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## Ashton Carter expected to be DOD nominee

Former deputy secretary of defense said to be Obama's pick to lead Pentagon

By CHRIS CARROLL  
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WASHINGTON — Ashton Carter, the former No. 2 civilian at the Pentagon, is the likely pick to succeed outgoing Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, media sources reported Tuesday.

The reports, which cited unspecified administration officials, said Carter had risen

to the top of a thin field of contenders for the job and would be nominated barring last-minute complications.

Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., a key member of the Armed Services Committee, told The Associated Press on Tuesday morning that the White House said Carter would be the pick. Inhofe's spokesman later recanted the comment, saying

"there was a misunderstanding."

If confirmed for the job, Carter will take over leadership of the U.S. campaign against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, oversee the transition from the NATO combat mission in Afghanistan and face the prospect of increasing security challenges from Russia and China.

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Ashton Carter, former deputy secretary of defense, is expected to be picked to lead the Department of Defense.

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# 10 MONTHS AT SEA

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Flight deck personnel prepare for operations aboard the USS Carl Vinson, in the fourth month of a scheduled 10-month deployment, on Friday in the Persian Gulf.

HENDRICK SIMOES  
*Stars and Stripes*

# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The reality is that, given our limited resources, these people are not priorities for removal. It's time we acknowledge that and encourage them to be held accountable. This is simple common sense."

— Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, defending President Barack Obama's move to shield 4 million illegal immigrants from deportation and offer them work permits

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# MILITARY

# Budget blamed for lengthy cruises

## 10-month deployment among longest since Vietnam

By HENDRICK SIMOES  
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS CARL VINSON IN THE PERSIAN GULF — The biggest challenge for the 4,900 sailors here isn't the mission of supporting airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria; it's coping with an unusually long deployment.

The San Diego-based USS Carl Vinson is in the fourth month of a 10-month deployment. Navy officials say it's the longest scheduled deployment since the Vietnam War or, at least, in anyone's experience.

"This is the longest deployment I've ever done," said Capt. Karl Thomas, the Vinson's commander. "We do it proudly, but at the same time, it's a long time to be away from home."

Navy leaders have a plan to reduce deployments to seven months in 2016, but it depends on Congress' allotment of funds for maintenance and manning. The Navy's chief of naval operations, Adm. Jonathan Greenert, said that the extended deployments were due to budget "instability" over the past few years, including cuts related to sequestration.

Since the Vinson's arrival in the Persian Gulf in mid-October, when it relieved the USS George H.W. Bush, the carrier has launched more than 500 sorties in support of Operation Inherent Resolve against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria.

"The planes are taking off every day with bombs, and they're coming back, sometimes with them and sometimes without them," Thomas said.

During his Thanksgiving visit last week with 500 servicemembers deployed to the Middle East, Greenert was pressed at various stops about the prolonged deployments.

"When will we go back to seven-



An F/A-18 Super Hornet launches from the USS Carl Vinson, underway in the Persian Gulf, to conduct a mission in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. The Vinson's crew is on a 10-month deployment.

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month deployments?" a Petty Officer 2nd Class asked at an all-hands call aboard the Vinson.

Greenert told sailors on the Vinson and other ships he visited that the Navy's Optimized Fleet Response Plan aims to reduce deployment lengths to seven months starting in 2016. "If you say, 'I'll believe it when I see it,' that's OK with me," he said. In the interim, he said, eight- to 10-month deployments will continue.



Greenert

To help sailors pass the time when they're not working, the Vinson offers entertainment and distractions, such as movie nights in the hangar bay and Bingo. A successful shipwide effort to reach 100,000 "likes" on the Vinson's Facebook page has earned the crew permission from the ship's captain to have what's known as a steel beach picnic — essentially a barbecue on the flight deck.

The Vinson's isn't the only ship

that has had to endure a lengthy deployment recently, although it's on track for the longest in recent times.

Deployments of eight months or more have become increasingly commonplace in a Navy that was accustomed to a norm of about six months. Since October, both the Bush Carrier Strike Group and the Bataan Amphibious Ready Group have returned to the U.S. after nine-month deployments.

Under the Optimized Fleet Response Plan, the Navy intends to change the maintenance, training and deployment cycle for ships from 28 months to 36 months, which will allow sailors to spend more time in their homeports.

For carrier strike groups, the plan is contingent on there being no change in the Navy's current requirement of having a carrier in the Persian Gulf, one in the Western Pacific and one in transit.

However, the biggest obstacle to implementing any of those plans could be the budget.

"If we're stuck on the previous year's budget, we can't put new initiatives in place," Greenert said.

Officials blame gridlock in Congress for lengthy deploy-

ments in the first place — mainly sequestration and a series of continuing resolutions, a short-term legislative measure that keeps the federal government funded at current spending levels. Officials said sequestration and the government shutdown last year caused delays to shipboard maintenance and training that resulted in a domino effect of late deployments.

The Navy will be caught up with maintenance on its ships in roughly a year, Greenert told sailors aboard the Vinson.

Another challenge for the Navy is filling its 6,000 manning gaps at sea. While aboard the dock landing ship USS Constock, Greenert told Stars and Stripes that the Navy has enough sailors, but not in the right place with the right skill sets. He attributed the gaps to the budgetary turmoil of recent years as well, which interrupted some education and training.

"Just having sailors isn't going to help if they can't operate the crane and well deck," he said.

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Unit cases colors

Brig. Gen. Donnie Walker Jr., left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Edward A. Bell, of the 3rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), case the unit's colors Monday at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. The unit was responsible for sustainment and retrograde operations during the final stages of Operation Enduring Freedom and preparing the transition to Operation Resolute Support, the NATO-led training mission starting in 2015.

82nd Airborne paratroopers headed for Iraq deployment

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division will soon head to Iraq to participate in Operation Inherent Resolve, the Pentagon announced Monday.

About 250 soldiers from the division's 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment — based at Fort Bragg, N.C. — will begin to deploy later this month.

Their assignment will be "to conduct security operations in support of the mission to protect U.S. personnel and facilities," Defense Department spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters.

The deployment is scheduled to last nine months.

There are about 1,550 American troops in Iraq. About 800 of those have been assigned to protect U.S. diplomatic facilities and other installations. The 250 paratroopers will relieve servicemembers stationed there, Warren said.

Defense officials declined to say specifically where in Iraq the

members of the 82nd Airborne will be going.

The U.S. has a military presence at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, the Baghdad International Airport, and joint operations centers in Baghdad and Irbil in the Kurdish north. Some special operations forces are also in Anbar province preparing for a train-and-equip effort with the Iraqi security forces.

Last month, President Barack Obama authorized an additional 1,500 troops to deploy to Iraq. The Pentagon has said that some of those troops will be training and advising the Iraqi army and Kurdish peshmerga, and the rest will provide force protection.

But those additional forces have not started to flow to Iraq because Congress has yet to fund the \$1.6 billion train-and-equip mission, Warren said.

"I don't expect any of them to move until they write the check," he told reporters. "That's not necessarily locked in stone. But as of now that's our position."

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NATO, Afghanistan launch training, advisory mission

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BRUSSELS — NATO and Afghanistan on Tuesday formally launched the new training and advisory mission that will take over from departing alliance combat troops on Jan. 1.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg announced the long-anticipated decision during a meeting of alliance foreign ministers in Brussels.

"Today, we have decided to launch the Resolute Support mission ... to train, assist and advise the Afghan National Security Forces," Stoltenberg said.

Ghani paid tribute to the NATO troops who were killed or wounded in the 13-year war in Afghanistan. More than 3,400 NATO troops have died and more than 30,000 have been wounded.

"We welcome the end of the combat mission, but more significantly, we welcome the non-combat mission," Ghani told the foreign ministers.

Ghani's openness to NATO's continued involvement in Afghanistan contrasts sharply with the attitudes of his predecessor, Hamid Karzai, who had become increasingly hostile toward the U.S. and NATO forces.

Karzai's disdain toward the West and a protracted election battle to determine his successor had raised doubts as to whether the Resolute Support mission would go forward at all.

Key was the signing of a Bilateral Security Agreement with the United States and a Status of Forces Agreement with NATO laying out the terms for a follow-on force to remain in Afghanistan next year. Karzai had refused to sign. Ghani did so immediately after his inauguration and in September with his election rival, Abdullah Abdullah, who is the chief executive in his Cabinet and accompanied him to Brussels for the NATO meeting.

Ghani said the Afghan army and police will be retrained and financed by the U.S. and its allies — were ready to assume full responsibility for national security next year.

"But despite our firm commitment, we are not yet able to do everything alone. Your continued support will therefore be key in ensuring that our collective gains will be enduring," Ghani said.

Afghan forces, which number about 350,000 have been taking heavy casualties this year at the hands of Taliban insurgents as international forces withdrew. Without the superior armaments and air power Western forces provided, Afghan forces have been hard-pressed to keep insurgents at bay, let alone defeat them.

"The flower of our youth is fighting and dying to build a new nation," Ghani said. "God willing, we will prevail."



Courtesy of NATO

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg talks to the media ahead of a meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels on Tuesday.

The alliance-led combat force in Afghanistan, which at its peak numbered nearly 140,000, has already shrunk to just 13,300 troops. For the new mission, Washington has pledged nearly 10,000 troops — mainly

**‘We welcome the end of the combat mission, but more significantly, we welcome the non-combat mission.’**

Ashraf Ghani  
Afghan president

trainers and advisers — along with a contingent of antiterrorism forces. NATO allies and partner nations are expected to contribute about 2,000 more advisers.

Taliban leaders have vowed to continue fighting until all foreign troops have left the country. In recent weeks, insurgents have conducted a series of attacks in Kabul and across the country in an apparent effort to undermine the Afghan security forces and faith in the government's ability to provide adequate security.

"The Resolute Support mission now marks a new phase in NATO's support for the Afghan security forces," Secretary of State John Kerry said. "The recent wave of Taliban attacks shows how vital it is that the international community remains firm in its support."

Although the new mission will be primarily to train and advise, U.S. officials have said the United States would also continue to provide some level of air support for Afghan troops battling the insurgents, because the Afghan air force isn't likely to become fully capable for another two years.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, NATO established an initial rapid-reaction force that will

serve to reassure allies in eastern Europe concerned about Russia's intentions and deter any threats against them.

Stoltenberg told reporters the initial rapid-reaction unit, consisting of several hundred troops from Germany, the Netherlands and Norway, is intended to be an interim solution until NATO's so-called Spearhead Force becomes operational in 2016. Current plans call for that to be a brigade-strength unit with 4,000-6,000 troops.

"But we need to be ready in the meantime," Stoltenberg said, and the interim rapid-reaction unit "will be available early next year to provide the quick-reaction capability we need, straight away."

The units are intended to provide assurances to countries like Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, all of which have a common border with Russia.

Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea peninsula earlier this year and its continuing support for pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine has undermined NATO allies once under Soviet domination and soured relations with the 28-member alliance, which has found new purpose in showing support for allies on Russia's periphery.

A statement issued after a meeting of NATO and Ukrainian officials earlier Tuesday, condemned Russia's "deliberate" destabilization of eastern Ukraine, including providing tanks and weapons, and its military buildup in Crimea.

Stoltenberg said the alliance had set up several trust funds to help Ukraine improve its military capabilities in logistics, command and control, communications and cyberdefense. Funding will also be provided for the retraining of former soldiers and rehabilitation of wounded troops.

But the alliance has stopped short of providing weapons to Ukraine's armed forces, as demanded by some U.S. politicians.

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MILITARY

# Nominee: Carter has worked in military's technical, policy sides for decades

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Carter would also dive back into a subject with which he is intimately familiar — deep defense budget cuts.

Defense officials, however, told Stars and Stripes earlier Tuesday they couldn't confirm Carter's selection, and said they did not know who President Barack Obama would tap for the job.

Others named as potential replacements for Hagel, who resigned under pressure last week as the administration struggled to deal with a range of security issues, have already taken themselves out of the running to helm the Department of Defense in Obama's final two years in office.

Former DOD policy chief Michele Flournoy and Sen. Jack Reed, a Rhode Island Democrat, both announced they would not take the job. According to a report by The Associated Press, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, the former top Pentagon lawyer, told the president he wasn't interested either.

Carter, 60, was considered a top contender for the job in 2012 after then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced his impending retirement. Instead, Obama nominated Hagel, a former senator and enlisted Vietnam War veteran, and Carter remained deputy secretary until leaving the Defense Department last December.

Carter, who holds a degree in theoretical physics from Oxford University and is widely regarded as the possessor of a powerful intellect, has been entrenched in the technical and policy sides of the U.S. military for decades. From 2009 to 2011, Carter served as the Pentagon's chief weapons buyer as undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics. He served as a member of the Defense Science Board throughout most of the 1990s, and served as well in various policy positions throughout several presidential administrations.

As deputy to Panetta and Hagel, Carter played a prominent role in the DOD's response to an expected \$1 trillion dollar downturn in

defense spending over a decade. Facing the prospect of sequestration, automatic budget cuts required by federal law, he warned in 2013 of "perverse, unsafe and wasteful consequences."

If confirmed, Carter will step into what may be a politically dicey job. Previous defense secretaries under Obama had criticized the administration for micromanagement of DOD affairs, and Hagel reportedly had the same objections.

Whoever takes the job will struggle to shape administration policies and White House-Pentagon relations, Lawrence Korb, a former assistant defense secretary, told AP.

"The clock is ticking in terms

of being able to make significant changes," said Korb, a senior fellow at the left-leaning Center for American Progress.

Mindful of the time pressures brought on by the impending end of Obama's time in office, some White House officials are pressing the president to name Hagel's replacement quickly, the AP reported. An announcement could come as early as this week, according to officials who insisted on anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss Obama's decision-making process.

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## Top DOD job would raise profile of Rhodes Scholar deemed an 'uber-wonk'

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WASHINGTON — When Ashton Carter took up duties as the Pentagon's second-ranking official three years ago he described his role as "alter ego" to his boss, then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, whose public profile had been boosted by his role in planning the raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

If Carter, a relative unknown on the national stage, is nominated as President Barack Obama's fourth Pentagon chief, he will be thrust out of his comfort zone as a behind-the-scenes confidante. If confirmed, he'd be at the center of more defense and foreign policy problems, arguably, than Panetta faced in his 20 months as defense secretary.

When Chuck Hagel abruptly resigned under White House pressure on Nov. 24 after less than two years as defense secretary, Carter's name was among the first to surface as a potential successor.

That is largely because of his association with the government and credentials and his reputation as one of the brightest minds in the national security establishment.

And because the more obvious choices to replace Hagel, including Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and former Pentagon executive Michele Flournoy, who would have been the first woman to serve as defense secretary, took themselves out of the running.

Administration officials say Carter is at the top of the short list, though no final decision has been made.

Carter has extensive experience in the national security arena. Before he served as deputy defense secretary from October 2011 to December 2013 he was the Pentagon's technology and weapons-buying chief for more than two years.

During the administration of President Bill Clinton he was assistant secretary of defense for international security policy. Before that he was director of the Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

His academic credentials are exceptional. He has bachelor's degrees in physics and medieval history from Yale University and received his doctorate in theoretical physics from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

He has served on the advisory boards of MIT's Lincoln Laboratories and the Draper Laboratory. He has extensive knowledge of the inner workings of the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Carter's academic record is such that Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, jokingly noted at Carter's farewell ceremony that he has been in "theater" circles but would be considered "not hot."

But Dempsey said Carter had



People familiar with the decision-making process say President Barack Obama has chosen Ashton Carter, the former deputy defense secretary — shown in 2013 — as his new defense secretary.

earned respect far and wide.

"It's lucky for you that you have worked without glamor or fame behind the scenes to make sure through good management and common sense and discipline that we are an organization that continues to adapt to the challenge that we find in front of us," Dempsey told Carter at his farewell. "He did it all again without fanfare. In fact, I think he's been called the most important, least known figure in Washington, or some language to that effect, and I agree with that."

In national security circles Carter is closely associated with a concept he and former Defense Secretary William Perry championed in the 1990s. They called it "preventive defense." Its basic

premise is that in the aftermath of the Cold War the U.S. could forestall major new security threats by using defense diplomacy — forging and strengthening security partnerships with China, Russia and others.

Carter's view of U.S. defense priorities appears to fit well with the Obama agenda, including better minding of defense alliances and partnerships in Asia and the Pacific, as well as more attention on cyberdefense and countering the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

In remarks in July 2013 at the Aspen Security Forum, Carter said the country was ready to move beyond the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and to look harder at

future threats, including cyberattacks. That was one month before Obama announced the start of a bombing campaign against the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

Carter's point was that the Pentagon had entered an era of transition that requires fresh thinking.

He said that effort could be stymied by across-the-board budget cuts in 2016 if Congress does not act to erase the budget-cutting law called sequestration.

"First of all, we need to get back to some issues that we've taken our eye off a little bit over the last decade," he said, adding, "We need to reinvest and get back in the game."

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MILITARY

# Proposal looks at handling of military sex assault cases

## Lawmakers again seek to remove chain of command from prosecution process

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Senators on Tuesday rekindled efforts to remove military sexual assault prosecutions from the chain of command via a last-minute addition to the defense budget.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., along with a bipartisan coalition of nine fellow lawmakers, said a separate military criminal justice track for the cases should be rolled into an annual budget agreement expected from Congress in the coming days. The move also comes as the Defense Department is poised to release new data on assaults in the ranks.

The proposal won widespread support in the Senate earlier this year, but it was narrowly defeated by a filibuster. Gillibrand said it was being reintroduced in the last days of Congress' lame-duck session because "the military is not solving a longstanding epidemic of sexual assaults and an entrenched military culture of acceptance."

"We are here to say the military has not been able to demonstrate they have made a difference, and they need to be held to that scrutiny and standard this year," Gillibrand said.

The senators planned to float an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act, which sets the military budget

but has been delayed for months. The House and Senate have been meeting to hammer out a bill to be passed before the end of the year.

Gillibrand said outgoing Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is expected to present new military-wide data on sexual assaults to President Barack Obama this week, but that numerous media reports over the past year of victims who were retaliated against and military perpetrators who received lenient punishments shows that Pentagon efforts are not working.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said an act of Congress has become necessary. "In Washington, promises of reform are often just promises until an institution is forced to reform," Grassley said. "The military approach to sexual assault seems to be a brick wall that won't crumble under the usual pressures here in town."

Military commanders, called a convening authority, now decide what charges will be brought against sexual assault suspects, how cases will be tried and who will sit on court-martial juries, said Don Christensen, former chief prosecutor for the Air Force who now advocates for military legal reforms and appeared on Capitol Hill with the senators Tuesday.

