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Afghans run short on medical supplies as US offers training in battlefield care

By CID STANDIFER
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FENTY, Afghanistan — In the rugged mountains of Nangarhar province, medical aid is often unavailable. Ground ambulances usually take hours to reach the nearest clinic, and attempts to get an air medical evacuation through Afghan government channels can take a week.

That means that border police officers who are seriously wounded in the isolated regions often succumb to their injuries before any medical help can reach them.

‘In the past, they didn’t know how to carry a casualty. They didn’t know how to stop bleeding.’

Dr. Abdul Niamat
top medical official for the Afghan Border Police’s Zone 1

progress they’ve made even with supply shortages.

Because the Afghans had no battlefield medical services in place, the local U.S. Security Force Assistance and Advisory Team has set up training programs that teach local police how to provide emergency trauma assistance to officers wounded while on duty.

Combat Life Saver training teaches soldiers and police how to deal with life-threatening injuries, such as the loss of a leg in an explosion.

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MARGRET TAYLOR/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Medics from 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, teach a Combat Life Saver course to members of the Afghan Border Police at Forward Operating Base Fenty in October.

Military robot technology is entering the mainstream

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

Military investment in robots during a decade of war is starting to affect mainstream America, with tech giants buying into the technology and experts predicting that machines could soon replace humans in a wide range of jobs.

Drone aircraft, unmanned ground vehicles and prostheses that can be controlled by thought have been developed in response to the needs of battling Islamic extremists from the Middle East to Southeast Asia. Now tech giants such as Apple, Amazon and Google are placing big bets on the robotics industry.

‘This is just taking military technology and converting it to commercial technology.’

Frank Tobe
publisher of The Robot Report

have got some very heavy-duty players investing in it,” Arizona State University engineering professor Braden Allenby said last month.

In November, Apple disclosed a \$10.5 billion investment in supply-chain robots and automation, while Amazon touted a plan for drone deliveries.

Google has bought eight robotics companies in the past six months, including Boston Dynamics — a company funded largely by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, and other U.S. military agencies.

“Google is stepping in and commercializing where the military ends,” said Frank Tobe, publisher of The Robot Report, which has chronicled the industry’s rise since 2008.

Many robotics companies make both military and civilian products, Allenby said.

For example, iRobot makes the Roomba, a robotic vacuum cleaner for the home, and the Pacbot, a robot that has seen extensive service helping troops defuse bombs in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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“In a (expletive)-up way, I still love him. I don’t want him to be upset with me.”

— The female captain who made the initial complaint against Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair in a case that includes charges of forcible sodomy, indecent acts, violating orders and conduct unbecoming an officer

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Air Force planning a review board to further trim ranks

By ADAM L. MATHIS
Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — The Air Force started the new year with another announcement about plans to trim the ranks to handle the impact of defense budget cuts.

On Friday, the Air Force Personnel Center released details about a quality force review board to be held in May that will consider separating airmen who have “specific negative reporting identifiers, re-enlistment eligibility codes, assignment availability codes or grade status reasons,” according to a personnel center news release.

The board will consider removing only airmen who have less than 18 years of service, or those with more than 20 years of duty, according to the news release.

Airmen with 20 or more years of service who are cut by the board must apply for retirement and leave active duty by Oct. 1, according to the news release. Those separated with fewer than 18 years of service must separate

by Sept. 29.

“Some Airmen — those with 15 to 18 years of service as of July 31, 2014 — may be eligible for the Temporary Early Retirement Authority Program, so they may want to consider applying for TERA in lieu of meeting the board,” Lt. Col. Rick Garcia, the personnel center’s retirements and separations branch chief, said in the news release.

Voluntary separation pay will not be offered to those selected for separation, but those airmen cut by the quality review board who have served between six and 15 years will get full separation pay, the news release stated.

How many airmen the board needs to cut is uncertain.

“The number of airmen who may be involuntarily separated will depend upon how many voluntarily separate or retire before the involuntary boards convene,” Garcia said in an email.

The quality review board is the second force-trimming measure announced by the service in the past two weeks.

On Dec. 27, the personnel cen-



BRIAN WAGNER/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

An Air Force maintenance team works on an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft during a December snowstorm at Bagram Air Field in Parwan province, Afghanistan.

ter said an Enlisted Retention Board would be held in June to consider trimming senior airmen through senior master sergeants in overstuffed career fields.

Those airmen separated by the retention board with more than six years of service can receive separation pay based on their time in service and base pay.

Those who voluntarily leave the Air Force will be rewarded monetarily.

For example, a staff sergeant with 12 years, three months and 13 days of service would receive \$45,496.50 if he is selected for separation by the retention board, according to personnel center officials. A staff sergeant with the same time-in-service background who voluntarily separates before the board convenes would receive \$56,870.62.

Airmen chosen for separation through either the review or the

retention board will be eligible for Transition Assistance Program benefits, including 180 days of medical care for themselves and their families and two years of commissary and base exchange privileges, according to the personnel center news release.

Involuntarily separated airmen may also be able to rent on-base housing up to 180 days and may receive preferential consideration for Non-Appropriated Fund positions, Mike Dickerson, a spokesman for the personnel center, wrote in an email. Airmen who voluntarily separate are not eligible for those benefits, Dickerson said in a phone interview.

The budget signed by President Barack Obama on Dec. 26 reduced the effects of sequestration by about \$63 billion over two years for various agencies.

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US icebreaker heads to rescue two ships in Antarctic ice

By ROD MCGUIRK
The Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — A U.S. Coast Guard heavy icebreaker left Australia for Antarctica on Sunday to rescue more than 120 crewmembers aboard two icebreakers trapped in pack ice near the frozen continent’s eastern edge, officials said.

The 399-foot cutter Polar Star is responding to a Jan. 3 request from Australia, Russia and China to assist the Russian and Chinese ships because “there is sufficient concern that the vessels may not be able to free themselves from the ice,” the Coast Guard said in a statement.

The Russian research ship Akademik Shokalskiy has been trapped in ice-clogged Commonwealth Bay since Christmas Eve, while the Chinese ship which came to its rescue,

Xue Long — or Snow Dragon — in Chinese, reported on Friday that it, too, had become stuck nearby.

A day earlier, the Chinese ship’s helicopter had retrieved from the Russian ship 52 scientists, journalists and tourists who are now on their way home aboard an Australian icebreaker, Aurora Australis.

Authorities say the 101 crew aboard the Chinese ship and the 22 aboard the Russian ship were well provisioned and in no immediate danger.

The Polar Star cut short its planned stop in Sydney to assist. It left Sydney on Sunday morning local time, Coast Guard spokeswoman Chief Warrant Officer Allyson Conroy said in an email.

“Our highest priority is safety of life at sea, which is why we are assisting in breaking a

navigational path for both of these vessels.” Vice Adm. Paul F. Zukunft, the Coast Guard Pacific Area commander, said in a statement. “We are always ready and duty bound to render assistance in one of the most remote and harsh environments on the face of the globe.”

