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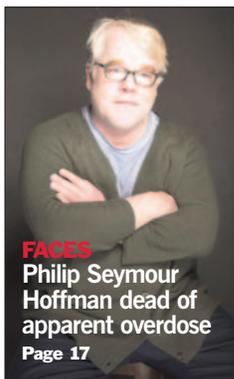
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The Vince Lombardi Trophy is held up by the Seattle Seahawks after Super Bowl XLVIII on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Healing the home

\$30M project aims to help wounded vets move from 'surviving' to 'thriving'

By LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Back when Michael Baker was a nuclear submarine technician in the Navy, he was a triathlete who spent as much time as he could exploring the Hawaiian outdoors near his naval base.

Since a motorcycle accident eight years ago left him with extensive brain damage and without half of his right foot, much of his life is now spent confined to a couch of in his parents' home in West Virginia.

His mother, Cathy, is relieved that he isn't in a medical institution, but she quibbles with government officials labeling him a veteran who is "living independently."

"There's a new vision of success for many of these wounded veterans. It's not institutional care or isolation at home."

Steve Nardizzi
executive director of the Wounded Warrior Project

"He still wants to do things, to be productive and useful with his life," she said. "He has lost so much, but he hasn't lost everything."

In recent years, lawmakers and veterans groups have focused largely on making sure the Department of Veterans Affairs is prepared to fulfill the basic medical needs of the wave of new veterans: ending the benefits backlog, improving mental health care and expanding outreach efforts.

But, absent from much of that conversation is an in-depth look at what it means to fully repay — or repair — veterans who return from service with life-altering injuries.

He requires 24-hour supervision. Some days even crossing the room seems an insurmountable challenge.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We can't go to the Legislature to ask for help, (so) we decided to go to the guy upstairs."

— Ron Gibson, a dairy farmer in Utah, where farmers and religious leaders have turned to prayer in seeking an end to severe drought that has left several Western and Central states parched

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Photos courtesy of the French Navy

Above: An F/A-18E Super Hornet, assigned to the "Gunslingers" of Strike Fighter Squadron 37, lands aboard the aircraft carrier FS Charles de Gaulle on Jan. 13 in the Persian Gulf. Below: The guided-missile destroyer USS Bulkeley, left, and the Charles de Gaulle, right, sail alongside the fleet replenishment oiler USNS Arctic during an underway replenishment Dec. 29 in the Gulf of Oman.

US, France wind up joint operations

By HENDRICK SIMOES
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MANAMA, Bahrain — The U.S. and French navies completed five weeks of rare combined carrier strike group operations in the Middle East on Sunday.

The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group and French Navy Task Force 473 — which includes the French carrier FS Charles de Gaulle — began operating together in late December.

Officials said that involved full integration of strike group operations to conduct routine maritime security along with various training events.

During the five weeks, U.S. F/A-18 Hornets and Super Hornets landed and conducted operations from the Charles de Gaulle, and French aircraft landed and launched from the Truman, the main differences being use of hand and launch signals, according to a Navy press release.

Lt. Cmdr. Rob Littman, an F/A-18 Hornet pilot, was one of the few pilots from the Truman who had the opportunity to land on the Charles De Gaulle.

"The ship is a bit smaller than the Truman, and they use an older version of the lens that we use to judge where you are on glide slope, but the rest of the procedures were nearly identical," he said in



an email to Stars and Stripes from the Truman. "I was more excited than nervous."

Rear Adm. Kevin Sweeney, commander of the Truman carrier strike group, said in a phone interview with Stars and Stripes from out at sea that having the French come out to operate with the U.S. Navy took about a year of planning.

"Quite frankly, I think this is the first time this has ever happened, period — that we've done this level of cooperation and interoperations before," Sweeney said.

U.S. and French ships operated

together in the Gulf of Oman, in the Northern Arabian Sea and in the Persian Gulf, conducting joint flight operations, boarding exercises, live-fire gunnery exercises, air defense exercises and combat search-and-rescue training, according to a Navy press release.

Officials said those combined operations were not only to enhance the levels of cooperation and interoperability between the two navies but also to reassure regional allies.

"We are always trying to build trust and confidence in this area of the world that we are here for

the long haul and that we are committed to the safety and stability within this region," Sweeney said.

Sweeney called the combined operations a "huge success," adding he would like to see more of such cooperation. "I think the key here is, we need to avoid this kind of event being so episodic," he said.

The Truman carrier strike group has been operating in the Middle East since August and is more than halfway through a nine-month deployment.

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MILITARY

Ex-Dolphins at Afghan base Super Bowl eve

BY ALEX PENA
Stars and Stripes

To view video and more photos of the Camp Marmal events, go to: stripes.com/go/dolphins

CAMP MARMAL, Afghanistan — Two former players for the Miami Dolphins and five members of the team's cheerleading squad swapped the sand and sun of South Florida for snow at Camp Marmal in northern Afghanistan to meet with troops on the eve of the Super Bowl.

Troops based at Camp Marmal turned out to meet the former players and cheerleaders and get autographs.

Former Miami Dolphins linebacker Derrick Rodgers, who served in the Air Force before being drafted into the NFL, spent two of his four years in the service in Okinawa.

"Me coming over here is part of my giving back, because I understand that being over here sometimes can be monotonous," Rodgers told Stars and Stripes. "You're going through this situation, and not being appreciated is one of the biggest things that goes on in their minds."

"So when I get back and tell everybody what happened, I'm going to tell them there is a lot of individuals out here that care about the country," Rodgers said. Rodgers, former NFL fullback Lousaka Polite and the cheerleaders were on a trip organized by Armed Forces Entertainment, a Defense Department agency that provides entertainment to U.S. military overseas.

They signed autographs for the troops, posed for pictures and had servicemembers sign a Dolphins banner that was to be brought back and hung in the stadium in Miami.

Jamie Quadrozzi, events coordinator for the team, said the Miami Dolphins have been participating in such "morale booster"

trips since 2001.

"We do at least one tour a year and sometimes we do more than one. This is our third tour in Afghanistan," she said. "All the rest of the 37 cheerleaders that we left at home are dying to be here. For a trip like this, it's a big deal for us. So we chose our top five girls, and they always say yes. They always want to be here."

As Super Bowl Sunday turned to Super Bowl Monday in Afghanistan — the game aired live at 4:30 a.m. — the troops made their way to the USO at Camp Marmal for the official viewing party. Most of those interviewed admitted to not being fans of either the Denver Broncos or the Seattle Seahawks, who won 43-8, and said they were disappointed with the play.

"I'm from Miami, so I like to support the Dolphins," said Pfc. Luis Ortiz, with Company D, 1st Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment. "So I was watching it for the thrill of it. Usually, you hope for the Super Bowl to be a really close game, but it was just a blowout. I was disappointed that it wasn't even close at all."

"Manning has to do better next time," said Sgt. Sergio Lujan, also with the 1-227 and a Redskins fan, referring to Denver quarterback Peyton Manning. "The Manning curse is going on, so he has to break that curse and keep the family going strong."

Lujan and Ortiz both said the outcome of the game was not that important.

"It's pretty much about trying to have as much fun as possible," Lujan said. "You're



PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL, Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Left: Grace, a Miami Dolphins cheerleader, stands at attention in a dance routine performed at Camp Marmal in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, on Sunday. Right: Derrick Rodgers, a former Miami Dolphins linebacker who previously served in the Air Force, told stories about some of his toughest tackles to a crowd of troops.

in a combat area, but you're just trying to have a good time with soldiers, fellow enlisted and officers."

"We're just trying to make the best of the situation. We've got snow out here and it can't get any worse. I don't think."

"It's different, because we don't have the same amenities that we have at home," Ortiz said. "But I'm with the people I'm close with, my boss — we're all friends, so it was good watching with them."

The Dolphins contingent had planned to travel to some of the surrounding forward-operating bases in Regional Command North, but heavy snow prevented their travel.

Grace — one of the cheerleaders, who were not permitted to give their last names — welcomed the change of scenery from her home in Florida.

"It's completely different from Miami," she said.

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Above right: NFL players Greg Van Roten, Brad Jones, Justin Bethel and William Henderson have their photo taken with Peter and Jaime Kapur and their son, David, after the Super Bowl.

Below right: Sailors and their families celebrate during a party at Benny Decker theater on Yokosuka Naval Base after a touchdown by the Seattle Seahawks.

PHOTOS BY TREVOR ANDERSEN/Stars and Stripes



NFL players hang out with Yokosuka sailors

BY TREVOR ANDERSEN
Stars and Stripes

For more photos of the players and troops at Yokosuko, go to: stripes.com/go/nflparty

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Denver Broncos fan Petty Officer Eric Douglas was depressed to see his team beaten so badly in the Super Bowl, but he had a couple of consolation prizes. First, he got to meet several NFL players who were visiting Yokosuka Naval Base to hang out with sailors during the Super Bowl, which aired live Monday morning in Japan.

"It's not every day you get to meet NFL players and get autographs," Douglas said. "And I won a Super Bowl sweater for trivia, so that made it better."

Former Green Bay Packers fullback William Henderson went from venue to venue during the game, along with Packers players Greg Van Roten and Brad Jones, Cardinals player Justin Bethel and Packers head athletic trainer Pepper Burruss. They signed autographs and had their photos taken with fans along the way.

"This isn't about sightseeing or tourism," Henderson said. "We're here to meet the enlisted men and

women who are actually serving. We are privileged to be here today."

During half-time, the players met with the sailors at the Single Sailor Liberty Center, where Henderson competed in and lost a chicken wing-eating contest. Petty Officer Nathan Zaffke from the USS George Washington was the winner.

Henderson spoke about his defeat in a mock press conference tone afterward.

"I tried to put my best into it," he said. "I gave it my all, but I will say the better man won. He was willing to put mouth to wing and make it happen. I could do nothing but sit back and marvel at his capacity to chow down, appreciating every facet of the wing."

Zaffke credited his win to experience.

"I've done the 'Blazin' Challenge' at Buffalo Wild Wings," he said.

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MILITARY



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A flock of Eagle Scouts

Six Boy Scouts were elevated to the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony Friday at Hainerberg Chapel in Wiesbaden, Germany. From left, Ricky Pickering, Joshua Fischer, Gavin Ingels, Peter Kallis, Kristopher Smith and Cameron Noble constituted the largest number of Eagle Scouts earning the rank at any one time within the European Transatlantic Council.

Report cites progress on VA backlog

By MATTHEW M. BURKE

Stars and Stripes

The Department of Veterans Affairs made significant strides in reducing the backlog of veteran disability claims last year, but aggressive steps are needed if the remaining 400,000 cases are to be handled and considerations are made for future claims, a new report suggests.

"The Battle to End the VA Backlog" — released Monday by the nonprofit advocacy group Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America — suggests creation of long-promised electronic medical records shared by the VA and the Defense Department; standardization of VA claims forms; and incentives for VA raters who cut the number of appeals by getting it right the first time.

"The VA ... has implemented a number of initiatives focusing on automation, personnel and processes to try and update this outdated, paper-based system and address this enormous backlog of claims," according to the report's executive summary. "While there has been some progress to decrease the backlog, there is nothing to support which of these initiatives are working and which are not, nor is there evidence of planning beyond FY 2015.

"Overall it must create an infrastructure that allows the disability compensation system to project future needs and adapt to a growing population of new veterans and even more complex injuries."

The report comes on the heels of President Barack Obama's State of the Union address, in which he vowed continued progress in addressing the backlog — a major part of his agenda for the past four years — but offered no concrete solutions.

In a statement addressing the report, the VA cites its aggressive plan to end the problem in 2015.

"No Veteran should have to wait for benefits they've earned and deserve. ... We have made strong

progress, and we know there is more work to do. ... Many of the recommendations in this report are consistent with our goals, addressed in our Transformation Plan, and reflect action already taken or underway."

VA disability claims ballooned when America's veterans began returning home — many severely injured — from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. As the wars dragged on, the VA struggled to keep up as more and more entered the system.

Between 2009 and 2012, the number of backlogged claims — those pending for more than 125 days — tripled, and more than two-thirds of the pending claims were backlogged, according to the report.

In March 2013, the number of backlogged claims topped 600,000, with an additional 300,000 in the system.

Initiatives by the department reduced the backlog by more than 35 percent through December, the report said. VA officials have said they are on pace to end the backlog in 2015.

The report's author, research director Jacqueline Maffucci, worried that might not be possible without a long-term plan for improvement. Her concerns echo a November policy brief released by the Center for New American Security, which said the VA's mental health efforts are insufficient to keep pace with the influx of veterans expected to hit the health care system in the next decade.

"This isn't just about ending the backlog," Maffucci wrote in the report. "It's about ending it and maintaining that steady state; it's about ending it and seeing a decrease in the number of claims appealed because the initial system by which ratings are determined is efficient; it's about restoring faith in the VA."

VA Secretary Eric Shinewski said late last year that the department's next focus would be ad-

dressing the growing number of claim decision appeals, which has topped 266,000.

The report makes 20 recommendations for the VA, DOD and Congress in evidence collection, automation and improvement of accuracy, evaluation and anticipation of veterans' needs.

It urges VA officials to reassess customer service protocols and to analyze the viability of a VA certification program that would allow veterans to see and be diagnosed for certain conditions by outside providers.

It also said a plan should be devised to continuously solicit feedback, to build in improvements, to update VA manuals on quality control and adjudication of disability claims, to revise the employee incentive program to integrate accuracy and determine the geographic distribution of veterans, and to perform a manpower analysis of VA staffing needs.

The IAVA recommended that the Defense Department deliver on joint electronic medical records and adhere to its timeline to develop and fully implement an automated system to transfer service treatment records.

Members of Congress were asked to consider legislation requiring federal agencies to respond to VA requests for veterans' records and to align requests for federal records outside the VA system with similar requests for private records.

All three agencies were asked to continue to fund research to better understand the health risks and long-term care needs of post-9/11 veterans.

"The backlog may end in FY 2015, but the disability compensation process will continue," the report states. "If the VA does not learn from its mistakes, it is bound to repeat them."

The report is available on the IAVA website: <http://iava.org/battle-end-va-backlog>.

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US-backed effort destroys Libya's chemical arms

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY

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An international effort with U.S. backing has destroyed the remnants of Libya's former chemical weapons stockpile in a remote desert setting inside the volatile country, the Defense Department and the international organization overseeing the process said Monday.

The elimination of a final 2 tons of arms loaded with mustard agent puts an end to the country's roughly 10-year endeavor to destroy its chemicals. That drive, initiated by late strongman Moammar Gadhafi, paused during the civil war and was restarted by the country's new government.

It comes as the U.S. warns of a growing presence of Islamist militant groups in the north African country, where the central government remains weak and militias operate with little challenge.

"It's very important that the international community has a full accounting of and has now verifiably destroyed one of the most potent and dangerous materials the Gadhafi regime possessed," said Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association, a nonproliferation advocacy group in the U.S.

News of the destruction, first reported by The New York Times, offers a success story in international efforts to destroy chemical arms at a time when a much larger campaign in Syria has been criticized for failing to meet deadlines. International observers and the U.S. have recently criticized the Syrian regime for the slow pace of its delivery of weapons to its port in Latakia for removal and destruction.

Libya began destroying its 26-ton chemical stockpile in 2010 after the Gadhafi regime acceded to the Chemical Weapons Convention in 2004. It was roughly halfway through the process when equipment malfunctions and the outbreak of protests that would lead to the civil war halted the process in early 2011.

Before the new government renewed weapons destruction in April of last year, it notified inspectors of the discovery of an additional 2 tons of chemical weapons undeclared by the Gadhafi regime and already loaded into hundreds of munitions, the Arms Control Association said.

The agent was sulfur mustard, and its destruction was made more difficult because it was packed into weapons, including artillery shells, sleeves for rocket launching and several 500-pound bombs, the Times reported.

"You can't drain chemical

agents from munitions, necessarily," Kimball said. "You need to destroy the munitions."

Destruction of the remaining cache began in November and was performed by Libyans trained in Europe specifically for the disposal, using tools provided by a U.S. engineering firm contracted by the DOD's Defense Threat Reduction Agency. The DOD's Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction program, traditionally a funding source for the destruction of Cold War-era weapons stockpiles, provided \$45 million in funding. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons supervised the destruction.

Other assistance came from Canada and Germany.

According to the Times, the destruction took place in a desert location 400 miles southeast of Tripoli, and it involved "transportable oven technology" to destroy the weapons. The last shell was destroyed Jan. 26.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons released a statement attributed to Director General Ahmet Uzumcu lauding the destruction. It declined to release further details, citing an event this week to mark the milestone.

"The destruction of these munitions was a major undertaking in arduous, technically challenging circumstances at the remote Ruwaha Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility," the statement said. "From start to finish, meeting these challenges was the product of close cooperation between Libya, the OPCW Technical Secretariat and other States Parties."

A DOD spokesman credited the Libyan government with completion of the destruction.

"It's a Libyan-led effort," Jennifer Elzeza said. "They declared their own chemical agents and weapons. And then the international community, led by OPCW, came in to support the Libyan government."

The OPCW is also leading the campaign to destroy Syria's chemical weapons, which are estimated at more than 1,000 tons. Some 560 tons of the most dangerous chemicals and chemical precursors are to be neutralized at sea by the U.S. ship MV Cape Ray, which left the East Coast last week.

The Cape Ray is scheduled to dock in southern Italy, where it will meet a Danish ship carrying the chemicals from the Syrian port of Latakia. By the beginning of February, the regime had delivered only 4 percent of the chemicals to its port, according to news reports.

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MILITARY

Healing: Effort boosts wounded vets' independence

FROM FRONT PAGE

Benefits from the VA can be generous, but they are limited to medical needs and crises. They often don't cover broader emotional and spiritual needs, such as the desire to be a productive member of a local community.

This year, officials from Wounded Warrior Project will set aside \$30 million to help about 300 injured veterans get closer to true independence through additional medical care, therapy and assistance programs. It's a dramatic expansion of the group's 3-year-old Independence Program, designed to provide financial security and peace of mind for wounded veterans.

It's a lot of money, but officials say it meets just a fraction of the need.

"There's a new vision of success for many of these wounded veterans," said Steve Nardizzi, executive director of the Wounded Warrior Project. "It's not institutional care or isolation at home."

"The vision for success should be the same as you and me: having a happy life, getting back with their families, getting a job and being as independent as they can be."

For Baker, a holdover from the program last year, that means weekly sessions with life coach Joe Olivito.

The two plan outings to restaurants and small projects around the house for which Baker, 30, can do the majority of the work.

The veteran missed being outside after his accident, so Olivito helped him build wheelchair-accessible gardening beds in the backyard.

"We couldn't afford something like this," Cathy Baker said of Olivito's services. "It can run up to \$120 an hour just for home medical care, and that isn't the same kind of engagement."

"But with his coach, Mike can have a guy's night out, just go to the movies with someone who isn't his parents. It's just gives him such a feeling of independence. It's an absolute answer to a prayer for us."

Veterans in the WWP program are screened to ensure financial need and potential for a better life. Organizers conducted several interviews with Baker and his parents on their hopes before sketching out long-term goals for the family and coordinating with local community groups.

Of the \$30 million set aside this year, about \$10 million will go toward 250 veterans with brain injuries, missing limbs and other potentially limiting serious injuries. All receive financial help from VA programs, but Nardizzi said the limitations of those funds demand help from outside groups like his.

About \$20 million will be set aside in a trust for the long-term



Courtesy of Cathy Baker

Injured Navy veteran Michael Baker, left, and his life coach, Joe Olivito, built wheelchair-accessible gardening beds at his home in West Virginia last fall. Baker and his family receive financial assistance through the Wounded Warrior Project's Independence Program.

financial support of 40 families, ensuring independent living for at least 20 years.

Among those recipients is Matt Keil, a former Army staff sergeant who has been a quadriplegic since a sniper shot him in the neck during a patrol in Iraq. Today, he lives at home with his 3-year-old twins and his wife, Tracy, who serves as his 24/7 caregiver.

Her biggest fear is that if she dies, Keil and his children wouldn't be able to stay together.

"He's capable of raising them, but he couldn't do it alone," she said. "He can handle finances. He can make household decisions. But because of his injuries, he can't feed himself. He can't pick them up. He can't be in the house alone with them."

The couple live in Colorado with his sister and near her siblings, who help spell Tracy Keil for trips to buy groceries, to get a haircut — even to take a call from a reporter.

VA provides support, including a \$2,100 monthly caregiver stipend for Tracy Keil. But hiring a 24/7 nursing team to care for him at home would cost more than \$50,000 per month, making institutionalization a more cost-effective solution.

The couple understand that, but they also know it would be devastating for their family to live apart.

With the WWP trust, Keil could use the money to hire help in order to live in his home without being a constant burden on his extended family.

"Now, we don't have to worry," his wife said. "If something were to happen all of a sudden, he could find a way to do this on his own. He could raise our kids."

Money in the trust would be made available if the family encounters an unexpected need.

"Worrying about not being able to care for your family — that can

be devastating," she said. "This all takes a burden off his shoulders and mine."

Nardizzi said the group hopes to add more families in coming years, but that would require massive amounts of new cash — even for WWP, which raised more than \$150 million in fiscal 2012. But the payoff will be finding ways for veterans "to get past the point of just surviving and instead, thriving."