"It is a system set up for failure" because those military authori-



CARLOS BONGIOANNI/Stars and Stripes

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., speaks Tuesday during a briefing on Capitol Hill at which a bipartisan group of senators voiced their support for changing the military's prosecution of sexual assault cases.

ties often have little legal training and can be closely associated with suspects, Christensen said.

The bill would create a separate military prosecutor outside the typical chain of command to try cases of alleged sexual assault.

Senators said the military has been promising for decades to reduce assaults and change its culture but has been unable to deliver despite embarrassing media reports over the past year.

### The Pentagon report

An anonymous biennial workplace and gender relations survey, which tracks sexual harassment and sexual assault in the active-duty and reserve forces, could be released by the DOD this week.

This year's version, developed by the Rand Corp., is unusually

detailed, raising questions about continuity in reporting.

Gillibrand said in April that the change could hinder efforts by the Pentagon and advocacy groups to track progress in preventing and responding to sexual assault in the military. In particular, Gillibrand said she was concerned about possible changes to the definition of "unwanted sexual contact."

An estimated 26,000 troops had experienced some kind of unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault, according to the results of the 2012 survey. That same year, there were 3,374 sexual assaults reported in the military.

A DOD spokeswoman said in April that the Pentagon hired Rand because of prompting from Congress to have an outside organization conduct the survey, but

that the methodology would allow the Pentagon to compare previous data and "seamlessly assess the progress the department is making."

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., championed a bill that changed the way the military handles sexual assaults but does not go as far as Gillibrand's proposal. It took from commanders the ability to overturn convictions, required that victims of sexual assault have access to specially trained military lawyers and required a review by the service secretary if a commander decides not to go to trial against the recommendations of a prosecutor, among other reforms.

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# National Guard, Reserve first up in VA expansion of assault treatment

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Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs on Monday extended sexual assault counseling and treatment programs to some National Guard and Reserve veterans for the first time.

Now, those who suffered sexual trauma during weekend non-active-duty training can seek the same psychological help promised to active-duty vets, the VA said.

It is the first in a series of reforms recently passed by Congress as part of a massive VA overhaul bill aimed in part at increasing access to care amid a stubborn epidemic of sexual violence in the military.

Also, over the next two years, the changes will remove paperwork barriers to treatment for current active-duty troops and require new Capitol Hill oversight of VA efforts.

"VA simply must be an organiza-

tion that provides comprehensive care for all veterans dealing with the effects of military sexual trauma," VA Secretary Bob McDonald said in a written statement.

The department's sexual assault treatment programs had covered only active-duty troops in accordance with federal law, leaving out hundreds of thousands serving in the Guard and Reserve. Those servicemembers can now access various programs and specialists in the VA's nationwide health care system.

About one in four female veterans report being sexually assaulted or harassed while serving and about one in 100 men say they were, according to the VA. Experts say the psychological wounds can result in a wide range of ailments such as numbness, substance abuse and relationship troubles.

Despite years of promises, the military has struggled to reduce the prevalence of sex assaults.

The expanded access for vic-

tims, known as the Ruth Moore Act, marks a significant step toward helping victims. It was tucked into a massive \$16.3 billion VA overhaul law primarily aimed at fixing a scandal over long patient wait times and bureaucratic wrangling.

By next summer, the law requires the VA and the Defense Department to tear down requirements that servicemembers show some proof of assault or harass-

ment before getting treatment. Advocates compare the changes to earlier — and now abandoned — requirements that victims of post-traumatic stress disorder provide some paperwork to prove their injuries.

Troops will be able to get VA treatment for sexual assault without substantiating documents or a referral from military authorities or doctors, according to the new law.

New congressional oversight of the VA's treatment efforts will take effect in 2016.

The department will be required to submit annual reports to lawmakers on programs for male veterans versus programs for female veterans, as well as how the VA and the DOD are helping victims transition out of service.

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# Pituitary gland tie to PTSD studied

By ALAN ZAREMBO  
Los Angeles Times

Concussions from bomb blasts and post-traumatic stress disorder — the two signature wounds of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq — can be difficult to distinguish from each other. Cognitive problems, sleep trouble and irritability are common symptoms of both.

Up to 44 percent of veterans who suffered concussions involving a loss of consciousness also meet criteria for PTSD, military researchers have found.

But a new study raises the possibility that at least some of the veterans may not actually have the stress disorder but instead hormonal irregularities due to pituitary gland damage incurred during their concussions.

Researchers at the University of St. Louis analyzed brain scans from dozens of military and civilian veterans. Comparing patients with concussions to patients with both concussions and PTSD, the scientists found significant differences in the metabolic activity in their pituitary glands.

The findings were presented Monday in Chicago at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

Thomas Malone, who led the research, said higher levels of metabolic activity in patients with concussions and PTSD may be due to the gland working harder to produce hormones.

"It's analogous to having your car stuck in the snow and you keep flooring the gas pedal but you don't go anywhere," he said.

The pea-sized pituitary gland secretes nine hormones that help regulate stress response, mood and energy expenditure. It hangs from the base of the brain by a strand of neurons and blood vessels — a connection that makes it vulnerable to damage in certain kinds of trauma.

While pituitary problems have long been associated with the most serious head injuries, a growing body of evidence suggests that concussion-level forces may also be enough to damage the gland.

Most patients with concussions get better in a few days. For reasons that largely remain a mystery, up to 15 percent do not recover quickly or develop new symptoms later. The Pentagon has issued guidelines to its doctors to screen for hormone irregularities when that happens.



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## Tricky connection

**Two soldiers assigned to 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Train, Advise, Assist Command - East conduct sling load operations as a CH-47 Chinook helicopter hovers inches above their heads at Tactical Base Gariberi, in Laghman province, Afghanistan, on Monday. The soldier on the right uses a grounding rod to safely send static electricity created from the rotor blades directly to the ground while the soldier on the left connects the sling legs to the forward cargo hook on the helicopter.**

# Pilot in Middle East crash ID'd

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A U.S. Air Force pilot taking part in Operation Inherent Resolve was killed when his F-16 Fighting Falcon crashed due to maintenance problems, according to the Pentagon.

The crash occurred late Sunday on Washington time.

On Tuesday, the Defense Department identified the pilot as Capt. William Dubois, 30, of New Castle, Colo. He was assigned to the 77th Fighter Squadron, based out of Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

The Defense Department is calling it a "noncombat-related incident," but acknowledged the aircraft was on its way to Iraq or Syria to participate in ongoing operations against the Islamic State when things went wrong.

"The aircraft was returning

to its base in the Middle East" when the crash occurred, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said. "Apparently there were some maintenance problems on takeoff. It turned around and unfortunately was not able to land."

No one was injured beside the pilot, according to Warren.

First responders remain on the scene and the cause of the crash is under investigation, he said.

It was unclear Monday why the pilot was unable to eject before the aircraft crashed, Warren said. The name of the pilot will not be released until 24 hours after next of kin have been notified.

The crash did not occur in Iraq or Syria, Warren noted. He declined to identify which country the pilot and aircraft were stationed in due to host nation sensitivities.

The pilot's death constitutes the

third U.S. military fatality from Operation Inherent Resolve. On Oct. 23, Marine Lance Cpl. Sean Neal, 19, of Riverside, Calif., died in Iraq from a noncombat related injury. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Central Command, whose headquarters element deploys from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

On Oct. 1, Marine Cpl. Jordan Spears, 21, of Memphis, Ind., was lost at sea while conducting flight operations in the North Arabian Gulf. He was assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron-163, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.

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## Commander of Marine helo squadron on Okinawa relieved

The Marine Corps has relieved the commander of an attack helicopter squadron on Okinawa.

Brig. Gen. Steven R. Rudder, commanding general, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expe-

ditionary Force, relieved Lt. Col. Jay E. Moorman of command of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367, according to a Marines statement Tuesday.

Moorman was relieved due to loss of confidence in his ability to continue in command, the statement said. No other details were available.

From staff reports

# Security contractor files protest

By MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The company initially awarded a multimillion dollar U.S. Army security contract, only to see it taken away months later, is protesting the military's decision to give the job to another firm.

German security company Sicherheit Nord filed a protest with the U.S. Government Accountability Office on Nov. 12, nearly two weeks after the Army awarded a \$334 million contract to rival Pond Security, which will continue to provide guards at its installations in Germany.

Such protests are not uncommon in high-dollar contracts, which can make or break companies.

Pond, whose business guarding Army installations in Germany accounts for roughly 80 percent of its business, protested an earlier decision to award the job to Sicherheit Nord. The Army vacated that award rather than defend it in court and reopened the competition.

The process of picking a company to guard the Army's installations has dragged on for more than a year. So far that's been to Pond's benefit. Deemed by the Army to be the "only responsible source capable of fulfilling the required services," Pond got a short-term contract to stay the job as the process has played out.

Pond is also likely to remain in place during the latest protest, and there may be need for another short-term extension. The "bridge" contract under which Pond is operating runs out at the end of January, while the GAO has until late February to render a decision on Sicherheit Nord's protest.

Despite losing the contract, Sicherheit Nord continues to try to recruit personnel for the Army guard contract.

"Because of a setback, we do not yet have the Germany-wide guards contract that was initially awarded to Sicherheit Nord by the U.S. Army," a note on the company's website says. "We are optimistic we will have it soon." Sicherheit Nord did not respond to repeated calls for comment about its protest.

A spokeswoman for the 409th Contracting Support Brigade, which has overseen the contract procurement, was looking into the protest but had not responded by deadline.

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# No media embedded for current mission in Iraq

By DAN LAMOTHE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military will have more than 3,000 troops in Iraq sometime soon, part of an increase aimed at training up to 45,000 Iraqi soldiers to defend against Islamic State militants. But at least one major element of the Pentagon's involvement in Iraq is missing so far now: embedded independent journalists.

The modern media embed program in Iraq began in 2003, with 692 journalists embedding during the U.S. invasion of the country that March and the subsequent fall of Baghdad, according to a September 2004 assessment produced for the Defense Department by the Institute of Defense Analyses. The program's early goals were to dominate media coverage of the war, counter the "party" "disinformation" and to nurture U.S. and international support, the report said.

Thousands of journalists have embedded with U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan since. For civilian journalists, the assignment provides immersive learning in the dangers that Americans and civilians alike face in war zones, the complexity of military operations and the proud, complicated culture of the servicemen who carry them out. Embedding can be scary at times, but it also can lead to powerful journalism that explores how a military campaign is going and what the troops prosecuting it think and feel.

In Iraq, media embeds ended when the United States pulled virtually all of its remaining troops out in December 2011. They have not been re-established, six months after President Barack Obama sent several hundred military advisers to Iraq in June and four months after the United States began launching airstrikes

**'It's still the Iraqis' war. It's not the Americans' war.'**

Rear Adm. John Kirby  
Pentagon spokesman

against militants there. Virtually nothing has been heard from rank-and-file troops in Iraq in that time frame.

The number of U.S. troops in Iraq now is far smaller than what deployed during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and makes it impossible for the military to embed reporters, said Army Maj. Curt Kellogg, a spokesman with U.S. Central Command.

"Given these small numbers of U.S. troops, there is currently no capacity to host embeds in Iraq," he said. "As Operation Inherent Resolve progresses, we will continue to examine ways to best facilitate media coverage."

A change could be coming, though. Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Pentagon press secretary, said that after the military sets up a new headquarters commanded by Army Lt. Gen. James Terry in coming months to oversee operations in Iraq, media access could improve and accommodate short visits to interview the troops and see what is happening. It's unlikely that a full embed program will be set up, Kirby said, but it would still be an attempt to provide more disclosure.

"We recognize that this is something that we need to improve upon," Kirby said. "It truly does come down to infrastructure." He added, referring to the helicopters, vehicles and other resources that reporters use alongside the troops in the theater.

Kirby said senior Pentagon leaders have discussed "literally from when this first started" in Iraq how to get media access, but there

are several challenges to doing so, in addition to the relatively small number of troops deployed.

When the United States included media in its invasion of Iraq in 2003, it was not concerned about diplomatic sensitivities. The U.S. military is there now at the request of the Iraqi government, and officials in Baghdad would have a say in any program adopted, Kirby said.

"It's still the Iraqis' war. It's not the Americans' war," Kirby said. "We have Iraqi partners that get a voice here."

Outside of airstrikes and occasional humanitarian airdrops, the current mission also is "much more discrete" than counterinsurgency, which requires frequent patrolling and tens of thousands of troops providing security while living on small bases among local civilians, Kirby said.

Kirby rejects criticism that the Pentagon is trying to hide what is occurring in Iraq. Not only has the military conducted regular media briefings and released regular updates detailing airstrikes, it has taken journalists on Navy ships and hosted media in Tampa, home to Central Command, he said.

Another senior public affairs officer at the Pentagon, Marine Col. David Lapan, told a room of journalists at the Military Reporters and Editors conference in October in Washington that while the Pentagon chose to embed media during the Iraq War, they did not believe it would be the best bet to coordinate media coverage in all future conflicts.

# Nigeria asks US to halt training

The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — The U.S. Embassy says Nigeria has asked the United States to stop training a battalion of Nigerian soldiers, the latest sign of troubled relations between the two countries.

An embassy statement Monday says they "regret the termination of this training" to help Nigeria's army fight an Islamic uprising.

Nigeria has accused the United States of not doing enough to help

it confront the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram. The disagreement apparently revolves around a U.S. refusal to sell Nigeria helicopter gunships.

Nigerian soldiers are accused of summary executions of civilians and other abuses under a state of emergency in the country's northeast. U.S. laws prohibit the sales of certain lethal weapons to countries whose military is accused of consistent gross human rights violations.

# Air Force says nuclear reforms will continue after Hagel leaves office

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's top official says Chuck Hagel's surprise resignation as Pentagon chief won't steal momentum from his plan — announced only 18 days ago — to make top-to-bottom changes in how the nuclear Air Force is managed.

In an Associated Press interview Tuesday, Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James called herself "not concerned" about

losing political push for the ambitious Hagel agenda.

James said she has briefed President Barack Obama on the Air Force portion of the changes announced Nov. 14 by Hagel, who had ordered two in-depth reviews of the programs.

James said the administration remains committed to making big changes to ensure the future security and reliability of the nuclear force, which has suffered discipline and morale problems as well as leadership lapses.

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# Budget deal averts deeper troop benefit cuts

By Travis J. Tritten  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Congress struck a defense budget deal Tuesday that calls for moderate reductions to housing and pharmacy benefits and puts off deeper cuts proposed by the Pentagon.

Troops will see their housing allowance increases slowed, and they will see an increase in copays for Tricare prescriptions under the proposal.

But the bill keeps the 1.8 percent pay raises, instead of 1 percent as proposed, and largely fends off a

retirement of the Air Force's A-10 Thunderbolts and allows the Obama administration to continue support to Syrian rebels.

The \$585 billion budget bill — including \$63.7 billion for overseas contingency operations — had been held up in recent weeks due to House opposition to cutting the benefits and Senate insistence that trimming was needed as the Defense Department faces new spending caps next year. Lawmakers bridged the divide with smaller, short-term cuts.

"I think we all recognized we have to provide some savings, but

we didn't want to get too far in front," a senior official said during a briefing on the bill by the armed services committees in both chambers.

Basic housing allowances now cover 100 percent of rental costs for troops. The Pentagon had proposed slowing inflation increases in the coming years until it paid only 95 percent of the cost. The compromise budget unveiled Tuesday calls for reducing the allowance to 99 percent of costs.

A similar deal on prescription copays for troops covered by Tri-

care insurance would increase out-of-pocket costs by \$3 next year and put off any decisions for coming years, while the DOD and the White House proposed a plan to increase copays by \$30 over a decade, congressional staff said.

The Pentagon's top brass were on Capitol Hill earlier this year asking support for a wide variety of cuts to personnel and equipment expenses. Gridlock in Congress has led to automatic, mandatory budget cuts that will kick in next year and force the military to make tough spending decisions.

The A-10 was on the chopping

block as well. Lawmakers are baring any full retirement but proposed giving Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel authority to reduce aircraft flying hours to save on maintenance costs if desired.

Also, in a nod to the Obama administration, the House and Senate are proposing as part of the bill to continue allowing the administration to train and equip moderate Syrian rebels over the next two years as part of the war against the Islamic State group.

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# Experts: Pentagon strategy and budget inadequate

By Jon Harper  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon's defense strategy and funding levels are both inadequate, outside experts told lawmakers Tuesday.

The Defense Department strategy outlined in the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review was based on the assumption that the U.S. military would have to carry out its missions with fewer resources and forces in the years ahead.

But members of the independent, nonpartisan National Defense Panel — tasked by Congress and the Defense Department to conduct their own analysis — noted that the QDR was released in early March in a different strategic environment than the one the Pentagon is facing today.

"Russia had (subsequently) invaded and annexed Crimea and destabilized eastern Ukraine. ... The Iraqi army had collapsed, and we faced the beginnings of a terrorist state in Syria and Iraq. So all of these things we weighed on our deliberations," Eric Edelman, the former undersecretary of defense for policy and a member of the NDP, told members of the House

**"We absolutely need to keep faith with those who serve, given their service and their sacrifice."**

Michele Flournoy  
National Defense Panel

Armed Services Committee.

Edelman criticized the QDR's assumption that the U.S. military will need the capability to defeat only one major enemy at a time.

"We could easily find ourselves ... involved in a major conflict but then have multiple different conflicts to either deter or have to engage military force within overlapping both geographic and temporal frames," he said.

Michele Flournoy, a former undersecretary of defense for policy and also a member of the NDP, told lawmakers that the Pentagon needed to set a "higher bar" when it comes to assessing force structure requirements.

Even absent these new challenges, the panelists told lawmakers, the DOD isn't being given enough money to carry out the strategy laid out in the QDR, especially if sequestration returns as scheduled.

— released its report at the end of July after reaching unanimous consensus about its conclusions.

Edelman said budget levels should return to what former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates called for in 2011 before sequestration was imposed so the DOD can have "a strategy-driven budget rather than a budget-driven strategy."

Flournoy — who was considered the front-runner to succeed Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel until she took herself out of the running last week — called sequestration "a threat to national security" and warned that budget-related readiness problems could lead to "greater casualties" for American troops if another conflict were to break out.

She called on Congress to make controversial moves, including military compensation reform and another round of Base Realignment and Closure, to free up money to invest in readiness and modernization.

"We absolutely need to keep faith with those who serve, given their service and their sacrifice," she said. "But ... we need to really examine what do we mean by keeping faith. ... Keeping faith also includes ensuring that when people go into harm's way, they have the training they need ... (and) they have the equipment they need. ... It's not just about compensation."

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# US diplomat returns to Bahrain

The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — A senior U.S. diplomat who was ordered to leave Bahrain after meeting with a leading Shiite opposition group was to return to the Gulf Arab country Tuesday, five months after his expulsion.