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority’s Rescue Coordination Centre, which oversaw the rescue, said the Polar Star, the Coast Guard’s only active heavy polar icebreaker, would take about seven days to reach Commonwealth Bay, depending on weather.

After the Snow Dragon reported it was stuck Friday, AMSA told the Aurora to stay in the area, with its rescued passengers on board, in case help was needed. Under international conventions observed by most countries, ships’ crews are obliged to take part in such rescues and the owners carry the costs.

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MILITARY

Rapid fall for general accused of sex crimes

By MICHAEL BIESECKER
The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — With a single star studded on each shoulder of his immaculate dress blues, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair waited his turn to go through the metal detectors at the federal courthouse at Fort Bragg, just like everyone else.

He smiled broadly at one of the armed military police officers posted at the door and asked, "How many jumps do you have?"

The young soldier, wearing the wings of a paratrooper with the elite 82nd Airborne, stood a little straighter as he confidently answered 28. Sinclair nodded in approval, not mentioning the 217 jumps listed in his own log. After a few more pleasantries, Sinclair put his arm around the man and smiled again as another MP snapped a cellphone photo.

The exchange last summer would be routine for a general building rapport with enlisted troops — but for the fact that Sinclair is believed to be the highest-ranking U.S. Army officer ever charged with sexual assault.

Sinclair, 51, has pleaded not guilty to eight criminal charges including forcible sodomy, indecent acts, violating orders and conduct unbecoming an officer. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison at a court-martial scheduled to begin March 3.

While he denies the most serious allegation that he physically forced a female captain under his command to perform oral sex, the married father of two concedes he carried on a three-year extramarital affair with the junior officer. That admission alone will almost certainly end his 28-year Army career, as adultery is a crime under military law.

The female captain who made the initial complaint admits to having consensual sex with Sinclair on numerous occasions, both before and after the alleged assaults.

Prosecutors also allege the general had inappropriate contact with other women, including female officers expected to testify that he asked them to provide nude photos of themselves.

Making the case

The case against Sinclair comes as the Pentagon is grappling with a string of embarrassing revelations involving sexual misconduct within the ranks.

Prosecutions over such charges are on the rise even as the military's own data suggests only about 1-in-8 sexual assaults are reported or prosecuted. Influential members of Congress are now pushing to remove decisions about the prosecution of sex crimes from the military chain of command.

'Everybody in the brigade spoke about Gen. Sinclair as if he was a God.'

accuser testified during an evidentiary hearing

Anu Bhagwati, executive director of the advocacy group Service Women's Action Network, said Sinclair's court-martial will be closely followed.

"The military has always had a problem with sexual assault, but they have never experienced this sort of political pressure and public scrutiny," said Bhagwati, a former Marine captain.

Prosecutors portray Sinclair as a sexual predator who abused his position of authority to prey on a subordinate trained to follow his orders, threatening to kill her and her family if she told anyone of their

relationship.

Sinclair's defense lawyers have suggested he is the victim, both of a jealous ex-lover and overzealous prosecutors facing intense pressure from top military and political leaders to send a message that sexual misconduct will not be tolerated. They say the evidence against him is weak — a case that in the past might have been resolved with a quiet reprimand and early retirement.

Rising star

It is extremely rare for such a high-ranking military officer to face a jury. Under the military justice system, members of the panel must be senior in rank to the person charged — ensuring that Sinclair will be judged by a jury of generals.

Fred Borch, the regimental historian for the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, said only about a dozen generals have been court-martialed since World War II.

'Jeff Sinclair is clearly the brightest and most multi-talented officer I have ever served with. ... If I could choose my successor, it would be Jeff.'

Maj. Gen. James L. Huggins
then-82nd Airborne
commander

"Obviously, men and women don't reach flag rank unless they're pretty special," said Borch, a retired colonel who prosecuted sexual assault cases as an Army lawyer. "So, by its very nature, you're going to have very, very few generals that get in trouble."

While he awaits his fate, Sinclair has been assigned to desk duty at Fort Bragg, a sprawling Army base in the piney Sandhills of southeastern North Carolina.

It has been a steep fall for a man once considered a rising star among the Army's cadre of trusted battlefield generals. As deputy commander of the 82nd Airborne, Sinclair oversaw 22,000 troops until he was abruptly sent home from Afghanistan last year and criminally charged.

Steely eyed and well over 6 feet tall, Sinclair still cuts the figure of the prototypical paratrooper. He is a veteran of five overseas combat deployments and has been awarded four Bronze Star medals. In battle, Sinclair enjoyed the confidence of his superiors and elicited fear and awe from subordinates.

During the 1991 Gulf War, Sinclair was decorated for helping smash Iraq's vaunted Republican Guard. In 2003, he helped command the first airborne combat brigade deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, a stronghold of the Taliban.

As a battalion commander in Iraq in 2004, Sinclair was tasked with stabilizing Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit. He returned to Iraq three years later to command the bulk of U.S. troops in the volatile southern half of the country, and is credited with stabilizing the region despite steep losses from armor-piercing roadside bombs.

Copies of Sinclair's military performance evaluations obtained by The Associated Press show his superiors consistently rated him highly and put

him on the fast track for advancement. In a July 2011 evaluation, then-82nd Airborne commander Maj. Gen. James L. Huggins enthusiastically endorsed Sinclair for promotion to the higher rank of major general.

"Jeff Sinclair is clearly the brightest and most multi-talented officer I have ever served with," Huggins wrote. "Whenever the division is challenged with critically tough tasks, Jeff finds a solution and the results are quick, efficient, and superb. ... If I could choose my successor, it would be Jeff."

Many subordinates described him in similarly glowing terms, even the woman accusing him of sex crimes.

"Everybody in the brigade spoke about Gen. Sinclair as if he was a God," she testified at an evidentiary hearing. "I heard from all of the male soldiers that I worked with what a hardened killer he was. I mean, they would tell stories about when he was a battalion commander, how everybody was like hunkered down behind vehicles and scared to death because the firing was just nonstop and ... (Sinclair) would get out in the street and ... walk through as if there was no one shooting at him."

The AP generally does not identify those who say they were

sexually assaulted.

The same man who would share cigars relaxing around a campfire with his junior officers or be quick to pat an enlisted paratrooper on the back also had a reputation as tough taskmaster. He could also be prone to arrogance, according to sworn testimony.

According to prosecutors, when Sinclair was confronted by a subordinate about using inappropriate language to describe female soldiers, he responded, "I'm a general. I'll say whatever the (expletive) I want."

Public defender

Relieved of his command, Sinclair now spends many of his days at home in the leafy heart of the base reserved as quarters for those of high rank.

Heeding the advice of his lawyers, Sinclair declined comment for this article. But he was present, dressed casually in a button-down oxford and jeans on a weekday last summer when an AP reporter visited his home to interview his wife.