Baker and Olivito plan to sell homegrown produce at a local farmer's market this spring. Cathy Baker said any money they make is irrelevant. The idea that her son could be a productive member of the community is priceless.

"These kids, they struggle with their injuries," she said. "But they still have a willingness to serve. It's in their blood to serve."

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DODEA Pacific reinstates track at middle schools

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Some middle school athletes in Japan will be allowed to participate in track meets this year, despite rules against funding sports at those grade levels, according to the Department of Defense Education Activity.

In an effort to cut costs, DODEA announced last week that it would strictly enforce a prohibition on students representing middle schools in competitive sports, such as cross-country, track, golf, tennis and wrestling.

Middle-schoolers in Japan have been allowed to compete in cross-country, wrestling and track for many years, so some parents were upset, particularly with the change announced only a month before the start of track season.

However, in a Jan. 30 letter to Yokota Middle School parents, DODEA Japan District superintendent Lois Rapp said their

children would be allowed to participate in competitive track this year.

"I regret that we did not address this sooner to give everyone adequate time to adjust," Rapp wrote. "Based on your feedback, we are now planning on allowing the middle school track team to compete in the 2014 spring season as requested." Funds are not available to support middle school sports transportation, Rapp wrote.

A similar compromise is under consideration for Yokosuka Middle School, where students also have long participated in competitive sports, according to DODEA-Pacific spokesman Charly Hoff.

"AllDoDS (Department of Defense Dependents Schools) Pacific middle schools will be required to follow an intramurals-only model next school year," Rapp wrote.

DODEA Pacific Director Dr. Linda L. Curtis will host a parent forum at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Yokota High School.

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\$44M deal awarded for Navy yard renovations

WASHINGTON — The Navy has awarded a \$44 million contract to make repairs to the Navy Yard building in Washington where a gunman killed 12 people.

The Navy announced Friday that the contract to renovate and repair Naval Sea Systems Com-

mard Building 197 has been awarded to CH2M Hill Constructors Inc. of Englewood, Colo.

The Navy said in a news release that the work will include painting, carpeting and furniture, a new visitors' entrance, renovations to the cafeteria, and construction of a Remembrance Area inside the building.

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Obama defends self in Fox chat

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama defended himself against an array of Republican criticism in an interview during Fox's Super Bowl pregame show.

The president traded barbs with interviewer Bill O'Reilly in a live interview that covered the troubled health care law rollout, the 2012 attacks on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Libya and claims that the IRS targeted conservative groups for extra scrutiny.

"I try to focus not on the fumbles but on

the next plan," Obama said.

Obama would not say why he didn't fire Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius after the failed launch of the government's online marketplace. He also declined to agree with O'Reilly's suggestion that the biggest mistake of his presidency was telling Americans if they liked their health care they could keep it.

He defended against O'Reilly's questions about why administration officials initially described the attack in Benghazi, Libya, as a spontaneous protest. He rejected "the notion that we would hide the ball for po-

litical purposes" when the attack came less than two months before the presidential election.

And he said there was "not even a smidgen of corruption" contributing to the IRS targeting of tea party and other conservative groups when they applied for tax-exempt status.

With two hours until kickoff in the Super Bowl, Obama declined to pick a winner between the Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks. He predicted a score of 24-21, but said he didn't know which side would come out on top.

Appeals on health care site delayed

By AMY GOLDSTEIN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of people who discovered that HealthCare.gov made mistakes as they were signing up for a health plan are confronting a new roadblock: The government cannot yet fix the errors.

About 22,000 Americans have filed appeals with the government to try to get mistakes corrected, according to internal government data obtained by The Washington Post. They contend that the computer system for the new federal online marketplace charged them too much for health insurance, steered them into the wrong insurance program or denied them coverage entirely.

For now, the appeals are sitting, untouched, inside a government computer. An unknown number of consumers who are trying to get help through less formal means — by calling the health care marketplace directly — are told that HealthCare.gov's computer system is not yet allowing federal workers to go into enrollment

records and change them, according to individuals inside and outside the government who are familiar with the situation.

"It is definitely frustrating and not fair," said Addie Wilson, 27, who lives in Fairmont, W.Va., and earns \$22,000 a year working with at-risk families. She said she is

paying \$100 a month more than she should for her insurance and that her deductible is \$4,000 too high.

When Wilson logged on to HealthCare.gov in late December, she needed coverage right away. Her old insurance was ending, and she was to have gallbladder surgery in January. The website would not calculate the federal subsidy to which she knew she was entitled. Terrified to go without coverage, Wilson phoned a federal call center and took the advice she was given: Pay the full price now and appeal later.

Now she is stuck.

"I hope they really work on getting this fixed," she said.

The Obama administration has not made public the fact that the appeals system for the online marketplace is not working. In recent weeks, legal advocates have been pressing administration officials, pointing out that rules for the online marketplace, created by the 2010 Affordable Care Act, guarantee due-process rights to timely hearings for Americans who think they have been improperly denied insurance or subsidies.

At the moment, "there is no indication that infrastructure . . . necessary for conducting informal reviews and fair hearings has even been created, let alone become operational," attorneys at the National Health Law Program said in a late-December letter to leaders of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the agency that oversees HealthCare.gov. The attorneys, who have been trying to exert leverage quietly behind the scenes, did not provide the letter to The Post but confirmed they had sent it.

A CMS spokesman, Aaron Albright, said, "We are working to fully implement the appeals system."



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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., seen speaking at a news conference in Washington on Jan. 28, has announced he opposes a trans-Pacific trade agreement supported by President Barack Obama.

Reid opposes Obama on Pacific trade pact

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's Asia policy took a hit this week, and it came from a member of his own party.

The top Democratic senator, Harry Reid, of Nevada, announced that he opposes legislation that's key for a trans-Pacific trade pact that is arguably the most important part of Obama's effort to strengthen American engagement in Asia.

Since Obama rolled out the policy, most attention has been on the military aspect, largely because it was described as a rebalancing in U.S. priorities after a decade of costly war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

That's the importance of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, an ambitious free trade agreement being negotiated by 12 nations, including Japan, that account for some 40 percent of global gross domestic product.

"The pivot is the TPP right now," Victor Cha, director of Asian studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Ser-

vice, told a conference at a Washington think tank last week on U.S. policy and the outlook for Asia in 2014.

The problem for Obama is that Congress needs to approve so-called fast-track negotiating authority to move TPP along. Many of his fellow Democrats are against fast-track authority, which would require Congress to act on the trade deals negotiated by the administration by a yes-or-no vote, without the ability to make any changes.

ANALYSIS Washington, Obama's in the rare position of having more support for a key policy among his political rivals, the Republicans, than from his own party.

Reid, the Senate majority leader, said Wednesday that he opposed fast-track authority and that lawmakers should not push for it now — a comment suggesting that legislation introduced three weeks ago will go nowhere soon.

The Obama administration's Asia policy has been welcomed by countries wary of China's rise and expansive territorial claims. During the president's first term, the U.S. made progress in strengthening old alliances with nations like the Philippines, forging deeper ties with Indonesia and Vietnam and befriending former pariah state Myanmar.

There were missteps. Angry politics at home forced Obama to withdraw from the

East Asia Summit last fall, raising some questions about his commitment to the region. New military deployments in the Asia-Pacific — a few hundred Marines in Australia, new warships rotated through Singapore — have fueled Chinese accusations of a U.S. policy of containment while making little impact on regional security.

Asia got little mention in Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday, adding to perceptions in some quarters that the pivot has dropped in the administration's policy agenda in the president's second term.

He did urge both parties in Congress to approve fast-track legislation needed to make the TPP and a trade deal under negotiation with Europe a reality, saying it would open new markets and create American jobs.

While that legislation is co-sponsored by a senior Democrat — Obama's nominee to become the next ambassador to China, Sen. Max Baucus — many in the party join with labor unions in opposing lowered trade barriers, which they worry will cost jobs due to increased competition.

Top Republicans who want fast-track authority accuse the administration of failing to do its part to mobilize support for it among Democrats in Congress — a task that will be complicated by the midterm elections in November. Lawmakers will be careful to avoid measures that could hurt their prospects of re-election.

NATION



CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN/AP

Hilda Vasquez makes tamales in her kitchen in Edinburg, Texas, in December. Vasquez raised the \$680 for her U.S. citizenship application by selling homemade tamales.

Immigration reform might increase price of citizenship

By Christopher Sherman and Ramit Plushnick-Masti
The Associated Press

EDINBURG, Texas — Hilda Vasquez squirreled away the money for her U.S. citizenship application by selling batches of homemade tamales at South Texas offices. Carmen Zalazar picked up extra babysitting jobs at night after caring for kids all day in Houston.

The women scrimped and saved for months to pay for the \$680 application, but for other applicants in the future, it might not be enough.

“You have more rights when you are a citizen, like to vote,” said Zalazar, a legal resident. As soon as she started a citizenship class, “I started to save because I knew otherwise it won’t be possible.”

The struggle is familiar to millions of immigrants. A 2012 survey by the Pew Hispanic Center showed that only 46 percent of Hispanic immigrants eligible to become citizens had done so. The top two reasons were lack of English skills and lack of money to pay for the application.

Manuel Enrique Angel, 28, made learning English his first priority upon arriving in Houston from his native El Salvador two years ago. He now speaks English clearly and deliberately and plans to apply for citizenship as soon as he becomes eligible later this year.

Trained as a lawyer in El Salvador, he works as a cook in a Houston burger joint. His wife, an

GOP seeking to blame Obama if overhaul fails

WASHINGTON — Republicans are starting to lay the blame on President Barack Obama if an overhaul of the nation’s broken immigration system fails to become law.

The GOP’s emerging plan on immigration is to criticize Obama as an untrustworthy leader and his administration as an unreliable enforcer of any laws that might be passed. Perhaps realizing the odds of finding a consensus on immigration are long, the Republicans have started telling voters that if the GOP-led House doesn’t take action this election year, it is Obama’s fault.

“If the president had been serious about this the last five years, we’d be further along in this discussion,” Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Republican, said Sunday.

House Republicans last week unveiled a road map for an overhaul of the nation’s broken immigration system that calls for increased border security, better law enforcement within the U.S. and a pathway to legal status — but not citizenship — for millions of adults who live in America unlawfully. The proposal re-

quires those here illegally to pay back taxes and fines.

One of its backers, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wisc., said distrust of Obama poisons interest among some in his Republican caucus.

“Here’s the issue that all Republicans agree on: We don’t trust the president to enforce the law,” said Ryan, his party’s vice presidential nominee in 2012.

Ryan said a plan that puts security first could only pass the House if lawmakers believe the administration would enforce it — an unlikely prospect given Republicans’ deep opposition to Obama. The president’s waivers for provisions in his 4-year-old health care law have increased suspicions among Republicans.

The Senate last year passed a comprehensive, bipartisan bill that addressed border security, provided enforcement measures and offered a long and difficult path to citizenship for those living here illegally. The measure stalled in the GOP-led House, where leaders want to take a more piecemeal approach.

— The Associated Press

American citizen, is a hair stylist. He estimates it will take him up to eight months to save the money for the citizenship application.

“It’s really hard when you have to pay rent around \$600, when you have car notes for \$300 and

\$500,” Angel said.

Republican supporters of the proposed fines say penalties are necessary to defend against any appearance that creating a pathway to citizenship amounts to amnesty.

Cybersecurity initiatives lost in wake of leaks

By Ken Dilanian

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Early last year, as Edward Snowden was secretly purloining classified documents from National Security Agency computers in Hawaii, the NSA director, Gen. Keith Alexander, was gearing up to sell Congress and the public on a proposal for the NSA to defend private U.S. computer networks against cyberattacks.

Alexander wanted to use the NSA’s powerful tools to scan Internet traffic for malicious software code. He said the NSA could kill the viruses and other digital threats without reading consumers’ private emails, texts and Web searches.

The NSA normally protects military and other national security computer networks. Alexander also wanted authority to prevent hackers from penetrating U.S. banks, defense industries, telecom, defense industries, telecommunications systems and other institutions to crash their networks or to steal intellectual property worth billions of dollars.



Snowden

After Snowden began leaking NSA systems for spying in cyberspace last June, Alexander’s proposal was a political nonstarter, felled by distrust in his agency’s fearsome surveillance powers in the searing national debate over privacy and national security.

It was one of several Obama administration initiatives, in Congress and in diplomacy, that experts say have been stopped cold or set back by the Snowden affair. As a result, U.S. officials have struggled to respond to the daily onslaught of attacks from Russia, China and elsewhere, a vulnerability that U.S. intelligence agencies now rank as a greater threat to national security than terrorism.

“All the things (the NSA) wanted to do are now radioactive, even though they were good ideas,” said James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington.

Snowden “has slowed everything down,” said Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Kan., who serves on the House Intelligence Committee.

At town hall meetings in Wichita, Pompeo said voters say the NSA already is reading their

emails — which it staunchly denies — and they aren’t sympathetic to giving the agency more authority.

The Obama administration has said it plans to release this year a list of voluntary best practices in cybersecurity for critical infrastructure, including electric utilities and chemical plants. The State Department’s cyberissues coordinator, Christopher Painter, has achieved some little-noticed successes, including agreements with Russia designed to smooth communications about cyberissues.

But President Barack Obama’s warnings last summer to Chinese President Xi Jinping to halt what U.S. officials describe as state-sponsored hacking of U.S. corporations mostly have gone unheeded. The official U.S. position — that governments hacking governments for military and other official secrets is permissible, but governments hacking businesses for trade secrets is not — is a tangle she said these days.

Leaked documents showing that the NSA spied on Brazil’s largest energy corporation, Petrobras, among other targets, have convinced many overseas that the U.S. government “engages in significant espionage related to economic affairs,” Harvard law professor Jack Goldsmith, a former legal adviser to President George W. Bush, wrote in an email.

Although Washington insists governments shouldn’t spy on businesses, “the rest of the world ignores us because the U.S. position has no basis in international law. It is obviously self-serving, and it seems trivial in the context of its massive surveillance in other contexts,” Goldsmith said.

No one denies that cyberintrusions are a growing danger. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. told a Senate hearing Wednesday that the Justice Department is investigating the cybertheft of 110 million Target customers’ data during a two-week breach in December, including debit and credit card numbers of 40 million customers along with names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of 70 million others.

Similarly, CrowdStrike, a security technology and services company based in Irvine, Calif., said it recently identified a successful Russian campaign to steal data from hundreds of American, European and Asian companies, including energy and technology companies. CrowdStrike did not name the purported victims, citing confidentiality agreements.

NATION

Research: US abortion rate lowest since '73

By SABA HAMEDY
Los Angeles Times

The U.S. abortion rate fell in 2011 to its lowest level since the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing the procedure, Roe vs. Wade, according to a new study.

Research by the Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit organization that supports abortion rights, found that in 2011 there were 16.9 abortions for every 1,000 women ages 15 to 44. In 1973, the rate was 16.3 abortions per 1,000 women.

In all, there were about 1.1 million abortions in 2011, down 13 percent from 2008, according to the report, which is to be published in March. A greater percentage were early abortions, often induced with medication.

Rachel Jones, lead author of

the study, suggested that the decline in abortions "coincided with a steep national drop in overall pregnancy and birthrates."

"Contraceptive use improved during this period, as more women and couples were using highly effective long-acting reversible contraceptive methods, such as the IUD," she said in a statement. "Moreover, the recent recession led many women and couples to avoid or delay pregnancy and childbearing."

Jones noted that the period studied, 2008 to 2011, predates a surge of state laws restricting abortion access that have been passed by Republican-controlled legislatures. The number of abortion providers declined 4 percent between 2008 and 2011, and the

number of clinics fell 1 percent, Jones said, but there is no evidence to suggest the lower abortion rate is a result of that drop.

The last three years have seen "an unparalleled attack on abortion rights at the state level, and these new restrictions are making it harder for women to access services and for providers to keep clinic doors open," said Elizabeth Nash, state issues manager at Guttmacher.

States enacted 205 abortion restrictions between 2011 and 2013, more than in the entire previous decade, the researchers said. The restrictions will affect the number of abortions going forward, Jones said.

The president of National Right to Life, which opposes abortion,

called the Guttmacher study "heartening." Carol Tobias said in an email that the report "shows the long-term efforts of the right-to-life movement to educate the country about the humanity of the unborn child and to enact laws that help mothers and their children are having a tremendous impact."

The Guttmacher study found that more abortions came earlier in the pregnancies and medication abortions constituted a larger share of the total. "An estimated 239,400 early medication abortions were performed in 2011, representing 23 percent of all nonhospital abortions, an increase from 17 percent in 2008," the study said.

The report, titled "Abortion In-

fluence and Service Availability in the United States, 2011," will be published in the March issue of Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found a similar decline in a report published last year. According to the CDC study, the abortion rate in 2010 was 14.6 abortions per 1,000 women of reproductive age.

The CDC gets information from state health department reports, which can have incomplete data. In its abstract of the report, the CDC wrote that six of the 52 reporting areas, including California, Maryland and New Hampshire, did not provide data to the CDC on a consistent annual basis.

Study shows bi, gay boys' steroid use tops straight teens'

By LINDSEY TANNER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gay and bisexual teen boys in the U.S. use illicit steroids at a rate almost six times higher than do straight kids, a "dramatic disparity" that points up a need to reach out to that group, researchers say.

Reasons for the differences are unclear. The study author said it's possible gay and bi boys feel more pressure to achieve a bulked-up "ideal" male physique, or that they think muscle-building steroids will help them fend off bullies.

Overall, 21 percent of gay or bisexual boys said they had used steroids, versus 4 percent of straight boys. The difference was similar among those who reported moderate use — taking steroid pills or injections up to 40 times; 8 percent of gay or bi teens reported that amount, versus less than 2 percent of straight boys. The heaviest use — 40 or more times — was reported by 4 percent of gays or bi boys, compared with less than 1 percent of straight teens.

The study is billed as the first to examine the problem. Previous research has found similar disparities for other substance abuse.

"It's a bit sad that we saw such a large health disparity," especially among the most frequent steroid users, said co-author Aaron Blashill, a psychologist and scientist with the Fenway Institute, the research arm of a Boston health center that treats gays and lesbians.

"Given the dramatic disparity ... it would seem that this is a population in which greater attention is needed," the authors said.

Their research was released Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

The nationally representative study is an analysis of government surveys from 2005 and 2007. It involved 17,250 teen boys aged 16 on average; almost 4 percent — 635 boys — were gay or bisexual. Blashill



WILL WALDRON, ALBANY (N.Y.) TIMES UNION/AP

Steroids purchased through the mail by undercover law enforcement officials are displayed in February 2007 in Albany, N.Y.

said it's likely more recent data would show the disparities persist.

Dr. Rob Garofalo, adolescent medicine chief at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, said the differences aren't surprising because it is known that gay youths often have "body image issues." But he said, "It is still shocking. These are dramatically high rates."

The Food and Drug Administration issued a consumer update in November warning that teens and steroids are "a dangerous combo," citing government data showing that about 5 percent of high school boys and 2 percent of high school girls use steroids — more than a half-million kids.

Steroids include synthetic versions of the male hormone testosterone. Users take them to promote muscle growth, strength and endurance. Side effects can include heart and liver problems, high blood pressure, acne and aggressive behavior. With their still-maturing bodies, teens face a heightened risk for problems that may be permanent, the FDA update said.

Steroids are legally available only by prescription. There are few FDA-approved uses, including replacement of hormones in men who have unusually low levels.

NYC, Calif. bills aim to protect caregivers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you don't get a job because you're a woman, or you get fired because you're black, or you get transferred to the night shift because you're gay, there's a law for that. But if you're punished at work because you need time to take your child to the doctor or talk to your confused elderly mother, you might be out of luck.

In most places around the country, there's no specific safeguard against employment discrimination based on a worker's status as a caregiver. Connecticut and the District of Columbia are exceptions. Legislation that would change that is pending in New York City and California, but business interests have objected.

At a recent hearing on the New York City bill, Dena Adams testified that she lost her job at a nonprofit organization when she was switched from a regular day shift to irregular night hours, couldn't get nighttime child care and didn't want to leave her 11-year-old daughter alone.

She offered to work weekends that is, if she could get a consistent night schedule and finally asked whether she could bring her 11-year-old daughter to work with her. She was turned down every time, she said, though other workers were given hours that allowed them to go to school. "I said, 'Oh, no, no, no, something is not right here,'" she told a City Council committee. "That's

when I realized, you know what, this is discrimination."

But there was no law against it, and Adams had to look for another job.

Proponents say various demographic trends have fed the problem and created the need for new laws, including more single-parent households, more households with both parents working and more elderly people who need family care.

The Center for WorkLifeLaw at the University of California's Hastings College of the Law said in 2012 that only a few states and a few dozen localities have laws that go beyond the federal Family Medical Leave Act. That law is limited to serious health conditions, employers with 50 or more workers and employees with a year on the job.

Connecticut and the District of Columbia protect all workers with "caregiver responsibilities," while Alaska, New Jersey and Oregon protect workers with child care but not elder care responsibilities, the center said. It found 67 local ordinances, most of which covered only child care.