The State Department said in a statement that Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Tom Malinowski will be arriving in Bahrain on Tuesday and staying until Thursday. Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs Anne Patterson was also to be in Bahrain during that time.

The two are expected to meet with government officials, members of the opposition and civil society in the tiny Gulf nation, which is home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.

low-level sectarian unrest since 2011, when protests by the Shiite majority erupted to demand greater political say in the Sunnited monarchy.

Malinowski was asked to leave Bahrain during the second day of his visit in July. The expulsion came after he met with leading opposition members of the al-Wefaq group without a Bahraini government official present.

Malinowski wrote on Twitter after his expulsion that the move appeared aimed at undermining reconciliation efforts between the government and the opposition.



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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Lebanon detains wife and suspected son of Islamic State leader

By **BASSEM MROUE**  
The Associated Press

**BEIRUT** — Lebanese authorities detained a wife and suspected son of the leader of the Islamic State group several days ago, and she is being questioned, two senior Lebanese officials said Tuesday.

A military official said the woman and child were detained about 10 days ago while carrying fake identification cards.

Both officials refused to give further details about the woman who is believed to be one of the wives of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the group's reclusive leader. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

The military official said the woman is a Syrian citizen and is being questioned by authorities. The announcement of the arrest comes amid attempts to reach a prisoner-exchange deal between

Lebanese authorities and the Islamic State group and the Nusra Front, al-Qaida's Syrian branch, who have been holding more than 20 Lebanese soldiers and policemen hostage since August. They have demanded the release of Islamist prisoners being held by Lebanese authorities.

On Monday night, the Nusra Front threatened to kill one of the soldiers it is holding captive.

The wife's arrest could be used as a bargaining chip for Lebanese authorities in their attempts to win the freedom of the troops.

A judicial official said the interrogation is being supervised by Lebanon's military prosecutor, Saqr Saqr. He added that a DNA test is underway to confirm that the child is the son of the detained woman.

The Lebanese daily *Al-Safir* was the first to break the news, saying they were detained near a border crossing point with Syria.



Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

It added that the arrest was made in "coordination with foreign intelligence agencies."

Very little is known about al-Baghdadi's personal life, including how many wives and children he has. Conservative interpretations of Islam allow for a man to marry up to four wives.

Al-Baghdadi's first wife is believed to be Iraqi citizen Saja al-Dulaimi, who was reportedly held by Syrian authorities and freed in a prisoner exchange with the Nusra Front earlier this year.

In March, the Nusra Front freed more than a dozen Greek Orthodox nuns, ending their four-month captivity in exchange for Syrian authorities releasing dozens of female prisoners.

# US aware Iranian planes targeting militants in Iraq

Stars and Stripes

The U.S. is aware Iran is bombing Islamic State targets in Iraq, according to a report on The Huffington Post.

The news website reported a defense official as saying he believes the Iranian bombing is unlikely to end as long as the Shiite-dominated nation feels threatened by the Sunni extremist group and that the bombing will not require a U.S. response unless Iran presents a threat to U.S. forces.

"We are aware of that. I wouldn't say we're necessarily concerned with it — we kind of have our eyes on it," the official is quoted as saying.

The Huffington Post said the official noted that the flights have been taking place near the Iranian border, in a different part of Iraq than most U.S. and coalition activity.

While previous reports have said Iran has provided weapons and equipment to the Iraqi government, the official's comments represent the first confirmation that Iran's own air force is involved in the fight in Iraq against the Islamic State group.

The defense official's comments offered evidence for recent claims about an Iranian jet in

Iraqi skies made by IHS Jane's Defence Weekly, a British defense analysis firm, and by Haaretz, a leading Israeli newspaper. The plane, both outlets said, was spotted in Al-Jazeera video footage from late November. They said it was assisting the Iraqi military in its biggest campaign against the Islamic State group since the summer.

Neither outlet could verify whether the jet was Iranian. Both noted that only Iran and Turkey — a member of the U.S.-led coalition that has yet to militarily target the Islamic State group — fly the kind of jet seen in the video.

The sheer extent of U.S. involvement in Iraq makes undetected Iranian air activity there unlikely, the defense official said.

"We are there pretty heavily in the air if you include [intelligence collection]," the official said. "So just looking at those facts, we have a pretty good picture of what's happening in Iraqi airspace. We wouldn't be operating in Iraq without having a clear picture."

The White House declined to comment on the defense official's statement or the previous reports, according to The Huffington Post. The State Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

# Iraq reaches oil deal with Kurds

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — Iraq has reached a deal with the Kurdish government to exchange oil from the autonomous northern region for a nearly 20 percent share of the national budget, resolving a monthslong impasse that had undermined national unity in the face of the Islamic State's onslaught.

The agreement stipulates that the semi-autonomous Kurdish government will cede 550,000 barrels of oil per day to the Iraqi min-

istry, more than half of which will come from the disputed Kirkuk oil fields, according to Iraqi Finance Minister Hoshiyar Zebari. In exchange, the Kurds will receive the 17 percent share of the national budget allocated to their region, plus installments of as much as \$1 billion to boost the capabilities of Kurdish peshmerga fighters battling the militant group.

"This deal is a win-win deal for both sides," Zebari, a Kurd, told The Associated Press. "The [Kurdish government] needed

more stability in its relations with Baghdad and the Iraqi government is going through very serious financial difficulties because of the drop in oil prices."

Iraqi Oil Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi said in a televised statement that joint committees will be formed to follow up with the implementation of the agreement and address any lingering issues "in order to establish fruitful relations based on the constitution and the principles of partnership and fairness."

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Police in riot gear stand around an armored vehicle as smoke fills the streets on Nov. 25 in Ferguson, Mo., amid protests and rioting over a grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown.

# Obama seeks to ensure no 'militarized' police culture

By NEDRA PICKLER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama asked federal agencies on Monday for concrete recommendations to ensure the U.S. isn't building a "militarized culture" within police departments as he promoted the use of body cameras by police in the wake of the shooting of an unarmed black teen in Ferguson, Mo.

With protests ongoing in Ferguson and across the country, Obama spoke to reporters at the end of a White House meeting with police, civil rights activists and local leaders and acknowledged the participants told him that there have been task forces in the past and "nothing happens."

"Part of the reason this time will be different is because the president of the United States is deeply invested in making sure that this time is different," Obama said.

Obama said he was upset to hear the young people in the meeting describe their experiences with police.

"It violates my belief in what America can be to hear young people feeling marginalized and distrustful even after they've done everything right."

At least for now, Obama is staying away from Ferguson in the wake of the uproar over a grand jury's decision last week not to charge the police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown, 18. Violent protests and looting erupted after the decision, resulting in at least a dozen commercial buildings being destroyed, despite Obama's pleas for calm.

In tandem with the meeting, the White House announced it wants more police to wear cameras that capture their interactions with civilians. The cameras are part of a \$263 million spending package to help police departments improve their community relations. Of the total, \$74 million would be used to

help pay for 50,000 of the small, lapel-mounted cameras to record police on the job, with state and local governments paying half the cost.

Attorney General Eric Holder traveled to Atlanta on Monday to meet with law enforcement and community leaders for the first in a series of regional meetings around the country. Obama asked Holder to set up the meetings in the wake of clashes between protesters and police in Ferguson.

Speaking at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta — the church where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached — Holder said he will soon unveil long-planned Justice Department guidance aimed at ending racial profiling by federal law enforcement.

"This will institute rigorous new standards — and robust safeguards — to help end racial profiling once and for all," Holder said.

Republicans and some Democrats in Congress who don't want terrorism suspects housed in U.S. facilities and have warned of suspects returning to the fight when they are transferred back to their home countries.

Currently, the prison holds 142 men, including 73 already cleared for release.

Last month, the Pentagon said it sent a Saudi Arabian citizen who has spent the past 12 years detained at Guantanamo to his homeland. The transfer of Muhammad al-Zahrani was based on the conclusion of a U.S. government board that has been re-evaluating the need to continue holding some of the men as prisoners.

# DHS chief faces critics of immigration actions

By ERICA WERNER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson is defending President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration even as Republican lawmakers work to find the best way to stop them.

Johnson appeared before the House Homeland Security Committee on Tuesday in the first public showdown between the administration and Republican lawmakers since Obama announced plans two weeks ago to shield some 4 million immigrants in the U.S. illegally from deportation and offer them work permits.

"The reality is that, given our limited resources, these people are not priorities for removal," Johnson said in prepared testimony. "It's time we acknowledge that and encourage them to be held accountable. This is simple common sense."

His testimony came as Republican lawmakers returned to Congress from a weeklong Thanksgiving holiday break still divided on how to stop Obama.

Obama's plan enraged Republicans on the heels of the November elections in which they retook control of the Senate and increased their majority in the House of Representatives.

Conservatives have been agitating to use any government funding bill to block Obama's moves, but Republican Party leaders fear that could result in a veto by Obama and a subsequent government shutdown, a scenario they are determined to avoid.

Instead some lawmakers are pushing a different approach: a full-year spending bill for most government agencies, combined with a shorter-term measure for departments that deal with immigration.

## Obama highlights Ebola vaccine advances at NIH

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is highlighting advances in research for an Ebola vaccine and pushing Congress to approve his request for \$6.2 billion to confront the disease abroad and secure against its spread in the United States.

Obama was to visit the National Institutes of Health in Washington's Maryland suburbs Tuesday. He planned to congratulate NIH Director Francis Collins and the



EVAN VUCCA/AP

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson testifies before Congress on Tuesday on the impact of President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration.

But conservatives want more, and circulated bill language Monday stipulating that no money or fees "may be used by any agency to implement, administer, enforce or carry out any of the policy changes" announced by Obama. They hope to include it in any upcoming must-pass spending bill, forcing a confrontation with Senate Democrats and potentially with Obama.

"The president's decision to bypass Congress and grant amnesty to millions of unlawful immigrants is unconstitutional and a threat to our democracy," Homeland Security Committee Chairman Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, said in a statement. "I will use every tool at my disposal to stop the president's unconstitutional actions from being implemented, starting with this oversight hearing."

Obama also expanded an existing program that grants work permits and deportation deferrals to immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children, and reoriented law enforcement priorities to focus on deporting new arrivals and people with criminal records.

director of NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Anthony Fauci, for their work on a vaccine.

A study published by U.S. researchers last week concluded an experimental Ebola vaccine appears safe and triggered signs of immune protection in volunteers who tested it.

Obama's request for money to confront Ebola is pending before Congress. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said lawmakers should "take prompt action on this."

From The Associated Press

# Closing of Guantanamo dealt major setback

By DONNA CASSATA  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's campaign to close the federal prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, suffered a major setback as lawmakers finalizing the annual defense policy bill rejected steps toward shuttering the facility.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, told reporters on Monday that the final bill omits a provision giving the president the authority to transfer terrorism suspects to the United States if Congress signs off on a comprehensive plan to close the prison.

Levin had pushed for the authority and hailed it in May as creating "a path to close Guantanamo." With lawmakers rushing to complete the defense bill in this month's lame-duck session, Levin said proponents were unable to prevail.

"Our language ... (on Guantanamo) ... will not be in," Levin said.

The House and Senate are expected to vote and overwhelmingly approve the sweeping policy bill in the coming days, sending it to Obama.

The president has pushed to close the post-9/11 prison since his inauguration in January 2009. He has faced strong resistance from

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NATION

# Show of hands

Ferguson protest gesture becomes symbol of movement

By JIM SALTER and JIM SUHR  
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Five St. Louis Rams players entered the football field with their hands raised. A day later, Americans walked out of work or school showing the same gesture of solidarity with Ferguson protesters after a grand jury decided not to indict the white officer who shot and killed Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old.

The pose has come to symbolize a movement, even though witnesses offered conflicting accounts of whether Brown had his hands up in surrender when he was killed by Darren Wilson.

Protests turned violent last week in St. Louis area after a grand jury decided not to indict Wilson for shooting Brown during an August confrontation that had inflamed racial tensions across America.

The power of the symbol was evident again Monday. Protesters across the U.S. walked off the job or away from class in support of the Ferguson protesters. Walkouts took place in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and elsewhere.

At the University of Missouri-St. Louis, not far from Ferguson, about 30 students chanted "Hands up. Don't shoot!"

Amber Whitaker, who is white, was among the student protesters. She said the symbolism is what matters, not whether Brown literally had his hands in the air.

"There are black men and women who are shot with their hands up," Whitaker said. "There are black men and women who are shot unarmed. It may not apply exactly to Mike Brown, but it still happens."

The exact circumstances surrounding Brown's death will forever be in dispute.

Wilson told the grand jury that he shot Brown in self-defense. But several witnesses said Brown had his hands up in surrender. "Hands Up. Don't Shoot!" has become a rallying cry for protesters.

Witness accounts contained in thousands of pages of grand jury documents reviewed by The Associated Press showed many variations about whether Brown's hands were actually raised — and if so, how high.

The Ferguson Commission appointed by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon met Monday for the first time. The 16-person panel will study the underlying social and economic conditions — from failing schools to high unemployment — that have gained attention since Brown's death.



SAM GANGWER, THE ORANGE COUNTY (CALIF.) REGISTER/AP

Eddie Armas loads sandbags into his truck Monday to build a mudslide barrier ahead of expected rain on Tuesday in Silverado Canyon, Calif.

# Calif. dreaming rain will put a dent in state's drought

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A Pacific storm moved into drought-dry California on Tuesday, bringing hopes for much-needed moisture but fears of mudflows on wildfire-scarred hillsides.

Light rain began falling before sunrise, but the heaviest downpours were expected later.

Storm watches were posted for a large swath of the Sierra Nevada, where a huge amount of the state's water supply is normally stored as snowpack. Significant accumulations were predicted but not enough to be a drought buster.

Any delight over the prospect of beneficial precipitation was tempered by concerns about the threat of debris flows from the array of California where wildfires have burned away vegetation that would keep soil stable.

A weak storm Sunday was enough to block Pacific Coast Highway west of Malibu with a flow of mud from a section of the steep Santa Monica Mountains denuded by a 44-square-mile fire last year.

The muck was cleared but debris basins that overflowed were still full and will keep the highway from reopening anytime soon.

Residents prepared for Tuesday's storm by placing sandbags to protect properties in foothill cities northeast of Los Angeles, where some communities below steep mountains have long lived with concrete barriers lining streets in hopes of keeping debris flows out of homes.

Glendora resident Cory Hansen piled sandbags around his home.

"Hundreds, hundreds of them," he told KABC-TV. "We don't know what's going to happen in the next

few days."

Back-to-back storms are helping some cities in northwest California reach normal rainfall amounts for the year or even better, but the reservoirs and Sierra snowpack that provide much of the state's water remain far short of what they should be after three years of intense drought.

The state Department of Water Resources reported the Sierra snowpack was at 24 percent of normal for this time of year.

Rain so far, at this early point in California's wet season, has yet to make much of an impact on the state's main reservoirs. Lake Shasta and Lake Oroville have less than 50 percent of their usual water levels for the start of December, while Folsom Lake stands at 59 percent, National Weather Service forecaster Eric Kurth said.

# Man kills 4, himself in W. Va. shootings

By MATT STROUD  
The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Police say towing business owner Jody Lee Hunt fatally shot four people — one who owned a competing company and another who filed a domestic violence case against him — and then himself Monday, but officials have yet to piece together clues as to why he went on the spree.

During an hours-long manhunt Monday, police released few details.

They warned residents to look out for his black 2011 Ford F-150, and that night his body was found in that truck in the woods.

Hunt, 39, was wanted in three separate shootings — two in the Westover area, outside Morgantown, and another in the Cheat Lake area in Monongalia County, state police said.

His business — J&J Towing and Repair LLC of Westover, according to state documents

— was in the Morgantown area, though there was little activity outside it Monday.

The door was padlocked.



Hunt

Medical officials will work to confirm the body's identity, and on Tuesday, investigators at each of the three crime scenes planned to "sit down and piece all those puzzle pieces together and find out how this all happened," state police spokesman Lt. Michael Baylous said.

Police identified the victims as Sharon Kay Berkshire, 39, of Westover; Michael David Frum, 28, of Madsiville; Jody Taylor, a man who lived in Monongalia County; and Doug Brady, owner of a towing company located less than a quarter mile from Hunt's company.

Berkshire filed a domestic violence case against Hunt last month, according to Monongalia County Circuit Court records. Court records indicated there were no protective orders currently in place for Berkshire.

Frum's aunt, Ellen Shafer, of the Cheat Lake area, said she knew few details about her nephew's death.

She said Frum worked on detailing cars in Westover and did some construction work and other odd jobs.

"We were just saddened, and we're living with the realization of his death and coping the best we can," Shafer said.

# Mayor planning to spend \$130M to overhaul New York City jail system

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City's mayor wants to spend \$130 million over four years to overhaul how the most populous U.S. city deals with mentally ill and drug-addicted suspects, diverting many to treatment instead of the city's troubled Rikers Island jail complex.

Mayor Bill de Blasio's plans, to be announced Tuesday, are based on the recommendations of a task force he appointed following a series of reports by The Associated

Press detailing problems at Rikers, including the deaths of two inmates suffering from serious mental illness.

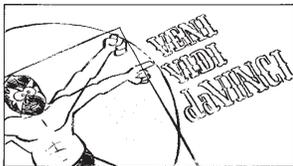
The reforms are aimed largely at inmates with mental health or substance abuse problems who repeatedly end up in jail on minor offenses because there is nowhere else for them to go.

The changes, which do not require city council approval, include offering stepped-up training for police to identify such suspects, using drop-off treatment

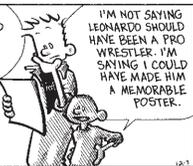
centers for low-level offenders and allowing more leeway for judges to order supervised release and treatment instead of jail.

De Blasio has for months pledged to reform the jails, which he has dubbed "de facto mental health facilities." While the overall jail population has dropped in recent years, the ratio of those with a mental health diagnosis has soared to 40 percent of the roughly 11,000 daily inmates, up from 24 percent in 2007.