Rebecca Sinclair, 47, has emerged as her husband's most ardent public defender, appearing in nationally televised interviews to call attention to the strain placed on military marriages by repeated yearlong war deployments since 9/11. While she says she can't condone her husband's infidelity, Rebecca Sinclair is steadfast that the sexual assault accusations don't square with the man she has known for 30 years.

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Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair

ANDREW CRAFT, THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER/AP

MILITARY

Man accused of taking IDs to stay in custody

MINNEAPOLIS — A federal judge has ordered that a Minnesota man accused of stealing identification information from members of his former Army unit will stay in custody pending trial.

Keith Michael Novak is charged with fraud in connection with identity theft. He is a self-described commander of a militia, and prosecutors say he planned to use the stolen information to make fake IDs for militia members.

In an order last week, U.S. Magistrate Judge Franklin Noel said Novak will stay in custody because no condition of release could reasonably assure the community would be safe.

The complaint says Novak threatened violence, and testimony during a hearing last month revealed he was armed when arrested.

Report: Airman killed in crash was intoxicated

RAF MILDENHALL, England — An investigation into last year's one-car crash near Newmarket, England, that killed Air Force Staff Sgt. Anderson Johnson found that the airman was driving with a blood alcohol level more than double the legal limit.

Johnson's blood alcohol level was 0.17 percent, according to a redacted report released by the Air Force Safety Center, which did not mention Johnson by name. According to RAF Mildenhall, the local limit is 0.08 percent.

The accident occurred about 1:40 a.m. on July 28 while Johnson was traveling north on the A1304 near the A11.

The report mentions several factors that could have contributed to the mishap, in which the car left the road and struck road signs and trees. The portion of road Johnson was driving on was unlit, and it was raining at the time of the incident. In addition, Johnson's coworkers described his car's headlights as "extremely dim to the point that driving at night was unsafe at higher speeds."

The speed limit of the road is 60 mph and Johnson's speed was estimated as "too fast for conditions," the report said.

Johnson, from Temple, Texas, was an electrical system journeyman with the 100th Civil Engineer Squadron at Mildenhall.

Soldier's death under investigation

STUTTGART, Germany — A Bamberg-based soldier found unresponsive in his room at Warner Barracks died of unknown causes Tuesday, the Army reported.

Spc. James Paul Misenhimer, 29, a combat engineer assigned to the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's 370th Engineer Company (Sapper), 54th Engineer Battalion, was pronounced dead by German medical personnel, the 21st TSC said Friday.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Bamberg Chapel, Warner Barracks.

The incident is under investigation by U.S. and German authorities.

From staff and wire reports

US encourages calm after Japanese official visits Yasukuni Shrine

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — A State Department spokeswoman says the United States is focused on diplomatic dialogue between Japan and its neighbors after a second senior Japanese official visited the controversial Yasukuni Shrine.

Yoshitaka Shindo, Japan's minister of internal affairs and communication, went to Yasukuni on Wednesday, a day when people all over Japan typically visit Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples. On Dec. 26, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited the shrine, whose 2.5 million enshrined servicemembers include several people convicted of war crimes following World War II.

Both visits triggered swift criticism from South Korea and China, further tattering frayed regional relationships.

Although the U.S. issued a statement Dec. 26 stating it was "disappointed" with Abe's decision, State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf concentrated her comments on reconciliation Thursday.

"Obviously, last week we talked about this with Mr. Abe," Harf said during a news conference Thursday. "This is a different person, different position. What

we're focused on now is encouraging Japan to resolve these issues diplomatically through dialogue and moving forward.

"We believe that strongly constructive relations between countries in the region are what will promote peace and stability and are in the interests of these countries, but also in the interest of the United States," Harf said.

The conflict over the Yasukuni visits puts the United States in a difficult position because it maintains security alliances with both Japan and South Korea. The Yasukuni visits remind many South Koreans of Japan's imperial past and its later actions during WWII.

China's foreign minister said recently that Abe was not welcome in China following his Yasukuni visit.

Beijing later "strongly protested" Shindo's visit.

"This is another provocative action taken by the Japanese Cabinet member following Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's blatant visit to the Yasukuni Shrine, which reveals once again the dangerous move of Japan who attempts to defend militarist war criminals and challenge the outcome of the world anti-fascist war and the postwar international order," Foreign Ministry spokes-



SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/AP

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, center, follows a Shinto priest on Dec. 26 to pay respects to war dead at Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo. On Wednesday, a second Japanese official, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communication Yoshitaka Shindo, also visited the shrine, drawing criticism from both South Korea and China.

person Hua Chunying said.

Abe and other Japanese officials say the visits are not intended to stoke anger among their neighbors.

A visit from Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in 2006 drew similar condemnation, but tensions with China were far lower at the time. Renewed dispute over East China Sea islands that are administered by Japan but are claimed by China has led to both nations' scrambling their fighter jets near the islands, among other confrontational moves.

Shindo told reporters at the shrine that he considered the visit

a matter of conscience, according to media reports.

Japanese reports said Shindo is the grandson of Lt. Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi, who led Japanese forces on Iwo Jima. Kuribayashi was Japan's defense attaché to the United States in the 1920s and later was portrayed by Ken Watanabe in Clint Eastwood's film "Letters from Iwo Jima."

"I have renewed my wish for peace, hoping that the war shall not be repeated again," Shindo said.

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Fall: General's wife sticks by him; accuser says she still loves him

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"My husband has made mistakes. He knows that, and he has admitted those mistakes to me," she said. "But do I understand how these things happen? Of course I do. We're not the only people in the military this has happened to. When you have the separations year after year, the marriage that you started out with isn't the marriage you have in the end."

The couple met on a blind date at West Virginia University, where the future general was an ROTC cadet. He came from modest means, the son of a factory worker who worked in a coal mine to help pay for college. She liked that he was tall and said she could tell he was going places.

If there is any silver lining to their situation, Rebecca Sinclair said, it is that her husband has been home to focus on being a dad. They have two school-aged sons.

"It has been a year for rebuilding," she said. "Whenever your husband says those words to you that no wife wants to hear, it's painful. But we make our choices and decide what is most important to us. We're working on our marriage and trying to get through this."

The couple are investing significant financial resources in the effort to keep Sinclair out of pris-

'It has been a year for rebuilding. Whenever your husband says those words to you that no wife wants to hear, it's painful. ... We're working on our marriage and trying to get through this.'

Rebecca Sinclair

wife of Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair

on and to fight a potential reduction in rank that could cost him in retirement benefits. Sinclair replaced his court-appointed military lawyers and retained a team of civilian lawyers specializing in white-collar defense.

They also have hired a New York public relations firm to orchestrate a media strategy that includes a website touting Sinclair's military accomplishments while proclaiming his innocence and revealing information about his primary accuser intended to undercut her credibility.

Rebecca Sinclair chose not to attend the lengthy pretrial hearings that included intimate details of her husband's relationship with the young captain.