A bill in the California Legislature would cover those who provide "medical or supervisory care" to children, spouses or parents, but the state Chamber of Commerce claims it's too vague and "a job killer" and has successfully opposed it for several years.



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NATION

In West, praying for end to drought

By MARTIN GRIFFITH
The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Religious leaders of multiple faiths and farmers in Nevada and Utah turned to prayer this past weekend for help easing severe drought conditions gripping the West.

The plea to above came weeks after the federal government declared parts of 11 parched Western and Central states natural disaster areas.

Faith leaders asked for divine intervention during a special multifaith service Saturday at a Mormon church in the Reno suburb of Sparks. On Sunday, the Utah Farm Bureau Federation asked the public to join in prayer and fasting for snow and rain for livestock and crops as part of its Harvesting Faith event.

"We can't go to the Legislature to ask for help, (so) we decided to go to the guy upstairs," Ron Gibson, a dairy farmer in Weber County, Utah, told the Deseret News.

"One thing you learn as a farmer is most of the things that happen in your life are totally out of your control."

Rajan Zed, who organized the Nevada service, said Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Baha'i and other faith leaders who participated are confident it'll bring positive results.

"When God sees (all these) leaders sitting together in unity and harmony and praying in diverse



BRIAN VAN DER BRUG, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Santa Barbara County park ranger Jeff Bozarth stands in a dry bay on Lake Cachuma in California on Jan. 14. Farmers and religious leaders in the West are praying for an end to drought conditions.

traditions and seeking common good for the entire community, God will be naturally moved to provide the devotees relief from drought so that it will not affect their quality of life, livelihood and health," Zed said.

The special events were held two weeks after the federal government designated portions of 11 drought-ridden Western and Central states as primary natural disaster areas, highlighting the financial strain the lack of snow and rain is likely to bring to farmers in those regions.

The announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture included counties in Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas, Texas, Utah, Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Oklahoma and California.

California officials announced Friday they won't send any water from the state's vast reservoir system to local agencies beginning this spring, an unprecedented

move that affects drinking water supplies for 25 million people and irrigation for 1 million acres of farmland.

A snow survey on Thursday in the Sierra Nevada, one of the state's key water sources, found the water content in the snowpack is just 12 percent of normal.

Some Nevada farmers have said they're considering not irrigating fields after three years of below-normal rain and snow.

While Utah also is in dire need of moisture, the agricultural community remains optimistic after a day of prayer and fasting, said Leland Hogan, president of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation.

"We all believe in a greater good and in a higher being," he said. "Through that belief, we feel that there can be intervention into what we have, that if we can show forth faith ... that we could have more moisture than what we have today."

Documents are due in Christie investigation

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Twenty people and organizations close to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie were due to turn over emails, text messages and other documents as the presidential prospect challenges accusations he knew about an apparent vindictive plot to block traffic near the busy George Washington Bridge to Manhattan.

The subpoena returns were likely to be voluminous as a state legislative committee seeks to unravel how high up Christie's chain of command the order to shut traffic lanes went, whether the operation was meant to punish a Democratic adversary, and if so, why?

New Jersey legislators are investigating whether Christie aides engineered the lane closures to send a message to the town's Democratic mayor, who did not endorse the governor ahead of his resounding re-election last November. The U.S. Attorney's office also is investigating.

Christie, who has been urged to run for president in 2016, has denied knowing about the planning or execution of the operation, and has said he learned that members of his circle were involved after an original batch of subpoenaed documents were published on Jan. 8.

However, one former loyalist, David Wildstein, indicated Friday there was contradictory evidence to show that the governor knew about the closings as they were happening. Christie has refuted the accusation.

The unannounced lane closures leading to the George Washington Bridge caused massive gridlock in September in Fort Lee, the small northern New Jersey town across the Hudson River from upper Manhattan. The closures delayed emergency vehicles and school buses, tying up some commuters for hours over four mornings.

Five people close to the Republican governor have been fired or resigned amid the scandal, including Wildstein, who is seeking immunity from prosecution.

Fellow Republicans, meanwhile, remained adamant that Christie should not resign from his post as chairman of the Republican Governors Association following Wildstein's latest claim, for which he has so far produced no evidence.

Almost all the subpoena recipients have requested more time from the New Jersey joint legislative panel leading the state's investigation. Assemblyman John Wisniewski, the panel's co-chairman, told The Associated Press that some extensions of Monday's deadline were granted.

Mich. escaped killer sought

The Associated Press

IONIA, Mich. — A man convicted in four murders two decades ago is at large after he escaped from a Michigan prison and abducted a woman who fled his grips when he stopped for gas in Indiana, authorities said Monday.

Michael David Elliot, 40, was discovered missing about 9:30 p.m. Sunday from the Ionia Correctional Facility in mid-Michigan, the state Department of Corrections said.



Elliot

Department of Corrections spokesman Russ Marlan said in an email.

"It appears that he created a hole at the bottom of the two perimeter fences of the correctional facility and then crawled through those holes,"

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WORLD

Kerry to Iran: US sanctions will continue

By ANNE GEARAN
The Washington Post

Secretary of State John Kerry told Iran's foreign minister Sunday that the United States will continue to enforce existing sanctions on Iran while bargaining over a deal to rein in Iran's disputed nuclear program.

The top U.S. and Iranian diplomats held a rare face-to-face meeting Sunday in Germany, the State Department said. The private meeting furthers a tentative warning between the two nations that began with the election last year of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

Kerry's discussion with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was their first since the United States and Iran struck a temporary agreement that caps the most worrisome elements of Iran's nuclear program in exchange for limited easing of global financial restrictions on Iran's oil business. They also met in September at the United Nations to begin talks that Iran has sought as a way to end crushing economic sanctions.

"Secretary Kerry reiterated the importance of both sides negotiating in good faith and Iran abiding by its commitments" under that initial agreement, a senior State Department official said Sunday. "He also made clear that the United States will continue to enforce existing sanctions."

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the closed-door meeting on the sidelines of an international security conference. The meeting lasted slightly longer than an hour, the official said.

The nuclear negotiations with Iran are politically sensitive at home, where many in Congress oppose the Obama administration's strategy of limited easing of sanctions imposed in protest of a secretive nuclear program that Iran says has no military purpose.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also opposed the interim, six-month deal as a giveaway to Iran. The United States and Israel have accused Iran of trying to build a nuclear weapon.

European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, who is leading negotiations with Iran on behalf of six world powers, called the one-on-one meeting "a crucially important" to build confidence for the larger negotiations set to begin Feb. 18 in Vienna.

The goal is a comprehensive agreement that ends a 10-year diplomatic impasse and ensures that Iran cannot quickly redirect its advanced nuclear development work to build a bomb. Kerry has repeatedly said negotiations will be extremely difficult.

Kerry and Zarif have portrayed the interim deal reached in November very differently for their respective publics. Kerry stresses that the deal forces Iran to stop uranium enrichment work considered the most likely to lead to a bomb and degrade its existing stocks of the most potent uranium.

Zarif stresses the economic benefit to Iran and what he calls a recognition of Iran's right to a continued homegrown uranium enrichment program. In an interview Saturday, Zarif said Iran was not prepared to give up research on centrifuges used to purify uranium as part of a final deal.

"We are ready because we believe it is in our interests and we have no other intention. So theoretically it shouldn't be that difficult," Zarif told Reuters and International Media Associates, a television production company.



HADI MIZBAN/AP

Iraqi civilians inspect the site of a car bombing in a commercial area in the northern Hurriyah neighborhood of Baghdad on Monday.

Series of car bombings in Iraq kill at least 16, wound scores

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A new series of car bombings in and around Baghdad on Monday killed at least 16 people, officials said, as Iraq's Shiite-led government grapples with a stubborn Sunni extremist-led insurgency in western Anbar province.

In the town of Mahmoudiyya, a car bomb went off near the local council building, followed by another at an outdoor market nearby, a police officer said. The blasts in the town, about 20 miles south of Baghdad, killed nine people and wounded 28. In Baghdad, an explosives-laden car ripped through a commercial area in the northern Hurriyah neighborhood, killing four people and wounding 11, he said.

Three bystanders were killed and nine were wounded in another car bomb explosion in the city's eastern Baladiyat neighborhood, another police officer said. Police also found four bodies dumped in the street of the capital's southwestern Amil neighborhood. The four — three men and a woman — had been shot and had no ID cards.

Medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to talk to the media.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks, but coordinated

bombings bear the hallmarks of al-Qaida's affiliate in Iraq.

The group, emboldened by the successes of its fellow militants in the civil war next door in Syria and by widespread Sunni anger at the Iraqi government, has taken credit for previous attacks against Shiites, security forces and government buildings.

Meanwhile, in Iraq's western Anbar province, fierce fighting has been raging for more than a month between government forces and allied tribal militiamen on one side and al-Qaida-linked militants on the other. Since late last month, the militants have seized parts of the provincial capital, Ramadi, and the center of the nearby city of Fallujah.

Also on Monday, a Defense Ministry statement said military operations overnight in Ramadi killed 57 militants. The statement didn't say whether the militants were killed in clashes or airstrikes. In Fallujah, security forces are still besieging the city, with sporadic clashes taking place on its outskirts.

Violence has escalated in Iraq over the past year. In 2013, the country saw the highest death toll since the worst of the country's sectarian bloodletting began to subside in 2007, according to United Nations figures.

The U.N. said violence killed 8,868 last year in Iraq.

Al-Qaida breaks ties with group in Syria

By MAAMOUN YOUSSEF
The Associated Press

CAIRO — Al-Qaida's central leadership broke off ties with one of the most powerful militant groups in Syria, known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, and distanced itself from the rebel fighting in that country's civil war, according to a statement Monday.

The announcement appeared to be an attempt by al-Qaida to put its house in order and reassert influence among rival

Islamic groups that have turned against one another in Syria, where the groups have joined rebels in fighting to topple President Bashar Assad.

In past months, the Islamic State — created by Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the head of al-Qaida's branch in Iraq — has increasingly clashed with other hard-line Islamic factions, including assassinating commanders of rival groups with car bombs and shootings.

Al-Baghdadi created the Islamic State last year in defiance of al-Qaida's ban on terrorism network's leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, who at the time ordered him to remain the head of al-Qaida's branch in Iraq, and authorizing another group, Jabhat al-Nusra, or Nusra Front, to operate in Syria under al-Qaida's name. Al-Baghdadi went ahead and created the new group, becoming a powerful force in Syria's conflict.

In Monday's statement, al-Qaida's general command announced it has "no connection" with the Islamic State, underlined that the group "is not a branch of the al-Qaida organization" and said al-Qaida "is not responsible for its actions." Al-Qaida did not condone the group's creation "and in fact ordered it to stop," the statement said.

It also condemned the infighting among Islamic groups, saying, "We distance ourselves from the sectarian taking place among the mujahedeen factions (in Syria) and of the forbidden bloodshed by any faction." It warned that mujahedeen, of holy warriors, must recognize the "enormity of the catastrophe" caused by "this sedition."

The authenticity of the statement could not independently be verified, but it was posted on websites commonly used by al-Qaida.

"The rebel-on-rebel fighting has added another bloody dimension to the Syrian crisis, an uprising that has evolved into an armed insurgency and civil war."

Charles Lister, of the Brookings Doha Center, said the al-Qaida statement reflected its "attempt to definitively reassert some level of authority over the jihad in Syria."

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WORLD

Teacher killed in Moscow school

By LYNN BERRY
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A 10th-grade student with two rifles went into his Moscow school Monday, killing his geography teacher and a policeman in front of about 20 students, investigators said. His father played a key role in freeing those students before police stormed the classroom and took his son into custody, the city police chief said.

The student gunman also seriously wounded a second police officer who had responded to an alarm from the school, investigators said.

None of the approximately 400 children in School No. 263 at the time was hurt, said Karina Sabitova, a police spokeswoman. But students were so fearful that some ran from the building with their teachers without stopping to put on coats in below-freezing temperatures. The school in northeast Moscow is for children in grades one through 11.

Such shootings in Russian schools are extremely rare. Any attack on a school, however, unavoidably brings back memories of the Beslan school siege in 2004, when Islamic militants from Russia's North Caucasus took about 1,000 people hostage, most of them children. More than



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/AP

Police officers evacuate children from School No. 263 in Moscow on Monday. An armed teenager burst into the building and killed a teacher and policeman before being taken into custody, investigators said.

300 hostages were killed when Russian security forces stormed that school.

Russia is also now on alert for terrorist attacks, especially

after Islamic militants asserted responsibility for twin suicide bombings in the city of Volgograd in December and threatened to strike during the Sochi Winter

Olympics, which begin Friday in the Black Sea resort.

Monday's attack, however, raised no suspicions of any link to terrorism.

Strong quake hits Greek isle of Kefalonia

ATHENS, Greece — A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude between 5.7 and 6.1 hit the western Greek island of Kefalonia before dawn Monday, sending frightened residents into the streets just over a week after a similar quake damaged hundreds of buildings, reviving memories of a disaster in the 1950s.

Authorities said about 16 people had been slightly hurt, mainly by falling objects, while roads, homes and shops were damaged and some areas suffered power and water supply cuts. Kefalonia Mayor Alexandros Parisis said the port at the town of Lixouri, the closest to the epicenter, had been damaged.

Gunmen abduct British national in Yemen

SANAA, Yemen — Security officials in Yemen say armed men abducted a British national working with an oil services company on a main street in the capital of Sanaa.

The officials said the British man left a local supermarket Monday morning and was about to get into his car when four gunmen grabbed him, beat him with their rifle butts and forced him into their car before speeding off.

On Friday, a German citizen who was in Yemen studying Arabic had been abducted in Sanaa.

Whalers, protesters clash off Antarctica

SYDNEY — A Japanese whaling ship and the Bob Barker got collided in the remote, icy seas off Antarctica, and both sides are blaming each other for the crash. No one was injured in Sunday's collision, though both ships received minor damage.

Protest group Sea Shepherd said the whaling vessels got too close to their ships and crashed into their boat, the Bob Barker. Japan said the Bob Barker got too close to a whaling ship.

Australia's Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt on Monday ordered an investigation into the collision.

Hackers sue Germany over NSA spying

BERLIN — A group of computer hackers and human rights campaigners in Germany announced Monday that they are suing their government, alleging it is breaking the law by aiding foreign spies.

The Chaos Computer Club and the International League for Human Rights submitted a criminal complaint to federal prosecutors claiming that Chancellor Angela Merkel, her government and security officials tolerated and even helped members of the U.S. National Security Agency and Britain's GCHQ spy on German citizens.

The groups point to documents released by NSA leaker Edward Snowden as evidence that the emails, social media messages and phone calls of ordinary citizens are screened beyond what is allowed under German law.

From The Associated Press



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Victims of an explosion are treated at a hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Sunday. Police say two hand grenades were hurled inside a cinema by unknown attackers, local media reported.

Police: Hand grenade attack kills 5 in Pakistani cinema

The Associated Press

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Pakistani police say a bomb attack in a cinema in the northwestern city of Peshawar killed five people.

Police official Zahid Khan said the explosion Sunday night also wounded 30 people.

Another official, Faisal Mukhtar, said the attacker was apparently sitting in the audience in the crowded cinema before hurling two hand grenades in the dark.

No one immediately claimed

responsibility for the attack.

The bombing came hours after Pakistani Taliban nominated five well-known political and religious figures — including ex-cricketer Imran Khan — to represent them in peace talks with the government. Khan's party said he is unlikely to accept the role.

The Taliban announcement followed a statement by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif that his government would pursue a policy of a settlement through negotiations.

Fisherman's tale of 13 months adrift is met with skepticism

By NICK PERRY
The Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — It's a story that almost defies belief: A man leaves Mexico in December 2012 for a day of shark fishing and ends up surviving 13 months on fish, birds and turtles before washing ashore on the remote Marshall Islands some 5,500 miles away.

That's the story a man identifying himself as Jose Salvador Alvarenga, 37, told the U.S. ambassador in the Marshall Islands and the nation's officials during a 30-minute meeting Monday before he was taken to a local hospital for monitoring.

Alvarenga washed ashore on the tiny atoll of Ebon in the Pacific Ocean last week before being taken to the capital, Majuro, on Monday.

"It's hard for me to imagine someone surviving 13 months at sea," said Ambassador Tom Armbruster in Majuro. "But it's also hard to imagine how someone might arrive on Ebon out of the blue. Certainly this guy has had an ordeal."

Other officials were reacting cautiously to the Spanish-speaking man's story while they try to

piece together more information. If true, the man's ordeal would rank among the greatest tales ever of survival at sea.

Armbruster, who speaks Spanish, said the survivor told the following story: He's a native of El Salvador but has lived in Mexico for 15 years and fishes for a man he knows as Willie, catching sharks for \$1.90 per pound.

On Dec. 21, 2012, Alvarenga left Mexico in his 23-foot fiberglass boat for a day's fishing, accompanied by a teen he knew only as Ezekiel, who was between 15 and 18. A storm blew the fishermen off course, and soon they were lost and adrift.

"He talked about scooping up little fish that swam alongside the boat and eating them raw," Armbruster said. "He also said he ate birds, and drank birds' blood."

After about a month, Ezekiel died, the survivor told officials. Geng Bing, the acting secretary of foreign affairs for the Marshall Islands, said he was somewhat skeptical of Alvarenga's account after meeting with him Monday.

"It does sound like an incredible story and I'm not sure if I believe his story," Bing said.

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OPINION

Football's strong enough to take this hit

By KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON
President Barack Obama's imaginative son is back in town and this time he can't play football.
Dad says so. And Mom probably would, too.

On this point, we three could smoke a peace pipe.

The president's remarks come from the continuing gift of his interview with New Yorker editor David Remnick. Obama said that if he had a son, he wouldn't let him play pro football. This is probably a slight overstatement since fathers don't usually direct the professions of grown sons, especially when their earnings are greater than the combined incomes of most extended families.

But grown sons can't turn pro if parents don't let them play when they're boys, so perhaps Obama was skipping the obvious.

This marks the second time Obama has weighed in on the football injury question. Last year in an interview with The New Republic, he said he'd have to think "long and hard" before letting his son play. So this year's remarks represent a tougher line, and come at a time when nearly 4 in 10 parents say they'd rather their boys play a sport other than the head-butting game, according to a recent Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll.

The skirmish has gained further traction with a lawsuit filed by 4,000 former players against the NFL, claiming that the league was aware of head trauma dangers long before it moved to protect players adequately or to help them post-injury. Although a settlement has been reached, a judge in the case is not satisfied that the

We also know what else we know: Football ain't going anywhere.

numbers add up and a final judgment is pending.

Anyone who has had a concussion knows it's serious business. Successive concussions can have long-lasting effects leading to various mental disorders. Worse accidents are not unknown. My own cousin has been a quadriplegic since a head injury in high school that resulted from a defective helmet. You'll never hear him complain and his mind is perfectly sublime — his wit is unscathed — but that was a high price to pay for the fleeting pleasure of a sport.

But these things as a mother rather than, worst confession ever, a cheerleader. In my day, in my little Florida town, cheerleading was all that was available to athletic girls. We'd just leave it at that. As a mother, I would have bought my son a yearlong pass to Jurassic Park No. 10, let me rethink that. I would have given him anything under the moon to discourage him — nay, to prevent his playing.

Fortunately, I didn't have to. It never came up. I won't betray my promise never to write about him again — a commitment he extracted at age 9. Suffice to say his interests were elsewhere.

But most parents of boys (and, yes, the occasional girl) have to consider the question of whether to let them play football. It's amusing to hear parents of infants and toddlers say "never," when experienced parents know that these things change with

Lawmaker over the edge until second apology

By ALEXANDRA PETRI

The Washington Post

For a human named after a compiler of fairy tales, Rep. Michael Grimm, R-N.Y., seems to have a lot of anger.

"Let me be clear to you. You ever do that to me again, I'll throw you off this [bleeping] balcony," he informed reporter Michael Scott on Tuesday night after Scott tried to ask about a federal investigation into Grimm's campaign fundraising. He added: "I'll break you in half. Like a boy."

Talk about rage and dangling modifiers. Does Grimm routinely break boys in half? Do boys of Grimm's acquaintance commonly break reporters in half? Who's doing what to whom here?
Grimm appears to have a long and vibrant history of yelling. Not just at reporters, though Marin Gogan wrote at National Journal that he once called to yell at her and seemed extraordinarily angry. But at other people as well, as the New Yorker wrote in 2011.

Naturally, this story blew up, because while you can't threaten your always hard to apologize for, especially when there's video. They stick in the memory. The standard political apology (I Am Sorry That The Thing I Said Made You Unexpectedly Angry, My Twitter Was Hacked, I Had No Idea That My Staff Did That, I Remember Nothing But I Love America So Much, That Money Came To Me As A Total Surprise, My Wife Did It, I Mistook The Per-

Vivid public threats are always hard to apologize for, especially when there's video. They stick in the memory.

son in Question For My Wife, or even the routine groveling I Am Nothing, You Are Wind And Water And Sky, I Am Unworthy Of Your Love, Jodie Darrling, Let Me Prove Worthy Of Your Love) doesn't quite fit the occasion.