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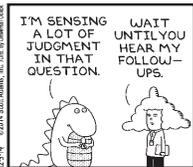
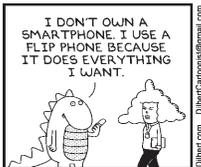


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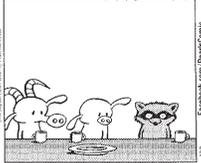
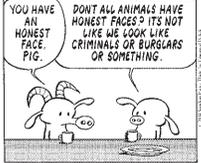
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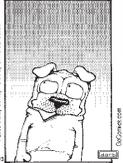
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 19 Evening affair
- 21 Sprite
- 22 Detail, for short
- 23 Commotion
- 26 Vessel for three men
- 28 Weapons of mouse destruction
- 31 Cleveland team, briefly
- 33 Meadow
- 35 Largest of the seven
- 36 Iota preceder
- 38 Blackjack component
- 40 Potent stick
- 41 Uses oars
- 43 Plant bristle
- 45 Record holder
- 47 Rids of frost
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- 52 Outbid, at bridge
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- 1 Bloodhound's clue
- 2 Bounty rival
- 3 Paradise
- 4 Vikings' tongue
- 5 Wall-to-wall people, e.g.
- 6 "Fee fie fo —!"
- 7 Frock
- 8 Mediterranean resort area
- 9 Cloudy
- 10 Logical
- 11 Initial stake
- 16 Filly's brother
- 20 Make up your mind
- 23 Do something
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- 27 Arthur or Lillie
- 29 Wrestling victory
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- 32 They tend furnaces
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## WORLD

# Bureaucracy, politics hobble UN's mission

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The Ebola epidemic and the war in Syria have cast a spotlight on the inadequacies of the United Nations as it tries to operate in a globalized world with a power structure that hasn't changed since 1945.

To many who know the U.N. well, the organization has grown bloated with age, is underfunded and shows few signs of righting itself. That was evident when an internal report by the U.N. health agency revealed that cronyism and incompetence in its leadership may have contributed to the spread of Ebola.

Since the U.N. was born after World War II, it has grown from 51 members to 193. As it approaches its 70th anniversary next year, it is hobbled by bureaucracy, politics and an inability among its five most powerful members to agree on many things — including how to bring peace to Syria.

"If you can imagine any big multinational corporation keeping its structures the same as in 1945, it would have been de-

stroyed by now in the marketplace," said Patricia Lewis, a nuclear physicist who led the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

The paralysis shows in the debate over what the U.N. itself should be. Most nations agree that the 15-member Security Council — the U.N.'s most powerful body — must adapt to address threats to international security. Yet all reform proposals are repeatedly rejected.

"Those who wield the power don't want to lose the power and they don't want to share it," Lewis said.

The five permanent members of the council who can cast vetoes — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France — ultimately call the shots. One result is that Russia, a close ally of Syria, has blocked all Western resolutions that would pressure President Bashar Assad to end the conflict there.

Certainly the U.N. has had some success in its primary mission to stop "the scourge of war." A record 130,000 U.N. peacekeepers are deployed in 16 hot spots, and it has responded to an unprecedented four simultaneous, top-level humanitarian crises:

Iraq, Syria, Central African Republic and South Sudan.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric argues that the U.N. has adapted since its founding. He said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has worked with member states "to make the system more flexible and even more responsive" to needs in many areas, including collective security, international transport, health and human rights.

But inefficiency, inaction and sometimes paralysis extend through a sprawling system that includes 15 autonomous agencies such as the World Health Organization; 11 other funds such as UNICEF; and numerous other bodies.

The secretary-general is the chief administrative officer, elected by the General Assembly with approval from the Security Council. The result: Secretary-generals may have an oversized role on the world's stage, but they have little independent power and 193 bosses.

The members often fall short in funding the U.N. and owed about \$3.5 billion in early November for regular operations and peacekeeping. Countries slashed the

budget of WHO, the agency addressing the Ebola crisis, by nearly \$600 million in 2011, and the U.S., its biggest contributor, has dropped its donation by at least 25 percent since then.

The WHO's botched initial response to Ebola was blamed on a shortage of funds, overstretched staff and a dysfunctional organizational structure. A draft internal document obtained by The Associated Press in October describes how WHO country offices in Africa are led by "politically motivated appointments."

Meanwhile, U.N. peacekeeping forces have been criticized for failing to protect civilians against attacks. Peacekeeping chief Herve Ladsous recently said his department is under the most severe strain since the U.N. was founded, pointing to the deaths of over 100 peacekeepers this year.

The U.N. is regularly criticized for being an organization of words, not action.

"I get to live a daily talkathon up in New York," U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power recently said. But if the U.N. didn't exist "you would definitely build it because you want a venue to come together."

## Japan's election seen as verdict on 'Abenomics'

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Hundreds of candidates fanned out across Japan on Tuesday, the first official day of campaigning for a national election that could give Prime Minister Shinzo Abe a mandate for four more years.

Abe launched his party's campaign Tuesday in Soma, a town close to the tsunami-struck Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. He pledged to make progress in recovering from the March 2011 tsunami and in restoring the economy.

"I promise you that we will once again see this region and all of Japan become the center of the world and shine," he said, wearing a puffy white overcoat on a blustery, sunny day. "Please give us the strength."

The leader of the largest opposition party, Banri Kaieda, of the Democratic Party of Japan, asked if people were better off two years after Abe took office in December 2012.

"This election was launched to hide the failure of Abenomics," he said in Iwaki, another town

near the Fukushima plant. "It has been two years now since Abe put forth his economic policy. In these two years, has it really helped the people's lives? This is the question that needs to be reflected upon when voting."

Abe dissolved the lower house of parliament on Nov. 20, forcing a snap poll on Dec. 14.

The lower house, formally known as the House of Representatives, is the more powerful of the parliament's two branches. It has the final say in picking a prime minister and most legislation. The lower house had 480 members, but is being reduced to 475 in the upcoming election.

Following a series of campaign finance scandals in his Cabinet, Abe is trying to stem a slide in his support while his government remains relatively popular and the opposition is in disarray. If his party wins, he won't have to call an election for four years. That could pave the way for him to pursue his goals: reforming the economy, expanding the military's role, restarting nuclear power plants and laying the groundwork for revising the constitution.



ANUPAM NATH/AP

## Hornbill hoopla

Manipur boys demonstrate a traditional martial art during the Hornbill festival at the Kisama village in Nagaland, India, on Tuesday. The 10-day festival named after the Hornbill bird is one of the biggest festivals of India's northeast and showcases the tradition and cultural heritage of the indigenous Nagas.

## Fears rise for more than 50 missing from S. Korean fishing ship

By KIM TONG-HYUNG  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — More than 50 crew members from a South Korean fishing ship that sank in the western Bering Sea were feared dead Tuesday as furious relatives blamed the ship's owner and its captain for not doing enough to save their family members from the frigid waters a day earlier.

Russian coast guard helicopters and at least five fishing ships were scouring the area in search of the missing, with authorities finding at least one empty lifeboat Tuesday. Officials from the ship's South Korean parent company said they were hanging onto a "glimmer of hope," but with continued rough seas and bad weather, there were dwindling expectations that the fishermen would be found.

At a gathering at the com-

pany's headquarters, relatives of the missing fishermen wondered whether the captain was too late in taking emergency measures after the ship started sinking amid high waves Monday. Some blamed Sajo Industries, the canned tuna company that owns the ship, for not ordering him to evacuate the vessel earlier, according to Kim Kang-ho, a company official.

"Stop blaming the captain! The

company should have ordered an evacuation in such a crisis," a person believed to be a relative was seen in TV footage shouting at a company official.

The emotional scenes of grief and anger hit a nerve in a country less than eight months removed from its deadliest maritime disaster in decades. The sinking of the Sewol ferry off South Korea's southwestern coast in April left more than 300 passengers dead,

mostly teenagers on a school trip, causing nationwide grief and fury.

In the latest disaster, authorities rescued seven crew members and recovered one body after the ship sank, but bad weather and rough water conditions complicated the search for the others, an official from the South Korean fisheries and oceans ministry said on condition of anonymity because of office rules.

# WIRED WORLD



PHOTOS BY STEWART F. HOUSE, DALLAS MORNING NEWS/TNTN

Dennis Rand, center, and his wife, Joyce, get a problem solved by Kawa Yahia, a technology specialist at Park Place Lexus, on Nov. 9 in Plano, Texas. Some dealerships, like Park Place Lexus, have set up full-time help desks to assist owners with complex new car features.

# Drivers' education

## More auto dealers providing help with high-tech gadgets

By **TERRY BOX**

*The Dallas Morning News*

DALLAS — Donna Higley often talks to her new high-tech Lexus.

"I'll be in a parking lot and it will warn me of something ahead and I'll say, 'Yes, yes, I know,'" said Higley, 74.

She didn't do that with previous cars.

Like lots of new vehicles, Higley's 2014 Lexus ES 350 is loaded with devices that can be paired with smartphones to do everything from providing directions to a restaurant to rolling up the car's windows from miles away.

Those features, however, have gotten so complex that some dealerships — the Dallas area's Park Place Lexus among them — have set up full-time help desks to help baffled owners figure them out.

"There's nothing worse than paying a bunch of money for a new car that has all these features you can't use," said Jordan Case, president of Park Place.

About 18 months ago, Lexus — working with Park Place — began

forming the dealership help desks, staffed by full-time technology specialists.

Lexus now requires all of its dealers to set up help desks, typically in high-visibility areas near customer lounges.

"We stay moving all day long, assisting people with their cars," said Chelsea Fluegel, 26, one of four technology specialists at one of Park Place Lexus' Dallas-area locations. "On days when you have a little down time, you do research on all the new technology."

The top requests for help generally involve pairing smartphones with a car's systems and dealing with voice commands, she said.

Occasionally, tech specialists even get dispatched to a Lexus owner's house to help program a garage-door opener.

Other dealerships schedule regular Saturday tech classes or assign tech-savvy people on the staff to explain Bluetooth, navigation, active cruise control, lane-departure and other systems when new vehicles are delivered to buyers.

But many customers may need regular assistance as they at-

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**Chelsea Fluegel**

technology specialist at Park Place Lexus



tempt to deploy those systems, dealers said.

"We try to assess people's abilities when we deliver new vehicles," said Brian Huth, general manager of Five Star Ford in Plano. "If they are middle-aged and have a 13-year-old son or daughter, they're fine. The 13-year-old will pick it up immediately. Anybody in their 20s we give some basic information and they're fine."

Just about everyone else will need additional coaching — some on a weekly basis.

That could ultimately push some aggravated customers to defect to a different brand.

Nonetheless, automakers will continue including new systems as technology spawns them. Many Lexuses, for instance, have valet features that will display on a smartphone when the owner's car is started and how far it was driven.

As consumers get more accustomed to high-tech features, many will base purchase decisions on what various vehicles have to offer.

"I think technology is rapidly approaching styling and performance as major considerations in the purchase decision," Case said.

Now that Higley has mastered much of the technology in her Lexus, she says she is "thrilled" with her car.

"I've gone into the dealership to ask a question and had to wait because they were dealing with so many other questions," she said. "I think (help desks) are just critical for cars today."

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP



GREGG MONTE, COURTESY OF NBC CONNECTICUT NEWS/AP

## Breaking in the new busway

A single-engine plane lands on a new bus-only roadway in West Hartford, Conn., about 3:15 p.m. Saturday. Danny Hall, 48, a roofing company owner from Torrington, Conn., walked away from the crash landing on the CTFastrak busway, which is scheduled to open in March, with only soreness in his back. WFSB-TV reported that the pilot was trying to land at Hartford-Brainard Airport when the aircraft apparently lost engine power. In 2008, Hall landed his plane in a river after the engine failed.

### Coast Guard rescues 5 after boat sinks

**OR** NEWPORT — U.S. Coast Guard crews rescued five people whose fishing boat sank Saturday in the chilly Pacific waters off the Oregon coast.

The Coast Guard said it received a mayday call about 4:20 a.m. from the crew of the 75-foot Blazer saying they were taking on water 8 miles west of Siletz Bay.

The boat crew called 10 minutes later to report that they were putting on cold water immersion suits and deploying a life raft.

A Coast Guard helicopter crew spotted the Blazer and the raft in the predawn darkness shortly after 5 a.m.

Three crew members were pulled to safety by a hovering helicopter, while the other two were rescued by a Coast Guard boat. Three people were treated for minor injuries.

### Museum seeks names for ancient rhino art

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — What do you call a 3,000-year-old rhino? No, it's not a joke; it's a contest. The Asian Art Museum in San Francisco is inviting the public to submit nicknames for an ancient Chinese bronze vessel in the shape of a rhinoceros.

The 12-inch-high ritual vessel may once have held wine or food. The museum says it's a masterpiece and should get the term of endearment it deserves.

People can submit one-word nicknames for the rhino by Jan. 1. Entry forms are on the museum's website.

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identified as Ryan Quinn, 19, of Newport, R.I. Quinn was charged with reckless driving and two counts of possession of a controlled drug. He's due to appear in Franklin District Court in January.

The speed in miles per hour that a man was driving on Interstate 93 in Northfield, N.H. New Hampshire State Police said an airborne patrol unit twice clocked the vehicle traveling in excess of 100 mph. The driver, stopped by Troopers on the ground, was identified as Ryan Quinn, 19, of Newport, R.I. Quinn was charged with reckless driving and two counts of possession of a controlled drug. He's due to appear in Franklin District Court in January.



### Restitution sought for putting out debris fire

**MI** MILFORD TOWNSHIP — Fire officials in Milford Township plan to seek restitution for costs associated with a landscaping fire that took several days to put out.

WHMI-FM reported Saturday that authorities believed they may know who started the blaze and want them to pay up.

The debris fire in Milford Township was the size of a football field and burned Nov. 11-14. Crews from six area departments and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources battled the blaze. Seventeen tanker trucks, pumpers and other vehicles were used.

### New frog species found; makes unusual sounds

**NJ** CHERRY HILL — Scientists have discovered a new frog species in southern New Jersey that makes some unfroglike sounds.

The Atlantic Coast leopard frog groans and makes coughlike sounds rather than croaking sounds. The unfamiliar call attracted the notice of wildlife experts several years ago in Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

in Morris County.

They photographed the frog and concluded it wasn't the northern leopard frog or southern leopard frog.

The Courier-Post of Cherry Hill reported that a Rutgers University-led team recently identified the species in an online scientific journal. Experts say it shows that the state's marshes and swamps are valuable to wildlife, even in urban or suburban areas.

### Parents push for rules for 'sober bus' drivers

**WI** HAYWARD — The parents of a Hayward man who froze to death last winter after being dropped off by a "sober bus" are pushing for new regulations to prevent similar deaths.

Matthew Raimer, 24, a Marine, was on leave from Afghanistan on New Year's Eve when he boarded a sober bus for a ride home after a night at Hayward bars.

Raimer was found dead outside a neighbor's home the following day with a blood alcohol level nearly three times the legal limit.

Lesla and Dan Raimer told WDIO-TV that they want sober bus drivers to verify the right drop-off address and ensure passengers make it inside safely.

### Woman accused of attacking daughter, dog

**NE** LINCOLN — A Lincoln woman has been accused of cutting her adult daughter's leg and stabbing a dog in the neck.

Police said Tanya Perez, 39, faces a charge of second-degree assault. She has also been cited for animal cruelty.

Officers responded to Perez's apartment Thursday night on a report of a domestic assault. Perez is accused of grabbing a steak knife and cutting her 22-year-old daughter's leg. She is also accused of stabbing a pit bull in the neck as the dog tried to intervene.

Police said the women had argued before the verbal argument turned physical.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that Perez's daughter was treated for her injury. Additional information about the dog is not available.

### Man breaks into meat business, takes a nap

**TX** AUSTIN — Police arrested a man who they said broke into an Austin business, stole a couple of sausages and fell asleep.

KXAN-TV reported that surveillance video from Hudson Meats shows the man trying to break down the front door for about 20 minutes.

The intruder then took some sausages from the meat-processing business, went back outside and then returned, grabbing a coat and falling asleep in the back office.

Austin police officers woke up Ricardo Cardona, 28, who told police he'd been out drinking, and charged him with criminal trespassing.

### Woman accused of using stun gun on child

**FL** ST. PETERSBURG — A woman faces a felony child abuse charge after police say she used a stun gun on her 3-year-old nephew.

Police said Ramona Braswell, 30, was arrested Saturday at a home in St. Petersburg.

The boy's mother told police she was in another room when she heard her son cry. She found her sister laughing and activating the stun gun, but not touching the child. Police said the boy told his mom his aunt had used it on his arm.

Braswell told police the Taser belonged to a friend and she was playing with it. She denied harming the boy.

She's accused of felony child abuse for "causing visible injuries" to the child.

She was released from jail Saturday on \$5,000 bond. It's unclear whether she's hired an attorney.

From wire reports

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# The Boss becomes Bono

U2 guitarist The Edge and Bruce Springsteen, right, perform during the World AIDS Day (RED) concert Monday night in New York's Times Square. Springsteen and Coldplay's Chris Martin sat in for U2 frontman Bono, who is recovering from injuries suffered in a bike accident last month in New York's Central Park. Springsteen performed "Where the Streets Have No Name" and "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," and Martin sang "Beautiful Day" and "With or Without You." The show, billed "U2 Minus 1 — Live in New York Tonight," also featured Kanye West and Carrie Underwood.

# Cosby steps down from Temple board

By MARCYLAIRE DALE  
The Associated Press

Bill Cosby, the popular face of Temple University in advertisements, fundraising campaigns and commencement speeches, has resigned from the board of trustees following renewed accusations that he drugged and sexually assaulted more than a dozen women over many years.

Cosby, 77, resigned Monday from the seat he had held since 1982.

"I have always been proud of my association with Temple University. I have always wanted to do what would be in the best interests of the university and its students," Cosby said in a statement issued by the school.

The sparse statement made no mention of claims from female acquaintances who say they were drugged and molested by the entertainer, best known as an easy-going TV dad. Instead, the board issued a one-line statement that thanked Cosby "for his service."

At Temple, an online petition urging the university to cut ties with Cosby had garnered more than 1,000 signatures.

The accusations, although unproven, "got to the point where the reputation of the institution started to get dragged down with them," said Raymond Smeriglio, president of the student body.

Several other colleges also have severed their ties with Cosby in recent weeks. The Berklee College of Music will no longer award a scholarship in Cosby's name, and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst had him step down as honorary co-chairman of its fundraising campaign.

"I do wish and hope that Temple would say something," said senior Grace Holleran, the opinion editor of Temple News, as the staff worked to remake its lead story on Cosby before the weekly Monday night deadline.

"Temple would really drive home that it cares about victims of sexual assault if it stopped inviting him to talk on campus," she said.

Cosby attended Temple in 1961-62 on a track and field athletic scholarship, but left early to pursue a career in comedy, returning a decade later to graduate with a bachelor's degree.



Bill Cosby resigned as a trustee of Temple University, a seat he held since 1982, following a string of allegations that accuse him of sexually assaulting women over many years.

# 'Boyhood' given early boost in Hollywood awards season

The Associated Press

Richard Linklater's 12-years-in-the-making "Boyhood" was named best picture by the New York Film Critics Circle.

