicans: a non-Washington Republican who has won tough contests in a blue state, has taken on labor unions and has appeal to the conservative faith community and the business constituency.

There is one credential that he doesn't have: a post-high school education. America has elected a president without a college degree since Harry Truman.

Privately, some strategists in both parties suspect that this could increasingly become troublesome for voters, a little in the nominating process, more so in a general election, particularly in battleground up-scale states like Iowa. If it becomes official — it does — try raising the issue at the next coffee klatch or cocktail party; you're likely to be surprised by the responses.

Americans celebrate higher education. More than 40 percent of voters have a college degree; only three countries — Canada, Israel and Japan — have a more educated electorate. College graduates, on average,



Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker speaks at the American Action Forum in Washington on Thursday. He attended Marquette University for three years, but didn't graduate.

J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE  
AP

make in excess of 50 percent more in a lifetime in America than nongraduates.

All members of the Senate have higher degrees, as do all but 19 members of the House — 15 Republicans and four Democrats. Utah's Gary Herbert and Walker are the only two governors.

Walker attended Marquette University for more than three years. He dropped out to take a job. He's about a year short of a degree and has raised the possibility of completing it while governor.

Actually, there is one other major presidential candidate who doesn't have a college degree: Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul. He never completed his undergraduate degree at Baylor University but scored so high on

his medical school entrance exams that he was admitted to the prestigious Duke University Medical School, where he completed his training as an ophthalmologist.

Some of the great American successes are men and women without college degrees: Microsoft's Bill Gates, Steve Jobs of Apple and Oracle's Larry Ellison. The same goes for leading entertainers such as Clint Eastwood, Julia Roberts and George Clooney. Add to the list of distinguished nongraduates the late Walter Cronkite and today's leading anchorman, Brian Williams.

Ted Turner, who revolutionized broadcast journalism when he started the Cable News Network, revels in telling how he was

kicked out of Brown University for hosting a woman in his room. The university had the good sense to give him an honorary degree years later.

The question of Walker's missing diploma has arisen occasionally in Wisconsin. Opponents charged that there was something untoward about his dropping out of Marquette. He then authorized the university to release the records as proof there was no hidden story behind his departure. The governor has said that a college education isn't a "base requirement" for high office. The Walker camp had no comment for this column.

History might help Walker. There have been 12 presidents without college degrees, starting with George Washington and 10 others, including Abraham Lincoln, elected in the 19th century.

More than a century ago, a Princeton academic, Woodrow Wilson, who later became president, raised a question about the 16th president: "Would Lincoln have been a better instrument for the country's good if he had been put through the processes of one of our modern colleges?"

Historians have resoundingly rejected Wilson's point; Lincoln is widely considered the greatest American president. His predecessor, James Buchanan, had a college degree (rather rare in those days), but is considered one of the worst.

Albert R. Hunt is a Bloomberg columnist.

## Academies now just 'government bloated on autopilot'

Scott Beauchamp's Jan. 27 column "Service academies no longer needed" takes the enlisted point of view to argue for closing the service academies. It quotes from and complements an earlier column by U.S. Army Lt. Col. James Bruce Fleming from Salon.com (Jan. 5) that appears in condensed form below.

By BRUCE FLEMING

The first thing the new Republican majority in both houses of Congress needs to devote itself to, since it's a party doctrinally opposed to government spending, is converting the four hugely expensive and underproductive U.S. service academies (Navy, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard) — taxpayer-funded undergraduate institutions whose products all become officers — to more modest centers for short-term military training programs, as the British have repositioned the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

Training is something the military does — education, certainly, is not. Indeed, undergraduate education of officers has already largely been outsourced, since most new officers come from the much cheaper Reserve Officer Training Corps programs at civilian universities (one-quarter the cost of the academies), or from the several months of Officer Candidate School (one-eighth the cost) that follows either an enlisted career, or college at your own expense. By all standards, these officers are better educated than those who graduate from the service academies, which now produce under 20 percent of U.S. officers. These academies no longer have a purpose.

Once they did. When they were founded in the 19th century (Air Force split off from Army after World War I), college was classics and religion for gentlemen, so it made sense to have technical training institutes for people who would be in charge of increasingly technical warfare. Now everybody teaches the same academics. What they do that's different — useless classes in teaching "leadership" and basic computer knowledge repackaged as

"cybersecurity" as well as Mickey Mouse pseudo-military exercises — serves no purpose, since ROTC and OCS don't do these and end up with the same result. The service academies are hype factories that operate at virtual zero net accountability and little oversight, the very definition of government bloated on autopilot.

Yet they are alluring. The mission of the Naval Academy, whose students cost taxpayers about half a million dollars each, is "to develop midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty." Nobody asks if we achieve these goals. I know after 28 years as a professor there that we don't.

The service academies in the new millennium are little more than military Disneyland for tourists who come to watch the parades. They are also cash cows for the brass and friendly politicians who send their own children there at taxpayer expense. Multiple current and past administrators and brass have gotten this taxpayer-supported present, which looks to me like (illegal) nepotism. And far from "imbuing them with the highest ideals," the service academies are in fact where ideals come to die. I know: I talk to the students.

Service academy officers aren't better than others — but almost invariably, to the fury of the enlisted men and women, they're convinced they are. Administrators assure midshipmen that they are "the best and the brightest" and are "held to a higher standard." So it's not coincidence that service academy officers have a negative reputation in the military as smug ring-knockers. In fact more than a quarter admit to being in the highest decile; our average is lower than the nearby state school University of Maryland. Twenty percent of our class comes through a taxpayer-supported remedial 13th grade (another almost \$50,000 per student for taxpayers) and many of these students take further pre-college remedial courses at Annapolis. The top 10 percent are im-

pressive. But they are the exceptions rather than the rule — and the better they are, the more likely they are to be disillusioned by the Academy, as I know from talking to them.

They're ferociously selective, right? Wrong. The Naval Academy has highly creative definitions of what constitutes an applicant, and applying these makes us more selective, on paper, than all but a handful of U.S. schools — and boosts our happy quotient. In fact we count all 7,500 applicants to a weeklong summer program for 11th-graders, which enrolls 2,500, as Naval Academy applicants, as well as anybody who fills out enough information to create a candidate number. When I was on the admissions board for a year a decade ago we considered about 4,500 candidates for 1,800 admits, not close to 20,000 as they claimed.

Who even gives away these tax dollars (admits an applicant) and based on what? It wasn't the admissions board. Three rounds of my Freedom Of Information Act requests to find out have hit a brick wall. The brass refuse to justify how they spend your tax dollars, or on whom. Certainly we practice admissions based on racial self-identification so stark as to seem unconstitutional.

Almost all students are sleep-deprived (no naps allowed for plebes) and try to fall asleep as soon as they sit down. Mind-dump memorization is the norm. Many classes are mandatory, even those that won't be used later (for example electrical engineering for Marines). Most students think of leaving, but are told if they do they are quitters, and will flip burgers.

If it's not about the taxpayers or the student, what does it benefit? Most who retire there in great style; their funerals are frequently staged there. When a recent chief of naval operations retired there, the students were forbidden from walking on the pathways for the whole day. Those picked to return as administrators at USNA live in high-ceilinged Victorian houses complete with groundskeepers.

The superintendent, a three-star admiral, has a mini-White House with waitstaff.

It's a great life for them, so of course they defend it. We're taxpayer-supported Division I football schools (now Navy has joined the Big East) where military slots with pay and benefits are given to low-scoring athletic recruits who will all become officers in charge of enlisted if they are prodded across the finish line.

But they're fiercely hard to get through, right? Wrong. The students are in the military so close to home. We mother hen them. We teach not self-reliance but getting by. They get two sets of interim grades every semester, and if they are lagging, they are sent for mandatory tutoring. We put them in easier majors if they are falling. Or, since we own them in the summer too, they report so close to home.

The relentless nature of the hype coming from the head office, and its hollowing, prove the pointlessness of these places. "Leaders to Serve the Nation," say the flags on posts at Annapolis. Leaders? Really? Officers, sure, because we reward the Big East where military slots are given to graduates of officers. That's a bit circular. About half leave the military after their obligation of five to seven years as a junior officer, and some are let go before as the military downsizes. At taxpayer expense.

So we teach them "character" — as we claim to do. Apparently not, at least about a third of the commanding officers removed in 2012 for malfeasance — record numbers for Navy — were Academy graduates. Read the newspapers for ongoing scandals (sexual assault, cheating) involving current service academy students, all of which the brass do. Apparently not, at least about all good news all the time) try to squash: these were merely a few bad apples, we hear, indicative of nothing.