Accuser: I still love him

The woman, who served under Sinclair's direct command dur-

ing combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, said the general twice settled arguments with her by grabbing her head and forcing her to perform oral sex as she sobbed. She also said Sinclair threatened to kill her and her parents if she told anyone about their frequent sexual liaisons in hotels, headquarters and war zones.

"I was not to say anything to anyone or he would kill me. And then he said he would kill my family and that he could do it in a way that nobody knew it was him," the woman tearfully testified at a pretrial hearing. "Because I know he killed people in combat ... I didn't think he would say that unless he really meant it."

In court, the defense team has tried to paint Sinclair's accuser as a scorned lover, willing to lie to destroy him because he refused to leave his wife. They note that

the woman didn't make the accusations until she saw emails the general had exchanged with other women and tearfully told Huggins, Sinclair's mentor.

By revealing the adulterous affair, the captain potentially jeopardized her own career. Prosecutors later granted her immunity in exchange for her testimony at Sinclair's court-martial.

At a pretrial hearing, the woman admitted she enjoyed sex with her commander on numerous occasions, even though she says he was sometimes physically domineering and emotionally abusive. She also introduced Sinclair to her parents after she said he threatened to kill them.

Among the evidence likely to be presented in the case are thousands of often-sexually explicit text messages in which the general and the captain profess their love for one another.

Even as Sinclair faces a lengthy prison sentence, the woman tearfully acknowledged on the witness stand she has mixed feelings about seeing him charged with crimes.

"In a (expletive)-up way, I still love him," she said, avoiding Sinclair's gaze as he sat nearby at the defense table. "I don't want him to be upset with me."

MILITARY



CLAYTON FILIPOWICZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Marines Corps

U.S. Marines test the capabilities of the Legged Squad Support System at Fort Devens, Mass. The LS3, developed by Boston Dynamics, can carry up to 400 pounds of gear.

Robot: Machinery could replace people in some military jobs

FROM FRONT PAGE

"Within five to 10 years, I think we are going to see a lot" of robots in homes and factories, Allenby said.

A major development stemming from military investment is autonomous flying, which has become much more sophisticated than the auto pilots that were around before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Tobe said.

"From a robotic point of view, you have things going on that would not have happened had 9/11 not occurred," he said.

Defense contractors such as Northrop Grumman plan to use technology developed for military drones when the Federal Aviation Administration opens up U.S. airspace to unmanned aircraft in 2015, Tobe said.

Defense contractors "bring a level of sophistication that the FAA will require," he said.

The FAA has selected teams based in Virginia, Alaska, Nevada, New York, North Dakota and Texas to test unmanned aircraft systems this year in preparation for their integration into the national airspace.

State officials foresee a multi-billion-dollar drone industry.

"This is a really big deal," a Washington Post article quoted Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval as saying in December. "It could mean billions of dollars in new investment, thousands of technical jobs for our state."

There isn't much commercial demand yet for large drones like the ones flying over Pakistan and Afghanistan. However, many commercial jets are highly automated and approach robotic status, Allenby said.

"We wouldn't dare call them (airliners) robots, because the implications would be unacceptable to the public," he said.

But civilian demand for small hovering drones is on a par with military demand, he said.



GEORGE GOSLIN/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

A member of the Kyrgyz military uses a control unit to move an explosive ordnance disposal robot during a joint military training exchange at the transit center in Manas, Kyrgyzstan.

"It is very hard to know exactly which sector is driving development now," he said.

What is clear is that, to date, military initiatives have played a major role in the rapid improvement in robots, much of which involves better software that enables the machines to respond to more complex situations, Allenby said.

Robotics trials

Last month, 16 teams took part in the DARPA Robotics Challenge Trials in Florida. The trials, in which robots had to complete the sort of tasks they might face responding to a natural disaster, were won by a team of Japanese experts from Schaft Inc., a company recently acquired by Google.

The trials follow DARPA initiatives to develop a robotic arm and autonomous vehicles.

Experts involved in DARPA's autonomous vehicle competitions have gone on to help Google develop its self-driving cars, Tobe said.

The robotic arm initiative is aimed at building a robot that can

lenby said.

"Robotic systems might be very effective in counterinsurgencies, but what happens when they leach back to society?" he asked.

Hobbyists are taking military robot technology and dreaming up myriad uses for it. News organizations are already using drones equipped with cameras to record news. It might not be long before they find their way into the hands of divorce lawyers and political operatives, Allenby said.

Replacing humans

"It would be very unwise to think there aren't jobs that in the near to medium future won't be challenged by robotics," he said.

A recent study by Oxford researchers Carl Frey and Nick Bostrom predicted 47 percent of current U.S. jobs could be taken over by machines by 2045.

The pair, who looked at the potential for machines to replace humans in more than 700 occupations, said most workers in transportation and logistics, together with the bulk of office and administrative support workers and labor in production jobs, were at risk.

Many service jobs, where most recent U.S. employment growth has occurred, are highly susceptible to computerization, Frey and Bostrom said.

For example, receptionists, telemarketers and bank tellers are

virtually certain to be replaced by machines, while athletes, flight attendants, historians and actors would likely keep their jobs, they said.

"Algorithms for big data ... can readily substitute for labor in a wide range of nonroutine cognitive tasks," they said. "In addition, advanced robots are gaining enhanced senses and dexterity, allowing them to perform a broader scope of manual tasks."

Fear that machines will put humans out of work dates to the industrial revolution.

"We are creating a combination of robotic systems and the artificial intelligence to power them that raises the possibility that we will lose a lot of jobs to robotics and not get them back," Allenby warned.

Some military jobs could be under threat, he said.

"It is very hard to develop a robot to do special operations, but we have already replaced sentries on the DMZ (Korean Demilitarized Zone) with semi-autonomous systems," he said.

The speed of the military's move to automation will depend more on culture than technology, Allenby predicted.

"Military culture is very conservative," he said. "It's going to be a cultural time scale rather than a technology time scale."

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unzip a duffle bag, search it for contraband, put everything back and zip it up, he said.

"They have yet to achieve that, but there are numerous commercial applications such as replacing Transportation Security Administration agents at the airport, he said.

The top commercial application for robotics in the immediate future will be in agriculture, Tobe predicted.

For example, drones will fly over farmland, map it and send information to robotic farm equipment so that water, pesticide and fertilizer are used only where they are needed, he said.

"This is just taking military technology and converting it to commercial technology," he said.

There hasn't been much debate yet about the impact on society of technology that has been developed during recent conflicts, Al-

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Medics from 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division teach the Combat Life Saver Course to Afghan border police in October.

Medical: Adviser says Afghans' logistical planning improved by 'leaps and bounds'

FROM FRONT PAGE

Capt. Jeremy Sharp, the American medical adviser for the Afghan National Army's 201st Corps in Nangarhar, said the Afghans weren't used to planning for medical support as part of an operation.