"Boyhood" also won best director for Linklater and best supporting actress for Patricia Arquette in the awards announced Monday. The strong support from one of the country's top critics groups gives "Boyhood" an early boost in Hollywood's lengthy awards season. The film, which had production stretch out over years to capture the passage of time, is considered an Oscar front-runner.

Best actor went to Timothy Spall for "Mr. Turner." Mike Leigh's biopic of the British painter J.M.W. Turner, Marion Cotillard was awarded best actress for her performances in both James Gray's Ellis Island period tale "The Immigrant" and the Dardenne brothers' workplace drama "Two Days, One Night."

Best supporting actor went to J.K. Simmons, who plays a taskmaster conductor at an elite jazz conservatory in "Whiplash."

Also, The showbiz satire "Birdman (Or the Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)" won best film at the Gotham Independent Film Awards, along with best actor for its star, Michael Keaton. Julianne Moore took best actress for her performance as a middle-aged woman with early-onset Alzheimer's in "Still Alice."

## Other news

■ Creed frontman Scott Stapp's wife is seeking a divorce from her estranged husband. Jaclyn Stapp filed for divorce from the singer and asked a judge in Palm Beach County, Fla., last month to have her husband admitted to a substance-abuse facility. She said her husband has been using several drugs and threatened to kill himself and harm his family. She said he left their home in early October. The couple married eight years ago and have three children. Stapp has been posting rambling online videos on Facebook over the past week saying he's broke. Stapp, 41, denied he's taking drugs or alcohol and said he is "as sober as can be."

■ A judge has decided that the son of a deceased Kansas Bureau of Investigation agent can publish his father's files from the 1959 killings that inspired the book "In Cold Blood." Shawnee County District Court Judge Larry Hendricks said in a ruling made public Monday that he made an error when he blocked publication of the criminal investigation files in 2012. His decision comes in a lawsuit by the Kansas attorney general's office against Ronald Nye of Oklahoma City. The judge ruled Nye's First Amendment rights to publish his father's files outweigh the government's interest in maintaining the confidentiality of its investigative records.



CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

Kathy Griffin will replace the late Joan Rivers on the couter-criticizing series "Fashion Police" when it returns in January.

# Griffin new host of E!'s 'Fashion Police'

The Associated Press

Kathy Griffin will be terrorizing the fashion crowd as the new host of "Fashion Police," replacing the late Joan Rivers when it returns to E! in January.

The comic-commentary series, which had aired weekly, will now present 17 special episodes throughout 2015 that focus on high-profile red carpet and fashion events, E! announced Monday. It returns Jan. 12 for coverage of the Golden Globe Awards.

E! Executive Vice President Jeff Olde called Rivers "a dear

friend and mentor to Kathy, who will no doubt continue her legacy and do the series justice by bringing her own unique comic style and tell-it-like-it-is personality to the host chair."

"You celebrities better strap yourself in," Griffin said, "as I am taking no prisoners."

Griffin is an award-winning actress, comedian and author known for her biting comic style. She won two Emmys for her Bravo reality series, "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List." Her selection had been widely anticipated.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Cyber Monday shopping less robust

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Cyber Monday is turning into Cyber Month. Retailers rolled out discounts and free shipping deals on Cyber Monday, with millions of Americans expected to log on and shop on their work computers, laptops and tablets after the busy holiday shopping weekend.

But with retailers extending their online deals into Cyber Week and even Cyber Month, early reports indicated shopping was less robust online Monday compared with prior years.

It was still expected to be the biggest online shopping day again, as it has been each year since 2010. That is good news for retailers after a Thanksgiving weekend that saw fewer shoppers and lower spending than last year, according to some estimates.

Mobile traffic, which includes smartphones and tablets, has accounted for about 38 percent of all online traffic, compared with 30 percent a year ago. The average



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

**A worker fills orders at the Amazon fulfillment center in Lebanon, Tenn., on Monday.**

order value was \$131.66, flat with 2013.

Forrester analyst Sucharita Mulpuru said retailers could be playing it safe on deal offers since shoppers have been conditioned to head online to look for sales on

Monday. On Monday, Gap and Banana Republic offered 40 percent off all purchases. Amazon offered up to 45 percent off some Samsung TVs and a deal later in the day for its Amazon Fire TV video streaming box marked down to \$69 from \$99.

Wal-Mart said it has doubled its Cyber Week deals to 500 compared with last year, including up to half off some TVs, tablets and toys with free-shipping offers. Wal-Mart also rolled out new deals later in the day in its so-called "Evening Edition" round, including a Straight Talk Moto E Android phone for \$99 — 90 percent off its regular price.

The name Cyber Monday was coined in 2005 by the National Retail Federation's online arm, Shop.org, to encourage people to shop online. After retailers revved up deals, it became the busiest online shopping day in 2010.

This Cyber Monday comes after a weekend that saw 5.3 percent fewer shoppers and 11 percent less

spending, according to estimates by the National Retail Federation.

Research firm comScore said late Sunday that e-commerce spending for the first 28 days of the November and December shopping season totaled \$22.7 billion, up 15 percent from last year. Sales jumped 32 percent to \$1 billion on Thanksgiving Day and 26 percent on Black Friday, to \$1.51 billion. The firm expects people to spend about \$2.5 billion on Cyber Monday alone.

### MARKET WATCH

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Dow Jones Industrials	-51.44	17,776.80
Nasdaq composite	-64.28	4,727.35
Standard & Poor's 500	-14.12	2,053.44
Russell 2000	-19.18	1,154.05

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Dec. 3)	\$1.2762
Dollar buys (Dec. 3)	€0.7836
British pound (Dec. 3)	\$1.61
Iran new yen (Dec. 3)	116.00
South Korean won (Dec. 3)	1,080.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5644
Canada (dollar)	1.1412
China (Yuan)	6.4495
Denmark (Krone)	5.9889
Egypt (Pound)	71.525
Euro	\$1.2404/0.8062
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7842
Hungary (Forint)	247.42
Israel (Shekel)	3.9741
Japan (Yen)	115.34
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2919
Norway (Krone)	70.663
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Poland (Zloty)	3.36
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7525
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South Korea (Won)	1,115.34
Switzerland (Franc)	0.7101
Thailand (Baht)	32.88
Turkey (Lira)	2.2291

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### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	2.96

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OPINION

Sikhs also bleed red, white and blue

By KAMAL SINGH KALSI

I recently went for a run. It started to rain, but I kept on going. I thought back to the countless times I ran the fence line during my deployment to Afghanistan in 2011. I was a U.S. Army captain serving my country by providing emergency care to our soldiers on the very austere front lines of war.

We ran in the rain, in dust storms and in unforgiving heat. One of my lasting lessons during those runs and over my 13 years of service was that we rarely had ideal conditions for what we needed to accomplish, but whatever adversity we encountered we were always there for each other regardless of the conditions or our differences.

I joined the Army during medical school, seven months before the Sept. 11 attacks. Although some civilians at the time called me a "terrorist" and "Osama" and told me to "go home," my fellow soldiers treated me like a brother and understood that my New Jersey home was no different from their own. The Army respected my Sikh religious beliefs by giving me a special accommodation so that I could wear a turban and maintain my hair in accordance with my Sikh faith.

Two other soldiers — Capt. Tejdeep Singh Rattan and Cpl. Simran Preet Singh Lamba — received similar accommodations. Let me be clear — we were not given a free pass on any of the safety and uniformity standards that protect and define soldiers. We completed basic training and proved that we could wear protective gear, including helmets and gas masks. We were required to maintain our beards neatly and wear turbans of a specific color to match our uniforms. Two of us successfully deployed to Afghanistan. The three of us have received awards and promotions for our service. Far from being an impediment, our faith gives us the strength to suc-



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**Army Reserve Maj. Kamal Singh Kalsi speaks with Rep. Joe Heck, R-Nev., before a hearing in January on a Defense Department directive that provides guidance on uniforms and grooming with respect to religious beliefs.**

ceed as soldiers, just as it did for my father and grandfather and for thousands of Sikhs in armies throughout the world.

Sikhs believe that all people are equal in dignity and divinity. The turban is both a spiritual crown and a reminder to lead an ethical life. Our hair is left uncut out of respect for God's creation and required to be groomed. Observant Sikhs also carry a kirpan — a small religious sword — as a reminder to stand up against injustice. During their formative years in India more than three centuries ago, Sikhs maintained these articles of faith in spite of religious persecution by Mughal and Afghan invaders. Our Sikh legacy represents a proud and patriotic people who served

by the thousands in both world wars, and maintains its articles of faith in the modern military forces of the United States and the United Kingdom. Our faith and traditions are not in conflict with American values; they embody them in the most fundamental ways.

Earlier this year, with the support of the advocacy group The Sikh Coalition, 105 members of the House of Representatives and 15 senators sent letters to the Department of Defense urging the U.S. armed forces to modernize appearance regulations so patriotic Sikh Americans can serve the country they love while abiding by their articles of faith. These letters had bipartisan support; however, this policy isn't a political issue, it's not a safety issue, and it's not an issue for the non-Sikhs with whom I have gone to war. This is a basic employment discrimination issue.

The lawsuit filed recently by Hofstra University student Iknorr Singh should lead to an accommodation or a lawsuit through the ROTC program. This isn't about abolishing the rights of one Sikh American, it's about reversing a policy against all Sikh Americans that runs counter to our founding principles of religious freedom.

If my time in the Army taught me anything, it's that when adversity strikes we band together and find solutions. This policy might be bureaucratically complicated, but the solution is as simple and straightforward as it gets. Iknorr Singh should have the right to serve like I did, but shouldn't require a special accommodation or a lawsuit to make that possible. That's not who we are as a nation and it is time that our armed services finally recognize that.

Kamal Singh Kalsi served in Afghanistan in 2011, running a field hospital in Helmand province. Kalsi, a major who received the Bronze Star and a recipient of The Sikh Coalition's award for 404th Civil Affairs Battalion at Fort Dix, N.J., as a disaster medicine expert in the Army Reserve. This column first appeared in Newsday.

Iraqi Sunni leader urges nontribal national guard

By DAVID IGNATIUS

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's slow campaign against the Islamic State takes a small step forward this week as a leading Sunni politician visits Washington to urge support for a 10,000-member national guard force that could gradually help regain control of Mosul.

Atheel al-Nujaifi, governor of Nineveh province, said in an interview that he will meet with Pentagon, State Department and White House officials to urge that the U.S. train and arm the volunteer force. Al-Nujaifi and other members of the provincial government were driven from Mosul in June when the Iraqi army collapsed and Islamic State fighters seized the city.

Al-Nujaifi's carefully arranged visit suggests some outlines of the strategy the U.S. is developing with its coalition partners in Iraq. He had voiced many of the same ideas when we talked last August by Skype, and the four-month interlude before the Wash-

ington trip illustrates the slow development of the U.S.-led campaign.

The Iraqi official made several comments that challenged conventional wisdom among Iraqi Sunnis. He argued that a tribal militia isn't the answer, especially in Nineveh where tribes are weak and disorganized; he spoke positively about Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, a Shiite who still isn't trusted by many Sunnis; he rejected a quasi-autonomous "Sunnistan" region in northern and western Iraq; and, finally, he said he is working with Turkish military and political leaders on training and equipping fighters.

My only worry in talking with the English-speaking, pinstripe-suited al-Nujaifi is that he represents an Iraqi elite that has in many ways been shattered by the decades of war and the rise of the brutal extremism represented by the Islamic State. Americans over the last decade have often made the mistake of assuming that pro-American "good guys" such as al-Nujaifi will prevail in the free-fire zone of Iraqi politics. If that hope could be easily realized, the history of the last decade would have been quite different.

Al-Nujaifi said he had met twice with al-Abadi since he became prime minister in September. "I respect this man," he said. "He wants to work. He's open-minded, not like Malki," a reference to al-Abadi's predecessor, Nouri al-Maliki, who was seen as a polarizing, pro-Iranian figure by most Sunni leaders.

Al-Nujaifi argues that the best model for liberating northern Iraq isn't the Awakening movement of the previous decade, which mobilized Sunni tribes, but a mul-

tiscitarian force that includes Christians, Yazidis and Turkmens along with the majority Sunni Arab population. Volunteers recruited for this force should be organized by neighborhoods and districts so they will have support from the local population, he argued.

Al-Nujaifi said in Mosul, it's better to fight [the Islamic State] in a systematic way, controlled by [military] officers, not [tribal] sheikhs," al-Nujaifi said. Already, he noted, local fighters are operating secretly inside Mosul gathering intelligence and preparing the battle space.

Al-Nujaifi said a training camp had recently opened for police from Nineveh who fled in June. Canadian and U.S. advisers are beginning to train 4,375 police at the camp in Kurdistan, about 30 miles from Mosul. Al-Nujaifi said he hopes soon to open a second training camp nearby for about 10,000 national guard recruits who fled in June. He said the militia's graduates who have fled Nineveh, nearly 25 percent of the province's population.

The Turkish government has already agreed to support both training camps, al-Nujaifi said. Jordan, too, has been helpful. Al-Nujaifi hopes for support from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, but he said it isn't yet visible on the ground.

Iran poses the trickiest problem. Al-Nujaifi said he had met several times with the Iranian ambassador in Irbil, who had offered weapons for the fight against the Sunni jihadists. "We can't accept that," he said. "Our people think that the main enemy is Iran."

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OPINION

# Corruption abroad threatens US security

By DOYLE MC MANUS  
Los Angeles Times

When the militants of the Islamic State swept across Iraq last June, they numbered no more than 12,000 and they faced a U.S.-trained, U.S.-equipped Iraqi army that boasted some 200,000 troops.

Yet it was the Iraqi army that collapsed. What happened? It was more than simply incompetence among Iraqi generals and ethnic tensions among the ranks. The main factor that gave the Islamic State its victory was Iraq's rampant corruption. The Baghdad government's army had 200,000 troops on paper, but many were "ghost soldiers," fictional troops whose wages went into their officers' pockets. The unfortunate troops who showed up often lacked equipment and ammunition because their officers had sold it on the black market.

"I told the Americans, 'Don't give any weapons through the army — not even one piece — because corruption is everywhere, and you will not see any of it,'" Col. Shabaan al-Obedi, of Iraq's internal security forces, recently told *The New York Times*. "Our people will steal it."

We often look at corruption as a secondary issue in international affairs — as a moral problem that allows Third World governments to steal from their people and get in the way of equitable economic development.

But the lessons of the collapse of the Iraqi army, an army built with \$25 billion in U.S. aid, is this: Corruption isn't only a moral issue; it's a national security issue, too.

That's the message of Sarah Chayes, a former reporter for NPR, who spent 10 years working on economic development projects in Afghanistan — only to find that corruption was getting in the way of nearly everything she did.

Chayes, whose writing frequently appears in the *Los Angeles Times*, has written a new book, "Thieves of State," that makes the case that corruption harms U.S. national security interests in at least two ways: It makes it easier for insurgent movements to win support among ag-

grieved citizens. And it makes U.S.-friendly governments incapable of defending themselves against insurgents, criminal cartels and even foreign invaders.

In Afghanistan, for example, public opinion polls over the last decade have found that relatively few Afghans support the Taliban — and yet the insurgency has been able not only to keep fighting, but also to attract new recruits.

How? At one point, the U.S. military command in Kabul surveyed Taliban prisoners about why they had joined the insurgency. "At the top of the list of reasons cited by prisoners for joining the Taliban was not ethnic bias, or disrespect of Islam, or concern that U.S. forces might stay in their country," Chayes reports. "At the top of the list was the perception that the Afghan government was irrevocably corrupt."

Ordinary Afghans didn't like the idea of Taliban rule, but at least the insurgents didn't steal from them the way the government did. Chayes tells the story of a former policeman who, after being forced to pay too many bribes, announced that the next time he saw a police vehicle approach a Taliban bomb, "I will not warn them."

"Afghan government corruption was manufacturing Taliban," Chayes concludes.

And it's not only the Taliban. Osama bin Laden listed "corruption" of Arab regimes from Saudi Arabia to Egypt as high on the list of grievances al-Qaida intended to redress. In Syria and Iraq, the Islamic State says it wants to stamp out corruption, too.

There's an odd, distant echo of the Cold War here. In China, Vietnam and Cuba, communist revolutionaries often won support from noncommunists by promising the best economic development and free trade. The United States found itself in the uncomfortable position of supporting regimes it knew to be corrupt, because it feared the alternative.

Outside the Muslim world, corruption creates another kind of national security problem. Ukraine was incapable of resisting Russia's stealth invasion of Crimea this year in part because corruption had deprived its army of equipment and training.



Iraqi army soldiers deploy in front of the Baghdad government's army had 200,000 troops on paper, but many were "ghost soldiers," fictional troops whose wages went into their officers' pockets.

Closer to home, narcotics traffickers have corrupted so many of Mexico's local police forces that President Enrique Pena Nieto announced last week he will attempt to put all police under federal control.

Even worse, U.S. aid has sometimes made the problem worse. In Afghanistan, at one point, the economy could efficiently absorb an estimated 44 percent of the international aid that was flooding in; much of the rest got siphoned off into corruption. The unintended side effect was the creation of a government-industrial complex that relies on graft.

In the end, Chayes concludes, the problem isn't Afghan government incompetence, but rather that the government has made "siphoning riches" its top prior-

ity, and it is doing that "with admirable efficiency."

There are no easy fixes for a problem as tangled as that, but Chayes offers a list of initial steps that could help, including banning corrupt chiefs of states from official visits to the United States, keeping corrupt leaders off the CIA payroll and delivering U.S. aid with strings that make corruption difficult.

But the first step is to think about corruption as a higher priority. It's not only immoral, unjust and economically inefficient. Left unchecked, it can also turn into a real threat to the security of the United States — and it ought to be treated that way.

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# Sudan a threat based on its actions, associations

By ERIC REEVES

It is not often that we're able to listen in on the comments of senior officials in a government that stands internationally accused of genocide. But that's exactly what we've been given through the leaked minutes of a security meeting held Aug. 31 by top military and security officials in Sudan. Prominent in the document are plans for further genocidal tactics in parts of the country.

In rebellious South Kordofan, according to the minutes, the government's strategy is to "starve" (a translation of the Arabic) the civilian population by ensuring that it can't harvest this year's crops and thus support rebels near the border with South Sudan. This is counterinsurgency at its cheapest. First Vice President Bakri Hashim Saleh put the matter tersely: "Support the mechanism intended to disperse or empty the IDP (internally displaced persons) camps." While the "mechanism" is left unspecified, increasingly brutal assaults on camps for internally displaced persons suggest that it will be cruel and bloody, forcing people who've had their homes and farms seized to flee into lawless lands beyond reach of humanitarian assistance.