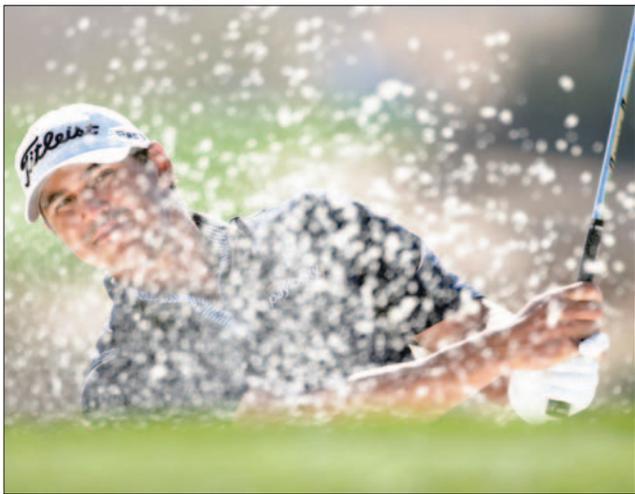
The service academies combine two incompatible goals: military obedience and the freedom to question offered by knowledge. One day the lid is going to blow.

Bruce Fleming is a professor of English at the U.S. Naval Academy.





## GOLF/COLLEGE BASKETBALL



RICK SCUTERI/AP

Brooks Koepka hits out of a sand trap on the fourth hole during the final round of the Phoenix Open on Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

# Koepka rallies for first win

## Playing on secondary Europe tour helped golfer hone game

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Brooks Koepka remembers the disappointment like it was yesterday instead of more than two years ago.

In his first shot at getting a PGA Tour card, he didn't get through the second stage of Q-school by two shots. He tied with a Texas teenager named Jordan Spieth.

Spieth chose to play the PGA Tour through sponsor exemptions or qualifying in the minor leagues, and it paid off quickly. He had PGA Tour status by May, won in July and played in the Presidents Cup in October.

Koepka got out his passport. Having already won Europe's secondary Challenge Tour, he at least had a place to play. It took him from Kenya to Kazakhstan, from South Africa to Scotland. He toiled in the remote outposts of golf, never losing sight that his power and work ethic would get him to where he wanted to be.

That's what made his victory Sunday in the Phoenix Open so satisfying.

"Going that route — going over to Europe — it toughened me," Koepka said after he closed with a 5-under 66 for a one-shot victory over Hideki Matsuyama, Masters champion Bubba Watson and Ryan Palmer. "It was a blessing in disguise. At the time, I was extremely disappointed, as I'm sure Jordan Spieth was, too. But that just toughens you up, your drive. It makes you want to get out here that much more."

Koepka was lingering for 14 holes of the final round at the

TPC Scottsdale. He fell behind by four shots early on the front nine, made a couple of birdies to get back in the mix, and still was largely ignored until two big moments over a final, wild hour in the Valley of the Sun.

On the par-5 15th, Koepka holed a 50-foot eagle putt from the fringe.

After reading the putt, he told caddie Rickie Elliott: "I'm finally going to get this one there."

"Everything was 2, 3 feet short, especially on the back nine," Koepka said. "I don't know why the speed control was off a little bit. Going through the fringe, uphill, just gave it a whack. And then it went in, thankf—"

That put him atop the leaderboard at 15 under, but only as long as it took Martin Laird to two-putt from 25 feet to tie him.

Two holes later, on the 322-yard 17th, Koepka thought he was doomed when his 3-wood landed on the green and rolled over the back.

"I thought it was in the water," he said.

Instead, it settled on the red hazard line, a foot from the water. Koepka hit a mediocre chip and missed the birdie putt, but he suddenly had the lead to himself when Laird hit into the gallery on the right, could only chip to the left of the green and three-putted from about 50 feet for bogey.

One hole from victory, Koepka drilled his tie shot 331 yards down the middle.

Matsuyama, the 22-year-old rising star from Japan, had the last chance to catch him. Mat-

suyma took the lead on the 13th hole, but then made his first bogey in 44 holes when he three-putted the 14th. He never made another birdie, and his 18-foot chance on the 18th turned away quickly to the right.

Matsuyama, who holed out for eagle from the fairway on the first hole, closed with a 67. He tied for second with Watson, who didn't make a birdie over the last five holes and shot 65; and Ryan Palmer, who failed to make birdie over the last three holes and shot 66.

Laird, who began the final round with a three-shot lead, followed his bogey on the 17th with a tee shot into the water on the 18th for double bogey. He shot 72 and tied for fifth with Arizona State junior Jon Rahm.

Spieth, meanwhile, got within two shots of the lead until he ran out of holes, and made bogey on the last for a 65. He tied for seventh.

A week that began with hype over Tiger Woods, who shot 82 and missed the cut by 12 shots, ended with yet another example of a massive generation shift. His second victory in four starts against strong fields — he won the Turkish Airlines Open during the final stretch of the Race to Dubai in Europe in November — moved him to No. 19 in the world.

"It's unbelievable," said Koepka, who finished at 15-under 269. "I didn't think I would work my way up this quickly, but playing the Challenge and European tours led to this. And especially the failure I've had, I can't tell you how much I learned from that."

## Roundup

# Florida State gets past No. 23 Miami

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The first 20 minutes couldn't have gone better for No. 23 Miami. The Hurricanes made 50 percent of their shots, forced 11 turnovers and led by 11 points at the half.

But the Hurricanes were flat after that. And they had no answer for Florida State guard Montay Brandon.

Brandon had one of his best games of the season, scoring 18 points on 7-for-7 shooting, and Florida State rallied from a 16-point first-half deficit to beat No. 23 Miami 55-54 on Sunday.

The Hurricanes' Sheldon McClellan missed a floater in the lane as time expired.

Miami shot 6-for-19 (31.6 percent) in the second half and scored just 18 points.

"Florida State defended us very, very well in the second half," coach Jim Larranaga said. "You have to give them credit. Their defense throughout the second half made us miss shots."

Brandon had 12 second-half points and Kiel Turpin added six of his 10 after halftime for the Seminoles, who shot 53.7 percent. Turpin put Florida State ahead for good with a baby hook with 1:41 left.

Florida State (12-10, 4-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) won despite three of its starters struggling from the floor. Xavier Rathan-Mays had five points, while Devon Bookert and Phil Cofer were scoreless. The trio combined to shoot just 2-for-14.

**No. 11 Utah 67, Southern California 39:** Utah coach Larry Krystkowiak publicly called out his team's lack of effort after a surprising loss to UCLA earlier in the week.

His Utes apparently took the message to heart.

Jakob Poeltl had 14 points and nine rebounds as Utah crushed USC.

"Our guys really responded," Krystkowiak said. "We had a great practice yesterday with effort and today they brought it in."

Delon Wright added 11 points and five rebounds and Jordan

Loveidge scored 10 points for the Utes (17-4, 7-2 Pac-12).

Utah was up 32-12 at halftime and led by as many as 29 points in the second half.

Eleven players scored for the Utes, who never trailed.

"Energy was the big point of emphasis," Poeltl said. "We wanted to get back to what we used to play — a lot of energy, execute on defense, lockdown our opponent — and today I think we did a pretty good job of that."

Malik Martin scored 11 points to lead the Trojans (9-12, 1-8 Pac-12). USC shot just 26.5 percent, including 1-for-10 from three-point range, to lose its sixth straight.

It was the Trojans' largest margin of defeat this season.

"I take the blame for it — any loss like this is my fault," USC coach Andy Enfield said. "We're just going to move on from this and try and get better."

**Michigan State 76, Michigan 66 (OT):** Denzel Valentine's shooting touch returned just in time to help host Michigan State avoid an upset against its biggest rival.

Valentine had 25 points, seven rebounds and seven assists, and the Spartans held Michigan scoreless in overtime. Michigan State recovered from a poor start offensively and allowed only two Michigan baskets over the last 10 minutes of the game.

"It got scary, but at the end of the day, it's a rivalry game," Valentine said. "A lot of people thought it was going to be easy."

With two of their best players on crutches, the Wolverines (13-9, 6-4 Big Ten) pushed Michigan State throughout, but the Spartans (15-7, 6-3) finally put Michigan away in the extra session. Brandon Dawson had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Bryn Forbes and Matt Costello scored 10 points each for Michigan State.

Spike Albrecht and Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman scored 18 points apiece for Michigan, which was without injured guards Caris LeVert and Derrick Walton. Zak Irvin added 11 points for the Wolverines.



JAC C. HONG/AP

Southern California's Strahinja Gavrilovic, center, fights for a rebound with Utah's Jakob Poeltl, right, and Delon Wright on Sunday.

## NFL/SPORTS BRIEFS

## Browns QB Manziel enters treatment

By TOM WITHERS  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Johnny Manziel has sought help to change his off-field lifestyle.

Following a rough rookie season in the NFL, Manziel has entered a treatment program for unspecified reasons, an adviser for the Cleveland quarterback said in a statement released by the Browns on Monday.

"Johnny knows there are areas he needs to improve on to help him be a better family member, friend and teammate, so he decided to take this step in his life during the offseason," Manziel adviser Brad Beckworth said. Beckworth said the former Heisman Trophy winner entered the un-

named facility last week. He said Manziel's family is asking for privacy until he rejoins the team.