But by mid-December, about six months after Sharp started medical logistics training, the Afghans had set up a mobile forward aid station to accompany units on a major route-clearance operation. If a police officer was wounded in the course of the mission, an ambulance wouldn't lose precious time driving to the closest permanent clinic.

"I've been coaching them [to do that] for like six months," Sharp said. "This is leaps and bounds from when I first got here, which was really no planning."

U.S. and NATO combat forces are due to depart Afghanistan at the end of next year. The coalition plans to leave behind a team of several thousand advisers who will continue to train the Afghan security forces. Most of those advisers are slated to work at the headquarters of larger units, rather than at the tactical level, as they have done until now.

Dr. Abdul Niamat, the top medical official for the Afghan Border Police's Zone 1 in Nangarhar

See US medics teach Afghans Combat Life Saving techniques stripes.com/go/medic

province, praised the training and said he's seen the results in the field, particularly when medics transfer casualties from one ambulance to another.

"In the past, they didn't know how to carry a casualty," he said. "They didn't know how to stop bleeding."

Niamat said there is still an inconsistent and inadequate supply of first-aid kits. For now, the local border police must get the vast majority of their combat life-saver kits from the Americans because the Interior Ministry won't provide them, he said. Other basic medical items are also rare.

That shortage has resulted in an extremely high mortality rate. Niamat estimated that the local border police units lose more than half their wounded members.

Lt. Col. Andrew Pekala, head of Security Forces Advisory and Assistance Team Blue, 4th Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, said the Americans are trying to fix the systems that should keep Afghan police supplied. They are shifting from a "push" system, where the central government in Kabul decides what to send out to each

unit, to a "pull" system, where units keep track of what they're using and submit requests for what they need.

That means looking over the Afghans' shoulders while they perform perhaps the least glamorous and most ubiquitous task of war: paperwork, Pekala said.

Sometimes, Niamat said, that strategy isn't a complete success.

When he talks to the Interior Ministry, he said, "They tell us that we are not the only zone, that they support all of Afghanistan."

He complained that a one-size-fits-all mentality leads to irrational decisions, like giving an outpost in a violent, isolated region the same supplies as a police headquarters in a quiet, interior town.

Sediq Sediqi, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, denied that the border police are given inadequate provisions.

"Medical supply or any other supply for the [Afghan National Police] or Border Police is, of course, a top priority," he said. "We do not have any kind of shortage."

Another adviser, Capt. Jeffrey Boch, said that sometimes the needed supplies just aren't available at the central level. He said the border police in Zone 1 are now expecting to get 300 combat life-saver kits from the Interior Ministry, the fruition of a concert-



Afghan border police learn how to transport wounded comrades.

ed effort by ministry officials.

Still, despite those difficulties, the advisers say the progress achieved this year makes them optimistic that the Afghans will get the issues sorted out and will be able to carry on by themselves in the future.

Capt. Santiago Pimienta, who works with the Afghans to train combat life savers, told Stars and Stripes he was "very confident that by the time we leave, (the Afghans) will have the capabilities they need."

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NATION

Election-year politics shape agenda in Congress

By DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress returns to work Monday with election-year politics certain to shape an already limited agenda.

Republicans intend to focus on every facet of President Barack Obama's health care law. They see a political boost in its problem-plagued rollout as the GOP looks to maintain its House majority and seize control of the Democratic-led Senate.

First up in the House, according to Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., is legislation addressing the security of personal data, part of his party's effort "to protect the American people from the harmful effects of Obamacare."

Republicans also promise closer scrutiny of the administration's tally of enrollment numbers in the health care program.

Democrats will press to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour and extend unemployment benefits, trying to cast the party as more concerned with the less fortunate and intent on



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., speaks during a Dec. 5 news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington.

dealing with income inequality. The issues resonate with liberals, the core Democratic voters crucial in low-turnout midterm elections.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, of Maryland, the No. 2 Democrat in the House, said an extension of federal ben-

efits for an estimated 1.3 million Americans who saw their payments stopped on Dec. 28 is more than an economic issue.

"It's about real people — people with families struggling to put food on the table, to make ends meet, including ... 200,000

military veterans who are among these folks who are losing their benefits," he told reporters Friday.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has scheduled a vote Monday night on legislation by Sens. Jack Reed, D-R.I., and Dean Heller, R-Nev., to extend jobless benefits for three months.

Rancor ruled in the first session of the 113th Congress, with few bills passed and sent to the president. The combination of divided government and the upcoming elections stand as an obstacle to major legislation in the second session counting down to November, when all 435 House seats and 35 Senate seats will be on the ballot.

Still, Congress must deal with some significant unfinished business before delving deep into political votes and extended breaks for campaigning.

The Senate was to vote Monday on Obama's nomination of Janet Yellen to become the head of the Federal Reserve. If confirmed, Yellen would become the first woman to fill the powerful post,

replacing Ben Bernanke.

Lawmakers face a Jan. 15 deadline to agree on a spending bill to keep the government running and avoid a partial shutdown that roiled Congress last fall.

Passage of legislation in December scaling back the automatic, across-the-board cuts gave the House and Senate appropriations committees time to draft a massive, \$1 trillion-plus measure to run the government through September.

A short-term measure is likely this month just to let the government continue operating.

The GOP-controlled House and Democratic-led Senate spent a chunk of last year wrangling over renewing the nation's farm bill after passing separate, competing versions of the five-year, roughly \$500 billion measure. In dispute are crop subsidies and how deeply to cut the \$80 billion-a-year food stamp program, with the House slashing \$4 billion and the Senate \$400 million annually.

Lawmakers are pressing for a compromise that can win approval from the House and Senate.

A keep-the-bums-in mood may prevail in midterm elections

By MARK Z. BARABAK
Los Angeles Times

After a highly contentious, hugely unproductive session, members of the most unpopular Congress in history will face voters this year and very likely win re-election in overwhelming numbers.

ANALYSIS

It is a paradox of these discontented times. Participants in a Cincinnati focus group led by Democratic pollster Peter Hart expressed their feelings toward lawmakers by drawing tombstones and broken hearts. Public opinion surveys show contempt for Congress reaching unprec-

edented levels.

But as much as they dislike their own representatives, Democrats and Republicans hold members of the opposite party in even lower regard.

"Republicans blame liberals and big government and (President Barack) Obama," said Stuart Rothenberg, who analyzes races for his nonpartisan Rothenberg Political Report. "Democrats are upset because they think the tea party won't allow anything to get done — Republicans are too extreme."

That selective outrage works against the sort of throw-the-bums-out election that would produce wholesale, across-the-board

upheaval in the House. After several elections that produced considerable turnover, including Republicans' 63-seat gain in 2010, the likeliest outcome in 2014 is a comparatively modest partisan shift.

Democrats need to win 17 seats to regain control of the House, which they lost in 2010, the first midterm election under President Barack Obama. That is not a huge number by historical standards but one that could prove insurmountable given the headwinds Democrats face with the botched rollout of Obama's signature health care program, his middling standing in polls and voters' tendency, in off-year elec-

tions, to punish the party in the White House.