The best kind of apology is the one in which you take no responsibility at all. And, bless him, Grimm tried it. His first statement, according to Scott's network, NY1, read: "I was extremely annoyed because I was doing NY1 a favor by rushing to do their interview first in lieu of several other requests. The reporter knew that I was in a hurry and was only there to comment on the State of the Union, but insisted on taking a disrespectful and cheap shot at the end of the interview, because I did not have time to speak off-top. I verbally told the reporter to task and told him off, because I expect a certain level of professionalism and respect, especially when I go out of my way to do that reporter a favor. I doubt that I am the first member of Congress to tell off a reporter, and I am sure I won't be the last."

Unfortunately, this is not how reporters work. Or, for that matter, how apologies work. A "certain level of professionalism and respect"? He threatened to throw Scott off a balcony? What is this, the climax of "Return of the Jedi"?
There is really no spin potential here.

time and testosterone. There's come a time when you're tired, you go outside and play blooms over your head, leaves his too-large shoes for you to trip over, his laundry lists of assaults on one's own senses too odoriferous for these musings.

For many, the day comes when Mom looks at her former tyke and thinks to herself, "Why do you do this to me? Why do you football and maybe think about joining a team? Away games are so much fun!"

Ultimately, parents know best, though they'll make better decisions if they study the helmet issue and insist on the best for their son's team. Considerable resources have been dedicated to minimizing injury through improved helmet design.

As for the pros, meanwhile, Obama aptly summarized the only reasonable adult position: "These guys (pro players), they know what they're doing. They know what they're buying into. It is no longer a secret. It's sort of the feeling I have about smokers, you know?"

We know.

We also know what else we know: Football ain't going anywhere. It is a relentlessly beloved American pastime for masses of people who cram stadiums season after season. Like many things American, it has become extreme. Bigger, faster, meaner and richer. The beauty of a perfect pass, the at-times ballistic moves down the field, the beating witness to the touchdown and later the jubilation of victory juxtaposed with the despair of defeat. ... If I keep writing like this, I'm going to go get my pom-poms and dust off my myglie. If you see me attempt an eagle spread, by all means, please have me arrested.

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"You did not hear how I gently whispered 'a cake' between the words 'you' and 'in half!' I knew you would love half a cake!" No, no, "I'll throw you off the [bleeping] balcony" wasn't a threat, it was a manly compliment. If he'd been more of a man, he'd have known that. You know how Tina Fey told Amy Poehler there was a special place in hell for her? This was similar to that.

Grimm had to apologize again, and the second time went better. It would, of course, be hard to go worse.
"I was wrong. I shouldn't have allowed my emotions to get the better of me and lose my cool," Grimm wrote in a statement. "I have apologized to Michael Scott, which he graciously accepted, and will be scheduling a lunch soon. In the weeks and months since, I have apologized to many of my constituents on issues like flood insurance that is so desperately needed in my district post Sandy.

"I'm sure my Italian mother is going to be yelling at me saying, 'You weren't raised that way,'" Grimm also noted.

The good news is that here is over-blown. Reporters are adults, and we can handle ourselves. After all, we've watched "House of Cards." You are supposed to get yelled at while standing near ledges. It is a sign you are doing your job.

Still, on camera? Like this? An apology was definitely owed.

The good news is that the reporter is not pressing charges. The bad news is that the first thing that comes up when you hunt online for Grimm is that he refused to answer a reporter's questions about some campaign finance investigations and then threatened to throw him off a balcony. Way to stay on message, everyone.

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OPINION

Al-Qaida's many strains pose many threats

By KATHERINE ZIMMERMAN

What exactly is al-Qaida? And who cares? Confusion about how to define the terrorist group is rife. Was al-Qaida involved in the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks in Benghazi, Libya, that left four Americans dead? The Obama administration says no. Are the groups proliferating around Africa and the Middle East really part of al-Qaida that toppled the World Trade Center and hit the Pentagon?

There is no simple answer. Al-Qaida is a global terrorist organization that relies on secrecy to survive. Even al-Qaida members are confused about each other's status. The leader of the group in Yemen had to ask his Algerian counterpart for clarification about Ansar al-Din's relationship to al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb. The covert nature of the network intentionally obscures many relationships.

Here's the problem: According to recently declassified testimony of Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, before the House Armed Services Committee in October, the U.S. military regards itself as legally barred from going after the perpetrators of the Benghazi attacks (and, presumably, others who attack Americans) unless they are affiliates of al-Qaida. The Obama administration's parsing of words to deny al-Qaida's direct involvement effectively precludes a military response in these situations.

But the United States can neither disrupt nor defend itself from an enemy it cannot see. No one can do for us because of arbitrary definitions. The question demands an answer: What is al-Qaida?

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shirts or membership cards," but any sensible definition of group membership must surely recognize the explicit and public exchanges of oaths of loyalty and command between Osama bin Laden and al-Zawahri, on the one hand, and the leaders of overt franchises on the other.

Many experts disagree about the extent to which locally oriented militants are officially part of al-Qaida. The White House has focused on terrorists currently targeting the United States, which form a small subset of the overall al-Qaida movement. In the course of the debate over Benghazi, that focus has narrowed further to the question of whether "al-Qaida core" ordered a specific attack.

There is even disagreement over the definition of "core" al-Qaida. Most administration officials suggest that it is the small group keeping company with al-Zawahri in Pakistan. Others define it as veteran members of the al-Qaida network, active before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But this core has long been dispersed, with only a small part still in Pakistan. Some members now lead regional franchises: Nasir al-Wuhayshi, bin Laden's former secretary, is that emir of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and al-Qaida's general manager.

In reality, al-Qaida's goals are furthered by the so-called core, affiliates and local groups that enjoy no formal relationships with the al-Zawahri contingent. The Jamal Network in Egypt, al-Mulathamun in the Sahel and the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan have a direct, but loose, relationship with al-Qaida. The TTP poses a particular definitional problem because it has neither sought nor received formal membership in al-Qaida, yet it conducted the attempted Times Square bombing in 2010.

The greatest al-Qaida threat to the United States is AQAP, which has attempted to attack the U.S. mainland since the summer of 2009 and whose leader is clearly a member of al-Qaida core, despite his location in Yemen. Still, most of AQAP's efforts in recent years have gone into seizing control of parts of Yemen, making it "locally



Palestinian Eyad Abu Sara waves to his family in the court of Ashkelon, Israel, on Jan. 26. Israel accuses Sara of planning a suicide bombing. Officials say Sara received instructions through a handler who had direct ties to al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri.

focused." And what to make of al-Shabab, the formally recognized affiliate in Somalia that does not use the al-Qaida name? It has been fixated on Somalia but has conducted attacks throughout the region and recruits directly, and in English, from the American Somali community.

Al-Qaida today is the realization of bin Laden's broader vision. He did not limit himself only to the founding and running of al-Qaida but imagined a network uniting like-minded groups extending far beyond state borders. The al-Qaida operatives around bin Laden's successor in Pakistan are at least for the time being — hernied in by U.S. forces in Afghanistan, and they are under siege from Afghanistan-based U.S. drone attacks. But the al-Qaida network — a defined set of groups running from West Africa to Southeast Asia — car-

ries on bin Laden's legacy and remains a danger.

An excessively narrow definition of al-Qaida is just as dangerous as one that includes every Sunni Muslim extremist group. Clearly not all parts of the broader al-Qaida network are equally dangerous. Nor does dealing with each automatically require the use of military force. Decisions to use force must be shaped by strategy and prioritization, like any other national security decision. But excluding large portions of the al-Qaida network from consideration and hiding behind semantics guarantees strategic failure. Defining the enemy down is not the answer.

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Let military fight the poaching that aids terrorists

By JOHAN BERGENAS AND MONICA MEDINA

There is a new threat in the terrorist hotbed of Africa, and the U.S. military can do much more to combat it. Poaching of endangered elephants and rhinos has become a conservation crisis, and profits from wildlife crimes are filling the coffers of terrorist organizations. The twin crises should be cause for alarm for military leaders, not just conservation groups. They need to start working together before it is too late.

In the past two years, about 60,000 elephants and more than 1,600 rhinos have been slaughtered by poachers, according to reports from the Wildlife Conservation Society, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and about a thousand park rangers have died in the past decade defending the animals.

Illegal wildlife trade generates an estimated \$19 billion a year — more than the illicit trafficking of small arms, diamonds, gold or oil. A July Congressional Research Service report (CRS) says that the trade is worth more than \$50,000 per kilogram on the black market — more than gold or platinum. Sadly, poaching elephants and rhinos in Africa is easy money for terrorists, and they are cashing in.

One Elephant Action League undercover investigation in 2011 found that international ivory funds as much as 40 percent of the

operations of al-Shabab, the group behind the November attack at a Nairobi shopping mall where 60 people were killed. The former director of the Kenyan Wildlife Service and the U.N. secretary-general have drawn similar links between crime against wildlife and al-Shabab, al-Qaida and the notorious Lord's Resistance Army.

Last May, President Barack Obama called for counterstrategies to fight al-Shabab and its affiliates. To be effective, these counterterrorism plans must engage not only African defense leaders but also conservation and development leaders. U.S. military plans for Africa should include ending elephant and rhino poaching to cut off a key source of funds for al-Qaida and other terrorists.

A high-level summit on wildlife crimes, organized by the British government, Prince Charles and Prince William, is scheduled to take place this month in London. It is the perfect place to call for a new partnership between the defense and conservation communities.

As Obama's national security team plans its next steps, it can follow Hillary Rodham Clinton's lead. Before stepping down as secretary of state, Clinton commissioned an intelligence review of the impact of wildlife trafficking on national security. Completed last summer, the review prompted Obama to sign an executive order creating an interagency task force

to develop an anti-poaching strategy. Due out this year, the strategy should include a greater military role in responding to this growing challenge.

Last year Congress gave the Pentagon permission to combat the Lord's Resistance Army's poaching and human-trafficking activities. That authority should be expanded to cover all terrorist groups, including al-Shabab.

Even without specific direction from Congress, the Defense Department and intelligence agencies should work with conservation groups to combat poaching, using new and inexpensive technologies to detect and deter terrorist activities and traffickers. Drones, satellite imagery, tracking devices and other high-tech tools could transform the fight to save elephants and rhinos, cheaply and effectively starving terrorists of the easy money they gain from wildlife crimes. Already, some African countries are asking for such tools.

Top U.S. defense officials should routinely discuss wildlife trafficking in meetings with African military leaders. The U.S. military's post-Afghanistan plans must explicitly include poaching in Africa and illegal trafficking of wildlife as new "fronts" in the war on terror. Using technology to detect and deter poachers is a much less expensive way to fight terrorists than deploying special operations forces — and less dangerous to U.S. troops.

Finally, private-sector security and technology companies should be encouraged to work with African governments to deploy sensors, radars, unmanned aerial vehicles, satellites and other sophisticated data-gathering and detection systems. These types of defense technologies are needed to bolster borders, ports, roads, energy facilities and other economic infrastructure in Africa. Over the next few decades, the market for this infrastructure and societal security capacity is estimated to be at least \$60 trillion, according to reports by McKinsey and others. By working now to protect African economic infrastructure, which includes endangered elephants and rhinos, technology companies could reap huge financial and public relations rewards.

Security technology, military capacity and market incentives are all waiting to be deployed to defeat terrorists and save wildlife in Africa — a huge potential win-win. Here's hoping that Prince Charles and Prince William use this month's summit to publicly call on military and industry leaders to join the fight to conserve rhinos and elephants.

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HEALTH AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

Group aims to improve food at Philadelphia corner stores



By KATHY MATHESON
The Associated Press

“People have started to buy new things and healthy things, and it’s really great.”

Carmen Medina

manager of Indiana Food Market in north Philadelphia

FROM the outside, Carmen Medina’s convenience store appears to be an oasis in the food desert of gritty north Philadelphia, from its bright yellow-and-white striped awnings to the fake palm tree sculptures on the sidewalk.

A glimpse inside proves the image is no mirage. The Indiana Food Market is part of the Healthy Corner Stores Network, which aims to teach residents about nutritious eating through grocery promotions and outreach efforts like cooking demonstrations.

Customers were recently offered slices of pizza made on site with store-bought ingredients: whole-wheat tortillas, tomato sauce, part-skin mozzarella cheese and diced green peppers and onions.

“We try to get people to try a sample, and in that process we talk to them about eating whole grains, and trying out new things, and showing them where healthy items are in their corner store,” program educator Maria Vanegas said.

Led by the Philadelphia health department and The Food Trust, the corner store initiative has enlisted about 650 of the city’s 2,000 or so corner stores to broaden their inventory of fresh produce, whole grains and low-fat dairy.

The healthy products appear to be sell-

ing. Data collected by The Food Trust, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit dedicated to ensuring access to healthy affordable food, indicates store owners have reported profits on those items and expanded their supply.

Corner groceries are a critical source of food in many poor urban neighborhoods without full-service supermarkets. About 21 percent of Philadelphians have limited supermarket access, compared with 8 percent of the U.S. population overall, according to a 2012 study by The Reinvestment Fund, a nonprofit that finances neighborhood revitalization in the mid-Atlantic region.

Experts say many purchases made in corner stores — like chips, candy and soda — are calorie-rich and nutrient-poor, contributing to higher rates of obesity and related chronic diseases among

low-income residents.

Yet people’s food choices are influenced by what is available, said Dr. Giridhar Mallaya, the health department’s director of policy and planning. What if stores carried healthier options?

The Food Trust began working with the city in 2010 to find corner store owners willing to sell more wholesome fare. Some feared they’d end up losing money on unsold, spoiled produce; others said they wanted to offer better food but didn’t know where to start, program senior associate Brianna Almaguez Sandoval said.

The corner store initiative offers four levels of participation. At the lowest tier, a store owner could get a \$100 incentive to introduce four healthy items and receive training on how to buy, price and promote fresh produce. Higher-level stores get free mini-refrigeration units, special

Above: Fresh produce is displayed at the Indiana Food Market in Philadelphia. **Convenience stores in socioeconomically disadvantaged Philadelphia neighborhoods have been getting access to healthier food through the “Fresh Corner” initiative.**

MATT ROURKE/AP

shelving and signage.

Last summer, Indiana Food Market became one of five top-tier stores. Medina, the manager, got the colorful new awnings, an eye-catching refrigerated produce case and a special display for whole grains. English and Spanish signs steer the mostly Latino clientele to healthier choices. And the market got a “Fresh Corner” kiosk for pamphlets, recipe cards and cooking demonstrations, where Vanegas made pizza in a toaster oven.

The program has been well received by customers, Medina said, noting they often ask when the food lessons are scheduled. Oatmeal, fruit and whole-grain rice have become big sellers, she added.

“People have started to buy new things and healthy things, and it’s really great,” Medina said, in Spanish, according to a translation by Vanegas.

Mallya cautioned that it’s too early to know whether the effort is affecting consumer buying habits, but data from two top-tier stores shows produce sales up 50 percent and bottled water sales up 76 percent compared with lower-level stores, according to The Food Trust.

The city has invested about \$1.5 million in the program since 2010. The Food Trust could not provide exact numbers on its budget; several foundations and government agencies have paid for aspects of the initiative, which has expanded to Camden, N.J., and the Philadelphia suburbs of Norristown and Chester.

SHIFTING GEARS



PHOTOS BY KEVIN SULLIVAN, ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/MCT

Dave Marsh shows off his newest WaterCar as he drives past the Avalon Casino on Catalina Island.

Amphibious WaterCar off to speedy start

By JORDAN ENGLAND-NELSON
The Orange County (Calif.) Register

Dave Marsh takes a sip of his coffee and looks through the windshield of his car, which is idling in the water in Newport Harbor, next to his 65-foot yacht. "This has been a dream for 10, 15 years," he says, his gaze fixed toward Catalina. "Every time I see that island, I think, 'Oh, it's not that far.'"

March, 58, has spent more than a decade developing the high-speed amphibious car he is about to take to market for \$135,000 apiece. He has taken deposits from the Prince of Dubai, tycoons

in Silicon Valley and millionaires from around the world.

On this day, he hopes to prove the car's mettle by driving it from his WaterCar headquarters in Fountain Valley, Calif., to Catalina Island.

The only problem is he has never tested the car on open water, and 30 miles is a long way to swim.

March has been building and testing amphibious cars, or amphibians, for years. He filed patents for his first amphibian in 2003. Six years later, he set the Guinness world record for fastest amphibious car with the Python, which has a 450-horsepower Corvette engine and can hit 60 mph



'I've got guys that are throwing money at me. It's a fun position to be in.'

Dave Marsh
founder, WaterCar Inc.

on the water.

The car that Marsh is test-driving to Catalina is the Panther, a smaller, off-road amphibian that is the entrepreneurial fruit of 12 years of trial and error and hundreds of thousands of dollars in research and development.

Ever since he posted a video online of the Panther driving on the freeway, scaling sand dunes and impressing scantily clad ladies at a lake, March's phone hasn't stopped ringing. The car has been filmed in three reality shows, including an episode of the current season of "The Bachelor."

He also has received a deluge of emails from buyers around the world.

The embassy of the United Arab Emirates has ordered one, and Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, the crown Prince of Dubai, has ordered six. Two of the most powerful men in Silicon Valley each have sent deposits — with nondisclosure agreements to prevent their names from ap-

pearing in the media. NASCAR drivers are knocking at his door.

"I've got guys that are throwing money at me," March said. "It's a fun position to be in."

Back in Newport Harbor, March points his Panther toward the horizon. He's surrounded by three powerboats, which are carrying friends, family and a case of champagne, which March's wife hesitates to put on ice for fear she might jinx the crossing.

He steps on the gas, and the Panther slowly rises up out of the water. As he passes the other boats, he waves to his family, fingers crossed. The morning sun is still low, and the water is like undulating glass as the Panther cuts across it.

As March moves into deeper water, dolphins leap up around him. The shore disappears from view, and a whale comes up for air. The grin on March's face is so large you can see it from the deck of his yacht.

"It's running nice," March's

voice says over the radio. "If it weren't for the swells, I'd kick it up a notch."

"We're at 13.5 miles," March's partner, Fred Selby, radios from his boat before the halfway mark.

"This is the point of no return."

March is particularly well-positioned to build a successful amphibian. He owns Fountain Valley Bodyworks, an auto repair shop that fixes 500 to 600 cars a month. He also is an avid boater.

March's goal was simple: Build a car that could drive on the freeway but also keep up with a boat on the water.

"We want to be the Henry Ford of amphibious cars," March said.

WaterCar has gotten around manufacturing regulations because the company sells the car as a kit. Buyers purchase the body but must pay a third party to install the engine, which, on paper, means the buyer — not WaterCar — built the vehicle. The owner then must register it as a boat and as a car.

WaterCar's first customer, an electronics manufacturer from Pennsylvania named Peter McIlroy, is scheduled to receive his Panther sometime this month. March said it's taking a bit longer than usual to produce because McIlroy wants his Panther to be gunmetal gray with a red interior, to match his Bentley.

By the numbers

- 45 mph.....Panther's top speed on water
- 85 mph.....Panther's top speed on land
- \$135,000.....Cost to buy a Panther
- 60 mph.....Python's top speed on water
- 127 mph.....Python's top speed on land
- \$300,000.....Cost to build a Python
- 27.....Number of patents held by WaterCar



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

28 puppies rescued after fire at pet store

NV LAS VEGAS — Fire officials said a Las Vegas pet store owner is accused of setting her business ablaze, but all 28 puppies inside were rescued.

Clark County Fire Department spokesman John Steinbeck said Gloria Lee, 35, was booked into the county jail on suspicion of first-degree arson after the early morning fire on Jan. 27 at the Prince and Princess Puppy Boutique.

Steinbeck said in a statement issued early Saturday that the 28 puppies could have died if the sprinkler system hadn't activated and firefighters hadn't quickly extinguished the flames.

He said the fire caused \$100,000 in damage to the building, but the motive was not immediately clear.

Photo of child target shooting sparks anger

CA SAN DIEGO — A photo of a Border Patrol agent helping a child shoot a powder-filled ball at a target resembling a person sparked outrage by activists, who said the scene appeared to represent the shooting of an immigrant.

The Border Patrol said in a statement Friday that any suggestion the picture means the agency shows citizens how to attack immigrants is "patently false."

The photo showing a device resembling a gun was taken at a June law enforcement community demo at a mall near the Mexican border. Spokesman Paul D. Carr said the target was a standard, nondescript human figure used at shooting ranges.

Pedro Rios, chair of the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium, said the demonstration was "unconscionable," especially because it involved a child and was close to areas where real people have been shot.

2 men charged with toppling ancient rock

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Prosecutors filed charges Friday against two former Boy Scout leaders accused of toppling one of the ancient rock formations at Utah's Goblin Valley State Park.

Glenn Taylor is charged with criminal mischief and David Hall is charged with aiding criminal mischief, another felony, Utah State Parks and Recreation said.

Emery County Attorney David Blackwell said he filed the charges Friday but is trying to negotiate a plea deal.

Both men, of Highland, Utah, about 30 miles south of Salt Lake City, were ordered to appear in state court March 18.