Beckworth's statement did not indicate reasons for Manziel needing treatment. However, the 22-year-old QB's penchant for partying followed him from college into the pros and Manziel's nightlife has been well-chronicled by both social and mainstream media.

Browns general manager Ray Farmer said in a statement that the team fully supports Manziel and respects his initiative in entering treatment. The team will respect Manziel's privacy during treatment.

"Our players' health and well-being will always be of the utmost importance to the

Cleveland Browns," Farmer said. "We continually strive to create a supportive environment and provide the appropriate resources, with our foremost focus being on the individual and not just the football player."

Manziel, who won the Heisman as a freshman at Texas A&M where his playmaking skills earned him his "Johnny Football" nickname, has faced questions for several years about his active nightlife.

The Browns have made it clear to Manziel that they expect more from him if he wants to be their leader.

"Johnny has to show on and off the field he can be a professional," owner Jimmy Haslam said on Jan. 22.



Bob Leverone/AP

**Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel entered treatment for an unspecified condition last week.**

## Briefly

## AP source: Falcons, Seahawks' Quinn reach 5-year deal

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A day after his team lost in the Super Bowl, Seattle Seahawks defensive coordinator Dan Quinn agreed to a five-year deal to become the Atlanta Falcons coach, a person familiar with the negotiations said on Monday.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been publicly announced by the team. The Falcons are expected to introduce Quinn as their coach on Tuesday.

The Falcons exercised patience while waiting for Quinn, 44, who could not be offered a job until after Seattle's 28-24 Super Bowl loss Sunday night to the New England Patriots.

He will replace Mike Smith, who was fired following a 6-10 finish in 2014.

## Kentucky unanimous No. 1 in AP Top 25

Kentucky is a unanimous No. 1 again in The Associated Press' Top 25 poll.

The Wildcats are the only undefeated team in Division I following Virginia's loss to No. 4 Duke last week.

Kentucky received all 65 votes from a media panel and has held the top spot all season.

## Mavericks' Rondo out for at least 3 games

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks point guard Rajon Rondo will miss at least three games after suffering an orbital fracture to his left eye.

The Mavericks said Monday that Rondo will not travel with the team to the West Coast for games at Golden State and Sacramento later this week.

Less than 2 minutes into Saturday night's win at Orlando, Rondo

tripped over the leg of Magic guard Elfrid Payton. While trying to get up, Rondo was inadvertently kneed in the face by teammate Richard Jefferson.

## After Dubai win, McIlroy focuses on lawsuit

DUBLIN — Fresh off his first tournament win of the year at the Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday, Rory McIlroy will switch his focus from the course to a courtroom on Tuesday for the start of his multimillion dollar case against his former management company.

McIlroy initiated the case against Dublin-based Horizon Sports Management and its leading agent at the end of 2013, claiming he was misled into signing a contract with the company.

Horizon is counter-suing, claiming McIlroy owes it millions of dollars in commission.

## Duda, Mets agree to \$4.2M, 1-year deal

NEW YORK — First baseman Lucas Duda and the New York Mets have agreed to a \$4.2 million, one-year contract and avoided arbitration.

Duda hit .253 with 30 homers and 92 RBIs last season, when he made \$1,637,500.

## Forward Nemeč signs with MLS's New York FC

NEW YORK — Slovakian forward Adam Nemeč has agreed to a contract with Major League Soccer's New York FC.

The 29-year-old had spent the last 2½ seasons with Union Berlin in the German second division after stints with Slovakia's MSK Žilina (2004-07), Germany's Erzgebirge Aue (2007-08), Belgium's Genk (2008-09), and Germany's Kaiserslautern (2009-11) and Ingolstadt (2012).

## "Camp Humphreys" bests 1,266 players to win 2014 NFL Challenge

Daniel Lopez, a.k.a. "Camp Humphreys" amassed 3,052 points - the top score of all 1,266 players - and claimed the \$500 first place prize in the 13th Annual NFL Challenge.



Lopez started playing three years ago while stationed in Germany and previously had not finished above the 900 point level. A retired Army veteran that served in the Air Defense Artillery as a non-commissioned officer, he is currently continuing his service as a government employee with the USAG Humphreys in Korea working with the Director of Emergency Services (DES) Physical Security Branch.

Second place in the 2014 contest (and \$300) went to "michaelgarza98," a.k.a. Michael Garza, with a final score of 3,046 points. Rounding out the top three scores with 3,040 points was Stacey Canales, a.k.a. "ranno92" who is a stay-at-home mom and wife of an active duty Marine who is currently stationed at MCAS Yuma. Canales took home a \$200 prize for her third place effort.

STARS AND STRIPES  
**NFL**  
Challenge

Sponsored by



Weekly Winner prizes sponsored by



Brought to you by



NHL

# Predators shut out Pens

By WILL GRAVES  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Carter Hutton knows he's not Pekka Rinne, so it makes no sense to even try.

Instead, the Nashville Predators' backup goaltender, thrust into a starting role while Rinne recovers from a sprained knee, figures it's better to just stick with what works for him.

"I just keep it simple, play the game and control what I can," Hutton said. "The guys battle hard in front of me and try to make the first save here and try to give us a chance to win every night."

The formula worked perfectly in a 4-0 romp over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Sunday. Hutton stopped all 21 shots he faced in his second career shutout as the Predators won regulation in Pittsburgh for the first time since 2004.

Gabriel Bourque, Roman Josi, Eric Nystrom and Mike Fisher scored for the Central Division leaders, who ended a difficult post-All-Star road trip through St. Louis, Colorado and Pittsburgh a respectable 1-1.

"We felt like lately we've been playing hard games, especially out of the break," Nashville forward Mike Ribeiro said. "We thought we could play better in front of our goalie. Got on our forecheck, were pressing and able to create turnovers."

Hutton improved 3-1-2 while filling in for Rinne. The Predators ended a five-game losing streak to Pittsburgh by taking advantage of sloppy play by the Penguins, who have lost six of eight.

Nystrom and Bourque pounced on Pittsburgh

turnovers — one of them by captain Sidney Crosby — to give Hutton all the support he needed.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 20 saves for the Penguins but received no help from Pittsburgh's sputtering offense.

"We had some mistakes that ended up in the back of our net and we're playing up hill from there," Crosby said. "We still had a lot of time to get back in the game, but we have to figure out how to score goals."

The Penguins have scored just twice in their past three games, both in an overtime win at New Jersey on Friday in which they took 43 shots. Pittsburgh kept Hutton a little busier but spent most of the afternoon playing from behind as Nashville made former Penguins forward James Neal a winner in his return to the city where he was a 40-goal scorer became an All-Star.

While Neal's scoring is down a bit, the Predators are off to the best start in the franchise's history. He was held without a goal but provided a nice screen in front on Fisher's 12th goal of the season that made it 4-0 midway through the third period.

By then, Nashville was firmly in control. Josi's slap shot through traffic zipped past Fleury's glove 4:05 into the game and Bourque doubled the lead less than three minutes later when Pittsburgh defenseman Simon Despres' attempted clearing pass from the corner instead went right into the slot and onto Bourque's stick. He slammed it past Fleury and the Predators had matched their combined goal total in their previous two visits to Consol Energy Center.



KEITH SRACOCIA/AP

Predators goalie Carter Hutton makes a save on a shot by the Penguins' Maxim Lapierre in the first period on Sunday.

## Roundup

# Blues overcome Ovechkin, Caps

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The St. Louis Blues are rolling. Against the Washington Capitals, an injury, an ejection and Alex Ovechkin's two goals weren't enough to stop them.

Alexander Steen had two goals and an assist, Brian Elliott stopped 33 shots and the Blues beat the Capitals 4-3 on Sunday.

"This was a real gutsy win. You lose one of your top defensemen second shift into the game. Your captain goes out," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We didn't (just) hang on, we played really well. There's wins and then there's really impressive wins. This was a very impressive win."

Defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk left with a first-period injury, forward and captain David

Backes was ejected and the Blues still won their fifth straight game and third in four days.

Dmitrij Jaskin and Vladimir Tarasenko also scored for St. Louis and T.J. Oshie had three assists.

Ovechkin, who has 15 goals in his last 15 games, added an assist and his two scores gave him a NHL-leading 31 goals. He became the fifth player in NHL history to start his career with 10 30-goal seasons.

Washington is 1-4-2 in its last seven after dropping back-to-back games over the weekend.

Backes was booted for boarding Karl Alzner early in the second. The game turned, but not in the Capitals' favor.

St. Louis killed off the 5-minute penalty, limiting the league's fourth best power-play unit to two shots.

Hitchcock called it the key to the game.

"We took the energy out of the building, we took the energy out of their team," he said.

**Coyotes 3, Canadiens 2:** Lauri Korpiokoski scored two power-play goals for visiting Arizona as Montreal-area native Louis Domingue made 18 saves to win in his first NHL start.