More significantly, there are far fewer takeover targets, since the number of competitive House seats has plummeted. Two decades ago, there were 99 crossover seats — that is, House districts that voted for one party for president and the other for Congress. Today there are 26, according to the nonpartisan Cook Political Report, which tracks elections nationwide.

Put another way, 93 percent of Republican House members represent districts carried by Republican Mitt Romney in 2012, and 96 percent of Democrats represent districts won by Democrat

Obama, according to Cook. That partisan sorting leaves exceedingly few seats up for grabs.

That is not to say there won't be at least a few fresh faces. California, once a lock for congressional incumbents, has more than half a dozen competitive congressional races — in San Diego, the Inland Empire and the Central Valley — thanks to new political boundaries drawn by a citizens' commission rather than self-interested officeholders.

The chance for a partisan shift is much greater in the Senate, where candidates are forced to run statewide rather than hunkering in the partisan strongholds of the House.

US divided on birth control mandate

By JULIET EILPERIN
AND SCOTT CLEMENT
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On Friday, the Obama administration filed its argument with the Supreme Court for why some Catholic groups should be compelled to give their employees contraception coverage, the latest salvo in an ongoing battle over how to treat those with religious beliefs under its new health law.

It is unclear how the nation's highest court will resolve the issue, but one thing is clear: While Americans back the idea of contraception coverage in general, they are divided over whether to compel businesses and nonprofit groups with religious objections to provide it.

The Affordable Care Act's mandate that employers cover contra-

ception and related medications and procedures without a copay has emerged as one of the law's most contentious provisions. It has prompted dozens of lawsuits from organizations that argue it violates their constitutional right to religious freedom.

While the battle is playing out in the courts, the public remains torn over how to resolve it. Surveys show wide support for requiring birth control coverage in health insurance — especially for publicly held corporations — but significantly less support when religious objections are involved.

A March 2012 Post-ABC national poll, for example, found 61 percent saying birth control should be covered by health insurance, with 50 percent backing this "strongly." But when the same people were asked whether the government should require such cover-

age when it is provided through religiously affiliated employers who oppose birth control, support for the mandate dropped to 49 percent. Eleven percent of respondents changed their mind when religious objections were brought to light, boosting opposition from 35 percent to 46 percent.

Other surveys find Americans making a similar case-by-case judgment. A CBS News/New York Times poll in December 2013 found 55 percent saying employers should be able to opt out of covering the full cost of birth control for female employees if they have religious or moral objections, compared with 37 percent who favored a requirement. By contrast, 66 percent supported the mandate when CBS/NYT first asked about it in February 2012 without explicitly mentioning employers' religious or moral objections.

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Fla. Keys popular for fake suicides

BY CAMMY CLARK
The Miami Herald

MIAMI — Some people come to the Florida Keys to dive the coral reefs or fish for tarpon. Others come to party in Key West. Then there are a desperate few who come to the subtropical island chain for a more sinister activity: faking their own deaths.

"We've had so many over the years," Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay said. "The underlying reason usually is a bankruptcy, a divorce, an imminent arrest or the feds coming down on them."

The common lure seems to be all the water — the ocean, the channels, the bay — all plausible places for a body never to be found.

Two such cases surfaced last week. On Monday, James Alan Dziadura, a Homestead, Fla., family man under investigation for molesting a child under 12, texted his sister to alert her that he was about to jump off the Card Sound Bridge in the Upper Keys, and he would do it with a 40-pound weight tied to his leg.

Four Monroe County dive team members conducted a thorough search of the area under the bridge. A 40-pound weight was indeed found, directly under the location of the cellphone in 8 feet of water. But no body was recovered. Ramsay said he thinks the whole thing was a "hoax."

The next day, Aubrey Lee Price, a bank director who had left a rambling suicide note in June 2012 that he was going to jump off a ferry going from Key West to Fort Myers, Fla., was found quite alive and well in Georgia after being stopped for driving suspiciously slowly a pickup with gold tinted windows. He had at least 21 million reasons for others to think he was dead — that's how much he allegedly embezzled from his bank.

One of the most famous fake death cases occurred in 1981, when a Tampa, Fla., restaurateur named H.E. "Gene" Holloway concocted an elaborate scheme to make law enforcement officials think he had drowned after falling overboard from a yacht during a night cruise near Key West.

Three accomplices helped in the hoax, claiming they had thrown him life jackets. But an FBI agent in the Tampa office said "nobody believed it when he supposedly went overboard." It was hard not to be skeptical, considering Holloway was deep in debt and had a \$16 million insurance policy. Sure enough, Holloway was found two months later in a Toronto hotel room with a new girlfriend. He was arrested for possession of pot.



DAVID CARSON, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

Cary "Lou" Lewis, 67, enjoys a drink and laughs with friends at the Zodiac Lounge in St. Louis.

St. Louis bar: 35 and older, please

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Look around the Zodiac Lounge in north St. Louis and chances are you won't see any 20-somethings. The bar, situated between an environmental Superfund site and an Aldi supermarket, seeks a decidedly older clientele.

And it makes no bones about it: The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that a sign on the front door requests that customers be at least 35 years old.

Manager Nathaniel Chunn, 69, said he put up the age-limit sign about five years ago. He said he wanted to, as he put it, "maintain the integrity" of the lounge. Those who run the bar say the average age of patrons is about 70, mostly people who prefer to sit and talk about the past.

Rosemary Turner, 75, bought the Zodiac in the 1980s and can often be found during the day sitting near the end of the 26-foot-long bar, sipping a glass of water.

She doesn't drink alcohol.

"After 30 years, I am still here, trying to get rich," joked Turner, wearing black onyx earrings and a zebra-print sweater.

'In a younger crowd, there's too much fighting.'

Kenya Frye
41, bar patron

Treating people right has helped the Zodiac stay open, Turner said. Her reward has been a core group of customers.

Postal worker Ennis Hinton, 62, showed off his scar from heart surgery. Bar staff greeted him and his healthy recovery with hugs and handshakes.

Hinton said he liked the relaxed environment and people. "Plus," he said, "we don't need a metal detector."

St. Louis police report just one disturbance call at the address in

the past two years, and that incident wasn't enough to generate an official report. That despite the fact that the bar sits in a high-crime area.

Ness Sandoval, an urban sociologist and demographer at Saint Louis University, said bars in distressed neighborhoods in New York and Washington have also increased minimum drinking ages.

"The functions of social controls are broken, so now it belongs to individuals to try to impose it by themselves," he said. "People are trying to do something. It may be small, but they are trying to address drinking among people and how it impacts safety in public spaces."

Kenya Frye, 41, was at the Zodiac recently with friends.

"In a younger crowd, there's too much fighting," Frye said. "We'd rather go where it's older. It's a different atmosphere."