The minutes, along with other important documents, were leaked by someone either within the ruling National Congress Party

or with close ties to the regime. They were delivered by intermediaries to a primary Arabic news Web site and to me, presumably by e-mail, 31 minutes after the meeting on behalf of the marginalized people of Sudan. The Sudanese regime split badly following the bloody suppression of popular uprisings in September 2013. Hardliners now wield all real power, and these were the men whose thoughts were captured in this document. The leak was clearly meant to undermine the credibility of what has become a vicious junta.

Though little noticed in the West, the revelation instantly attracted considerable interest in the Arab world, and the evidence that the minutes are authentic is substantial. The highly authoritative Africa Confidential has judged them so, as has former Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi, who still enjoys extraordinary contacts within the government. Notably, senior regime officials have not denied outright the document's authenticity.

Central to the minutes is discussion of Khartoum's "strategic relationship" with Iran. Although Iran is ruled by a Shiite regime, it shares with Sunni Sudan a commitment to both Islamism and international terrorism. The minutes include discussion of the regime's having sent weapons to the New Dawn Islamist movement in Libya. Maj. Gen. Hashim Abdalla Mohammed,

chief of Sudan's joint general staff, reveals a telling problem with the Saudis: "They found out about the weapons we sent by way of the Red Sea to Abd al-Malik Al-Huthi's Shia group in Yemen." Al-Huthi's Shiite terrorist organization controls large parts of western and northern Yemen — bordering Saudi Arabia.

In this joint commitment to Islamism and terrorism, Sudan and Iran have what may be described as a strategic relationship — precisely the description offered more than a dozen times by the men at the Aug. 31 meeting. But that leaves Sudan with problems in its relations with the Gulf states and Saudi Arabia, not least because the Sudanese economy, after 25 years of mismanagement, is imploding. Khartoum is obliged to play a double game. Hence, the comments by Gen. Yehya Mohammed Kheir, minister of state for defense: "We will not sacrifice our relations with the Islamists and Iran for a relationship with the Saudis and the Gulf states. What is possible is a relationship that serves our mutual economic interests in terms of investment and employment." There is, of course, no true "mutuality" to the relationship as conceived here by Khartoum.

Further, Gen. Mohamed Atta, head of Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Services, acknowledges that terrorism is a tool at Khartoum's disposal. The regime

believes the Saudis were complicit in the September 2013 uprising; thus the Saudis fear, according to Atta, "we may use or release terrorist groups to [seek] revenge." This would hardly be idle speculation on the Saudis' part.

Elsewhere, Kheir declares that Khartoum has unrivaled knowledge of terrorist groups "based in Libya, Somalia, Nigeria, Mali, North Africa Arab countries and Afghanistan." The Saudis and Gulf states have an obvious interest in such intelligence; but instead of providing it, Khartoum exults in the superiority of its intelligence-gathering. Presumably, the U.S. also has an interest in such intelligence — and may think that Khartoum should provide it. But that is unlikely. Kheir, for example, boasts of "the victory of our people in Libya." The U.S. cannot be happy about that.

The clear consensus emerging from the minutes is that Islamism and support for radical Islamist groups are of pre-eminent importance to Khartoum in its search for a place in a region made more complex by the emergence of the Islamic State; that also dictates a "strategic relationship with Iran." If so, it would be a strategy entirely in character.

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NBA



Rick Bowmer/AP

Denver's Aron Afflalo fouls Utah's Alec Burks in the second half on Monday in Salt Lake City. The Nuggets won 103-101.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference			
Atlantic Division			
Toronto	13	4	765
Brooklyn	6	2	460
Boston	4	10	286
New York	4	14	222
Philadelphia	1	19	200
Southeast Division			
Washington	9	6	688
Atlanta	8	6	690
Milwaukee	8	5	529
Indiana	7	10	412
Orlando	7	12	368
Charlotte	4	14	222
Central Division			
Chicago	11	6	647
Memphis	10	8	556
Cleveland	8	7	533
Minnesota	7	10	412
Detroit	3	14	176
Western Conference			
Southwest Division			
Memphis	13	4	765
Houston	13	4	765
San Antonio	13	4	765
Dallas	13	5	722
New Orleans	7	8	467
Northwest Division			
Portland	13	4	765
Denver	8	5	529
Oklahoma City	5	12	294
Utah	4	12	280
Minnesota	4	12	280
Pacific Division			
Golden State	12	4	875
L.A. Clippers	12	5	706
San Diego	12	5	706
Sacramento	9	8	529
L.A. Lakers	8	13	235

**Sunday's games**

San Antonio 111, Boston 89  
 Chicago 92, Brooklyn 84  
 Golden State 104, Detroit 93  
 NBA TV, Sacramento 85  
 Miami 86, New York 70  
 Orlando 93, Phoenix 90  
 Portland 107, Minnesota 93  
 L.A. Lakers 129, Toronto 122, OT

**Monday's games**

San Antonio 109, Philadelphia 103  
 Washington 107, Miami 86  
 Denver 103, Utah 101  
 L.A. Clippers 127, Minnesota 101

**Tuesday's games**

Milwaukee at Cleveland  
 Boston at Atlanta  
 L.A. Lakers at Detroit  
 Brooklyn at New York  
 Oklahoma City at New Orleans  
 Portland at Phoenix  
 Toronto at Sacramento  
 Orlando at Golden State

**Wednesday's games**

L.A. Lakers at Washington  
 Chicago at Charlotte  
 Atlanta at Miami  
 Detroit at Boston  
 Memphis at Houston  
 Dallas at Milwaukee  
 Philadelphia at Minnesota  
 Toronto at Utah  
 Orlando at L.A. Clippers

**Monday**

**Nuggets 103, Jazz 101**

Denver — Chandler 6-13 0-0 15, Faried 4-9 3-4 11, Mozgov 5-0 0-10, Lawson 5-11 2-5 15, Afflalo 1-1 0-1 14, Hickson 4-12 2-3, Arthur 4-7 2-12, Gallinari 2-6 2-6, Robinson 2-0 0-4, Harris 2-0 0-5. Totals 103-101. 12-17-103.

**Utah**

Utah — Hayward 17-18 8-8 25, Booker 3-7 0-6, Carter 8-19 1-12, Burke 1-13 0-10, Burks 7-15 8-10 22, Ingles 0-0 0-0, Noah 0-0 0-0, Gobert 3-7 0-3, Exum 0-2 2, Hood 1-3 0-2. Totals 36-84-22-30 101.

**Denver**

Denver — 26 36 31 29-10-10  
 Utah 23 20 34 24-101

Three-point Goals—Denver 9; 26 (Chandler 3, Afflalo 2, Harris 2, 4, Arthur 2, Robinson 0, 1, Lawson 0, 1, Gallinari 0-4), Utah 7; 18 (Booker 2, Hayward 3, 6, Booker 0-1, Hood 0, 2, Burke 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 50 (Mozgov 10), Utah 57 (Kanter 15), Assists—Denver 23 (Lawson 12), Utah 18 (Burke 8). Total Fouls—Denver 22, Utah 15. Technicals—Utah Bench. Flagrant Fouls—Afflalo. Ejected—Afflalo. A—16,768 (19,911).

Roundup

# Spurs send 76ers to 0-17

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Spurs didn't have Tim Duncan or Tony Parker, and that gave Kawhi Leonard a chance to shine.

Leonard scored 26 points and had a key three-point play in the final minute to help the San Antonio Spurs defeat the winless 76ers 109-103, extending Philadelphia's franchise-worst losing streak at the start of the season to 10-17.

"I try to assert myself every night but tonight there were a lot of shots to shoot," Leonard said.

The Spurs (13-4) played without stars Duncan (rest) and Parker (shoulder). Even without the duo's more than 31 points per game, San Antonio had little trouble dispatching Philadelphia. Aron Baynes scored 15 points and Manu Ginobili and Cory Joseph each added 14 for San Antonio, which won its eighth straight. Leonard also had 10 rebounds while trying a career high in points.

Leonard scored 20-plus points for the first time this season after doing it three times all of last season.

"We're trying to loosen up a bit and give him more of a green light," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Michael Carter-Williams had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Alexey Shved added 19 points for Philadelphia.

The 76ers also were short-handed, as leading scorer Tony Wroten (knee) missed his second straight game and rookie first-round pick Nerlens Noel (hip) sat after getting injured in Sunday's practice.

Philadelphia coach Brett Brown was surprised Noel, who is day-to-day, pulled himself out after warming up.

"It kind of surprised me he didn't play," Brown said. "I think the lesson is everybody in the NBA is injured."

The 76ers were competitive in their past three losses, losing by an average of 8.3 points per game to Portland, Brooklyn and Dallas, during this homestand.

Philadelphia became just the fourth team in league history to open a season with 17 losses, joining the 1998-99 Clippers (0-17), 1988-89 Heat (0-17) and the 2009-10 Nets (0-18). The 76ers can tie the Nets for the worst start on Wednesday at Minnesota with a potential chance to break the record at home on Friday against Oklahoma City.

**Nuggets 103, Jazz 101:** Ty Lawson had 15 points and made a double-pump jumper to beat the shot clock with 29.6 seconds left that boosted visiting Denver over Utah.

The game heated up after Aron Afflalo was ejected and the Jazz stormed back from a 22-point deficit to tie the game in the final minutes.

Lawson, who also had 12 assists, made the game-winner from the left wing between two defenders. Gordon Hayward was blocked and Trey Burke missed a potential go-ahead three-pointer on the other end.

**Wizards 107, Heat 86:** John Wall had 18 points and 13 assists and host Washington made its first seven three-pointers to beat Miami.

The Wizard led the Heat to 2-for-22 from beyond the arc for the game.

Russell Butler scored 23, and Marcin Gortat added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Wizards, who led by 21 in the first half and 25 in the second.

Chris Bosh led Miami with 21 points, and Dwayne Wade had 20 in his second game back from an injured right hamstring.

**Clippers 127, Timberwolves 101:** Blake Griffin and J.J. Redick each scored 23 points before sitting out the fourth quarter as Los Angeles returned from the most successful road trip in club history with a rout of Minnesota.

DeAndre Jordan had 13 rebounds and 11 points for the Clippers, who won their fifth in a row following their 6-1 trip.

Shabazz Muhammad had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Timberwolves. Andrew Wiggins, the first overall pick in the draft, scored all 14 of his points in the first half.

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 April 15 — Last day of regular season.  
 April 18 — Playoffs begin.

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS



TIM AYLEN/AP

Frank Kaminsky and No. 2 Wisconsin will host No. 4 Duke in Madison, Wis., on Wednesday.

## Conferences square off

### ACC-Big Ten, SEC-Big 12 provide top matchups

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
The Associated Press

Big men in a big top-five matchup to start December.

Second-ranked Wisconsin and 7-foot senior Frank Kaminsky are home Wednesday night against fourth-ranked Duke and Jahill Okafor, the 6-foot-11 freshman living up to lofty expectations with 17.7 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Both teams are off to 7-0 starts.

Badgers coach Bo Ryan, coming off his first NCAA Final Four appearance last season, goes against 11-time Final Four coach and four-time national champion Mike Krzyzewski in one of four Top 25 matchups among the 14 games in the 16th annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Those aren't the only power conferences going head-to-head

and matching ranked teams this week.

Along with the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, the SEC and Big 12 go against each other.

Top-ranked Kentucky (7-0) is home Friday night against No. 6 Texas. The other double-ranked SEC/Big 12 Challenge matchup has No. 18 Arkansas at No. 20 Iowa State.

The Wildcats, outscoring opponents by an NCAA-best 36.8 points per game, already have a lopsided victory over Big 12 favorite and perennial league champion Kansas — 72-40 in Indianapolis last month.

Texas is coming off a last-shot, 55-54 win at defending national champion Connecticut, which knocked the Huskies out of this week's AP poll.

In the other Top 25 matchups in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, No. 15 Miami is home against

No. 24 Illinois in a rematch of the 2013 NCAA tournament game the Hurricanes went to get to the Sweet 16. Fifth-ranked Louisville takes on No. 14 Ohio State for the first time since 2003, and No. 7 Virginia plays No. 21 Maryland, the first-year Big Ten team after it switched from the ACC.

Both big men in the Wisconsin-Duke game are from Illinois. Kaminsky is averaging 16.6 points and 8.7 rebounds per game for the Badgers.

There are also a couple of games outside the conference challenges matching ranked teams.

Eighth-ranked Wichita State plays at No. 25 Utah on Wednesday night. Then ninth-ranked Gonzaga, which beat Georgia and St. John's in New York last week to win the NIT Season Tip-Off, plays Saturday at third-ranked Arizona.

## Briefly

# Freeze, Mississippi agree on new deal

The Associated Press

Mississippi coach Hugh Freeze has reached an agreement with the school on a new contract.

Ole Miss athletics director Ross Bjork confirmed the deal early Tuesday morning, saying an "agreement is in place and we're really excited right now." Bjork did not immediately disclose terms of the contract, but in November he said both sides were working on a deal that could pay about \$4 million per year. Freeze was on the first year of a four-year contract that paid \$3 million annually.

The 45-year-old Freeze has led Ole Miss to a 24-14 record, including an 11-13 mark in the Southeastern Conference, over three seasons. The 13th-ranked Rebels have a 9-3 record this season and beat No. 4 Mississippi State 31-17 on Saturday in the Egg Bowl.

Freeze has engineered a quick turnaround at Ole Miss, taking over after a 2-10 season in 2011 that ended with the dismissal of coach Houston Nutt. The Rebels finished 7-6 in 2012 and 8-5 in 2013.

## UFC will issue uniforms to its fighters next year

LOS ANGELES — UFC fighters will wear uniforms made by Reebok next year after the promotion agreed to a sponsorship deal with the sports apparel company.

UFC CEO Lorenzo Fertitta said the six-year deal will change the aesthetics and economics of the sport's dominant mixed martial arts promotion by creating a professional, standard look for fighters' shorts and additional gear in a famously individualistic sport. The uniforms will be revealed shortly before the fighters don them in July.

The UFC will no longer allow its fighters to sell sponsorship patches on their trunks, a time-honored tradition in MMA and boxing.

## Coach Olsen, Wallace win MLS awards

NEW YORK — D.C. United's Ben Olsen has been voted Major League Soccer's Coach of the Year and Portland midfielder Rodney Wallace was selected Comeback Player of the Year.

Olsen, a former D.C. United midfielder, took over as coach in August 2010. The team was an MLS-worst 3-24-7 in 2013, then rebounded to go 17-9-8 and top the Eastern Conference in the league's biggest one-year turnaround.

Wallace needed surgery after tearing a knee ligament and breaking a bone during a Western Conference finals playoff game in November 2013. He returned to play on June 27 and scored five goals in 17 appearances.

## MLB umpire Dale Scott comes out as gay

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball umpire Dale Scott says he is gay.

The 55-year-old umpire tells the website outsports.com that he married Michael Rausch in November 2013.

Scott has been a member of the big league staff since 1986 and is a crew chief. He worked the World Series in 1998, 2001 and 2004.

Scott provided Referee magazine a photo of himself with Rausch going to last year's opening series in Sydney. The caption stated: "He and his longtime companion, Michael Rausch, traveled to Australia for the 2014 season opener between the Diamondbacks and Dodgers."

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Buckeyes moving forward without Barrett

## Unproven Jones steps in after injury to star QB

By RUSTY MILLER  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — For the second time in four months, Ohio State is turning to a backup quarterback to lead the way because of a season-ending injury to the starter.

Coach Urban Meyer will go with Cardale Jones, replacing Heisman candidate J.T. Barrett who broke his ankle in Saturday's win over Michigan, when the sixth-ranked Buckeyes (11-1, 8-0 Big Ten, No. 6 CFP) take on No. 11 Wisconsin (10-2, 7-1, No. 16 CFP) on Saturday in the Big Ten championship game.

"It's his show," Meyer said Sunday of Jones. "He's got the keys to the car."

Braxton Miller, the Buckeyes' three-year starter and two-time Big Ten MVP, was lost for the year two weeks before the season opener against Navy when he re-injured his right (throwing) shoulder, requiring surgery. Barrett, a redshirt freshman, was named the starter ahead of Jones, who had the edge as the backup coming into fall drills.

By any measure, Barrett had a spectacular season.

He set an Ohio State record for touchdown passes (34) and broke the conference record held by Purdue's Drew Brees with 43 touchdowns running or passing in a season.

But on the first play of the fourth quarter in Saturday's 42-28 win over archrival Michigan on Saturday, Barrett carried and was hit at the line, his body twisting as he went down, with his right leg buckling underneath him.

After being carted off the field, he was diagnosed with a broken ankle and underwent surgery on Sunday that will keep him out of not only the Big Ten title game but also any subsequent bowl or playoff game for the Buckeyes.

Meyer was asked Monday during a Big Ten championship game teleconference if he thought the CFP panel might downgrade his team because Barrett is out.

"I think that's wrong, if that happens," he said, clearly upset. "Whether it's Ohio State or some other team, I don't know how you do that."

The loss of Barrett rocked Ohio State, but Wisconsin coach Gary Andersen didn't know a thing about the injury until he got home after the Badgers' West Division-



Jay LaPrete/AP

Ohio State offensive lineman Taylor Decker, left, talks with quarterback J.T. Barrett as Barrett is driven from the field after suffering a broken right ankle in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 42-28 win over Michigan in Columbus, Ohio. Barrett will miss the Big Ten title game.



Jay LaPrete/AP

Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer reacts to an Ohio State touchdown against Michigan on Saturday. Meyer will turn to quarterback Cardale Jones to lead the sixth-ranked Buckeyes when they take on No. 11 Wisconsin in the Big Ten championship game.

clinching, 34-24 victory over Minnesota on Saturday night.

"(I'm sitting) on the couch and

within 5 minutes my youngest son had pulled up the highlight video and showed me how great (Jones)

**'It's his show. He's got the keys to the car.'**

Urban Meyer

Ohio State head coach, on quarterback Cardale Jones

was in high school," Andersen said, laughing. "He throws that in front of me and says, 'Dad, this guy is really good.' First time it's happened. Good scouting on him, I guess."

Not so long ago, Jones was considered a longshot to even stay on Ohio State's roster for long. In October of 2012, Meyer's first season with the Buckeyes, Jones posted on his Twitter account, "Why should we have to go to class if we came here to play FOOTBALL, we ain't come to play SCHOOL classes are POINTLESS."

Multiple media outlets picked up the tweet before it, and Jones' account, were deleted. Meyer suspended him immediately, saying "(a) very ignorant comment, but that's a 19-year-old making an ignorant comment."

Meyer said Sunday that Jones had difficulties academically in addition to other problems.

"He was a very talented guy, but just a mess," said Meyer, who added that he had several meetings with the Jones family that

"weren't pleasant."

Meyer said Jones has made immeasurable progress maturing since that mistake on social media.