The 22-year-old Domingue helped end the Canadiens' five-game winning streak.

**Wild 4, Canucks 2:** Devan Dubnyk stopped 35 shots to help visiting Minnesota beat Vancouver.

Zach Parise, Jared Spurgeon, Thomas Vanek and Jason Zucker scored for the Wild. Zucker sealed it with an empty-net goal with 55 seconds left.

Ronalds Kenins and Daniel Sedin scored for the Canucks.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

	Atlantic Division					
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Tampa Bay	51	32	15	4	68	166/113
Montreal	49	24	3	6	67	130/111
Detroit	50	26	12	9	67	149/129
Boston	50	17	7	6	61	134/124
Florida	47	21	16	10	52	115/132
Ottawa	48	20	19	9	49	136/136
Toronto	51	22	25	4	48	144/156
Buffalo	50	13	3	31	34	94/79

	Metropolitan Division					
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
N.Y. Islanders	49	32	16	1	65	158/139
Pittsburgh	50	28	14	8	64	145/129
N.Y. Rangers	47	28	15	4	60	139/112
Washington	50	25	10	6	60	144/129
Philadelphia	51	22	22	7	51	140/151
New Jersey	50	19	22	9	41	113/128
Columbus	48	13	28	3	25	102/151
Carolina	49	17	26	6	40	105/129

### Western Conference

	Central Division					
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Nashville	49	32	13	4	68	160/120
St. Louis	49	32	13	4	68	160/120
Chicago	50	21	17	2	64	155/115
Winnipeg	51	26	17	6	60	142/132
Edmonton	49	23	18	7	53	157/159
Colorado	50	21	18	11	53	131/141
Minnesota	49	23	18	5	52	135/140

	Pacific Division					
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Anaheim	50	32	12	6	70	147/134
San Jose	50	27	17	6	60	139/135
Vancouver	48	27	18	3	57	131/124
Edmonton	49	23	17	5	51	134/129
Los Angeles	49	21	16	12	54	134/132
Arizona	50	18	26	6	42	116/170
San Jose	49	23	17	5	51	134/129

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's games						
Arizona 3, Montreal 2	St. Louis 4, Washington 3	Nashville 4, Pittsburgh 0	Minnesota 4, Vancouver 2	Monday's games	Florida at N.Y. Rangers	Winnipeg at Calgary
Edmonton at San Jose	Tuesday's games	Ottawa at New Jersey	Florida at N.Y. Islanders	Los Angeles at Washington	Arizona at Columbus	Buffalo at Montreal
Tampa Bay at St. Louis	Toronto at Nashville	Chicago at Minnesota	Colorado at Dallas	Winnipeg at Vancouver	Carolina at Anaheim	

### Sunday Predators 4, Penguins 0

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
First Period—1, Nashville, Josi 9 (Forsberg, Weber), 4:05; 2, Nashville, Bourque 3, 6:26.						
Second Period—3, Nashville, Nystrom 6 (Forsberg), 19:19.						
Third Period—4, Nashville, Fisher 12 (Forsberg, Josi), 8:20 (pp).						

Shots on Goal—Nashville 7-7-10—24, Pittsburgh 5-11-5—21.

Power-play opportunities—Nashville 1 of 4; Pittsburgh 0 of 3.

Goalies—Nashville, Hutton 3-4-4 (21 shots-21 saves), Pittsburgh, Fleury 23-11-5 (24-20).

A—18,535 (18,387), T—2:18.

### Blues 4, Capitals 3

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
St. Louis	1	2	1-4			
Washington	1	1	1-3			
First Period—1, St. Louis, Steen 16 (Schwarz, Oshie), 2:34 (pp), 2, Washington, Ovechkin 30 (Green, Backstrom), 9:50 (pp).						
Second Period—3, St. Louis, Steen 17 (Oshie, Tarasenko), 11:45; 4, Washington, Ovechkin 31 (Backstrom), 14:30; 5, St. Louis, Jaskin 5 (Schwarz, Stastny), 15:57.						
Third Period—6, St. Louis, Tarasenko 25 (Steen, Oshie), 6:13; 7, Washington, Alzner 4 (Green, Ovechkin), 12:28.						
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 13-16—40, Washington 9-18-10—36.						

Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 1 of 3; Washington 1 of 3.

Goalies—St. Louis, Elliott 15-5-2 (36 shots-33 saves), Washington, Peters 5-1 (40-36).

A—18,506 (18,506), T—2:29.

### Coyotes 3, Canadiens 2

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Arizona	0	1	2-3			
Montreal	0	2	0-3			
First Period—1, Montreal, Galchenyuk 14 (Gallagher, Gilbert), 1:15; 2, Montreal, Galchenyuk 15 (Desharnais, Sekac), 4:55.						
Second Period—3, Arizona, Korpiokoski 5 (Leahy, Vendler), 17:45 (pp).						
Third Period—4, Arizona, Ekman-Larsen 14, 3:2; 5, Arizona, Korpiokoski 6 (Gagne, Vendler), 3:17 (pp).						

Shots on Goal—Arizona 9-14-9—32, Montreal 19-5-5.

Power-play opportunities—Arizona 2 of 2; Montreal 0 of 2.

Goalies—Arizona, Domingue 1-0-0 (20 shots-18 saves), Montreal, Tokarski 5-4-1 (32-20).

A—21,286 (21,273), T—2:41.

### Wild 4, Canucks 2

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Minnesota	0	2	2-4			
Vancouver	0	0	2-2			
First Period—1, Minnesota, Parise 21, 7:25; 2, Minnesota, Spurgeon 7 (Oderdreiter, Granlund), 9:26 (pp).						
Third Period—3, Minnesota, Vanek 10 (Kennedy), 7:08; 4, Vancouver, (Glenau, Edler), 12:28; 5, Vancouver, D.Sedin 10 (Vrbata, H.Sedin), 13:21; 6, Minnesota, Zucker 17 (Suter), 19:05 (en).						
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 18-7-20, Vancouver 11-17-37.						
Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 1 of 2; Vancouver 0 of 4.						
Goalies—Minnesota, Dubnyk 14-6-2 (37 shots-35 saves), Vancouver, Miller 24-12-1 (19-16).						

A—16,438 (18,101), T—2:29.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin, right, celebrates his goal in the second period against the St. Louis Blues on Sunday. Ovechkin is the fifth player in NHL history to start his career with 10 30-goal seasons.