Twice convicted, man admits to killing wife

OH CLEVELAND — A former undertaker who was twice convicted of killing his wife using poison has pleaded guilty to charges in an agreement with prosecutors to avoid a third



GREG LEHMAN, WALLA WALLA (WASH.) UNION-BULLETP/AP

Football fever

Postal worker Bruce Covey leaves no doubt about his rooting interest in Sunday's Super Bowl as he delivers the mail on his route in Walla Walla, Wash., on Friday. "I've gotten some attention, people taking pictures and such," Covey said.

Robert Girts, 60, pleaded guilty Friday to involuntary manslaughter and insurance fraud. He read a statement describing how he put

cyanide in his wife's salt shaker to kill her in 1992.

Twice since 1992 jurors in Cleveland found Girts guilty of aggravated murder. Both convic-

THE CENSUS

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The number of chickens a police officer discovered in the back of an SUV

during a traffic stop Friday in Grand Island, Neb. The Grand Island Independent reported that nearly half of the chickens were dead. Sgt. Bud Edwards said he stopped the vehicle because it was being driven in the dark without headlights. The driver, Luis Motola-Palacio, 36, of Grand Island, was arrested on suspicion of a second offense of driving drunk. The live birds were taken to



the Central Nebraska Humane Society, where officials determined they weren't being fed properly and that many were missing feathers. They are weighing whether to charge Motola-Palacio with animal cruelty.

tions were overturned over prosecution errors, and the appeals court ordered new trials.

Girts was sentenced to six to 30 years in prison but will get credit for more than 15 years he previously served.

AG: Dealers may be 'rebranding' heroin

PA PITTSBURGH — Drug dealers may be "rebranding" a deadly heroin blend that is being blamed for 22 overdose deaths in western Pennsylvania, Attorney General Kathleen Kane said.

Kane's remarks came after state drug agents charged a 29-year-old Clairton man on Thursday with possessing heroin stamped with the name "Sky High." Heroin dealers stamp individual bags with catchy names that give the drug a street identity.

On Friday, U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., asked the federal Drug Enforcement Administration to help identify the source of the tainted heroin, remove it from the streets and bring to justice those responsible.

Middle school student burned by cellphone fire

ME KENNEBUNK — School officials said a Kennebunk student suffered minor burns when her cellphone caught fire in her pocket.

The eighth-grader was taken to the hospital for treatment on Friday. The principal at Kennebunk Middle School sent an email to parents. The principal said the incident happened shortly after students went to their first class. Staff helped the student and called firefighters and rescue workers.

The principal said emergency crews praised the student for doing the "stop, drop and roll" move which helped put out the fire, according to the Portland Press Herald.

Man wants home taken off meth lab registry

IA DES MOINES — A Des Moines man who once found and turned in drug-making equipment is now fighting to get his home's address removed from a registry of one-time meth labs.

Des Moines television station KCCI reported that Paul Valin was astonished to learn his 100-

year-old home is on the DEA's National Clandestine Laboratory Register.

Police removed meth-making products from his home several years earlier after Valin, an avid kayaker, spotted a backpack floating along the Des Moines River. He brought the pack home, opened it and found "tubes and cans of fluid."

Valin said he worries he could have trouble selling his house if it's not removed from the list.

A DEA spokesman said the agency will look into the case and determine if Valin's address should be removed.

Body found in driver's seat of burned vehicle

FL BELLE GLADE — Detectives are investigating the death of a person found burned beyond recognition in a vehicle fire.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to State Road 80 near Belle Glade Saturday about 5:50 a.m.

Authorities said firefighters found a vehicle engulfed in flames.

Once the blaze was extinguished, a body was found in the front driver's side seat. The individual has not been identified. A DNA analysis will be completed.

Crime scene and arson investigators have processed the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

Release of feral horses being investigated

NV CARSON CITY — The Nevada Department of Agriculture wants to know who cut a fence to release eight feral horses captured along a busy highway south of Reno.

Officials said the animals had been running loose along U.S. 395 near Washoe Hill and were rounded up for public safety reasons. They were taken to property in Washoe Valley, where they were fenced.

Sometime late Thursday or early Friday, someone cut the fence and a chain on the gate, releasing the horses near the road.

Under an agreement with wild horse advocates, the department said it rounds up Virginia Range horses only when public safety is an issue.

From wire reports

FACES

Hoffman found dead; overdose suspected

By HILLEL ITALIE
The Associated Press

He was only 46, busy as ever and secure in his standing as one of the world's greatest actors.

There were no dissenters about the gifts and achievements of Philip Seymour Hoffman, whose death Sunday in New York brought a stunning halt to his extraordinary and unpredictable career.

An Oscar winner and multiple nominee, Hoffman could take on any character with almost unerring authority, whether the religious leader in command of his every word in "The Master," a trembling mess in "Boogie Nights" or the witty, theatrical Truman Capote in "Capote."

Fearless in his choices, encyclopedic in his preparation, he was a Shakespearean performer in modern dress, bringing depth and variety to charlatans, slackers, curmudgeons and loners.

"Hearing that Philip Seymour Hoffman passed away came as much as a shock to me as to anyone else I'd imagine," says Anton Corbijn, director of "A Most Wanted Man," one of

two films (the other being "In God's Pocket") starring Hoffman that premiered last month at the Sundance Film Festival.

Friends, peers, family members and his countless fans were in grief after Hoffman was found in his Greenwich Village apartment with what law enforcement officials said was a syringe in his arm.

The two officials told The Associated Press that glassine envelopes containing what was believed to be heroin were also found with Hoffman. Those items are being tested.

The law enforcement officials, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak about evidence found on the scene, said the cause of death was believed to be a drug overdose.

Besides his Oscar win for "Capote," the stage-trained Hoffman received four Academy Award nominations and several nominations for theater awards, including three Tonys. He was equally acclaimed and productive, often appearing in at least two to three films a year, while managing an active life in the theater.

Many younger moviegoers know him as the



VICTORIA WILLY, INVISION/AP

Academy Award winner Phillip Seymour Hoffman, who attended last month's Sundance Film Festival, was found dead Sunday in his New York apartment. He was 46.

scheming Plutarch Heavensbee in "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," and he was reprising that role in the two-part sequel, "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay," for which his work was mostly completed.

Just weeks ago, Showtime announced Hoffman would star in "Happysay," a new comedy series.

Hoffman is survived by his partner of 15 years, Mimi O'Donnell, and their three children.

5 great PSH roles

"Hard Eight," 1996: Hoffman's least-known performance for director Paul Thomas Anderson was also his first. Hoffman plays a loud-mouthed, mullet-haired craps player who clashes with the more dignified gambler played by Philip Baker Hall. But he's quickly won over by a ballsy bet, and cheerfully takes to calling him "Big Time." It's the scene that began one of the most enthralling actor-director collaborations in recent movies.

"Jack Goes Boating," 2010: In Hoffman's directorial debut, he plays a painfully shy limo driver with the unlikely dream of working for the MTA. It's the story of an exceptionally ordinary guy trying to improve himself. Everything about the character and the film exposes the kind of downbeat modesty Hoffman prized.

"Capote," 2005: Hoffman's dapper, brash Capote is a master class in how to play an icon. Such roles are so often merely a collection of accent and manner, but Hoffman's Capote was a full, soulful portrait.

"Happiness," 1998: Hoffman had dangerousness in him, too. His peevish pervert in writer/director Todd Solondz's drama was forgettably daring, and incredibly creepy.

"The Savages," 2007: Hoffman and Laura Linney play a brother and sister struggling with adulthood and their father's decline in old age. It feels like the epitome of a Hoffman film: a mix of comedy and tragedy told with subtlety, bone-dry humor and flashes of grace.

From The Associated Press

Accusations against Allen renewed; director's friends quick to defend him

The Associated Press

Some of Woody Allen's allies have come to his defense, casting doubt on renewed accusations by Dylan Farrow that she was sexually assaulted by her then-adoptive father when she was 7.

Allen's lawyer, studio and publicist weighed in on Farrow's open letter, published online Saturday by The New York Times, in which she claimed that in 1992 at the family's Connecticut home, Allen led her to a "dim, closet-like attic" and then sexually assaulted her. Farrow didn't specify Allen's actions but described other abusive behavior.

The movie director's publicist, Leslee Dart, said in an email Sunday that Allen has read Farrow's letter.

"Mr. Allen has read the article and found it untrue and disgraceful," Dart said, signaling that Allen would fight the claims dating back to Allen's tempestuous relationship with actress Mia Farrow in the early 1990s.

Elkan Abramowitz, Allen's lawyer, said: "It is tragic that after 20 years a story engineered by a vengeful lover resurfaces after it was fully vetted and rejected by independent authorities. The one to blame for Dylan's distress is neither Dylan nor Woody Allen."

Allen was investigated on child molestation claims for the 1992 accusation but was never charged.

Dylan Farrow's open letter didn't urge renewed legal action but called for Allen in the court of public opinion.

Jesse Eisenberg cast as Lex Luthor

Warner Bros. says Jesse Eisenberg will play Lex Luthor in the studio's planned Superman-Batman film.

The casting of Eisenberg, 30, was met with surprise on social media Friday. Eisenberg is a widely respected actor but isn't known for villainous gravitas.

The Superman-Batman film is to be directed by Zac Snyder. Many also questioned the choice of Ben Affleck for Batman. Henry Cavill will return as Superman.

Snyder says Eisenberg allows the film to take Luthor in "some new and unexpected directions."

Jeremy Irons will play Alfred, Bruce Wayne's loyal guardian.

'Ride Along' still No. 1 movie; 'Frozen' second

"Ride Along" remained strong through Super Bowl weekend, retaining the No. 1 slot for the third week at the box office.

The buddy cop comedy, starring Kevin Hart and Ice Cube, made \$12.3 million and is nearing a \$100 million domestic total according to studio estimates.

Disney's "Frozen" now the fourth highest-grossing domestic animated release ever, is in second place with \$9.3 million. The studio released a singlong version of the film. "Frozen" sing-

along shows added \$2.2 million as the film crossed the \$360 million mark domestically.

"That Awkward Moment," starring Zac Efron, Michael B. Jordan and Miles Teller, took third place in its opening weekend with \$9 million.

The animated comedy "The Nut Job" took the fourth-place slot with \$7.6 million, bringing its domestic total to \$50 million.

"Lone Survivor," in fifth place, crossed the \$100 million mark, making this Mark Wahlberg's seventh film to make that milestone.

Other news

■ Spike Jonze's "Her" won for original screenplay and Billy Ray's "Captain Phillips" took adapted screenplay prize at the Writers Guild of America awards.

■ Director Robert Zemeckis says his next project is a stage musical of "Back to the Future." Producers said Thursday that a show based on the movie trilogy will open in London's West End in 2015.

■ Kanye West will not face criminal charges over an incident in which he apparently punched a man in a California chiropractor's office. Los Angeles County prosecutors agreed to file charges against the rapper because he had reached a civil settlement with the man and there were no significant injuries documented.

■ Austrian actor Maximilian Schell, who won the best actor Oscar in the early 1960s for the drama "Judgment at Nuremberg," has died. He was 83.



Bill Kostroub/AP

Bruno Mars' Super Bowl halftime show was memorable for all the right reasons on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Bruno Mars hot at halftime

The Associated Press

Anybody worried about how Bruno Mars would do on one of the world's largest stages had obviously never seen the young star perform live. That all changed Sunday night when tens of millions got their first chance to see why he's one of the most exciting live acts of his generation.

Mars, 28, took his high-powered live show to Super Bowl halftime, creating what felt like an intimate show in the arena in East Rutherford, N.J., and supersizing it in what has become a defining moment for those who preceded him on the list of halftime performers in the big game.

The Grammy Award-winning singer eliminated any doubters from the second he appeared on screen in a skinny tie and gold jacket almost as dazzling as his smile. He played a deep-groove

For a breakdown of the best Super Bowl ads, see stripes.com/military-life. To watch some of the ads, visit tinyurl.com/ofzkblv



drum solo while rolling across the field on a raised, motorized platform, then joined his smoking-hot live band for a series of energetically executed hits that were clearly not lip-synced. He then seamlessly integrated the Red Hot Chili Peppers into his set.

There were no flubs, no negative moments that will live on. And while you can argue about the entertainment value of watching shirtless Chili Peppers gambol about the stage, the 50-year-old Rock and Roll Hall of Famers managed to match Mars' energy in a brief appearance that was no less memorable.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Marines' profit from branding on rise

By Jim Michaels
USA Today

WASHINGTON — Over its storied 238-year history, the Marine Corps has built a powerful brand. Only in recent years, however, have the Marine Corps and other services been able to capitalize on their reputations by selling agreements that allow businesses to purchase the right to use trademarked slogans or emblems on everything from coffee mugs and T-shirts to aircraft guns, which fire plastic pellets.

The Marine Corps' reputation and mystique sell particularly well. "It's taken 200 years to develop that reputation," said Jonathan Low, co-founder of Predictix Consulting and a branding expert. "It's not something you can just create out of whole cloth overnight."

Consumers spend about \$37 million annually on Marine Corps licensed merchandise, the service said.

The Marine Corps has registered a number of phrases, including the iconic "The Few, The Proud" and "Semper Paratus" from a Latin phrase meaning "always faithful." Even the slogan, "Pain is weakness leaving the body," has been registered by the Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps emblem, comprising an eagle, a globe and an anchor, is also protected.

Revenues from royalties remain small, but have expanded dramatically. Revenue from royalty agreements with the Marine Corps amounted to \$1.8 million last year, up from \$111,000 in



2010. The money goes to a morale, welfare and recreation fund after paying for operating the trademark program and costs associated with securing registrations. "The service has negotiated more than 300 license agreements with companies. The Marine Corps and other services were able to capitalize on their brands only after passage of a 2004 law that allowed the services to sell trademark licenses to businesses. It took some time to get the licensing business up and running and establishing relationships with businesses. The services screen the requests, ensuring that the em-

blems or slogans are used in a way that presents the service in a good light.

"The brands "have been popular for a long, long time, [but] it was only very recently that we could earn revenues from them," Philip Greene, the trademark counsel for the Marine Corps, said in an email.

"They've also been aggressive in protecting the emblems and slogans associated with the Marine Corps, ensuring they are not misused."

Marketing and brand experts say being selective about licensing agreements is critical for keeping the value of the brand high.

"If they leverage that in the right way, it could be enormously successful," said Stewart Devlin, chief creative officer at Red Peak Group, a marketing firm.

"Anytime a brand has that amount of heritage and is that iconic" businesses want to be associated with it, Devlin said.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 4)	\$1.3840
Dollar buys (Feb. 4)	€0.7224
British pound (Feb. 4)	\$1.6168
Japanese yen (Feb. 4)	100.00
South Korean won (Feb. 4)	1,056.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.6370
British pound	\$1.6360/0.6113
Canada (dollar)	1.1056
China (Yuan)	6.0608
Denmark (Krone)	5.5183
Egypt (Pound)	6.9657
Euro	\$1.3513/0.7400
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7644
Hungary (Forint)	231.40
Israel (Shekel)	5.2421
Japan (Yen)	101.42
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2827
Norway (Krone)	6.2558
Philippines (Peso)	45.40
Poland (Zloty)	3.14
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7204
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2751
South Korea (Won)	1,085.92
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9028
Thailand (Baht)	32.94
Turkey (New Lira)	2.6213

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., those not in U.S. dollars), consumers check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.07
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.06
30-year bond	3.60

WEATHER OUTLOOK



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

Tuesday's US temperatures												
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	
Ablene, Tex	57	32	Cldy	Cheyenne	11	5	Snow	Fort Wayne	25	10	Snow	
Akron, Ohio	30	12	Cldy	Chicago	25	10	Snow	Fresno	56	35	PCldy	
Albany, N.Y.	16	15	PCldy	Cincinnati	33	20	Snow	Goodland	15	14	Snow	
Albuquerque	44	28	Cldy	Cleveland	18	12	Cldy	Grand Junction	31	16	Snow	
Allentown, Pa.	34	19	Cldy	Colorado Springs	15	11	Snow	Grand Rapids	24	7	Cldy	
Amarillo	23	9	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	46	43	Rain	Green Bay	19	-4	PCldy	
Anchorage	26	19	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	66	51	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	38	34	Rain	
Asheville	39	36	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	31	18	Cldy	Harrisburg	35	20	Cldy	
Atlanta	53	47	Rain	Concord, N.H.	34	14	Cir	Hartford	37	21	PCldy	
Atlantic City	40	23	Cldy	Corpus Christi	73	50	Cldy	Helena	3	-3	Cir	
Austin	67	44	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	59	36	Cldy	Honolulu	77	68	Cldy	
Baltimore	34	20	Cldy	Dayton	29	15	Cldy	Houston	61	45	Rain	
Baton Rouge	74	50	Rain	Daytona Beach	82	64	Cldy	Huntsville	60	38	Rain	
Biloxi	81	59	Rain	Denver	13	10	Snow	Indianapolis	31	13	Snow	
Birmingham	66	46	Rain	Des Moines	24	15	Snow	Jackson, Miss.	67	50	Rain	
Bismarck	23	-9	Cir	Detroit	25	5	Cldy	Jacksonville	76	61	Cldy	
Boise	29	15	PCldy	Duluth	19	16	Cir	Janeau	24	14	Cir	
Boston	36	24	PCldy	El Paso	57	40	PCldy	Kansas City	24	19	Snow	
Bridgeport	26	23	PCldy	Elkins	41	18	Cldy	Key West	74	73	PCldy	
Brownsville	72	54	Cldy	Erie	27	12	Cldy	Knoxville	52	34	Cldy	
Buffalo	32	15	Cldy	Eugene	41	29	PCldy	Lake Charles	68	44	Rain	
Burlington, Vt.	29	20	PCldy	Evansville	35	24	Cldy	Lansing	23	2	Cldy	
Caribou, Maine	20	4	PCldy	Fairbanks	3	-14	Cir	Las Vegas	54	38	PCldy	
Casper, Wyo.	4	4	Snow	Fargo	1	-10	Cir	Lexington	38	26	Rain	
Charleston, S.C.	58	51	Rain	Flagstaff	34	16	Cldy	Lincoln	21	16	Snow	
Charleston, W.Va.	46	25	Rain	Flint	25	2	Cldy	Little Rock	35	24	Rain	
Charlotte, N.C.	40	37	Rain	Fort Smith	34	31	Rain	Los Angeles	63	46	Cir	
Chicago	25	10	Snow	Fort Wayne	25	10	Snow	Louisville	39	26	Rain	
Cincinnati	33	20	Snow	Fresno	56	35	PCldy	Lubbock	45	26	Cldy	
Cleveland	18	12	Cldy	Goodland	15	14	Snow	Macon	63	53	Cldy	
Colorado Springs	15	11	Snow	Grand Junction	31	16	Snow	Madison	53	37	PCldy	
Columbia, S.C.	46	43	Rain	Grand Rapids	24	7	Cldy	Medford	43	28	PCldy	
Columbus, Ga.	66	51	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	38	34	Rain	Memphis	44	32	Rain	
Columbus, Ohio	31	18	Cldy	Harrisburg	35	20	Cldy	Miami Beach	83	72	Cldy	
Concord, N.H.	34	14	Cir	Hartford	37	21	PCldy	Milwaukee	25	9	Snow	
Corpus Christi	73	50	Cldy	Helena	3	-3	Cir	Missoula	19	2	Cir	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	59	36	Cldy	Honolulu	77	68	Cldy	Mobile	77	63	Cldy	
Dayton	29	15	Cldy	Houston	61	45	Rain	Montgomery	72	53	Cldy	
Daytona Beach	82	64	Cldy	Huntsville	60	38	Rain	Nashville	48	29	Rain	
Denver	13	10	Snow	Indianapolis	31	13	Snow	New Orleans	72	53	Rain	
Des Moines	24	15	Snow	Jackson, Miss.	67	50	Rain	New York City	38	24	PCldy	
Detroit	25	5	Cldy	Jacksonville	76	61	Cldy	Newark	37	24	PCldy	
Duluth	19	16	Cir	Janeau	24	14	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	45	25	Cldy	
El Paso	57	40	PCldy	Kansas City	24	19	Snow	North Platte	15	9	Snow	
Elkins	41	18	Cldy	Key West	74	73	PCldy	Oklahoma City	54	30	Cldy	
Erie	27	12	Cldy	Knoxville	52	34	Cldy	Omaha	22	16	Snow	
Eugene	41	29	PCldy	Lake Charles	68	44	Rain	Orlando	84	66	Cldy	
Evansville	35	24	Cldy	Lansing	23	2	Cldy	Pacific	16	16	Rain	
Fairbanks	3	-14	Cir	Las Vegas	54	38	PCldy	Piedmont	23	16	PCldy	
Fargo	1	-10	Cir	Lexington	38	26	Rain	Pesha	24	19	Snow	
Flagstaff	34	16	Cldy	Lincoln	21	16	Snow	Philadelphia	37	25	PCldy	
Flint	25	2	Cldy	Little Rock	35	24	Rain	Phoenix	64	42	Cldy	
Fort Smith	34	31	Rain	Los Angeles	63	46	Cir	Pittsburgh	35	20	Cldy	
Fort Wayne	25	10	Snow	Louisville	39	26	Rain	Pocatello	20	13	Cldy	
Fresno	56	35	PCldy	Lubbock	45	26	Cldy	Cir	Portland, Maine	33	19	Cir
Goodland	15	14	Snow	Macon	63	53	Cldy	Portland, Ore.	37	27	PCldy	
Grand Junction	31	16	Snow	Madison	53	37	PCldy	Providence	37	24	PCldy	
Grand Rapids	24	7	Cldy	Medford	43	28	PCldy	Pueblo	16	9	Snow	
Greensboro, N.C.	38	34	Rain	Memphis	44	32	Rain	Raleigh-Durham	42	35	Rain	
Harrisburg	35	20	Cldy	Miami Beach	83	72	Cldy	Rapid City	7	-2	Snow	
Hartford	37	21	PCldy	Milwaukee	25	9	Snow	Richmond	43	30	Cldy	
Helena	3	-3	Cir	Missoula	19	2	Cir	Roanoke	37	34	PCldy	
Honolulu	77	68	Cldy	Mobile	77	63	Cldy	Rochester	31	16	Cldy	
Houston	61	45	Rain	Montgomery	72	53	Cldy	Rockford	34	6	Snow	
Huntsville	60	38	Rain	Nashville	48	29	Rain	Sacramento	59	32	PCldy	
Indianapolis	31	13	Snow	New Orleans	72	53	Rain	St. Louis	30	21	Snow	
Jackson, Miss.	67	50	Rain	New York City	38	24	PCldy	St. Thomas	85	77	PCldy	
Jacksonville	76	61	Cldy	Newark	37	24	PCldy	Salem, Ore.	20	13	Cldy	
Janeau	24	14	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	45	25	Cldy	Salt Lake City	30	22	PCldy	
Kansas City	24	19	Snow	North Platte	15	9	Snow	San Antonio	61	34	PCldy	
Key West	74	73	PCldy	Oklahoma City	54	30	Cldy	San Diego	71	46	PCldy	
Knoxville	52	34	Cldy	Omaha	22	16	Snow	San Jose	59	53	Cldy	
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Lansing	23	2	Cldy	Pacific	16	16	Rain	San Jose	57	35	PCldy	
Las Vegas	54	38	PCldy	Piedmont	23	16	PCldy	Santa Fe	39	20	Cldy	
Lexington	38	26	Rain	Pesha	24	19	Snow	St. Ste. Marie	20	3	Cldy	
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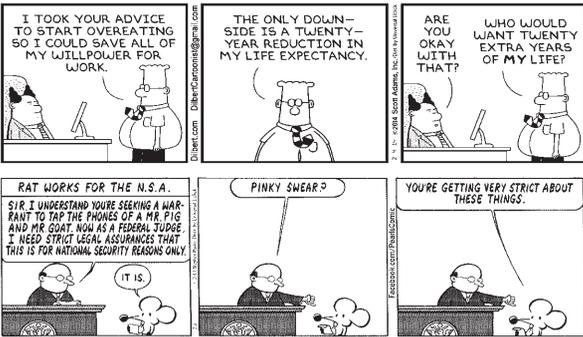
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ACROSS