Distressed plane lands on NYC highway

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A small plane traveling to Connecticut after taking a tour of the Statue of Liberty made an emergency landing on a New York City interstate highway, startling drivers but touching down safely with no serious injuries to anyone aboard or on the ground, officials said.

The aircraft, a Piper PA-28, set down at around 3:20 p.m. Saturday on the northbound side of the Major Deegan Expressway in the Bronx borough, in an area where the highway passes through Van Cortlandt Park.

The Federal Aviation Administration said three people were on board. Police and fire officials said neither the male pilot nor two female passengers appeared to have been badly hurt. All were taken to a Bronx hospital for their injuries, said Mayor Bill de Blasio.

De Blasio told reporters the plane had departed from Danbury Municipal Airport and was making the return trip when it experi-



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Firefighters stand near a light airplane that made an emergency landing on the Major Deegan Expressway in the Bronx borough of New York on Saturday.

enced engine problems.

"We have ... an extraordinary situation and actually a bit of a miracle, thank God, that happened today in our city," he said, calling

the successful highway landing without any serious injuries or deaths "amazing."

"I thought I'd seen everything in my life," he said.

Barbara Bush released from Houston hospital

After six days of treatment for pneumonia, Barbara Bush — the wife of one president and the mother of another — was released from Houston Methodist Hospital on Saturday morning.

"I cannot thank the doctors and nurses at Houston Methodist enough for making sure I got the best treatment and got back to George and our dogs as quickly as possible," Bush, 88, said in a statement.

Barbara Bush, the wife of the 41st president, George H.W. Bush, 89, was admitted to the hospital on New Year's Eve for a "respiratory-related issue," family spokesman Jim McGrath said in a statement Tuesday.

NY set to allow limited medical marijuana use

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York would become the 21st state to allow medical use of marijuana under an initiative Gov. Andrew Cuomo will unveil this week.

Cuomo plans to use administrative powers rather than legislative action to allow a limited number of hospitals to dispense marijuana for certain ailments. He will formally announce his plans in his state of the state speech Wednesday.

The New York Times first reported Cuomo's plan Saturday. It represents an about-face by Cuomo, who had previously opposed medical marijuana.

First lady gets a few extra days in Hawaii

HONOLULU — First lady Michelle Obama is getting a few extra days of Hawaiian sun.

President Barack Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha returned to the White House on Sunday after a two-week vacation.

The first lady stayed behind to spend time with friends ahead of her upcoming 50th birthday party. The White House said the extra time in the islands is part of her birthday gift from the president. The first lady turns 50 on Jan. 17. The White House did not say when she planned to return to Washington.

US senator has yet to resolve dual citizenship

AUSTIN, Texas — Canada-born U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, has yet to renounce his birth country's citizenship as promised — but a spokeswoman said the conservative tea party favorite plans to finish the process soon.

Catherine Frazier, a spokeswoman for the junior senator from Texas, said Saturday that lawyers are preparing the necessary paperwork. Cruz, 43, "has been fully focused on fighting for Texans' values and interests in the Senate for the last year," Frazier said via email. "He looks forward to the process being completed soon."

Cruz hasn't been in office for a full year yet but already helped spark the budget fight that led to a partial government shutdown in October and is being mentioned as a possible 2016 Republican presidential contender.

From The Associated Press

WORLD

Kerry cites progress in talks on Mideast

Secretary says 'hard work' remains after meetings with Palestinians

By DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Saturday cited progress on the Mideast peace process, yet acknowledged that some of the most intractable disputes between Israelis and Palestinians were unsolved after more than 20 rounds of negotiations.

"This is hard work," he told reporters after a 2½-hour meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, their second in two days.

Afterward, Kerry resumed his shuttle diplomacy by heading back to Jerusalem for his third set of discussions with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in as many days.

"We're not there yet, but we are making progress," Kerry said outside Abbas' West Bank headquarters. "We are beginning to flesh out the toughest hurdles yet to be overcome."

Kerry is trying to nudge Abbas and Netanyahu closer to a peace pact that would establish a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

The talks have entered an intense phase aimed at getting the two sides to agree on a framework and provide guidance toward a final settlement. Reaching a deal on that framework is not expected on this trip, Kerry's 10th to the region for peace talks.

He cited difficult complications and enduring mistrust that have built up over the years.

All of that, Kerry said, has to be "worked through and undone and a pathway has to be laid down in which the parties can have confi-

dence that they know what is happening and that the road ahead is real, not illusory."

He said he was confident that his most recent talks with both sides had "fleshed out — even resolved — certain kinds of issues and presented new opportunities for others."

"It's a tough process, step by step, day by day," Kerry said.

Despite criticism, protests and difficult questions from their constituencies, the Israeli and Palestinian leaders are committed to the idea of their people living peacefully, side by side, and are convinced that progress so far is sufficient to keep negotiating.

The chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat, said after the Kerry-Abbas discussions that "failure, to us, is not an option."

He urged Israel to refrain from taking any steps that would preempt or prevent negotiations on a final agreement, such as new Israeli settlements or the demolition of Palestinian homes. He said Kerry had not presented any proposed documents to the Palestinian side, only ideas, and that the U.S. seeks a permanent, not interim solution to the conflict.

Ahead of Kerry's arrival in the region last week, Israel had said it would announce plans to build 1,400 new Jewish settlement homes. But Israel backed off making the announcement, at least while Kerry was around.

On Sunday, Kerry planned to meet with Jordan's King Abdullah II and Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh in Amman. From there, Kerry was set to visit Saudi Arabia for talks with King Abdullah.



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI, POOL/AP

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, talks with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the presidential compound in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Saturday. Kerry is on his 10th visit to the region to try to craft a peace treaty that would create a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Kerry: No US troops to Iraq

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday that the United States will support Iraq's fight against al-Qaida-linked militants who have overrun two cities, but won't send in American troops.

Kerry said the militants are trying to destabilize the region and undermine a democratic process in Iraq, and that the U.S. is in contact with tribal leaders in Anbar province who are standing up to the terrorists.

But, he said, "this is a fight that belongs to the Iraqis. That is exactly what the president and the world decided some time ago when we left Iraq, so we are not

obviously contemplating returning. We are not contemplating putting boots on the ground.

"This is their fight. ... We will help them in their fight, but this fight, in the end, they will have to win and I am confident they can."

Al-Qaida-linked gunmen have largely taken over the cities of Fallujah and Ramadi in an uprising that has been a blow to the Shiite-led government of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Bombings in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, killed at least 20 people Sunday.

Anbar, a vast desert area on the borders with Syria and Jordan, was the heartland of the Sunni

insurgency that rose up against American troops and the Iraqi government after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.

In 2004, insurgents in Fallujah killed four American security contractors, hanging their burned bodies from a bridge. Ramadi and other cities have remained battlegrounds as sectarian bloodshed has mounted, with Shiite militias killing Sunnis.

"We are very, very concerned about the efforts of al-Qaida and the Islamic State of Iraq in the Levant, which is affiliated with al-Qaida, who are trying to assert their authority not just in Iraq, but in Syria," Kerry said.