NBA

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				Sunday						
Atlantic Division				Knicks 92, Lakers 80						
	W	L	Pct	GB						
Toronto	13	15	.688	-	L.A. LAKERS	Hill 1-3 0-0 2, Kelly 2-4 0-0 5, Sacre 0-2 2-2, Clarkson 6-13 4-6 19, Ellington 2-12 2-2 7, Lin 1-3 2-2 4, Boozer 6-15 7-8 19, Davis 4-6 1-2 9, Johnson 4-12 1-1 11, Black 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 27-76 19-23 80.				
Brooklyn	18	28	.391	9	<b>NEW YORK</b>	Amundson 2-7 2-6 6, Anthony 13-25 3-4 31, Smith 4-9 0-0 9, Calderon 4-5 0-0 9, Galloway 4-11 3-3 13, Hardaway Jr. 3-10 0-0 8, Acy 3-9 0-0 7, Larkin 3-5 0-0 7, Thomas 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 37-84 8-19 93.				
Boston	24	24	.500	8	<b>L.A. Lakers</b>	25 19 28 23-80				
New York	10	28	.268	23	Three-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 7-16 (Clarkson 3-5, Johnson 2-4, Ellington 1-3, Kelly 1-3, Lin 0-1), New York 10-22 (Galloway 2-4, Anthony 2-4, Hardaway Jr. 2-7, Calderon 1-1, Larkin 1-2, Smith 1-2, Acy 1-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 55 (Boozer 10), New York 50 (Amundson 13), Assists—L.A. Lakers 15 (Lin 7), New York 18 (Calderon, Smith 4), Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 15, New York 21; Technicals—New York defensive three second, A—19,812 (19,763).					
Philadelphia	15	38	.208	23	Central Division					
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	GB						
Atlanta	40	8	.833	-	<b>Heat 83, Celtics 75</b>					
Washington	21	17	.556	9	<b>MIAMI</b>	Granger 2-6 2-2 6, Bosh 6-19 5-7 18, Whiteside 10-17 0-0 20, Napier 2-0 0-5, Chalmers 1-4 2-4 4, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Anderson 2-2 0-0 5, Johnson 4-9 4-6 13, Cole 2-5 0-0 4, Ennis 3-2 2-2 8, Haslem 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 32-77 15-21 83.				
Miami	21	26	.447	18 1/2	<b>BOSTON</b>	Crowder 1-2 0-0 3, Bass 7-14 1-2 15, Turner 6-13 5-8 17, Bradley 8-15 0-0 17, Turner 0-6 0-0 0, Thornton 3-9 2-9 9, Sullinger 3-11 1-2 7, Smart 1-6 0-0 3, Young 1-9 1-3 3, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Pressley 0-2 1-2 1, Totals 30-81 11-18 75.				
Charlotte	20	27	.426	19 1/2	Pacific Division					
Orlando	15	35	.300	26						
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	GB						
Chicago	10	19	.612	-	<b>MIAMI</b>	25 19 17 22-83				
Cleveland	29	20	.592	1	Three-Point Goals—Miami 4-21 (Anderson 1-1, Johnson 1-1, Napier 1-5, Chalmers 1-4, Williams 0-5, Ennis 0-2, Granger 0-4), Boston 4-19 (Crowder 1-4, Thornton 1-4, Bradley 1-4, Smart 1-4, Young 0-1, Sullinger 0-2, Turner 0-2, Bass 0), Assists—Miami 18 (Cole, Johnson 4), Boston 24 (Smart 5), Total Fouls—Miami 18, Boston 19, A—17,366 (18,624).					
Milwaukee	22	22	.500	10	Leaders					
Detroit	18	30	.375	11 1/2						
Indiana	17	32	.347	13	<b>Scoring</b>					
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	GB						
Memphis	33	15	.688	2 1/2	<b>Harden, HOU</b>	48	396	378	1297	27.0
Houston	30	15	.668	2 1/2	<b>James, CLE</b>	39	362	240	1030	26.4
Dallas	32	17	.653	4	<b>Westbrook, OKC</b>	29	640	223	898	24.8
San Antonio	30	18	.625	5 1/2	<b>Davis, NOR</b>	42	396	236	1028	24.5
New Orleans	15	22	.532	10	<b>Anthony, NYK</b>	37	334	174	698	24.3
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	GB						
Portland	32	16	.667	-	Rebounds					
Oklahoma City	23	24	.489	8 1/2	<b>Jordan, LAC</b>	48	210	427	147	13.5
Denver	19	29	.396	13	<b>Conley, MEM</b>	48	237	131	518	12.2
Utah	17	30	.362	14 1/2	<b>Cunningham, SAC</b>	34	106	321	427	12.6
Minnesota	8	39	.170	23 1/2	<b>Randolph, MEM</b>	38	151	312	463	12.2
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Gasol, LAC</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Gasol, LAC</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Gasol, LAC</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td>	GB	<b>Gasol, LAC</b>	37	334	174	698	24.3
Golden State	8	38	.211	25 1/2	Assists					
L.A. Clippers	33	15	.688	5 1/2	<b>Clarkson, NYK</b>	48	210	427	147	13.5
Phoenix	28	21	.571	11	<b>Johnson, BOS</b>	48	237	131	518	12.2
Sacramento	17	29	.370	20 1/2	<b>Smart, BOS</b>	34	106	321	427	12.6
L.A. Lakers	13	35	.271	25 1/2	<b>Turner, BOS</b>	38	151	312	463	12.2
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Wallace, BOS</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Wallace, BOS</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Wallace, BOS</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td>	GB	<b>Wallace, BOS</b>	37	334	174	698	24.3
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Smart, BOS</b></td> <td>34</td> <td>106</td> <td>321</td> <td>427</td> <td>12.6</td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Smart, BOS</b></td> <td>34</td> <td>106</td> <td>321</td> <td>427</td> <td>12.6</td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Smart, BOS</b></td> <td>34</td> <td>106</td> <td>321</td> <td>427</td> <td>12.6</td>	GB	<b>Smart, BOS</b>	34	106	321	427	12.6
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Turner, BOS</b></td> <td>38</td> <td>151</td> <td>312</td> <td>463</td> <td>12.2</td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Turner, BOS</b></td> <td>38</td> <td>151</td> <td>312</td> <td>463</td> <td>12.2</td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Turner, BOS</b></td> <td>38</td> <td>151</td> <td>312</td> <td>463</td> <td>12.2</td>	GB	<b>Turner, BOS</b>	38	151	312	463	12.2
	W <td>L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Wallace, BOS</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td> </td></td>	L <td>Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Wallace, BOS</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td> </td>	Pct <td>GB</td> <td><b>Wallace, BOS</b></td> <td>37</td> <td>334</td> <td>174</td> <td>698</td> <td>24.3</td>	GB	<b>Wallace, BOS</b>	37	334	174	698	24.3

# Knicks cruise past Lakers

## 30-year-old Anthony scores 31 in LA rout

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony hears those voices saying he's getting old, that he can't jump like he once did.

Hard not to, since some of them are coming from right in his locker room.

Anthony answered in his own way Sunday, scoring 18 of his 31 points in the third quarter as the New York Knicks beat the Los Angeles Lakers 92-80.

He stared back toward his own bench in the second quarter after rising high to slam down a lob pass from Jason Smith, revealing that his teammates were teasing the 30-year-old forward recently after seeing him dunk.

"They said they haven't seen that before in a long time," Anthony said, "and we had this conversation before the game today, so it was just one of those moments where I had to look at the bench and let them know that I've still got it."

With Kobe Bryant out for the season and both teams among the worst in the NBA, it was anything but a Super Sunday in New York, where the national TV audience that was originally scheduled to see it missed the Lakers shooting 35.5 percent from the field.

Anthony stood out above the ugliness, turning most of his jumper in the third quarter to help New



SETH WENIG/AP

**The Knicks' Carmelo Anthony poured in 31 points, including 18 in the third quarter, in a 92-80 win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday in New York.**

York pull away. He shot 13 of 25 and grabbed eight rebounds.

"Melo got hot, had it going and gave them a nice cushion," Lakers forward Carlos Boozer said. "We tried to fight back a little bit but it was a little too late."

Langston Galloway added 13 points for the Knicks, who have won five of seven and did it easily, building their first 20-point lead since they were up 21 in a victory over Philadelphia on Nov. 22.

Boozer had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who lost for the 10th time in 11 games. Jordan Clarkson also scored 19 points.

The Knicks are 10-38, slightly worse than the Lakers' 13-35 mark. With Bryant sidelined after shoulder surgery, the game was yanked from ESPN — the Knicks' fourth consecutive game that was dropped from the NBA's national TV schedule.



**Miami center Hassan Whiteside (21) led the Heat with 20 points and nine rebounds in Sunday's 83-75 win over the Celtics in Miami.**

# Whiteside, Heat stop Celtics

By MATTHEW CARROLL  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Hassan Whiteside was hardly shocked when Miami coach Erik Spoelstra designed a play for him late in the third quarter of a tight game.

He was surprised when Spoelstra kept doing it, though.

Whiteside scored half of his 20 points during a dominant stretch spanning the third and fourth quarters and Miami Heat held off

the Boston Celtics 83-73 on Sunday to snap a two-game slide.

"He drew up a play and I scored on it, he just kept drawing them up," said Whiteside, who went 10-for-17 from the field, "I really think he started believing I can make plays down there."

Whiteside also had nine rebounds and blocked three shots, while Chris Bosh added 18 points and Tyler Johnson had 13, helping overcome the absences of Dwyane Wade and Luol Deng.

The 25-year-old has most of Miami in a frenzy following a wild week that included a triple-double and franchise-record 12 blocks last Sunday, and 24 rebounds on Friday.

It's quite the story for the former castoff who signed with the Heat in November after playing in both Lebanon and China last year.

"He continues to surprise me," Bosh said. "He's a talented young fellow."

## HEADING WEST

You **MUST** order a new vehicle from **MCS** while **OVERSEAS** to receive our **EXCLUSIVE** Military Benefits and Rebates!

## SAVE UP TO \$3,500

on the 2015 Ram 1500

**DON'T MISS OUT!** Order a new truck for STATESIDE delivery! Speak to a Sales Representative for details.

All programs and guarantees are subject to terms and conditions. Visit [militaryautodirect.com](http://militaryautodirect.com) or see your Sales Representative for complete details. All illustrations and specifications are to the best of our knowledge correct as of the date of publication. They are subject to change made by the manufacturer and the laws or regulations of any federal, state or local government agency. Overseas Military Sales Corporation is an authorized contractor for the Exchange, NEXCOM, DOD components, and the Federal Government and is not sponsored by them. (CS461)

# SUPER BOWL

## Talented Seahawks can't let loss linger

By **TIM BOOTH**  
The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — In the silence of the locker room, Byron Maxwell was already addressing the most important challenge: Pete Carroll and the Seattle Seahawks will face going forward.

One play on Sunday night changed the story for the Seattle Seahawks.

Instead of becoming the first repeat champions in a decade and having the chance to be the next NFL dynasty, the question now is whether the Seahawks can avoid becoming a fractured team because of what happened.

"Like I said earlier, we have to stick together," Maxwell said. "That's the most important thing right now."