- 1 Trots
- 5 Historic time
- 8 Police alerts, for short
- 12 Astrigent
- 13 Floral garland
- 14 Poet Teasdale
- 15 Actress Sorvino
- 16 Annual event
- 18 Kentucky brew
- 20 Emcees
- 21 Tend the lawn
- 22 In favor of
- 23 Sepals, collectively
- 26 Toronto athlete
- 30 Galena, e.g.
- 31 Second person
- 32 CBS logo
- 33 Stream of high-speed electrons
- 36 Hors d'oeuvre spreads
- 38 Edge
- 39 Peruke
- 40 Oak, at one time
- 43 Native American baby
- 47 Playgoers' mecca
- 49 "Do — others ..."
- 50 Indolent
- 51 Hostel
- 52 Adolescent
- 53 Rams' mates
- 54 Ball holder
- 55 Doctrines

DOWN

- 1 Doorframe part
- 2 Hedgepodge
- 3 Mentor
- 4 Smug and ingratiating
- 5 Nudge
- 6 Check
- 7 Atmosphere
- 8 Off the boat
- 9 Cushions
- 10 Pesky kid
- 11 Emulates
- 12 "Grand"
- 13 Carton
- 22 Winter ailment
- 23 Corn on the —
- 24 Exist
- 25 Allow
- 26 Young fellow
- 27 Lustrous black
- 28 Favorable vote ...
- 29 ... and what it means
- 31 Thinksgiving
- 34 Splendid setups
- 35 Peel
- 36 Spot on a domino
- 37 Tropical rodent
- 39 Actor John —
- 40 Competent
- 41 Gullet
- 42 Leak slowly
- 43 Sheet of glass
- 44 Individuals
- 45 Branch
- 46 Billions of years
- 48 Humor

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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World Cup men's ISU Grand Slams

- 1. Ted Ligety, United States, 2:38.75** (1:18.30-1:20.45)
2. Alexei Hirsch, Austria, 2:40.26 (1:20.23-1:20.03)
3. Alexis Pinturault, France, 2:40.44 (1:20.08-1:20.36)
4. Mattia Giacomini, Sweden, 2:41.43 (1:20.71-1:20.72)
5. Philipp Schoenberger, Austria, 2:41.24 (1:20.74-1:20.50)
6. Roberto Nani, Italy, 2:41.99 (1:21.10-1:20.89)
7. Victor Muffat-Jandry, France, 2:42.03 (1:21.24-1:20.79)
8. Fritz Dopfer, Germany, 2:42.11 (1:20.67-1:21.44)
9. Leif Kristian Haugen, Norway, 2:42.58 (1:21.17-1:20.81)
10. Felix Neureuther, France, 2:42.71 (1:21.16-1:21.55)

- Also**
17. Tim Liotto, United States, 2:43.84 (1:21.99-1:21.85)
18. Robert Munn, United States, 1:24.99 (38th-1st run, did not qualify for second run)
Jared Goldberg, United States, 1:26.80 (43rd-1st run, did not qualify for second run)
Bode Miller, United States, did not finish first run
Warner Nickerson, United States, did not finish first run
Andrew Weibrecht, United States, did not finish first run

World Cup Giant Slalom (After five races)

- 1. Marlies Hirsch, Austria, 460** points
2. Alexis Pinturault, France, 365
3. Ted Ligety, United States, 360
Also
18. Bode Miller, United States, 92
23. Tim Liotto, United States, 77
10. Kari Jaenis, United States, 53

Overall World Cup Standings (After 26 events)

- 1. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 955**
2. Aksel Svindal, Norway, 897 points
3. Alexis Pinturault, France, 774
4. Ted Ligety, United States, 629
5. Felix Neureuther, France, 626
6. Hannes Reichle, Austria, 476
7. Henrik Kristoffersen, Norway, 463
8. Bode Miller, United States, 398
9. Patrick Kuusari, Switzerland, 398
10. Kari Jaenis, Norway, 314

World Cup men's slalom

- At Kranjska Gora, Slovenia**
1. Frida Hansdotter, Sweden, 1:50.17 (59:56-50.21)
2. Marlies Schild, Austria, 1:50.22 (55:50-54.52)
3. Bernadette Schild, Austria, 1:50.43 (55:50-54.52)
4. Tina Weirather, Austria, 1:50.43
5. Maria-Michele Gagnon, Canada, 1:50.56
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7. Mikaela Shiffrin, United States, 1:50.93
8. Chiara Costazza, Italy, 1:50.93 (56:61-54.32)
9. Sarka Strachova, Czech Republic, 1:50.97 (56:12-55.04)
10. Wendy Holdener, Switzerland, 1:50.97 (56:13-54.84)

World Cup women's slalom

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World Cup women's slalom

- At Kranjska Gora, Slovenia**
1. Frida Hansdotter, Sweden, 1:50.17 (59:56-50.21)
2. Marlies Schild, Austria, 1:50.22 (55:50-54.52)
3. Bernadette Schild, Austria, 1:50.43 (55:50-54.52)
4. Tina Weirather, Austria, 1:50.43
5. Maria-Michele Gagnon, Canada, 1:50.56
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7. Mikaela Shiffrin, United States, 1:50.93
8. Chiara Costazza, Italy, 1:50.93 (56:61-54.32)
9. Sarka Strachova, Czech Republic, 1:50.97 (56:12-55.04)
10. Wendy Holdener, Switzerland, 1:50.97 (56:13-54.84)

College basketball

Men's AP Top 25 fared Sunday

- 1. Arizona (21-1)** did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Thursday.
2. Syracuse (21-0) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Monday.
3. Florida (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Tuesday.
4. Wichita State (23-0) did not play. Next: at Indiana State, Wednesday.
5. San Diego State (19-1) did not play. Next: at Boise State, Wednesday.
6. Kansas (16-5) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Tuesday.
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12. Louisville (18-4) did not play. Next: at Houston, Wednesday.
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14. Wisconsin (17-5) did not play. Next: at Iowa State, Tuesday.
15. Iowa (17-5) did not play. Next: at No. 34 Ohio State, Tuesday.
16. Iowa State (16-4) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Oklahoma State, Monday.
17. North Carolina (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Tuesday.
18. Saint Louis (14) lost to Virginia 48-45. Next: at Miami, Wednesday.
19. Saint Louis (14) did not play. Next: at Saint Joseph's, Wednesday.
20. Creighton (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Wednesday.
21. UMass (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Memphis (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. Duke (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma (17-5) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Wednesday.
24. Ohio State (19-2) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Iowa, Tuesday.
25. North Carolina (15-4) did not play. Next: at TCU, Tuesday.

Sunday's men's scores

- EAST**
Bryant 76, Sacred Heart 67
74, 79. Purdue 74, Missouri 67
Virginia 48, Pittsburgh 45
ETSU 89, Rhodes 57
23. Cent. Ark. 89, Arkansas 57
34. SC-Update 80, Mercer 61
Milwaukee 85, Oakland 67

MIDWEST

- Bowling Green 64, Buffalo 66**
Cincinnati 50, Cincinnati 50
63. Michigan 51
54. Michigan 85, Oakland 67
Oregon St. 71, UCLA 67

FAR WEST

- UC Women's Top 25 fared Sunday**

- 1. UC (23-0)** did not play. Next: vs. SMU, Tuesday.
2. Indiana (21-0) beat No. 3 Duke 88-67. Next: at No. 23 Florida State, Thursday.
3. Duke (21-1) lost to No. 2 Notre Dame 88-67. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.
4. Stanford (21-0) beat California 79-64. Next: at Washington State, Thursday.
5. Louisiana (22-1) beat South Florida 79-59. Next: at UCF, Thursday.
6. North Carolina (17-5) lost to Miami 83-80. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.
7. Missouri (20-2) beat Missouri 78-62. Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.
8. Maryland (17-4) beat Syracuse 89-64. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
9. Baylor (18-3) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Monday.

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Golf

Phoenix Open

- PGA Tour Sunday**
At TPC Scottsdale, Arizona
Yardage: 7,136 Par: 71
Final
K. Stadler, \$1,116,000 68-67-68-68-68-16
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OLYMPICS

Women's hockey preview

US, Canada on collision course again

North American rivals likely headed for another gold medal matchup in Sochi

BY JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

CANADA, Russia and the United States. The United States and Canada. Since women's ice hockey became an Olympic sport in Nagano in 1998, the two North American countries have dominated the podium — winning every gold medal and all but one of the silvers. The lack of competition, especially in preliminary round games, led IOC President Jacques Rogge to warn the sport's governing body after Vancouver, “We cannot continue without improvement.”

Four years later, the chance of a Russian awakening on their home ice could be the biggest surprise of the Olympic tournament. And the format has been tweaked to add excitement and eliminate the blowouts that characterized so many of the round-robin games. (It also guarantees North American TV a matchup between the longtime rivals on Feb. 12.)

“We of course know that progress takes time, and that the U.S. and Canada have top-quality programs,” said Adam Steiss, a spokesman for the International Ice Hockey Federation. “But we certainly hope to see many competitive games in Sochi.”

Here are five things to look for at the hockey puck-shaped Shayba Arena and at the Bolshoy Ice Dome, where the women's hockey medal round will be held:

1 **New format:** The old tournament split the eight countries into two equal groups based on their international rankings. That preserved the possibility that the U.S. and Canada wouldn't meet until the gold medal game, and it also led to them beating other teams by scores like 18-0 and 13-0 in the opening round.

Now, the top four teams in the world rankings are in one group, with the next four in the other. The top two teams in Group A will advance directly to the semifinals; the bottom two will play the top two Group B teams in the quarterfinals.

If form holds, the United States and Canada would meet twice — the second in the gold medal game on Feb. 20 — and those 18-0 victories over Slovakia won't happen at all.

The format was tested in the last two world championships and the results were what the international governing body hoped for: While almost half of the games at the Vancouver Olympics were wins by five goals or more, there were only five such blowouts in the 2012 worlds and four in '13.



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Canada's Jayna Hefford, left, and Marie-Philip Poulin attempt to stop United States' Julie Chu during the first period of a women's world ice hockey championship game in Ottawa, Ontario, on April 2, 2013, file photo. Since women's ice hockey became an Olympic sport in Nagano in 1998, the Canada and the United States have dominated the podium, winning every gold medal and all but one of the silvers.

2 **Nasty neighbors:** How dominant are the United States and Canada?

They have won all four golds, three silvers in a bronze at the Olympics and in the world championships no other nation has ever even made the title game. After the Americans won it all at the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Canada has won the last three Olympic tournaments.

“The passion behind the rivalry is something that fuels our play every day,” U.S. captain Megan Bozek said. “We face them so many times over our careers, and it's always an incredible hockey game.”

American forward Julie Chu will play in her fourth Olympics. The U.S. team is coached by Harvard's Katey Stone.

3 **The Finnish fence:** In hockey, a goalie on a hot streak can make all the difference. And Finland may have the person who can lead her team to an upset in Sochi.

Noora Raty was only 15 when she was the starting goalie for



Olympic domination

Since women's hockey became an Olympic sport in 1998, the United States and Canada have taken every gold and silver medal, except for 2006:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1998	USA	Canada	Finland
2002	Canada	USA	Sweden
2006	Canada	Sweden	USA
2010	Canada	USA	Finland

Finland's national team in Turin in 2006. Four years later in Vancouver, she led her country to the bronze medal.

Raty then returned to the University of Minnesota to finish a college career in which she posted a 1.34 goals-against average, including a 41-0 record and a 0.96 GAA as a senior while winning

her second straight NCAA championship. At the Four Nations Cup in November, she made 58 saves to lead Finland to a 3-1 wakeup call over the United States.

“She's one of the best goal-tenders in the world. It's hard to score on her,” said U.S. defenseman Megan Bozek, Raty's teammate at Minnesota. “But I think it makes it that much sweeter when you do get that goal on her.”

4 **Carrying the flag:** Canada has never sent a hockey team to the Olympics without Hayley Wickenheiser. The 35-year-old forward known as the Wayne Gretzky of women's hockey will be playing her fifth Winter Games and going for her fourth gold medal. (She also played on the Canadian softball team that finished tied for last in the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney.) Wickenheiser was a pioneer in the women's game — the first woman who wasn't a goalie to play full-time in a men's professional league — and she was chosen as Canada's flag-bearer for the Opening Ceremonies.

But Wickenheiser was stripped of her captaincy by new coach Kevin Dineen, who was brought on to coach the team in December after Dan Church's surprise resignation.

After beating the Americans three straight times in their pre-Olympic tuneup series before Church stepped down, the United States won the next four.

5 **Home-ice advantage:** Despite its tradition as a men's hockey power — and remember, the dominance of what was then the Soviet Union was the reason the Miracle on Ice was such a miracle — the host nation has never made much of a dent in the women's game. Russia won a bronze medal in the 2001 world championships and then didn't return to the podium for a decade.

But the Russians finished third at last year's worlds, giving the hosts hope that they can reach the medal round at the Olympics for the first time.

NHL

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	54	35	16	2	78	164	115
Tampa Bay	55	32	18	5	69	162	137
Toronto	57	30	21	5	66	170	176
Montreal	56	29	21	6	64	137	139
Dallas	54	18	31	8	60	144	158
Ottawa	55	24	21	10	58	158	176
Florida	55	21	27	7	49	133	174
Buffalo	55	21	28	8	58	102	151

Metropolitan Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Pittsburgh	56	35	15	3	78	176	132
N.Y. Rangers	56	30	23	3	63	145	140
Columbus	56	27	23	6	60	152	163
Philadelphia	56	27	23	6	60	152	163
Carolina	54	25	20	9	59	137	151
Washington	56	25	21	9	59	164	173
New Jersey	56	23	21	12	58	132	140
N.Y. Islanders	57	21	28	8	50	159	191

Western Conference

Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Chicago	57	33	10	14	80	200	158
St. Louis	54	37	12	5	79	185	125
Colorado	54	35	14	5	75	165	142
Minnesota	56	25	21	9	59	158	160
Dallas	56	25	21	9	59	158	160
Nashville	57	25	23	9	59	142	172
Calgary	57	25	23	9	59	161	166

Pacific Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	56	35	15	6	85	189	139
San Jose	56	35	15	6	76	168	134
Los Angeles	57	30	21	6	66	134	122
Vancouver	56	27	20	4	63	147	147
Phoenix	55	26	19	10	62	159	164
Calgary	56	21	27	7	49	132	173
Edmonton	57	18	33	6	42	147	194

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

Saturday's games

St. Louis 4, Nashville 3, SO
 San Jose 2, Chicago 1, SO
 Boston 4, Edmonton 1
 Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1, OT
 Colorado 7, Buffalo 1
 Philadelphia 2, Los Angeles 0
 Toronto 6, Ottawa 3
 Columbus 4, Florida 1
 Phoenix 3, Pittsburgh 1
 Calgary 4, Minnesota 3, OT
 Dallas 2, Anaheim 0

Sunday's games

Washington 6, Detroit 5, OT
 Winnipeg 2, Montreal 1

Monday's games

Edmonton at Buffalo
 Ottawa at Pittsburgh
 Vancouver at Detroit
 Colorado at New Jersey
 Columbus at Anaheim
 Chicago at Los Angeles
 Philadelphia at San Jose

Tuesday's games

Vancouver at Boston
 Colorado at N.Y. Rangers
 Winnipeg at Carolina
 Calgary at Montreal
 Toronto at Florida
 N.Y. Islanders at Washington
 Ottawa at St. Louis
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota
 Dallas at Phoenix

Sunday

Jets 2, Canadiens 1

Winnipeg 0 1 1-2
 Montreal 0 1 0-1

Second Period—1, Winnipeg, Enstrom 6 (Thorburn, Wheeler), 2:13 (Montreal, Gionta 10 (Plekanec, Markov), 17:06.

Third Period—3, Winnipeg, Frolik 12 (Lajoie), 1:04.

Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 10-13-12—35, Montreal 12-9-10—31.

Power-play opportunities—Winnipeg 0 of 3; Montreal 0 of 3.

Goalies—Winnipeg, Montoya 10-4-1 (21 shots-30 saves); Montreal, Price 23-17-5 (35-33).

A—21,273 (21,273). **T**—2:28.

Capitals 6, Red Wings 5 (OT)

Detroit 1 2 2 0-5
 Washington 3 1 1 1-5

First Period—1, Washington, Chimera 12 (Ward, Carrick), 4:43. 2, Washington, Ward 16 (Johansson, Chimera), 7:20 (pp).
 3, Detroit, Nyquist 11 (Alfredsson, Kronwall), 11:40 (pp). 4, Washington, Carlson 10 (Backstrom, Erat), 16:05 (pp).

Second Period—5, Detroit, Tatar 13 (Sheahan, Jurco), 12:30. 6, Washington, Ward 17 (Chimera, Carrick), 13:49. 7, Detroit, Nyquist 12 (Zetterberg, Tatar), 18:49 (pp).

Third Period—8, Detroit, Nyquist 13 (Zetterberg, Kronwall), 4:2. 9, Washington, Brouwer 11, 4:28. 10, Detroit, Abdelkader 6 (Nyquist, Zetterberg), 6:25.

Overtime—11, Washington, Ovechkin 33 (Carlson, Backstrom), 2:57 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Detroit 7-10-13—30, Washington 12-10-3—25.

Power-play opportunities—Detroit 2 of 3; Washington 3 of 6.

Goalies—Detroit, Howard 10-12-9 (28 shots-22 saves); Washington, Neuvirth 4-5-7 (30-25).

A—18,506 (18,506). **T**—2:40.

Leaders

Through Feb. 2 Scoring

GP	P	A	Pts	
Ryan Crosby, Pit	55	27	48	75
John Tavares, NYI	56	23	41	61
Sidney Getzlaf, Ana	53	26	37	63
Phil Kessel, Tor	57	30	31	61
Patrick Kane, Chi	56	31	31	59
Corey Perry, Ana	57	29	30	59
Alex Ovechkin, Was	52	39	19	58

Roundup

Ovechkin lifts Caps over Red Wings in OT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Alex Ovechkin scored his NHL-leading 39th goal on a power play 2:37 into overtime, and the Washington Capitals beat the Detroit Red Wings 6-5 Sunday to earn a split of a home-and-home set and tighten up things in the bottom half of the Eastern Conference.

Ovechkin's one-timer from the left circle was no match for goaltender Jimmy Howard, who had only three teammates on the ice with him after Brendan Smith was sent off for tripping 1:26 into the extra period.