"I noticed last year a complete transformation from this very immature person, not just player, (but immature) person, to a much more mature one," Meyer said. "He really started to handle his business."

A couple of things are in the Buckeyes' favor in this most recent transition. First, Jones is a redshirt sophomore and knows the playbook and knows what's expected of him. Second, he now has a more experienced cast of teammates around him.

Andersen, a former assistant under Meyer at Utah, said the Badgers' preparation won't be affected by the change at quarterback by the Buckeyes.

"I'm sure Ohio State is going to stay within their offensive scheme and do what they do," he said.

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## For Georgia Tech, ACC title would be icing on the cake

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — This is already a season to remember at Georgia Tech.

Victories over Georgia and Clemson made sure of that.

Now, the No. 12 Yellow Jackets have a chance to claim their biggest prize yet — defending national champion Florida State, which has won 28 games in a row.

“We definitely want to go out and show the nation that Georgia Tech is back,” running back Syn-jyn Days said Monday.

The Yellow Jackets (10-2) will face No. 2 Florida State (12-0) in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game, Saturday night at Charlotte, N.C., a rematch of the 2012 title won by the Seminoles 21-15.

That game was the start of Florida State’s winning streak, which has since grown to the 15th longest in NCAA history among Division I schools.

“It would be nice to end their streak in Charlotte, considering they started it there with us,” said Georgia Tech offensive lineman Shaquille Mason. “We’re definitely looking forward for the opportunity to play them again.”

This is certainly a different Georgia Tech team than the one that faced the Seminoles two years ago. That group was coming in with a 6-6 record that included a 42-10 loss to Georgia the previous week. The Yellow Jackets got in only because both Miami and North Carolina were banned from the postseason.

As expected, Florida State dominated the first half. The Yellow Jackets made a game of it over the final two quarters, forcing the Seminoles to hang on for a triumph that resembled many of their close calls this season.

“We went into that game not as confident, I would say, until after the first half when we realized we could play with those guys,” Mason said. “As opposed to this game, where we’re going in very confident. They’re going to get our best shot from the first snap to the final whistle.”



DAVID TULLS/AP

The Georgia Tech bench reacts after defensive back D.J. White intercepted a pass in overtime against Georgia to seal the win.

Georgia Tech has every reason to be confident. The Yellow Jackets dominated No. 19 Clemson 28-6 and won the Coastal Division title, then ended the regular season with a wacky 30-24 overtime victory against No. 15 Georgia, a team that had beaten Georgia Tech five years in a row.

“They’re hitting a hot run now,” Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher said. “That’s timing and rhythm.”

Indeed, the team known mostly for its triple-option offense looks like it has a viable chance to knock off a Florida State team that keeps having one close call after another. Even though top receiver DeAndre Smelter is not expected to play after leaving the Georgia game with a knee injury, coach Paul Johnson is confident with whoever takes the field.

“Our guys have been pretty resilient,” he said. They just keep playing no matter what happens.”

That trait certainly came in handy against Georgia, which was poised for another victory over its state rival after a series of bizarre plays. The Bulldogs scored on a 99-yard fumble return, a play that Johnson — and plenty of others — thought should have been whistled dead before the ball came loose. Georgia Tech fumbled again late in the game,

allowing Georgia to drive for a go-ahead touchdown with 18 seconds remaining in regulation.

But Georgia Tech, on a scramble by quarterback Justin Thomas, managed to get in position for the longest field goal of Harrison Butker’s career, sending the game to overtime. And, after a missed extra point gave Georgia another chance to win, D.J. White came up with a game-ending interception for the Yellow Jackets.

“That could have broken the back of most teams,” Johnson said proudly.

Florida State has won its past three games by a total of just 12 points, none of them against ranked opponents. The Seminoles struggled to put away Florida 24-19 this past Saturday, costing them the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press rankings.

But, in Johnson’s eyes, they’re the best team in the country until someone knocks them off. Georgia Tech’s players see a team that, much like them, knows how to come through in the clutch.

“I don’t see them as vulnerable,” linebacker Quayshawn Nealy said. “When you’re at the top, you get everybody’s best shot no matter who they are. That says a lot about their football team. They’ve faced a lot of adversity and overcome it.”

## Things to watch this week

Five things to watch this week in college football:

**1** Friday’s Pac-12 title game in Santa Clara, Calif., might not just be a playoff play-in game for Oregon. It might also be a play-in game for Arizona, which has cracked the top 10 and could now make the final four with a second win over the Ducks.

**2** The Texas Christian-or-Baylor playoff debate should be decided Saturday when Baylor plays host to Kansas State in Waco, Texas. A victory over a top-10 opponent will clinch the Big 12 title for Baylor and probably move the Bears past TCU in the College Football Playoff rankings.

**3** Alabama needs a victory over Missouri in the Southeastern Conference title game to secure the top seeding for the playoffs, meaning the Crimson Tide

would host a semifinal game in the Jan. 1 Sugar Bowl. Last year, Missouri won the SEC East and got trounced by Auburn in the SEC title game.

**4** Ohio State’s playoff hopes became complicated when starting quarterback J.T. Barrett suffered a broken ankle in Saturday’s win over Michigan. It’s now up to Ohio State backup Cardale Jones to defeat Wisconsin in the Big Ten title game.

**5** Fast-charging Georgia Tech, which earned a spot in the ACC title game, will get the last regular-season crack at undefeated Florida State. Georgia Tech is coming off an overtime win at Georgia and has a running attack that could put an end to the Seminoles’ 28-game winning streak.

— Chris Dufresne  
Los Angeles Times



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NHL

# Stars' poor play among big surprises of season

The Associated Press

**T**yler Seguin thought the Dallas Stars could've been a Stanley Cup contender. They still might be, but it'll take some work.

More than a quarter of the way through the NHL regular season, the Stars are 11th in the competitive Western Conference and five points off a playoff spot. Along with the successes of the Nashville Predators, Vancouver Canucks, Calgary Flames and Montreal Canadiens, the Stars' struggles have been among the biggest surprises in the league.

"We've lost games we probably should've won," general manager Jim Nill said recently. "But it's that old adage: When you dig a hole, it takes more dirt to fill it in. We're finding more dirt right now."

Seguin said before training camp that Dallas was ready to contend with the Los Angeles Kings, Chicago Blackhawks and St. Louis Blues, the top teams in the West. A trip to the playoffs last season, even though it ended in the first round at the hands of the Anaheim Ducks, infused plenty of belief in the Stars, and the offseason additions of Jason Spezza and Ales Hemsky added to that.

"(Being a contender is) something earned more than just given, and we did that last year," Seguin said in September. "But that's one year. We want to be a consistent team."

Consistent, the Stars have not been. Going into Tuesday's game at the Toronto Maple Leafs, Dallas was 3-1-4 in its past eight games.

Starting goaltender Kari Lehtonen (.905 save percentage) hasn't played well, and backup Anders Lindback — whose struggles in replacing Ben Bishop for the Tampa Bay Lightning last



Tony Gutierrez/AP

**Dallas goalie Kari Lehtonen, left, has a .905 save percentage and the Stars are in 11th place in the Western Conference.**

spring all but handed a first-round playoff victory to the Canadiens — has been worse with a goals-against average of 4.63 and save percentage of .861.

The opposite is true for the Predators, who were atop their division with the Blues. Nashville has received superb goaltending from Pekka Rinne, who leads all starters with a 1.82 GAA and .933 save percentage.

"There's no question that psychologically you probably play a little bit different with Pekka in net than we did last year for 51 games that he wasn't there," general manager David Poile said. Rinne missed much of last sea-

son with a hip injury and an infection. He returned for the end of 2013-14 and starred for Finland at the world championship.

The Predators are back in contention under new coach Peter Laviolette thanks in large part to some new additions. Twenty-year-old Filip Forsberg is Nashville's leading scorer, and his linemates — free-agent signee Mike Ribeiro and trade acquisition James Neal — have produced plenty, as well.

Goaltending has been crucial to the early success of three Canadian teams: Ryan Miller's Canucks, Jonas Hiller's Flames, and Carey Price's Canadiens.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Tampa Bay	25	17	6	2	36
Montreal	26	17	7	2	36
Detroit	24	16	7	1	33
Boston	25	14	10	1	29
Toronto	24	12	10	2	26
Florida	22	9	7	6	24
Ottawa	23	10	9	4	24
Buffalo	24	14	8	2	18

### Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Pittsburgh	25	17	7	0	34
N.Y. Islanders	24	17	6	0	34
N.Y. Rangers	24	13	9	4	29
Washington	23	10	9	4	26
New Jersey	24	9	11	4	22
Philadelphia	23	12	9	2	26
Carolina	23	7	13	3	17
Columbus	24	15	7	2	16

### Western Conference

Central Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Nashville	23	16	5	2	34
Chicago	24	15	7	2	34
Chicago	24	15	8	1	31
Winnipeg	25	12	10	4	29
Minnesota	23	13	9	1	27
Dallas	24	9	10	5	23
Colorado	25	9	14	2	20

Pacific Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Anaheim	26	16	7	3	35
Vancouver	24	16	7	1	33
Calgary	25	12	7	5	29
Los Angeles	25	12	7	5	29
San Jose	25	11	10	4	26
Arizona	25	10	12	3	23
Edmonton	25	6	15	4	16

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

**Monday's games**  
 Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Rangers 3  
 Columbus 2, Florida 1  
 Montreal 4, Colorado 3  
 Arizona 5, Edmonton 2  
 Anaheim 5, Boston 2

**Tuesday's games**  
 Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders  
 New Jersey at Pittsburgh  
 Vancouver at Washington  
 Dallas at Carolina  
 Tampa Bay at Buffalo  
 Nashville at Toronto  
 Florida at Detroit  
 Arizona at Calgary  
 Philadelphia at San Jose  
 Boston at Los Angeles

**Wednesday's games**  
 Montreal at Minnesota  
 St. Louis at Chicago  
 Edmonton at Winnipeg  
 Philadelphia at Anaheim  
**Thursday's games**  
 Vancouver at Pittsburgh  
 Washington at Carolina  
 New Jersey at Toronto  
 N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa  
 Dallas at Detroit  
 Buffalo at Tampa Bay  
 Columbus at Florida  
 St. Louis at Nashville  
 Philadelphia at Calgary  
 Los Angeles at Arizona  
 Boston at San Jose

### Monday Ducks 3, Bruins 2

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Boston	20	0	1	2	0
Second Period	1	Boston, Marchand 6 (Shaw, Trotman), 10:20, 2, Anaheim, Vatanen 6 (Maroon), 11:17, 3, Anaheim, Smith-Pelly 4 (Fowler, Silfverberg), 19:38.			
Third Period	1	Smith-Pelly 12 (Getzlaf), 4:43, 5, Boston, S.Gagne 2 (Paille, Hammen), 18:26.			
Shots on Goal	Boston	13-15	6-34.		
Power-play opportunities	Boston	0 of 3; Anaheim 0 of 3.			
Goals	Risk	11-7 (28 shots-25 saves); Anaheim, Andersen 11-4-4 (24-32).			
A=16,457 (17,174), T=2:24.					

### Lightning 6, Rangers 3

GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Tampa Bay	25	1	2	3-6
N.Y. Rangers	1	2	0-3	
First Period	1	Tampa Bay, Johnson 7 (Palat, Hedman), 6:32, 2, N.Y. Rangers, Bishop 3 (Kucherov, Stepan), 12:14, 4, Tampa Bay, Connolly 3 (Hedman, Bishop), 16:01.		
Second Period	4	N.Y. Rangers, Fast 2 (Brassard, Nash), 2:42, 5, N.Y. Rangers, St. Louis 10 (McDonough, Stepan), 8:24 (pp), 6, Tampa Bay, Carlé 2 (Johnson, Filppula), 11:51.		
Third Period	7	Tampa Bay, Connolly 4 (Stamkos, Hedman), 5:34 (pp), 6, Tampa Bay, Johnson 8 (Kucherov, Guindin), 6:58, 3, Tampa Bay, Palat 6, 19:33 (pp-sh).		
Shots on Goal	Tampa Bay	5-8-21.		
N.Y. Rangers	12-12-11	35.		
Goals	Tampa Bay, Bishop 15-3-2 (35 shots-23 saves); N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 9-7-3 (20-15).			
A=15,006 (18,006), T=2:32.				

Florida Jackets 2, Panthers 1				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Florida	1	0	1-1	
Columbus	1	0	1-1	
First Period	1	Columbus, Ekblad 3 (Chaput, Leopold), 15:07.		
Second Period	2	Florida, Ekblad 3 (Boyes, Bergenheim), 1:23 (pp), 2, Columbus, Jenner 2 (Rochelle), 10:05.		
Shots on Goal	Florida	6-10-9-25.		
Columbus	4-7-12-23.			
Power-play opportunities	Florida	1 of 3; Columbus 0 of 2.		
Goals	Florida, Dubinsky 2-2-1 (23 shots-21 saves); Columbus, Bobrovsky 6-8-1 (25-24).			
A=12,339 (18,144), T=2:23.				

### Canadiens 4, Avalanche 3

Colorado				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Montreal	1	2	1-4	
First Period	1	Montreal, Sekak 4 (Perron, Siro, Poirier), 10:40, Colorado, Briere 6, 19:26.		
Second Period	3	Colorado, O'Reilly 4 (Tanquary, Duchene), 3:5, 4, Montreal, Markov 3 (Galchenyuk, Plekanec), 8:28 (pp), 5, Colorado, Barris 3 (Tatnell, Guenin), 12:01, 6, Montreal, Subban 6 (Paille, Hiller), 18:11.		
Third Period	7	Montreal, Paoletty 12 (Deshaunay, Subban), 2:54.		
Shots on Goal	Montreal	8-18-4-30.		
Colorado	11-9-9-29.			
Power-play opportunities	Montreal	1 of 2; Colorado 0 of 1.		
Goals	Montreal, Paoletty 14-5-1 (29 shots-26 saves), Colorado, Pickard 3-4-0 (30-26).			
A=14,038 (18,007), T=2:30.				

### Arizona 5, Oilers 2

Arizona				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Edmonton	1	0	1-2	
First Period	1	Edmonton, Eberle 5 (Hall, Nugent-Hopkins), 5:37 (pp), 2.		
Second Period	2	Arizona, Rieder 3 (Shi, 3), 4, Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 4 (Yanagisawa, Boedker), 4:53 (sh), 5, Arizona, Boedker 8 (Vermette, Korpiokski), 13:43.		
Third Period	6	Arizona, Eriq 5 (Stone, Schiermo), 2:03 (pp), 7, Edmonton, Petry 2 (Klefbom, Perron), 4:21.		
Shots on Goal	Arizona	5-13-6-24.		
Edmonton	7-9-11-27.			
Power-play opportunities	Arizona	2 of 3; Edmonton 1 of 5.		
Goals	Arizona, Smith 5-11-2 (27 shots-25 saves); Edmonton, Fashn 2-6-2 (24-19).			
A=16,839 (16,839), T=2:31.				

**Calendar**  
**Jan. 1** — Winter Classic: Chicago at Washington.  
**Jan. 22-26** — All-Star break.



**Anaheim's Jakob Silfverberg checks Boston's Dennis Seidenberg during the first period Monday's game in Anaheim, Calif. Anaheim beat Boston 3-2.**

## Roundup

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** — Devante Smith-Pelly scored the tiebreaking goal late in the second period, and Matt Beleskey added his career-best 12th goal in the Anaheim Ducks' 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Monday.

Frederik Andersen made 32 saves and Sami Vatanen also scored for the Ducks, who reclaimed the Western Conference lead. The Ducks fell out of first place in the overall NHL standings last weekend with their first back-to-back regulation losses of the season.

Brad Marchand and Simon Gagne scored for the Bruins, who have lost three of four. Tuukka Rask stopped 25 shots as Boston opened a tough four-game Pacific Division

road swing without injured veterans David Krejci and captain Zdeno Chara.

**Lightning 6, Rangers 3:** Brett Connolly's second goal of the game during a third-period power play lifted visiting Tampa Bay to its third straight win over New York.

With Martin St. Louis off for slashing, Connolly scored past Henrik Lundqvist at 5:34 for his fourth of the season. Tyler Johnson gave the Lightning a two-goal lead 1:24 later with his second of the night, and Ondrej Palat added an empty-netter.

**Coyotes 5, Oilers 2:** Tobias Rieder scored two short-handed goals in 58 seconds on the same penalty kill as visiting Arizona handed Edmonton its 10th consecutive loss.

Oliver Ekman-Larsson, Mikkel Boedker

and Martin Erat also scored for the Coyotes, who snapped a three-game skid.

**Canadiens 4, Avalanche 3:** Max Pacioretty scored the tiebreaking goal late in the third period to send visiting Montreal past Colorado.

P.K. Subban and Andrei Markov each had a goal and an assist, and Jiri Sekac also scored for Montreal, which ended a three-game losing streak.

**Blue Jackets 2, Panthers 1:** Boone Jenner scored at 10:05 of the third period to lift host Columbus over Florida, ending a six-game losing streak.

Matt Calvert also scored for the Blue Jackets, who had won only two of 17 to drop to the bottom of the Eastern Conference standings.

NFL

Briefs

# Hoyer confident he can still lead Browns

From wire reports

BEREA, Ohio — Quarterback Brian Hoyer is positive he should be the starter for the rest of this season. He should be the one leading his team to the playoffs. He's convinced.

The Browns aren't as certain. A day after he was benched by coach Mike Pettine in the fourth quarter of a loss at Buffalo, Hoyer said Monday that he hasn't lost any of his confidence despite three straight poor performances and believes he should keep his job over rookie Johnny Manziel.

"You don't get to 7-5 in the NFL just lucking into it," Hoyer said. "It's been a lot of hard work, and I think I've proven that I've gotten us to this point. I feel like I can carry us through the next four games."

Hoyer was replaced by Manziel in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 26-10 loss to Buffalo after throwing two interceptions, continuing a pattern of bad games over the past month.

In his past three games, Hoyer has thrown just one touchdown pass, six interceptions and the Browns have scored just 36 points.

Pettine had not yet decided who will start this week against Indianapolis. He was to meet with his staff — and general manager Ray Farmer — on Tuesday and intends to inform Hoyer and Manziel of his decision Wednesday. Pettine said he's not leaning in either direction, and insists the choice comes down to one standard.

"I've said it a million times," he said. "Who gives us the best chance to win this weekend?" Period.

The Browns (7-5) remain in the thick of the AFC playoff race, but Pettine said Cleveland's postseason hopes won't affect whether he sticks with Hoyer or switches to Manziel, who came in and sparked a "stagnant" offense on Sunday.

"For us involving the playoffs, we have to win and that's the bottom line," Pettine said. "It's not like anything beyond that would influence the decision. It's 'Who gives us the best chance to win this weekend?'" It's that simple. It makes it easy when you look at it like that and shut out everything else."