The fallout from Seattle's 28-24 loss is only beginning and the game will be debated until the 2015 regular season begins. Facing second-and-goal at the New England 1 with less than 30 seconds remaining, the Seahawks opted for a slant pass from Russell Wilson to Ricardo Lockette, which was intercepted by Malcolm Butler, instead of handing off to Marshawn Lynch.

It was a puzzling decision to call for a pass play in the situation. In the immediate aftermath, it was already being considered one of the worst play calls in Super Bowl history. Some Seahawks players were openly questioning why the ball wasn't handed to Lynch.

And that's what Carroll will have to confront, to make certain what happened does not shatter what the Seahawks have built.

They will still be young and fiery and talented when next season begins. But they'll also have this game hanging over them.

"I'm not sure it does much to our legacy," cornerback Richard Sherman said. "I think we've got a bunch of fourth- and fifth-year guys and we'll have a chance to, through God's grace, get back here and have another chance at it."

Seattle was on the cusp of pulling out one of the great Super Bowl victories. They were resis-

ient in the first half, capped by their 31-second touchdown drive at the end of the first half to pull even at 14-14.

They dominated the third quarter while building a 10-point lead. And even after watching Tom Brady pick apart Seattle's defense in the fourth quarter and rally for two touchdowns, Wilson led one final drive to put the Seahawks on the doorstep of an amazing rally, including Jermaine Kearse's remarkable juggling catch that is now an afterthought.

"It was us. It felt like it was meant to be after Kearse caught that ball," Seattle linebacker Bruce Irvin said. "It was like it was meant to be and we couldn't finish it."

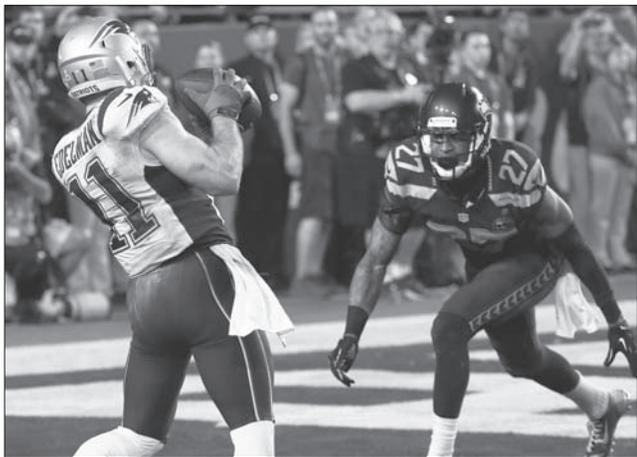
There's no reason to think Seattle can't put itself in position to be playing for another championship next season due to the continuity of its defense. Most of the important pieces are locked up at least through the 2016 season, including three members of the "Legion of Boom" secondary: Sherman, Earl Thomas and Kam Chancellor.

Michael Bennett, Cliff Avril and K.J. Wright are also taken care of long-term. Bobby Wagner will be in line for an extension this offseason as well.

Aside from trying to shake the sting of what happened, who the Seahawks want to be going forward will be defined. Wilson will get paid this offseason, likely with one of the largest contracts ever for a quarterback.

But what does Seattle do with Lynch? He was the hottest name of the Super Bowl for his antics and remains one of the most respected players in the locker room. He'll be 29 when next season starts with a history of a balky back and a cap hit of \$8.5 million for the final year of his deal.

"It's a similar situation to last year," Carroll said. "Everybody has difficult decisions you have to make this time of year. They'll come up in time. How we'll make it back is one day at a time. One day at a time."



MATT YORK/AP

Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman, left, catches a three-yard touchdown pass during the fourth quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl against the Seahawks. Though Seattle's defense is one of the best in the league, New England scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to rally and win the title.

# Seattle's record-setting defense fades in the end

By **TIM BOOTH**  
The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — It's one of the mottos of Pete Carroll's program. The word "Finish" is everywhere when it comes to the Seattle Seahawks, always with the idea of being the better team at the end of the game.

For a change, Seattle's record-setting defense wilted in the fourth quarter. Instead of finishing, they faded before Tom Brady and New England's rally.

"I think I'm going to go lock myself in my room for about two weeks. This one hurt because we had it," Seattle linebacker Bruce Irvin said. "We had it."

Staked to a 10-point lead at the start of the fourth quarter, the best defense in the NFL could not deliver a second straight Super Bowl title for the Seahawks.

"One of the things we take great pride in is playing until the finish. We had the lead and for them to come back on us, that's hard to accept," Seattle defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said. "I have to tip my hat to them and the execution they had at the end."

All the attention will be placed on the decision to have Russell Wilson throw from the 1-yard line in the closing seconds, resulting in Malcolm Butler's clinching interception for New England. That moment became possible

because Brady put together two lengthy fourth-quarter touchdown drives against a Seattle defense that late in the regular season didn't allow a fourth-quarter point in six straight games.

Seattle had the best pass defense, best total defense and best scoring defense in the NFL. The Seahawks had allowed less than 10 points per game during their eight-game win streak entering the Super Bowl.

Falling in the fourth quarter was a crushing turn for a unit that had been praised for being the best of this era of the NFL. All-Pro safety Earl Thomas sat silent at his locker for more than 10 minutes in an oddly quiet locker room.

New England was just the fifth team in the past three seasons — a span of 16 games — to score at least 14 points in the fourth quarter against Seattle.

"We've got to be fundamentally sound. We're a very good fundamentally sound team but when you're not fundamentally sound things happen," Kam Chancellor said. "Things happen and a great quarterback like Tom Brady, he'll find it. He'll definitely find it. We've got to be fundamentally sound."

This wasn't the elite Seattle defense of late in the season on Sunday. Thomas and Sherman both played with injuries suffered in the NFC championship game.

Chancellor injured his knee in practice on Friday and had to go through a pregame workout just to be cleared.

Then the Seahawks suffered two major losses during the game. Nickel cornerback Jeremy Lane broke his wrist after intercepting Brady in the first quarter, causing a shift in the secondary. Backup cornerback Tharold Simon was suddenly thrust into action and struggled.

Defensive end Cliff Avril suffered an concussion in the second half and Seattle's pass rush was unable to get at Brady in the fourth quarter. Brady was 13-for-15 passing in the final quarter and the Patriots had 123 yards of offense.

"Those were two big injuries to core guys for us, but we ran the same plays," Sherman said. "We executed, even though some mistakes were made at the end. When you lose two starters it's going to be tough for your defense."

The Seahawks fell to 2-6 over the past two seasons when allowing 24 or more points. Five of their six losses this season, including Sunday night, came when giving up 24 or more.

The question afterward was whether Seattle could use this loss the same way it used its 2012 playoff loss to Atlanta, which was the catalyst for the Seahawks title a year ago.

Bobby Wagner wasn't interested.

"I would rather learn from winning than learn from losing," he said.



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch, right, runs against Patriots nose tackle Alan Branch on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz.

# SUPER BOWL

# Title: Brady, Belichick capture fourth championship

**FROM BACK PAGE**

Brady threw two of his four touchdown passes in the final quarter to erase a double-digit deficit, rookie Malcolm Butler picked off Russell Wilson's short throw while Marshawn Lynch watched, and the Patriots ended a decade drought without an NFL title by beating the defending champion Seattle Seahawks 28-24 in a taut classic Sunday night.

"Every team has a journey," said Brady, who was voted Super Bowl MVP for a record-tying third time, "and a lot of people lost faith in us early. But we held strong. We held together."

He was talking about the preceding months, not minutes. But either made sense. After all, back in late September, when New England lost 41-14 at the Kansas City Chiefs to fall to 2-2, there was a lot of talk about whether Brady was done, whether the Patriots were simply no longer a powerhouse.

Yet Sunday night, when coach Bill Belichick was asked when he knew he had a special team, he pointed to halftime of that poor performance against the Chiefs.

"We weren't having a good day, but we kept fighting," Belichick said. "To me, if there was ever a time that we were not going to compete as hard, that would have been it ... The fight and the competitiveness was there, and that gave me a lot of confidence going into the next week's game. That was a key point in our season."

And so perhaps these Patriots were prepared to weather the scrutiny that came with an NFL investigation into whether they deliberately deflated footballs in the AFC championship game two weeks ago. They compartmentalized that and focused on the Super Bowl.

Perhaps they were prepared to set aside Brady's two interceptions that helped dig a 24-14 hole in the fourth quarter. They

moved into the lead after Brady connected with Danny Amendola from 4 yards out for one score with about 8 minutes left, then hit Julian Edelman from 3 yards for another TD with 2:02 remaining.

Perhaps they were prepared to not let the game get away when Seahawks receiver Jermaine Kearse made a falling, juggling, bouncing reception on his back for a 33-yard gain that set up first-and-goal from the 5 with 66 seconds to go. It was Butler who was in coverage on that play, although there was nothing more he really could have done.

Perhaps they were prepared for a shotgun pass by Wilson two plays later from the 1, rather than a run by the barrel-chested Lynch, who tied for the league lead in touchdown runs this season with 13.