"I was pretty much open," Ovechkin said. "Sometimes it's kind of boring when they put one

guy close to you and you're basically out of the game, but Ward and everybody do a great job."

Joel Ward had two goals and an assist, and Jason Chimera, John Carlson and Troy Brouwer also scored for the Capitals, who got a touchdown's worth of goals in their fifth consecutive Super Bowl Sunday home matinee.

"I definitely know I've got a role on this team, and that's obviously to try to chip in as much as I can," Ward said. "But by no means I'm not trying to be no superhero or Batman. I'm just trying to help the team win."

Gustav Nyquist had his first career hat trick and added an assist, and Tomas Tatar and Justin Abdelkader also scored for the Red

Wings, who at least managed to score away from home after getting shut out in their past three road games. Jimmy Howard stopped 22 shots for Detroit.

Jets 2, Canadiens 1: Michael Frolik scored in the third period to give visiting Winnipeg a victory over Montreal.

Tobias Enstrom also scored for the Jets and Al Montoya stopped 30 shots. Brian Gionta scored for Montreal. Carey Price, playing his second game in as many days, made 33 saves.

Frolik scored the winner just over a minute into the third. After a Winnipeg dump-in, Price mishandled the puck and Andrew Ladd found a streaking Frolik in front of the net for a goal.



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Washings's Alex Ovechkin collides with Detroit's Gustav Nyquist in overtime on Sunday.

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OLYMPICS

Sensational siblings destined for Gold

By Will Graves
The Associated Press

If Ken Gold can be honest for a minute, he never saw this coming. He just didn't think it was possible for his son Taylor and his daughter Arielle to share the same room with each other, let alone the same sport. "Every possible opportunity for them to get into a fight, it happened," he said.

Toys. Who sat where at dinner. The remote. Normal brother and sister stuff. Give the Golds a chance to disagree and they not only took it, they usually took it up a notch, to the point where Ken once broke his hand after punching a wall in frustration trying to get them to cut it out.

So no, the patriarch of snowboarding's resident first family didn't see this coming, the day his kids would stand as the semi-stoic bookends of a giddy photo of the U.S. Olympic snowboarding team.

There they were on the sun-splashed Mammoth Mountain two weeks ago, arms aloft in triumph after taking two very different routes to the same destination.

Sochi. "There wasn't any cheesy hugging or anything," Arielle said with a laugh. "We're not like that."

They're also not at each other's throats anymore either. That stage has long since passed, replaced by a close friendship that has helped both join the elite halfpipe riders on the planet. There's every chance 17-year-old Arielle and 20-year-old Taylor — born 899 days apart — come home from Russia with a medal draped around their neck.

Ask them how that's even possible and they're eager to give the other credit.

For Arielle, her older brother is equal parts coach, motivational speaker and sounding board. For Taylor, his little sister's rapid rise from part-timer to budding star provided the jolt necessary for him to close the gap on the Shaun Whites and Danny Davises of the



PHOTOS BY JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Taylor Gold, above, competes during the men's snowboarding superpipe final at a Dew Tour event in Breckenridge, Colo. Taylor and Arielle Gold, below, are taking their brother and sister act to Sochi. The Golds are members of the U.S. Olympic halfpipe snowboarding team that is expected to come home from Russia with multiple medals.



world," Ken said. Now Taylor is there, only he's done it in an entirely different way than his sister. He's an old soul in a sport is obsessed with reinvention and pushing the limits. While he lacks White's explosiveness, he makes up for it by trying to tweak each well-established trick into something new. An extra board grab here. A remix on an old favorite there.

It led to a series of podium finishes in the run-up to Sochi. In fact, the first U.S. halfpipe snowboarder to earn an automatic bid for Russia wasn't the two-time gold medalist with the red locks and the corporate-America approved smile but the kid who listens to Led Zeppelin and spends his downtime with a guitar in his hand far from the spotlight.

"What matters is putting down those runs when it counts," he said. "I'm not thinking 'Oh, I have to do this to get to the Olympics or I have to do this at the Olympics.'"

Maybe it's because the field is so stacked. Maybe it's because he knows he's got at least one and probably two more Olympic cycles to go if he can stay healthy.

His sister might have three or more. And while there's more depth than ever in women's snowboarding, the way Arielle has sprinted up the rankings is a testament to her own unique talents, ones that she finally realized she might want to pursue. "Winter would come around and she would be like, 'I guess I'll go ride,'" he said.

It didn't take long. By 2013 she was a regular on the podium, overpowering halfpipers with her own blend of athleticism and ambition. Now she's an Olympian, turning a journey her brother assumed would be a solo one into a unique family affair. And you know what? He's fine with it.

"It's such a rare thing to happen," he said. "It's one of those things you've thought about in your life ... to have it happen is pretty unreal."

When Arielle spent most of 2013 coming home from World Cup events with a medal stuffed in her luggage, he couldn't help but notice no matter how much she tried to downplay it. She hadn't even gotten serious about her riding until 2011 and yet here she was throwing down world-class runs on a weekly basis while Taylor — bitten by the snowboarding bug while watching the 2002 Olympics on TV — spent the year struggling just to get out of qualifying. "I was definitely jealous," Taylor said. "I think that was important for my progression. I just liked having her there to support me and help me push through a kind of the rough season. It was awesome." And, it turns out, necessary. "He had to find ways to be competitive with the best guys in the

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SPORTS BRIEFS

“Smalrus” Stadler captures Phoenix Open

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Kevin Stadler used to tag along with father Craig at the Masters. This year, they'll be teeing it up together at Augusta National.

Kevin saw to that Sunday, winning the Phoenix Open for his first PGA Tour title.

Yes, “The Smalrus,” who has grown up and out to match his father’s listed 250 pound and “The Walrus” are set for the ultimate father-son golf trip.

“That was in the forefront of my mind,” Kevin said. “He’s obviously getting on in his career... He probably would have liked it better if I had gotten there five years ago so he can call it quits.”

The Stadlers are the ninth father-son winners in tour history and will be the first to play in the same Masters.

“It’s going to great for me because it’s really my last one,” said Craig, 60, the 1982 Masters champion. “I kept saying, ‘When he gets in, that’s my last one.’”

Stadler won in his 239th tour start, avoiding a playoff when playing partner Bubba Watson missed a 5-foot par putt on 18.

Stadler closed with a 3-under 68 for a 16-under, 268 total and a one-stroke victory over Watson and Canadian Graham DeLaet. Watson shot 71, and DeLaet had a 65.

Phil Mickelson closed with a 71 to tie for 42nd at 3 under. Lefty was making his 25th appearance in the event he won in 1996, 2005 and 2013.

Man allegedly shot by Hernandez shot again

HARTFORD, Conn. — A man who alleges he was shot in the face by former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez in Florida was shot again, this time outside a Connecticut nightclub, where he then opened fire, police said Monday.

Alexander Bradley was shot multiple times in the right thigh Sunday night outside the Vevo Lounge Bar & Grill in Hartford’s South Meadows neighborhood and was taken to a hospital under police guard, police Lt. Brian Foley said. His condition wasn’t

released, but he’s expected to survive. Police haven’t announced any arrests.

Beckham-Miami deal for MLS team closer

MIAMI — As expected, David Beckham has exercised his option to buy a Major League Soccer franchise and he plans to bring his team to Miami, which is contingent on a viable privately funded stadium plan, according to sources familiar with negotiations.

MLS has not yet awarded Miami a team because a stadium plan is still pending, but all indications are a deal will be reached sometime in the next few months, at which point a Miami team could become a reality. The team would likely begin play in the 2017 season, possibly 2016.

Oakland’s Bader breaks Division I 3-point mark

MILWAUKEE — Oakland’s Travis Bader set the NCAA Division I record for the most career three-pointers on Sunday against UW-Milwaukee, surpassing the previous mark of 457 set by Duke’s J.J. Redick.

Bader, who began the game two behind Redick, missed his first three-point attempt, but made his next four. He broke the record with a shot from the right corner with 6:17 left in the first half.

Bader scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half, making of 5 of 7 three-pointers. He was 1 for 4 beyond the arc in the second half, pushing his career total to 461.

Murray wins clincher as Brits top US in Davis Cup

SAN DIEGO — Less than five months after having back surgery, Wimbledon champion Andy Murray propelled Britain into the next round of the Davis Cup and earned some time off.

Murray beat Sam Querrey 7-6 (5), 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-3 to clinch Britain’s opening-round victory against the United States on Sunday at Petco Park.

Murray won his 18th straight Davis Cup singles match and

Britain beat the Americans for the first time since 1935.

Britain advanced to the World Group quarterfinals for the first time since 1986. It will face Italy, which defeated Argentina. The United States is relegated to the World Group playoff in September and will need to win to stay in the World Group.

Arizona’s Ashley done for year with foot injury

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona forward Brandon Ashley will miss

the rest of the season with a right foot injury, leaving the top-ranked Wildcats without one of their top players.

A junior, Ashley injured his foot while going up for a rebound early in Arizona’s 60-58 loss to California on Saturday night. He spent the second half on crutches and in a walking boot, and coach Sean Miller said Sunday that he is done for the season.

In other college basketball news:

■ Texas sophomore guard Javan Felix will miss the 25th-ranked Longhorns’ game at TCU on Tuesday night because of a concussion, the school announced Sunday night.

Felix was in a hard collision with Kansas’ 7-foot center Joel Embiid late in Texas’ 81-69 victory on Saturday. He was knocked to the court, but was able to keep playing and made 7 of 8 free throws over the final 2:36 to help Texas seal its fourth consecutive victory over a ranked opponent.

“Das Meisterburger!” bests 1,512 players to win 2013 NFL Challenge

2013 is a year that Mike Welsh, a.k.a. “Das Meisterburger,” will never forget.

The year found him married, expecting a new child and the overall winner of the 2013 NFL Challenge with a final score of 3,082 points. Welsh, the USAG Ansbach area school psychologist, had the highest score of 1,512 players to claim the top \$500 prize in the 12th Annual NFL Challenge.



Welsh was introduced to the NFL Challenge by co-workers at an elementary school when he was stationed at the Osan American Elementary school in Korea some 10 years ago. Welsh said “It was just a fun way to bond as friends, foster esprit de corps and provide a forum for playful badgering, boasting, bragging and grandstanding rights for each particular week.”

“Working a high-stress job where daily duties change on a dime or at any given moment, I had not been able to play a full season before as I would miss a week here or there,” noted Welsh. “Playing in a new zip code after moving to Bavaria and not knowing anyone I was playing with was an additional bumper. Having no delusions of attempting to win and searching for increased motivation to play this year, I decided I would simply graph my progress week-to-week and see what I was capable of. After breaching the top 3 around the 8th week I found myself as giddy as a school-boy. I was amazed I had gotten that far with such numerous competitors. The following week I believe I jumped into the lead and shock set in.

Knowing and expecting to be taken over each subsequent week, I continued looking over my shoulder every step of the way as a former winner was right behind me. Alas, I finished the race. Overall, winning was a mixture of common sense, calculation, and lady-luck - no question about it!”

Second place in the 2013 contest (and \$300) went to “sonofmak,” a.k.a. Gary Koerber, with a final score of 3,046.

Rounding out the top three scores with 3,038 points was Raymond Conway, a.k.a. “Redzone” from Tucson, Arizona. Conway earned \$200 for his 3rd place finish.

The Army led all services again with 707 players, followed by the Air Force with 271 players. The Navy and Marine Corps accounted for 164 players. The remaining players were a mix of civil service employees, veterans and spouses.



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Kevin Stadler hits his tee shot at the 10th hole during the final round of the Phoenix Open on Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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Roundup

Ferrell, unranked Indiana upset No. 10 Michigan

Wolverines see 10-game winning streak come to end

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Yogi Ferrell scored 27 points, hitting seven three-pointers in eight tries, to lead unranked Indiana to a 63-52 upset of No. 10 Michigan on Sunday.

Indiana (14-8, 4-5 Big Ten) had lost three of four but led most of the way in improving to 12-2 at Assembly Hall. Noah Vonleh added 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Hoosiers, who shot 54 percent to the Wolverines' 40 percent.

Michigan (16-5, 8-1) produced a season-low point total as a 10-game winning streak came to an end. Derrick Walton Jr. scored 13 points and Caris LeVert had 12. They were the only Wolverines in double figures, as leading scorer Nik Stauskas was held to six points.

Ferrell, a point guard, was the primary defender on Michigan's small forward, and Stauskas missed 5 of 6 attempts, failing for the third time this season to score in double figures.

The Hoosiers may have reinvigorated their hopes for an at-large berth to the NCAA tournament by securing their second victory over a top-10 opponent.

No. 13 Cincinnati 50, South Florida 45: Sean Kilpatrick overcame an off-target performance by scoring 10 of his 18 points in the closing minutes, rallying host Cincinnati to its 14th straight victory.

The Bearcats (21-2, 10-0 American Athletic) trailed by three points with eight minutes left. Kilpatrick, who leads the conference in scoring, took over the game and extended Cincinnati's best start since the 2001-02 season, when it was in Conference USA.

The senior guard made six free throws and two driving lay-ins, scoring 10 of Cincinnati's final 12 points. Justin Jackson added 15 points as Cincinnati won its 17th straight home game, 15 of them this season.

South Florida (11-11, 2-7) suffered another close loss to the Bearcats, who broke open a tie game for a 61-54 win on Jan. 18. Chris Perry had 13 points and Victor Rudd scored 11 for the Bulls, who have lost their past 11 games in Cincinnati.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Indiana guard Yogi Ferrell celebrates as Michigan is floored to call a timeout in the second half of Sunday's Big Ten game in Bloomington, Ind. Indiana defeated No. 10 Michigan 63-52.

Virginia 48, No. 18 Pittsburgh 45: Malcolm Brogdon made a last-second three-pointer to give Virginia a victory against Pittsburgh.

Brogdon finished 16 points for Virginia (17-5, 8-1), which maintained sole possession of second place in the ACC. The Cavaliers have won five consecutive games since losing at Duke on Jan. 13.

Pitt (18-4, 6-3) lost consecutive games for the first time this season and fell into a third-place tie with Duke in the conference standings. The Panthers have lost three of their past five after starting 16-1.

Pitt freshman Jamal Artis led the Panthers with 11 points, but he missed a wide open layup with 10 seconds left after an offensive rebound.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	25	22	55.2	0
Brooklyn	20	25	44.4	4
New York	19	26	41.9	5
Boston	16	33	32.7	10
Philadelphia	15	33	31.3	10½

Southwest Division

Miami	33	13	71.7	—
Atlanta	23	21	52.0	8
Washington	23	23	50.0	10
Charlotte	21	25	45.0	12
Orlando	13	36	26.5	21½

Central Division

Indiana	36	10	78.3	—
Chicago	23	23	50.0	13
Detroit	19	27	41.3	17
Cleveland	16	31	34.0	20½
Milwaukee	8	39	17.0	28½

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	24	13	72.3	—
Houston	20	17	54.0	3
Memphis	26	20	56.6	7½
Dallas	27	21	56.3	7½
New Orleans	20	25	45.0	13½

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	11	31	26.0	—
Portland	34	13	72.3	3
Minnesota	22	24	47.9	4
Denver	22	23	48.9	4
Utah	16	31	34.0	21

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	34	16	68.0	—
Phoenix	28	16	63.7	3
Golden State	19	27	41.1	10
L.A. Lakers	16	24	39.9	15½
Sacramento	15	32	31.9	17½

Saturday's games

Indiana 97, Brooklyn 96
Washington 96, Oklahoma City 81
Detroit 113, Philadelphia 86
Atlanta 120, Minnesota 113
Houston 106, Cleveland 92
Memphis 99, Milwaukee 90
New Orleans 88, Charlotte 78
San Antonio 95, Sacramento 93
Miami 106, New York 91
Phoenix 105, Charlotte 95
Portland 106, Toronto 103
L.A. Clippers 102, Utah 97

Sunday's games

Boston 96, Orlando 89
Monday's games
Orlando at Indiana
Portland at Washington
Philadelphia at Brooklyn
Detroit at Miami
Memphis at Oklahoma City
New York at Milwaukee
San Antonio at New Orleans
Cleveland at Dallas
L.A. Clippers at Denver
Toronto at Utah
Chicago at Sacramento
Tuesday's games
Indiana at Atlanta
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota
Chicago at Golden State
Charlotte at Golden State

Sunday Celtics 96, Magic 89

ORLANDO — Harris 6-12 0-0 13, Davis 6-12 2-15, Vucevic 7-14 0-0 14, Oladipo 3-16 5-12, Afflalo 6-12 8-18, O'Quinn 1-2 2-2 4, Nicholson 0-1 0-0, Harkless 2-5 4-4 9, Moore 1-3 0-2 2, Lamb 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-80 18-29 89.

BOSTON — Green 2-13 3-3 8, Bass 9-15 1-1 19, Sullinger 10-15 0-0 1, Rondo 9-11 0-0 19, Bradley 6-12 5-6 17, Humphries 1-4 0-0 2, Bayless 3-7 0-0 2, Johnson 1-3 0-0 3, Otvnyk 0-0 1-2 1, Pressey 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 41-82 12-36.

Orlando	29	27	17	25-86
Three-Point Goals	—	—	—	—
(Harkless 1-1, Davis 1-1, Afflalo 1-3, Harris 1-3, Oladipo 1-4, Lamb 0-1, Moore 0-1, Paul 0-1, Rondo 1-4, Johnson 1-2, Sullinger 1-3, Rondo 1-3, Green 1-5, Pressey 0-1), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Orlando 45 (Vucevic 11), Boston 49 (Sullinger 12), Assists—Orlando 18 (Oladipo 5), Boston 24 (Rondo 10), Total Fouls—Orlando 13, Boston 18, Technicals—Orlando 0, defensive three second. A.—18,624 (18,624).				

All-Star Game rosters

Feb. 16 in New Orleans			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Starters			
Player	Pos	Ht	Wt A-S
Carmelo Anthony, NY	F	6-8	235 7
Paul George, Ind	F	6-8	221 2
LeBron James, Mia	F	6-8	250 10
Kyle Irving, Cle	G	6-5	191 6
Dwyane Wade, Mia	G	6-4	210 10
Reserves			
Chris Bosh, Mia	F	6-11	235 9
DeMarcus Cousins, Tor	F	6-7	215 1
Roy Hibbert, Ind	C	7-2	290 2
Joe Johnson, Bkn	F	6-7	240 7
Paul Millsap, Atl	F	6-8	253 1
John Wall, Wash	G	6-4	210 1
Joakim Noah, Chi	C	6-8	232 2

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Starters			
Player	P	Ht	Wt A-S
Kobe Bryant, LAL	F	6-6	205 16
Kevin Durant, OKC	F	6-10	243 3
Stephen Curry, GS	G	6-3	180 5
Blake Griffin, LAC	F	6-8	235 1
Chris Paul, LAC	G	6-3	185 1
Reserves			
LaMarcus Aldridge, Por	F	6-11	240 3
Dwight Howard, Hou	C	6-11	260 8
Andre Iguodala, Phi	F	6-6	215 1
Damian Lillard, Por	G	6-3	195 1
Dirk Nowitzki, Dal	F	6-8	245 12
Tony Parker, SA	G	6-2	185 6
Chris Paul, LAC	G	6-0	175 7



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Boston point guard Rajon Rondo got his first win in six games since returning from knee surgery as the Celtics beat the Magic 96-89 in Boston.

Rondo gets first win since return

By DOUG ALDEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Rajon Rondo waited more than a year to celebrate playing in a victory.

Rondo made 9 of 11 shots and finished with season highs of 19 points and 10 assists while helping Boston end a four-game losing streak with a 96-89 victory over the Orlando Magic on Sunday.

"We didn't stop pushing the pace even though we had the lead," Rondo said. "We finally finished a game strong. They made a run at it, but at the end of the day we still got some stops when we needed and made the plays."

Boston entered Sunday's return in six games since Rondo's return last month after missing nearly a year with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. He sat out the second of back-to-back games earlier in the week and was fresh enough at the end Sunday to help the Celtics hold off a late push by the Magic.

"You just feel like you're really under control the way he was playing late," Boston coach Brad Stevens said.

Jared Sullinger scored seven of his 21 points in the fourth quarter for the Celtics, who let a 12-point lead slip to one in the final period before pulling away at the end.

Bronson Bass had 19 points and nine rebounds and Avery Bradley scored 17 in his return after missing five games with a sprained ankle.

Jeff Green was the only Boston starter not to score in double figures as the Celtics won for the third time in four games against the Magic, who have lost four of five and 11 straight on the road.

Arron Afflalo had 18 points and Nikola Vucevic finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds for Orlando.

SUPER BOWL

Steady Wilson comes up big for Seahawks

By TIM BOOTH

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — As he basked in winning his first Super Bowl title, Russell Wilson thought back to all the times he was overlooked.

Whether it was when Wilson was coming out of high school, when he was told he didn't have a place anymore at North Carolina State or when he was entering the NFL and was deemed too short, all those times of being slighted came rushing back.

"For me I wanted to go against the odds," Wilson said.

It made it that much sweeter for Wilson to play as well as he did in Seattle's 43-8 win over Denver on Sunday night. Wilson was the undercard all week to the attention being placed on Denver quarterback Peyton Manning.