As Hoyer has done all season — after a win or loss — he was at his locker Monday to discuss the previous day's game.

For the first time since September, he walked away not knowing if he'll be doing it again next week. Hoyer, though, isn't worried about anything other than getting ready for the Colts.

## Rice hopes for second chance

Huddled around his wife and her parents in their New York home, former Ravens star Ray Rice made his first comments since he was reinstated from an indefinite NFL suspension for violating the league's personal-conduct policy.

During an interview that aired Tuesday morning on NBC's "Today," the three-time Pro Bowl running back was asked what he would say to an NFL owner or group of fans to convince them he should get another opportunity to play.

"One thing I would think they would have to be willing to look deeper into who I am and realize me and my wife had one bad night and I took full responsibility for," Rice said. "One thing about my punishment is I accepted it. I went fully forward with it. I never complained. I never did anything like that. I took full responsibility

for everything that I did. The only thing that I can hope for and wish for is a second chance."

Rice was arrested in February after knocking out his then-fiancée in an Atlantic City casino elevator. He was charged with felony aggravated assault but avoided jail time through a pretrial intervention program.

## Cardinals' Mathieu has surgery

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona Cardinals safety Tyrann Mathieu will undergo surgery on his fractured left thumb on Wednesday and could be sidelined until the team's regular-season finale.

Mathieu will have a pin inserted in the thumb. The Cardinals said Tuesday that the thumb would need a couple of weeks to heal, then Mathieu would play with it in a cast.

Coach Bruce Arians said Monday that, if Mathieu needed surgery, he would be out three weeks. That would have him returning for the team's final regular-season game Dec. 28 at San Francisco.

# Louder: From Ali to LeBron, athletes use fame to raise awareness

## FROM BACK PAGE

to apologize and discipline the players. The NFL and the Rams said Monday that the players would not be punished.

The pose has come to symbolize a movement, even though witnesses offered conflicting accounts of whether 18-year-old Michael Brown had his hands up in surrender when he was killed by Ferguson officer Darren Wilson on August.

The fact that the five Rams weren't taking an easy stance could lend their moment a bit longer shelf life in this, the age of the 24-hour news cycle and the easily distracted consumer. They are the latest in a long line of athletes who has spoken out for political and social change: Among them, Muhammad Ali, Billie Jean King and, more recently, LeBron James and the Miami Heat, who took a team picture wearing hoodies, the same thing Trayvon Martin was wearing when he was

shot to death in 2012.

"This doesn't have anywhere near the impact of doing what Smith and Carlos did on the Olympic medal stand, but NFL players in the middle of a heated controversy, that imagery will be remembered," said Arthur Caplan, a doctor at New York University who serves on the school's Sports and Society program. "It becomes part of the lore when athletes take a moral stand. It also has staying power because others reacted to it critically."

The officers association called the gesture "tasteless, offensive and inflammatory."

The exact circumstances surrounding Brown's death will remain in dispute. Wilson, who is white, shot and killed Brown, who was black and unarmed, on Aug. 9. A grand jury's decision last week not to indict Wilson set off renewed protests, some of which turned violent.

Wilson told the grand jury that he shot Brown in self-defense.

But several witnesses said Brown had his hands up in surrender. Within hours, "Hands Up. Don't Shoot!" became the rallying cry for protesters.

Cornorback Chris Harris of the Broncos said he didn't think the players should be punished, but knows they could pay a price in different ways.

"It's freedom of speech. This is the USA, and they had a choice of what they did," Harris said. "But you've got to understand, the St. Louis police protects them, too. So, they've got to be careful of what they're doing."

The Rams didn't make players available for interviews Monday. After the game, those involved in the gesture said they stood by what they had done.

"I don't want the people in the community to feel like we turned a blind eye to it," Britt said. "What would I like to see happen? Change in America."

That's what Smith and Carlos were hoping for, as well, back in



LEBRON JAMES VIA TWITTER/AP

In this image posted to LeBron James' Twitter page in 2012, Miami Heat players wear team hoodies, the same thing teen Trayvon Martin wore when he was shot to death in Florida.

the 1960s, and it's why Carlos was supportive of what he saw Sunday.

"An athlete eats, sleeps, breathes and he's going to die,

just like anyone else," he said. "If an individual gets hurt or killed, he's as concerned as anyone. If he thinks it's unjust, he has the right to say so."

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Dolphins defensive end Dion Jordan, left, blocks a punt by Jets punter Ryan Quigley during the third quarter Monday in East Rutherford, N.J.

# Dolphins rally to stay in AFC race

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It's all in the mindset. "Scratch, claw, bite, kick, whatever you have to do to make a play and win," Dolphins defensive end Cameron Wake explained after Monday night's dull but effective slugfest with the New York Jets ended in a 16-13 Miami victory.

"It's December," added rookie receiver Jarvis Landry. "The only thing that matters is winning, no matter how you get it done."

The Dolphins found the right formula to stay in the AFC playoff race: Simply let the Jets run the ball all night, and wait for New York to make mistakes — something the Jets have done quite well all season. Sturgis' third field goal, from 26 yards with 1:57 remaining, gave Miami (7-5) the comeback victory over its archrival.

New York (2-10) rushed for 277 yards on 49 carries, but made enough key errors in the second half to lose.

"Can't believe we're 2-10," Jets coach Rex Ryan said, shaking his head and pausing. "It's a joke."

The Dolphins remained a factor in the wild-card race thanks to special teams; Landry's eight receptions; Lamar Miller's 4-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter; and plenty of defense when the Jets needed to pass.

New York's Geno Smith threw only 13 times, fewest in the NFL this season, and gained 49 yards.

**"I feel sick. We can't buy a win."**

Rex Ryan  
New York Jets coach

The usually reliable Nick Folk missed two field goals.

All of that offset a season high on the ground as Chris Johnson had his best performance for the Jets with 105 yards.

"We had to draw a line in the dirt. No more," Wake said of his team's stinginess after halftime. "We came out in the second half scheme-wise the same, but guys played the way they're supposed to play."

Sturgis also made field goals of 43 and 44 yards.

After trailing most of the way, Miami tied it on Miller's run with 10:24 remaining. That brought the loudest cheers of the night; thousands of Dolphins fans at MetLife Stadium braved the wet, windy conditions.

The Jets' problems with penalties on special teams hurt them all night, and a holding call against Saahim Hakim set up the Dolphins at New York's 39 on the tying drive. On the winning possession, backup tight end Dion Sims had catches of 18 and 17 yards.

The Jets kept pounding the ball effectively. They even got into field goal position after Miami made it 13-13. But Koa Misi's sack pushed New York back to the

Miami 27 and Folk missed wide left for the second time. Folk had missed 18 of 20 entering the game.

That's the way the Jets' season has gone, of course.

"I feel sick," Ryan said. "We can't buy a win."

Early on, Greg Salas, with his fourth team in four pro seasons, scored his first career touchdown. But the receiver didn't get it through the air, instead scoring on a well-celebrated reverse on which the Dolphins had no one close to him until he reached the 2.

He dived into the end zone to cap an 85-yard drive, but that ended his night; Salas hurt a hamstring.

Sturgis missed a 43-yard field goal on the next possession for Miami, further boosting New York's confidence. The Jets took the ball into Dolphins territory for the third successive series, and got more points on Folk's 40-yard field goal.

As New York kept grinding away on the ground — it had 210 yards rushing in the opening half — it also ate up the clock. But Folk missed from 48 yards and Miami took advantage on Sturgis' 43-yard field goal to end the half.

Sturgis added his 44-yarder to start the second half, and Folk followed with a 45-yarder that



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

Jets kicker Nick Folk reacts after missing the first of two field goals on Monday night against the Dolphins.

bounced off the crossbar and through, making it 13-6.

Then came two huge plays that led to, and won, nothing. Dion Jordan partially blocked Ryan Quigley's punt, resulting in a 6-yard kick to the New York 41. It was the second straight week an opponent got a piece of a Quigley punt.

On the next play, though, Miller bobbled Ryan Tannehill's short pass and the ball squirted into cornerback Darrin Walls' hands. Walls slipped, got up and returned the interception 25 yards to the Dolphins 30. But Wake got a sack — he leads Miami with 9½ — and that forced a punt.

## Scoreboard

### American Conference

Team	East			
	W	L	T	Pct
New England	9	3	0	.750
Miami	7	5	0	.583
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417
N.Y. Jets	2	10	0	.167

Team	South			
	W	L	T	Pct
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667
Houston	6	6	0	.500
Tennessee	2	10	0	.167
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167

Team	North			
	W	L	T	Pct
Cincinnati	8	1	1	.708
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583
Cleveland	3	9	0	.250

Team	West			
	W	L	T	Pct
Denver	9	3	0	.750
San Diego	8	4	0	.667
Kansas City	3	9	0	.250
Oakland	1	11	0	.083

### National Conference

Team	East			
	W	L	T	Pct
Philadelphia	9	3	0	.750
Dallas	8	4	0	.667
N.Y. Giants	3	9	0	.250
Washington	3	9	0	.250

Team	South			
	W	L	T	Pct
Atlanta	5	7	0	.417
New Orleans	3	8	1	.292
Carolina	3	8	1	.292
Tampa Bay	2	9	1	.167

Team	North			
	W	L	T	Pct
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750
Detroit	8	4	0	.667
Chicago	5	7	0	.417
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417

Team	West			
	W	L	T	Pct
Arizona	9	3	0	.750
Seattle	8	4	0	.667
San Francisco	7	5	0	.583
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417

**Thursday's games**  
 Detroit 34, Chicago 17  
 Philadelphia 33, Dallas 10  
 Seattle 19, San Francisco 3

**Sunday's games**  
 Houston 45, Tennessee 21  
 St. Louis 52, Oakland 0  
 Minnesota 31, Carolina 13  
 Indianapolis 49, Washington 27  
 Buffalo 26, Cleveland 10  
 San Diego 34, Baltimore 33  
 Jacksonville 25, N.Y. Giants 24  
 Cincinnati 14, Tampa Bay 10  
 New Orleans 35, Pittsburgh 32  
 Atlanta 29, Arizona 10  
 Green Bay 26, New England 21  
 Denver 25, Kansas City 16  
 Miami 16, N.Y. Jets 13

**Thursday, Dec. 4**  
 Dallas at Chicago  
**Sunday, Dec. 7**  
 N.Y. Giants at Tennessee  
 Carolina at New Orleans  
 N.Y. Jets at Minnesota  
 Indianapolis at Cleveland  
 St. Louis at Washington  
 Baltimore at Miami  
 Philadelphia at Philadelphia  
 Tampa Bay at Detroit  
 Houston at Jacksonville  
 Buffalo at Denver  
 Kansas City at Arizona  
 San Francisco at Oakland  
 Seattle at Philadelphia  
 New England at San Diego  
**Monday, Dec. 8**  
 Atlanta at Green Bay

**Monday, Dec. 15**  
 Dolphins 16, Jets 13

Team	W	L	T	Pct
Miami	0	3	0	.10-16
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.69-13

**First Quarter**  
 NYJ—Salas 20 (Folk kick), 7:45.

**Second Quarter**  
 NYJ—Folk 40, 12:01.  
 MIA—Folk 43, 3:00. Dan Thomas 11-3.

**Third Quarter**  
 MIA—Folk 45, 0:56.  
 NYJ—Folk 45, 7:17.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 MIA—Miller 4 run, 10:24.  
 MIA—Folk 26, 1:57.  
 NYJ—Folk 45, 7:17.

Stat	Mia	NYJ
First downs	16	18
Total yards	291	326
Rushes-yards	18-74	49-277
Passes-yards	11-100	27-49
Punt Returns	0-0	3-14
Kickoff Returns	3-52	2-33
Interceptions Ret.	1-10	1-25
Comp-Att-int	25-35-1	7-13-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	2-18	2-16
Punts	4-54.0	4-27.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	7-57
Time of Possession	27:29	32:35

**Rushing—Miami**, Miller 13-56, Tannehill 4-13, Dan Thomas 4-5, N.Y. Jets, 20-102.  
**Receiving—Miami**, Landry 8-68, M. Wallace 6-69, Sims 4-58, Gibson 2-17, Miller 2-13, Dan Thomas 1-3.  
**Passing—Miami**, Tannehill 25-35-1, 235. N.Y. Jets, Smith 7-13-1-65.

**Blocked field goals—Miami**, 1-68, M. Wallace 6-69, Sims 4-58, Gibson 2-17, Miller 2-13, Dan Thomas 1-3.  
**Hostines 1-0, N.Y. Jets**, B. Powell 2-17, Decker 2-18, Suddell 1-20, Harvin 1-6.  
**Missed field goals—Miami**, Sturgis 43 (WL), N.Y. Jets, Folk 48 (WL), 45 (WL).

NFL



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton throws a pass Sunday against Tampa Bay in Tampa, Fla. Cincinnati won the game 14-13 to improve to 7-5 and take a 1½-game lead in the AFC North.

# Bengals control own destiny in AFC North

By JOE KAY

The Associated Press

**W**ITH the help of replay that went their way, the Bengals held on for a win.

Then they glanced at the rest of the AFC North results and realized what had happened.

The defending division champions are once again in control.

A 14-13 win in Tampa on Sunday left the Bengals (8-3-1) with more than a game lead over the rest of the division. Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Cleveland all lost, falling to 7-5.

And the schedule gives Cincinnati a chance to finish it off. The Bengals play two against the Steelers and a game in Cleveland during December.

Safety George Iloka described it as a sense of relief when the Bengals realized that the division race has finally broken open — and broken Cincinnati's way. The Bengals host the Steelers on Sunday with a chance to all but eliminate the Steelers from the division title race.

"We've just got a little more breathing room," Iloka said on Monday. "It always helps when we win a game and other teams lose. Guys were definitely happy about that."

The NFL's toughest division finally has a clear-cut leader.

All three teams were three games over .500 — an NFL first — heading into the weekend. The Bengals played one of their poorest games and got the help of a replay overturn in the closing seconds. A review

showed that Tampa Bay had 12 players on the field for a pass completion that had moved the Buccaneers well into field-goal range.

That one replay changed everything in the division.

Cincinnati is in solid shape to reach the playoffs for the fourth season in a row. And the Bengals are heading into December on a hot streak.

The win at Tampa Bay marked the third straight week the Bengals had won on the road, which is a franchise first. The defense has finally straightened out, which is the most encouraging sign.

And Cincinnati takes a lot of confidence and what amounts to a 1½-game lead into the final stretch of the season.

"It's winning time," offensive coordinator Hue Jackson said on Monday. "This is when you grow. This is when the real players show up, because this is an opportunity to really make something special happen."

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Hue Jackson  
Bengals offensive coordinator

"People remember what you do in December. That's the old term: December, January football is where it's at."

January has been Cincinnati's worst month. The Bengals have lost opening-round playoff games each of the past three seasons — two in Houston, last year at home to San Diego — and haven't gotten a postseason victory since the 1990 season.

The whole theme of this season was to get to the playoffs again, and win this time. A 24-3 loss to Cleveland at Paul Brown Stadium on Nov. 6 in a Thursday night game knocked the Bengals out of first place, but they've regained control with those three straight road wins.

# Unfamiliar names producing for Colts

By MICHAEL MAROT  
The Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Andrew Luck can still rely on his headlines to make the big plays.

He just doesn't have to go exclusively to the stars anymore.

Over the past several weeks, tight end Coby Fleener has emerged as a key cog in Indianapolis' offense, rookie receiver Donte Moncrief is exploiting more holes in opposing secondaries and Daniel "Boom" Herron has become a real challenger to former first-round pick Trent Richardson as the starting running back.

It's the kind of supporting cast Luck and his teammates have envisioned for months.

"You've got to make a decision on how you're going to play certain people and how you're going to make them beat you," coach Chuck Pagano said.

"If you make a decision, you're going to put all your eggs in this basket, you better hope the other guys can hold up. Because if they can't hold up, it can spell disaster for you."

Instead, the Colts (8-4) are thriving.

The defending AFC South champs have won eight of their past 10 games after an 0-2 start and still have a two-game lead over Houston.

With four games left, Luck has already broken Peyton Manning's franchise record with his 10th 300-yard game of the season

and has thrown a career-high 34 touchdown passes — two behind Peyton Manning and two ahead of Aaron Rodgers.

T.Y. Hilton is 11th in the league in receptions (68) and is fifth in yards with a career-best 1,145.

On Sunday, Indianapolis produced its highest point total in a decade, beating Washington 49-27, thanks in large part to some unfamiliar names.

Fleener became the first tight end since Rich Caster in 1972 with TD catches of 70 or more yards and 30 or more yards in the same game. He finished with four catches for 127 yards.

Moncrief, a third-round draft pick, had three catches for 134 yards and scored on plays of 48 and 79 yards.

Herron ripped off a 49-yard touchdown run and finished with eight carries for a career-best 88 yards.

Indy became the first team since 1966 to finish with six touchdowns of 30 or more yards since the Redskins had seven in 1966.

"They're so hard (to get), you don't see it. Teams are too good and guys always seem to be in the right spot, but obviously fans love it, we love it, everybody loves it," Pagano said when asked about the compilation of long scoring plays.

"I think going into the game we were No. 1 in the National Football League in explosive plays, we've over 20 yards, and I'm sure we'll end up staying there after yesterday."



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Indianapolis tight end Coby Fleener had four catches for 127 yards during Sunday's 49-27 victory over Washington in Indianapolis.

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in AFC playoff race | Page 30

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## Louder than words

Rams latest sports figures to use playing  
field to draw attention to social issuesBy EDDIE PELLIS  
The Associated Press

It wasn't so much that the five St. Louis Rams who gave the "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" signal during pregame introductions were using sports to make a statement — it was the sort of statement they made that set them apart.

American sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos set the standard for athletes hoping to take a political message to the highest level of sports — raising their gloved fists while atop the medals stand at the Mexico City Olympics in 1968.

Carlos applauded the gesture made Sunday by the Rams — Kenny Britt, Stedman Bailey, Tavon Austin, Chris Givens and Jared Cook — saying if an athlete "thinks

something is unjust, he has the right to say something about it."

"You have a right, as an athlete, to express who you are," Carlos said in an interview with The Associated Press. "People can make their own determination as to whether you were right or wrong."

Carlos and Smith got booed out of the stadium and kicked out of the Olympics. During the racially charged 1960s, their Black Power gesture was deemed too political and divisive, both by a large segment of the public and the leader of the International Olympic Committee, Avery Brundage.

Not everyone agreed with the Rams' stance, either. The St. Louis Police

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U.S. Olympians Tommie Smith, left, and John Carlos gesture during the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" during the 1968 Summer Games in Mexico City.

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