Butler sure was ready, and his pick sealed the ultimate outcome, even if everyone had to wait while the officials cleared up a field-wide brawl.

"When we passed the ball, I was kind of surprised by it," Patriots nose tackle Vince Wilfork said.

"But at the same time, we made the play."

Lynch gained 102 yards on 24 carries and scored an earlier TD, leaving many mystified as to why Seattle wouldn't have handed off to him in that vital situation.

Even some of the Seahawks were bewildered.

"I don't understand how you don't give it to the best back in the league," linebacker Bruce Irvin said. "We were on the half-yard line and we throw a slant. I don't know what the offense had going on, what they saw."

With the retractable roof open on a cloudless evening, the Patriots (15-4) won the fourth Lombardi Trophy of the Brady-Belichick partnership, adding to those from the Super Bowls played in 2002, '04 and '05. They lost their last two



New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick is doused after defeating the Seattle Seahawks 28-24 in Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday, in Glendale, Ariz. It was Belichick's fourth Super Bowl win.



Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, left, and quarterback Tom Brady celebrate with the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Super Bowl on Sunday. Gronkowski had six catches for 68 yards and a touchdown.

trips to the big game, though, in 2008 and 2012, both times against the New York Giants.

This time, though, Brady and New England pulled it out — and in the process, prevented Seattle (14-5) from the ninth set of back-to-back Super Bowl championships.

At age 37, Brady went 37-for-50 for 328 yards and matched his childhood idol, Pro Football Hall

of Famer Joe Montana, for most Super Bowl MVP awards. Brady also broke Montana's Super Bowl record for most career touchdown passes, getting to 13.

On the drive that resulted in the winning points, Brady went 8-for-8 for 65 yards.

"He's so calm and collected," Amendola said about his quarterback. "He's the best."

## Scoreboard

**Patriots 28, Seahawks 24**

New England	0	14	0	14-28
Seattle	0	14	10	0-24

**Second Quarter**  
 NE—Lafell 11 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 9:47.  
 Sea—Lynch 3 run (Hauschka kick), 2:16.

NE—Gronkowski 22 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 3:11.  
 Sea—Matthews 11 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 0:21.

**Third Quarter**  
 Sea—FG Hauschka 22:11-09.  
 Sea—Baldwin 3 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 0:54.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 NE—Amendola 4 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 7:55.  
 NE—Edelman 3 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 2:02.

	NE	Sea
First downs	25	20
Total Net Yards	377	396
Rushes-yards	21-57	29-162
Passing	320	234
Punt Returns	3-27	2-6
Kickoff Returns	3-49	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	37-50-2	12-21-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	5-13
Fumbles-Lost	4-49-0	6-44-8
Penalties-Yards	5-36	7-70
Time of Possession	33:46	26:14

**Rushing—New England:** Blount 14-40, Vereen 4-3, Edelman 1-7, Brady 2 (misc.) Seattle: Lynch 24-102, Wilson 9-39, Turbin 2-1.

**Passing—New England:** Brady 37-50-2-328. Seattle: Wilson 12-21-1-247.

**Receiving—New England:** Vereen 11-64, Edelman 9-109, Gronkowski 6-68, Amendola 5-48, Lafell 4-20, Develin 1-6, Roomanavanan 1-4. Seattle: Matthews 4-109, Lockette 3-59, Kearse 3-45, Lynch 1-1, Baldwin 1-0.

**Missed field goals—None.**

**SAVE UP TO \$2,500**  
ON THE 2014  
JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED

**SAVE UP TO \$3,500**  
ON THE 2014  
JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

Ask how you can order overseas and take delivery Stateside!

**MCS**

All programs and guarantees are subject to terms and conditions. Visit [militaryautosource.com](http://militaryautosource.com) or see your Sales Representative for complete details. All restrictions and specifications are to the best of our knowledge correct as of the date of publication. They are subject to changes made by the manufacturer and the laws or regulations of any federal, state or local government agency. Overseas Military Sales Corporation is an authorized contractor of the Exchange and NEXCOM Military AutoSource is an authorized distributor to sell and distribute Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. This advertisement does not express or imply endorsement by the Exchange, NEXCOM, DOD components, or the Federal Government and is not sponsored by them. (C)433, Winter-Sales\_2014

## SUPER BOWL

## For Pete's sake

Carroll's decision to call a goal-line pass may have cost surging Seahawks title

By EDDIE PELLIS  
The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Because they didn't go into Beast Mode, the Seattle Seahawks found themselves in Spin Mode.

They were left to explain why they turned Marshawn Lynch — the running back known as “The Beast” — into a decoy with the game on the line and chose instead to pass the ball on second-and-goal from the 1.

Malcolm Butler intercepted that pass with 20 seconds left to preserve New England's 28-24 Super Bowl victory.

Within moments, the second-guessing had begun on what surely be one of the most debated calls in NFL history.

“I made the decision. I said, ‘Throw the ball,’” coach Pete Carroll said. “Nobody to blame but me.”

But there was plenty of blame to go around. It started with offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell, who may have gotten too cute and, as a result, found his name was a top trendier on Twitter.

And the receiver, Ricardo Lockette, who Bevell said, “could have done a better job staying strong on the ball.”

Quarterback Russell Wilson wishes he had that pass back.

“I thought it was going to be a touchdown,” Wilson said. “But I put the blame on me. I'm the one who threw it.”

He also gave lots of credit to Butler, the rookie free agent out of West Alabama who made New England's roster, then saved the Super Bowl.

“The guy made a great play,” Wilson said.

But this one was hard to explain away.

Seattle had a timeout left with the clock ticking down when Wilson fired into a cluster of blue and white shirts. Butler dug inside of Lockette and made his first career interception.

“I had a feeling I was going to make a big

play today,” Butler said. “But not that big.” Give credit where it's due.

But about that play call again: “Dumbest play call in the HISTORY of NFL football,” tweeted former 49ers receiver Dwight Clark, who made a pretty good grab himself. The Catch.

And this from NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith: “Worst play call I've seen in the history of football.”

It left them speechless in Seattle, too. Well, practically.

“We've got Marshawn Lynch, one of the best running backs in the league, and everybody makes their decisions and unfortunately, we didn't give him the ball,” Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner said.

Carroll's explanation: He saw the Patriots bring in a goal-line formation with eight big guys and three cornerbacks and didn't think Lynch, who tied for the league lead with 13 touchdowns rushing this season, would be able to bull it in against that defense.

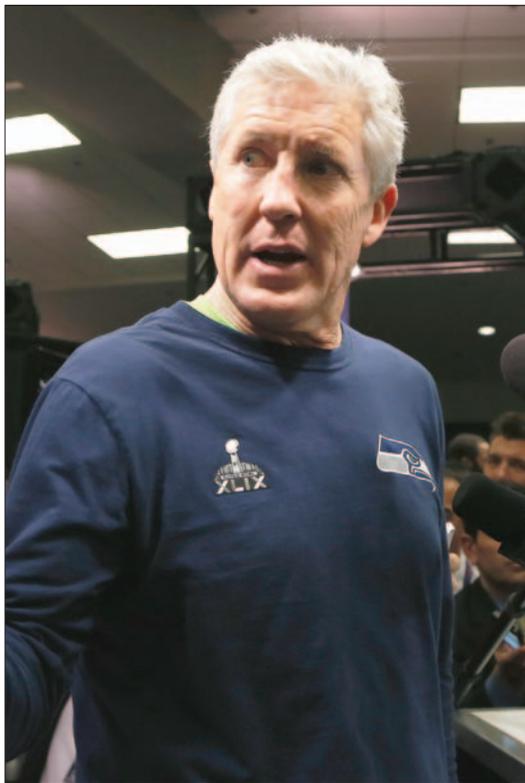
“It's not a great matchup for us to run the football, so we were going to throw the ball, really to waste a play,” Carroll said. “If we score, we do, if we don't, we'll run it in on third or fourth down.”

Butler saw the stacked receivers on the right side of the field and said Wilson's eyes tipped him off. He ducked inside of Lockette and made the play.

Quite a moment for a player who wasn't drafted, wasn't even signed to a contract right after the draft. He was an “invited tryout” player — offered a chance to show what he could do in May.

A long shot to make the roster, though Patriots cornerback Brandon Browner said he's been proving he belongs all year. Browner, a former Seahawk, said Butler leads the team in interceptions during practice.

On Sunday, he made the only one that mattered.



MATT YORK/AP

Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll speaks during a news conference after the Super Bowl against the New England Patriots on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. The Patriots won 28-24.



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson looks back after throwing the game-sealing interception to New England Patriots strong safety Malcolm Butler during Super Bowl XLIX.

## Wilson makes critical error

By ROB MAADDI  
The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — When most of the world expected Marshawn Lynch to get the ball, Russell Wilson saw a formation that made passing from the 1 the right call for the Seattle Seahawks with the Super Bowl on the line.