He was even overlooked on his own team with the focus so much on cornerback Richard Sherman and running back Marshawn Lynch. But Wilson was the one who came out ahead on Sunday. His numbers weren't flashy but he did exactly what Pete Carroll asked. He was efficient. He didn't make mistakes. And he led Seattle to its first title.

"The team was totally focused on getting this done and it played out the way we wanted it to play," Carroll said. All phases contributed. It was not really even a question in their mind that we wouldn't perform like this. We didn't ask them to do things that we don't



Quarterback Russell Wilson completed 18 of 25 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Seattle Seahawks to a 43-8 rout over the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII on Sunday at MetLife Stadium, in East Rutherford, N.J., in only his second year in the league.

ways do and they trusted that."

Wilson completed 18 of 25 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for another 26 yards. Wilson missed on his first pass of the game, airballing wide open tight end Zach Miller. But that was the only point where it appeared Wilson was caught up in the experience. He played with poise and confidence. Wilson had

three offensive possessions in the first half and led Seattle to points on all three. Seattle punted only one time in the game and did all that with Marshawn Lynch running for only 39 yards.

The lack of a win game didn't matter with how Wilson played. "He's a baller. He does a hard weeks to prepare for these guys," Seattle receiver Golden Tate said.

"His surrounding cast is awesome. His offensive line did their job. Marshawn ran the ball. (Robert) Turin ran the ball. Receivers came up big."

Wilson was aggressive throwing downfield after struggling with that aspect of the pass game late in the regular season and in the playoffs. Wilson had four completions of more than 19

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Russell Wilson

Seattle Seahawks quarterback

yards, including a 37-yard throw to Doug Baldwin in the first quarter and a 23-yard touchdown pass to Jermaine Kearse.

"For everybody who said we were mediocre, not the main dish, we came up big," Tate said. "Three of our four (receivers) scored touchdowns. Eat your words because we balled."

In the immediate aftermath, Wilson thought back to a players' meeting before the season when he presented the question, why couldn't the first year of the Seahawks be the first in team history to win the Super Bowl? It was never a stated goal, but it fit with Carroll's championship mantra.

"It's emotional to think about all the guys, the great players that have played before us," Wilson said. "That was our thing. We wanted to say, 'Why not us?' We believed that. It was real for us."

"I knew that we were here for a reason."

Commentary

Nice guy 'player's coach' Carroll finishes first, again

By JIM LITKE

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — He was supposed to be too nice, too laid-back, too much of a rah-rah guy for the NFL.

That was always the knock on Pete Carroll. When people called him a "player's coach," what they really meant was that sooner or later, his own players were going to pull the rug out from under him.

You heard it when Carroll got to Seattle four seasons ago — fresh off building a USC program that captured two national titles, but at times resembled a fraternity — and went 7-9 for the first two of those. The same way you did when Carroll was run out of New York 20 years earlier.

He proved he could dominate the college game, and his hair turned gray in the interim. Yet you heard it again during the buildup to this Super Bowl, when Carroll refused to crack down on star defender Richard Sherman for talking too much, or running back Marshawn Lynch for talking too little, or essentially passing off the rash of drug busts — seven Seattle players have been suspended by the league for substance-abuse or performance-enhancers since 2011 — as youthful mistakes.

"What," Carroll said late Sunday night through a widening smile, "are you supposed to say to that?"

Exactly what the Seahawks said with their play just moments earlier, making a statement in the Super Bowl by destroying the Denver Broncos and quarterback Peyton Manning 43-8.

"I think he does a great job of just making every day seem like it's a championship game," said cornerback Byron Maxwell.

"I don't want to say it feels like a regular game," he added, "but it feels like a regular game in a sense. He does a great job of that."

There were dozens of stats that spoke volumes about how enthusiastically Carroll's players warmed to the tasks. But few leapt off the page as vividly as the large stain covering the back of Carroll's shirt, where most of the bucket of Gatorade his players poured over his head as the clock wound down finally settled in.

"If it were fake," receiver Doug Baldwin said about Carroll's approach, "it wouldn't work. ... You'll run through a wall for that guy."

It takes only a minute or two around Carroll to see why he inspires that kind of fierce loyalty. He rambles sometimes, but he always listens. On the podium after the win, he didn't gloat and more than once, he leaned away from the microphone and off to one side to make sure he heard the questions being thrown at him from every side.

"It played out the way we wanted it to play," he said. "All phases contributed. It



TED S. WARREN/AP

Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll celebrates with the Vince Lombardi Trophy after winning Super Bowl XLVIII on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

was not really a question in their minds that we wouldn't perform like this."

Carroll rarely tears into his guys, and while that nice-guy persona worked wonders in college, it nearly got him laughed out of the pros.

Coaches are hired to be fired, or so the saying goes. But the Jets team he inherited in 1994 practically guaranteed it by flat-out

quitting on him in his only season there.

They took his constant calls for shared responsibility as an invitation to take the rest of the season off. One moment the Jets were 6-5 and the next time Carroll looked up, they were 6-10. Even so, he never saw it coming.

When the Jets' late owner, Leon Hess, finally got around to firing Carroll, his coach what he reported back, "Pete was shocked. He's a great, high-principled man. He didn't expect it."

Carroll was so principled, in fact, that he didn't change his approach; not when he got another NFL go-round with the Patriots, nor when he wound up back in the college ranks and on the West Coast, at laid-back Southern California. He still gave his assistants a wide berth, still played his hunches when it came to both trick plays and untested players — the kind of experiments that got him mocked in the hidebound NFL — and still insisted on spreading around the responsibilities and especially the credit.

Carroll gambled a career that he could it right in the NFL, provided he had the right people. It involved gathering up an armful of kids and another armful of free agents, but ultimately, it brought out the best in just about everybody that crossed his path.

"We didn't ask them to do things that we don't always do," Carroll said finally, "and they trusted in that."

SUPER BOWL



MATT YORK/AP

The Seahawks' K.J. Wright (50), Chris Clemons, center, and the Broncos' Zane Beadles, right, dive after a fumble by the Broncos' Knowshon Moreno during the first half Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Broncos bumble away game

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Denver Broncos were out-manned from the start.

Seattle's 12th Man crossed up the highest-scoring team in history when they caused the Broncos to fall behind just 12 seconds into the Super Bowl on Sunday night.

Peyton Manning stepped up toward the line just as center Manny Ramirez snapped the ball. It flew past his incredulous quarterback and into the end zone, where Knowshon Moreno dived in for it as a safety.

"That wasn't a great start, but we've overcome much more than that," tight end Jacob Tamme said. "That wasn't anything that hurt us that bad. I mean, we felt fine coming out of that. But you've got to give their crowd here credit. They forced us out of our cadence on our first play and forced a safety."

A mere 12 seconds in, Seattle led 2-0 with the quickest score in Super Bowl history, beating Chicago's Devin Hester's kick-off return to open the 2007 game — against Manning's Colts.

"That one ended much better for Manning as Indianapolis won the championship."

This time, Manning couldn't bring the bumbling Broncos back and they were walloped 43-8 at MetLife Stadium, his worst beating since moving to Denver two years ago.

"It was a crazy start," Manning said.

And a crushing end to the greatest season by a quarterback in NFL history, one in which Manning shattered several records,

most notably throwing for 55 TD passes and 5,547 yards.

Manning has thrown 100 TD passes since trading the blue and white horseshoe for the orange-mane mustang on his helmet, but just one of them came on this night.

To go with two interceptions, a fumble, a sack and a turnover on downs.

After the safety, Denver's defense forced Seattle to settle for 31- and 33-yard field goals by Steven Hauschka to make it 8-0. Then, the Seahawks began scoring touchdowns.

Manning's third-down pass to Julius Thomas sailed way too high and directly to safety Kam Chancellor, giving the Seahawks the ball at Denver's 37. A third-down pass interference call on Tony Carter brought Seattle to the 1, and Marshawn Lynch scored to make it 15-0.

Then MVP Malcolm Smith picked off a fluttering pass after Cliff Avril hit Manning's arm, returning it 69 yards to make it 22-0 with 3:21 left in the half.

Percy Harvin took the second-half kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown and that was that.

It only got worse for the league's most prolific point producers, who scored 606 points in the regular season, then dominated the AFC in the playoffs but mustered only Demaryius Thomas' 14-yard touchdown catch on the final play of the third quarter at MetLife Stadium.

Dominated in every way, the Broncos (15-4) couldn't get momentum back.

"We couldn't get it to swing, man," left tackle Chris Clark said. "We tried, but they just played

better than we did today. It didn't shift. We didn't play Broncos football today. When you get a good thing going, you want to finish it off and we didn't do that today."

It was reminiscent of the blow-outs John Elway's teams endured in the big game before he finally won his last two trips to the Super Bowl to cap his Hall of Fame career.

Elway returned to rescue his beloved Broncos in 2011 after the franchise floundered and his biggest coup was luring Manning to Denver.

Over his two seasons in Colorado, Manning engineered the greatest comeback in NFL history: recovering from neck fusion surgery that weakened his throwing arm to win his fifth MVP award this season.

But he couldn't match that with the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history after falling behind 36-0. Manning hadn't trailed by that much since 2002.

"I will tell you this: it's hard to get things turned around against a great defense like that," Elway said. "They are a great defense. So, that's why you can't afford to lose the momentum because to try to flip it on a great defense is always hard."

Denver was missing five defensive starters who are on IR that might have made this a fair fight — Von Miller, Rahim Moore, Kevin Vickerson, Derek Wolfe and Chris Harris Jr.

"A lot of ups and downs, a lot of things we overcame," Champ Bailey said after his first taste of the Super Bowl in his 15th season. "What's going to stick out the most is we lost the last game and that's the problem."

MVP Smith recalls being 'overlooked'

By HOWARD FRENCH
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A reporter wanted to know what Super Bowl MVP Malcolm Smith's 40-yard dash time was at the NFL combine, where all top college prospects are measured and evaluated.

This was, after all, the linebacker who returned an interception of Peyton Manning 69 yards for a touchdown in the first half, then recovered a fumble in the second half, helping the Seattle Seahawks beat the Denver Broncos 43-8 for the championship Sunday night.

Smith's answer? "I didn't get invited to the combine."

Well, then.

And he wasn't taken until the seventh round of the 2011 draft, the 242nd player chosen. Which is why, he said, he meshes perfectly with his unheralded teammates, more than a third of whom weren't even drafted at all.

"You might have been overlooked," Smith said, standing near his locker, where two footballs were tucked away for safekeeping. "You might feel like you can make plays and never get the opportunity."

By way of explaining why a player like him was the perfect choice for an MVP from these Seahawks, Smith said: "I'm just fortunate to be a part of it, fortunate to get opportunities. I'm happy to be amongst a bunch of guys that play with attitudes and chips on their shoulders. I'm happy to represent that."

Truth is, the Seahawks were the lucky ones.

Because even though Smith was not supposed to be a starter this season, a player with zero interceptions in his first two years in the league, he always was ready when called upon.

Pegged mainly as a special teams guy, Smith's speed and ability to handle both outside linebacker slots earned notice.

When Bruce Irvin was suspended for four games in May

for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances, it was Smith who filled in as a starter.

When Bobby Wagner was sidelined, and K.J. Wright slid over to middle linebacker, Smith got another opportunity to start. And when Wright broke his right foot late in the season, well guess who Seattle called upon? Yep, Smith, of course.

It was Smith who wound up with the victory-sealing interception at the end of Seattle's NFC championship game victory two weeks ago, grabbing the football after Richard Sherman deflected a pass in the end zone. And then, in the biggest game of all, Smith's pick-6 off a fluttering ball — after teammate Cliff Avril made contact with Manning during the throw — made it 22-0 late in the first half Sunday, and Seattle was on its way.

Smith joined Ray Lewis of Baltimore in 2001 and Chuck Howley of Dallas in 1971 as the only linebackers to be picked as the top player in a Super Bowl.

Only eight of 48 Super Bowls have ended with someone who plays defense getting the honor; the last example was Tampa Bay Buccaneers free safety Dexter Jackson in 2003.

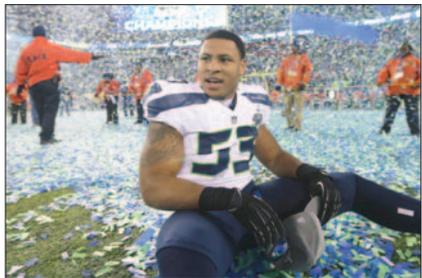
And Smith, 24, is the fourth-youngest Super Bowl MVP.

His older brother, Steve, was a wide receiver on the New York Giants' 2008 Super Bowl title team and was at Sunday's game.

"I just told him to enjoy the moment, go out before pregame and take some pictures and really enjoy it," Steve said, "because you never know when it could end and you could never be back again."

Malcolm Smith made the most of his chance Sunday, the way he did all season, the way he did his whole career.

"He almost didn't get drafted. For him to come in, start from the bottom and work his way up to Super Bowl MVP," said Wright, his fellow linebacker. "It shows how much character he has, how resilient he is."



Ben Margro/AP

Seattle's Malcolm Smith celebrates on the field after the Seahawks' 43-8 win over the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII in East Rutherford, N.J. Smith, the 242nd player taken in the 2011 draft, returned an interception for a touchdown and was named MVP.

SUPER BOWL

Seahawks batter Broncos' offense

Plenty of reasons to believe in Seattle after blowout win over Denver

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Pete Carroll stood in the center of the locker room and gathered his Seattle Seahawks around him.

They were Super Bowl champions, and they had the Lombardi Trophy after routing the Denver Broncos 43-8 on Sunday night.

After a rah-rah speech and Carroll shouting out some players' names, the entire team joined in a chant: "We all we got! We all we need! We all we got! We all we need!"

And that could be the case for a while for these Seahawks, who could be a force to be reckoned with next season and beyond.

"Obviously, we feel like we have a very strong foundation and we're very excited about our future," Seahawks general manager John Schneider said. "We talk about being a consistent championship-caliber football team and for our fans, that means you have hope every year that your team is going to be in it."

The Seahawks (16-3) have their first Super Bowl victory and there's reason to think they might at least contend for a few more. They're young and built around a dynamic quarterback in Russell Wilson, who has a ring in his second season, and a stingy defense that ranks as the league's best. Wide receivers Golden Tate and Doug Baldwin are free agents this offseason, but Seattle has most of its main playmakers on both sides of the ball under contract through at least next season.

"Once I get success like this, I want more success," safety Earl Thomas said. "It's just a great feeling. When you're at the top, it's not like you're at the top because everybody is gunning for you."

Peyton Manning and the Broncos cer-



CHARLIE REDELA/AP

Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning walks off the field after Seattle's Malcolm Smith recovered a fumble during the second half of Super Bowl XLVIII.

tainly know the feeling. After the high-scoring offense set records this season, it fizzled against the Seahawks.

"We needed to play really well in order to win and we didn't come anywhere close to that," Manning said. "We weren't sharp offensively from the very get-go."

Manning, who turns 38 next month, won't have many more opportunities to win a second Super Bowl. The Broncos also have several key players scheduled to leave free agents, such as Knowshon Moreno and Eric Decker, so the window for Denver as a franchise might be closing quickly.

Here five other things to know from the Seahawks' Super Bowl victory over the Broncos:

1 Miserable Manning: This was easily Manning's worst day of the season. He was sacked for the first time in the playoffs, threw two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown, lost a fumble and turned it over on downs. There was talk all week about how Manning threw "ducks" — and he had a few more of those wobbly passes in this game despite setting a Super Bowl record with 34 completions.

It was an ominous sign when Manny Ramirez's snafu sailed over his head on the first play from scrimmage — that turned into a safety and a 2-0 lead for Seattle just 12 seconds in for the fastest score in Super Bowl history.

"The turnover on the first play of the game to give them a safety is not the way you want to start a game," Manning said. "For whatever reason, we couldn't get much going after that."

2 Legion of Boom: Seattle's stingy defense played as advertised. Richard Sherman and Co. controlled this game from the start, causing four turnovers and making the Broncos' record-setting offense look uncomfortable and merely ordinary.

Malcolm Smith was selected the game's MVP after he returned an interception of Manning 69 yards for a touchdown in the first half, then recovered a fumble in the second half.

"You can never expect it, but I wasn't really shocked. I expected us to stand up," Sherman said. "I didn't expect us to give up a whole lot of points. It's not our standard to give up a whole lot of points. We haven't done it all year. We knew we would

play sound football."

3 Sudden impact: It took until the Super Bowl, but Percy Harvin finally played a full game healthy.

Boy, did he make up for lost time. After missing most of the season with injuries and the NFC championship game with a concussion, Harvin had two runs for 45 yards. He also opened the second half with an 87-yard kickoff return for a score to give Seattle a 29-0 lead 12 seconds into the third quarter.

"It's just a big horse off my back," a smiling Harvin said. "I finally was able to give my team something for four quarters."

4 Winning Wilson: Ben Roethlisberger, Tom Brady and Kurt Warner have some company.

Wilson joined them as the only quarterbacks to win Super Bowl titles within their first two seasons. He completed 18 of 25 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for another 26 yards.

"He's a baller," Tate said.

Wilson had three offensive possessions in the first half and led Seattle to points on all three. Seattle punted only one time in the game and did all that with Marshawn Lynch running for only 39 yards.

5 What weather worries? The first outdoor Super Bowl at a cold-weather site turned out to be unseasonably warm.

The National Weather Service said that temperatures were 10 to 15 degrees above normal, and the 49-degree temperature at kickoff made it the third-coldest Super Bowl. Many feared that snow, ice and frigid temperatures would detract from the game usually held in either warm-weather cities or in a domed stadium.

It all proved to be unfounded — at least by a day. Snow came Monday morning.

Scoreboard

Seahawks 43, Broncos 8

Seattle	8	14	14	7	43
Denver	0	8	0	0	8

First Quarter

Sea—Avril safety, 1:48.

Sea—FG Hauschka 31, 10:21.

Sea—FG Hauschka 23, 2:16.

Second Quarter

Sea—Lynch 1 run (Hauschka kick), 12:0.

Sea—Smith 69 interception return (Hauschka kick), 3:21.

Third Quarter

Sea—Harvin 87 kickoff return (Hauschka kick), 1:08.

Sea—Kearse 23 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 2:58.

Den—D.Thomas 14 pass from Manning (Welker pass from Manning), :00.

Fourth Quarter

Sea—Baldwin 10 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 11:45.

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Sea	Den	
First downs	17	18
Total net yards	341	206
Rushes-yards	29-135	14-27
Passing	206	279
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-107	5-106
Interceptions Ret.	2-71	0-0
Comp.-Att-Int	18-26-0	34-49-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-1
Punts	1-45-0	2-30-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	10-104	5-44
Time of Possession	1:53	28:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Seattle, Harvin 2-45; Lynch 15-39; Miller 3-21; Wilson 2-17; Locke 1-19; Miller 1-10; Robinson 1-7; Harvin 1-5. Denver, D.Thomas 13-118; Welker 8-84; Thomas 4-27; Moreno 3-20; Tamm 2-9; Ball 2-2; Anderson 1-14; Decker 1-6.

Passing—Seattle, Wilson 18-25-0-206; Jackson 0-1-0-0. Denver, Manning 34-49-2-289.

Receiving—Seattle, Baldwin 5-66; Kearse 4-44; Tate 3-17; Wilson 2-17; Locke 1-19; Miller 1-10; Robinson 1-7; Harvin 1-5. Denver, D.Thomas 13-118; Welker 8-84; Thomas 4-27; Moreno 3-20; Tamm 2-9; Ball 2-2; Anderson 1-14; Decker 1-6.

Missed field goals—None.

2014 Super Bowl Records

RECORDS SET

Individual

Most Receptions, Game — 13, Demaryius Thomas, Denver.

Most Pass Completions, Game — 33, Peyton Manning, Denver.

Team

Most Super Bowls Lost — 5, Denver.

Most Completions, Game — 34, Denver.

Quickest Score From Start of Game — 12 seconds, Seattle.

Most Playing Time in The Lead, Game — 59 minutes, 48 seconds, Seattle.

RECORDS TIED

Individual

Most Receptions, First Half — 7, Demaryius Thomas, Denver.

Most Two-Point Conversions, Game — 1, Wes Welker, Denver.

Most Touchdowns, Kickoff Returns, Game — 1, Percy Harvin, Seattle.

Most Safeties, Game — 1, Cliff Avril, Seattle.

Team

Fewest Touchdowns Rushed, Game, Team — 0, Denver.

Fewest Times Sacked, Game, Team — 0, Seattle.

Fewest Times Sacked, Game, Both Teams — 1, Denver vs. Seattle.

Fewest Times Intercepted, Game, Team — 0, Seattle.

Fewest Punts, Game, Team — 1, Seattle.

Fewest Punt Returns, Game, Team — 0, Seattle.

Most Touchdowns, Kickoff Returns, Game, Team — 1, Seattle.

Fewest Fumbles, Game, Team — 0, Seattle.

Fewest Turnovers, Game, Team — 0, Seattle.



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Seahawks wide receiver Sidney Rice holds the Lombardi Trophy after Super Bowl XLVIII on Sunday.

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