It didn't work. Malcolm Butler stepped in front of Wilson's pass intended for Ricardo Lockette and made his first career interception to seal the New England Patriots' 28-24 win over the Seahawks on Sunday.

“I don't know what I could have done differently,” Wilson said. “I put the blame on me. I'm the one that gave him the ball.”

Wilson twice rallied the Seahawks (14-5) from deficits in the first half and his 3-yard touchdown pass to Doug Baldwin gave Seattle a 24-14 lead going into the fourth quarter.

But he made the biggest mistake of his career on the final pass. The interception came two

weeks after Wilson threw four picks in the NFC championship game only to rally Seattle to an overtime win over Green Bay.

“It definitely hurts,” Wilson said. “I hate the feeling that I'm the one who lost it. I keep my head up, though. I know that I prepare and I get ready. I know I play my heart out.”

Wilson finished 12 of 21 for 247 yards and had two TD passes. He ran for 39 yards and was sacked three times. The third-year pro will hear criticism for his final pass throughout the offseason and longer.

“I hate losing,” Wilson said. “It was one play that he made a great play on.”

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll and offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell tried to take blame for making the call to pass the ball with 20 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

“They sent in our personnel and they went in goal-line (defense); it's not the right matchup for us to run the football,” Carroll said. “So on second down, we throw the ball

really to kind of waste the play. If we score, we do. If we don't, then we'll run it on third and fourth down. We had three wide receivers, a tight end and one back in that situation. They had extra guys at the line of scrimmage so we don't waste a run play at that.”

Lynch powered his way to a 3-yard TD run in the first half and finished with 102 yards on 24 carries. Bevell said the clock was a factor, however.

“We wanted to use as much time as we could,” Bevell said. “I make the calls and I wish Carroll would tell me to do something different, but we communicate, we talk and I make all the calls.”

Lynch didn't speak to reporters, as usual. Many of his teammates supported the call, though All-Pro linebacker Bobby Wagner questioned it.

“We've got Marshawn Lynch, one of the best running backs in the league, and everybody makes the decisions and unfortunately, we didn't give him the ball,” Wagner said.

## SUPER BOWL

## Super comeback gives Pats fourth title

## Brady matches idol with his third MVP

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — As a kid, years before he became a pretty good quarterback in his own right, Tom Brady idolized Joe Montana.

Now, at age 37, Brady owns just as many Super Bowl championships — and just as many Super Bowl MVP awards — as the Pro Football Hall of Famer.

And no QB in history has more.

Brady completed 37 of 50 passes for 328 yards with four touchdown passes, each to a different receiver, including an 8-for-8, 65-yard bit of perfection on the drive that led to the go-ahead score with about 2 minutes left Sunday night. That performance, and a victory-clinching interception by rookie cornerback Malcolm Butler, lifted the New England Patriots to a 28-24 comeback victory over the defending champion Seattle Seahawks.

This was not Brady at his best throughout. He threw two interceptions, including one deep in Seattle territory in the first quarter, and another in the third that led to points for the Seahawks.

That's part of why the Patriots trailed 24-14 in the fourth quarter, before Brady got the rally going.

"It wasn't the way we drew it up. Certainly, throwing a couple of picks didn't help," said Brady, who broke Peyton Manning's Super Bowl record of 34 completions set last year. "It was a lot of mental toughness. Our team has had it all year. We never doubted each other, so that's what it took. That was a great football team we beat. I'm just so happy for our team."

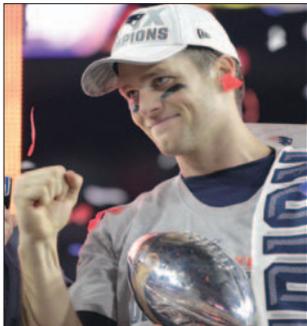
Decades ago, sitting in his family's season-ticket seats at San Francisco's Candlestick Park while growing up, Brady would wear a No. 16 jersey, just like Montana, and cheer for his favorite player's team.

Brady did a fairly good impression of Joe Cool against Seattle. He connected with Danny Amendola for a 4-yard touchdown with about 8 minutes left. That gave him 12 TD passes in Super Bowls, breaking Montana's mark. Then, with 2:02 to go, Brady hit Julian Edelman from 3 yards for Super Bowl TD No. 13 — and, more importantly, the lead.

"Tom's the best ever," Edelman said.

Sunday's victory ended a decade title drought, after losses in the big games in 2008 and 2012, both times against the New York Giants.

"Well, it's been a long journey. I've been at it for 15 years and we've had a couple of tough losses in this game," Brady said. "This one came down to the end, and this time, we made the plays."



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was named the Super Bowl MVP; his third time winning the award.



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman (11) runs during the second half of NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game against the Seahawks on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. Edelman scored the game-winning touchdown on a pass with 2:02 remaining.

## New England never lost faith despite trailing by 10 points

By HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Another big comeback for the New England Patriots. And, finally, another championship.

A superstar quarterback who attacks adversity like an overmatched cornerback erased a 10-point deficit. Then an underdog rookie from an unheralded school preserved it with an interception in the end zone with 20 seconds left.

That unlikely duo of Tom Brady and Malcolm Butler made the biggest plays in the final minutes of the season, and the Patriots dethroned the Seattle Seahawks with a 28-24 win in the Super Bowl on Sunday night, New England's first championship in a decade.

"Every team has a journey and a lot of people lost faith in us early," Brady said after winning his third Super Bowl MVP award, "but we held strong, we held together and it's a great feeling."

The doubters emerged when the Patriots fell to 2-2 with a 41-14 loss at Kansas City. Then they won their next seven games.

Fans despaired when they trailed the Baltimore Ravens in the AFC divisional game then became the first team in NFL playoff history to overcome two 14-point deficits. They won 35-31.

But no one gave up on the Patriots sideline after the Seahawks scored on four consecutive possessions to take a 24-14 lead with just under five minutes left in the third quarter.

"We never lost faith. We never stopped believing," defensive tackle Vince Wilfork said.

The 11-year veteran who clogs the middle won his first title since his rookie season in 2004. That was the Patriots' third championship in four years.

But in the next nine seasons, they lost their only two Super Bowl appearances, both to the New York Giants and both on come-from-behind touchdowns in the final minutes.

"We've been on the other end of this twice now," Brady said, "being ahead late and not being able to make the plays to win. And, this time, we made the plays to win. Just awesome."

Butler is new to all this, a lightly regarded cornerback from West Alabama who played in 11 regular-season games with no interceptions. But like the Patriots, he overcame adversity.

"I always said that I could play in this league," Butler said. "It doesn't matter where you come from. It's what you do when you get here."

He fits in. Brady was drafted in the

sixth round. Wide receiver Julian Edelman was taken in the seventh. Running back LeGarrette Blount started as an undrafted rookie.

"There's a lot of guys that have their stories on this team," Edelman said. "I guess we're just a team of misfits."

When it counted most, the fit was just fine.

Brady's 4-yard touchdown pass to Danny Amendola cut the lead to 24-21 with 7:55 left in the game. Then Brady completed all eight of his passes on the winning drive, capped by a 3-yarder to Edelman with 2:02 remaining.

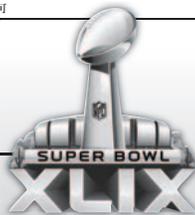
Then the Seahawks drove to a second-and-goal at the Patriots 1. But rather than hand the ball to Marshawn Lynch, who rushed for 102 yards and one touchdown, Russell Wilson threw toward Ricardo Lockette, cutting in from the right. Butler picked off the pass.

"I knew it was going to happen," Butler said. "I didn't know how I knew, but I knew."

Maybe it's because the Patriots never give up, no matter how bleak the outlook.

"As long as we have [Brady] on our team," Blount said, "we have a chance."

## SPORTS



## Super Bowl coverage inside:

- Patriots QB Brady matches Montana with third MVP, Page 31
- Seahawks coach Carroll takes blame for late goal-line pass call, Page 30
- Dominant Seattle defense falters down the stretch, Page 29

■ NFL: Manziel enters rehab, Page 25



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

Patriots safety Malcolm Butler, left, intercepts a pass intended for Seattle Seahawks receiver Ricardo Lockette during the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday.

# Finishing touch

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — The final 125 seconds included a perfect possession by Tom Brady for the go-ahead points, a juggling catch that could have been the play of

the year, and a victory-clinching, end-zone interception on a pass — not run — from the 1.

A Super Bowl that got off to a slow start wound up with a “Whoa!” finish, a lot like the New England Patriots’ entire season.

SEE TITLE ON PAGE 29

“Every team has a journey, and a lot of people lost faith in us early. But we held strong. We held together.”

Tom Brady

New England QB, on the Patriots’ up-and-down season that ended with a 28-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XLIX. Brady was named MVP of the game for a record-tying third time.



Whiteside continues strong play for Heat » NBA, Page 27