Clashes between Syrian rebels and al-Qaida forces expand

By DIAA HADID
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian opposition fighters seized a compound garrisoned by an al-Qaida-linked rebel faction Sunday in some of the most serious infighting to date within the vast array of rebel groups trying to topple President Bashar Assad, activists said.

The clashes between a loose alliance of opposition brigades and

the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant have spread across northern Syria since they began late last week.

The rebel-on-rebel violence marks the strongest response yet by moderate and ultra-conservative anti-Assad fighters against radical extremist insurgents linked to al-Qaida who have sought to impose their strict interpretation of Islam on opposition-held areas of the country.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which has many foreign fighters in its ranks, has clashed repeatedly with more moderate rebel groups since it aggressively pushed into Syria from neighboring Iraq last spring. The infighting has left scores dead on both sides, and has undermined the overall rebel movement's efforts to oust Assad.

The latest clashes broke out on Friday after residents accused

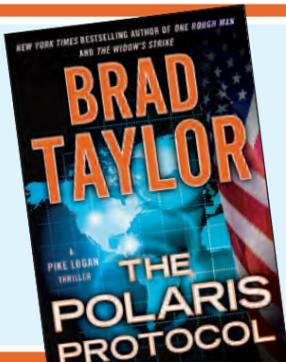
ISIL members of killing a doctor in Syria's northern province of Aleppo. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the doctor was found dead after being shot several times.

The newly created Islamic Front, an umbrella group of powerful, mostly ultra-conservative Islamic fighters, issued a statement ordering the ISIL to hand over the doctor's killers so they can stand trial. Clashes later

erupted between the groups.

Fighting quickly spread to rebel-held areas of the northeastern province of Idlib and the central province of Hama.

On Sunday, the violence widened again, with at least one clash outside of Aleppo pitting ISIL against another al-Qaida-linked group, the Nusra Front, said Rami Abdurrahman, of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.



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WORLD



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Police forces examine the scene of a World War II bomb explosion at a construction site in Euskirchen, Germany, on Friday. Police say one person was killed and 13 others were injured.

WWII ordnance kills 1 in Germany

The Associated Press

BERLIN — A World War II bomb or mine exploded in a western German town on Friday, killing the driver of an excavator and wounding 13 other people, police said.

The explosion happened in an industrial area of Euskirchen, near Bonn, at a property used by a construction firm to sort and dispose of rubble.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the explosives had long been buried in the ground or had inadvertently been brought to the site in a delivery of

demolition waste.

The bulldozer driver was fatally injured after his vehicle hit the device, and two people who were close by suffered serious injuries. Another 11 people who were in the area were lightly injured.

Windows, roofs and doors as far as 400 yards away were damaged in the blast, police said. Explosives experts were working to determine exactly what the device was.

Unexploded World War II-era bombs are still discovered frequently in Germany, though it is rare for those finds to result in death or injury.

South Sudanese factions meet for peace talks

By ELIAS MESERET
The Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Two warring factions from South Sudan held direct peace talks Sunday for the first time since conflict began roiling the country last month, sending hundreds of thousands of people fleeing for safety.

The direct talks, focused on a cease-fire and the release of political prisoners, put representatives of President Salva Kiir and former Vice President Riek Machar together in Ethiopia.

South Sudan has experienced three weeks of violence. Kiir says the violence began as a coup attempt Dec. 15, though Machar's side denies the allegation. Violence began as a political dispute but has since taken on ethnic dimensions, with tribes attacking each other.

The U.N. has said at least 1,000 people have died. Some 200,000 people have been displaced by the fighting. Rebel forces loyal to Machar now control two state capitals, including the town of Bor, about 70 miles north of the capital, Juba.

Gunfire was heard in Juba Saturday night. South Sudan Information Minister Michael Makuei Lueth said Sunday that forces loyal to Machar instigated the violence but it was soon brought under control.

Embassies, aid groups and the U.N. have sent personnel out of the country out of fear the fighting could engulf the capital as

it did in the first couple days of violence. The U.S. Embassy on Friday sent more personnel out of the country.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Sunday the beginning of direct talks was an important step but that both sides need to put the interests of South Sudan above their own.

The U.S. played a big role in bringing decades of war in the region to an end. South Sudan peacefully broke away from Sudan in 2011.

"I think all of us feel a very personal stake in trying to avert tribal warfare and ethnic confrontation on the ground as well as any kind of resolution of political differences by force," Kerry said in Jerusalem.

Kerry said the U.S. will not support anyone who uses force to seize power, in an apparent message for Machar.

The U.S. has also called on the Kiir government to release political prisoners aligned with Machar so they can take part in talks.

South Sudan Information Minister Lueth on Sunday chafed at that suggestion, saying that to release the political prisoners sets a bad precedent.

"We are not saying we won't release them, but it will be done according to our laws," he said.

Lueth also threatened to detain the widow of the man regarded as the father of the country, the late John Garang. Lueth said the widow, Rebecca Nyandeng de Mabiior, is spreading "negative propaganda."

15 dead, dozens feared trapped in Indian building collapse

By MAYABHUSHAN NAGVENKAR
The Associated Press

PANAJI, India — Rescuers using backhoes and shovels searched for survivors Sunday under a massive pile of broken concrete and dust that was left when a residential building under construction collapsed in southern India, killing at least 15 workers.

Authorities suspected dozens more may be trapped under the rubble, but were still trying to determine how many workers were on site when the five-story structure crumpled Saturday afternoon in the state of Goa. Witnesses reported seeing at least 40 workers.

Soldiers and firefighters listened for movement or cries from the wreckage as they worked overnight to clear the debris, state

official Venancio Furtado said.

At least 10 people were pulled out alive overnight, but the chance of finding survivors was dwindling, Furtado said. By Sunday afternoon, the death toll had reached 15, according to the state government.

Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar said he ordered a review of the construction project after seeing cracks that developed in the adjacent apartment building constructed by the same company, Mumbai-based Bharat Developers and Realtors Pvt. Ltd.

"The design is faulty, which is why the tragedy happened," Parrikar said.

Police began investigating both the building company and city officials who approved the construction on a patch of marshland in Canacona, about 44 miles from

the state capital of Panaji. They have been unable to track down the construction manager and building contractor.

"Without the contractor, it is impossible for us to know how many laborers were on the shift," said state official Ajit Panchwadkar, who was supervising the rescue effort Sunday.

Many of the workers had come from other, poorer states, including Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, in search of jobs in India's thriving construction business.

One worker who was not at the scene when the building collapsed said he earned about 300 rupees (\$4.80) for a day's work, according to Press Trust of India.

Several workers took the day off Saturday to attend a nearby state cultural fair.



RAFIQ MAQBOOL/AP

Indian rescue workers search for survivors in the rubble of a collapsed building in Canacona, about 44 miles from the state capital of Panaji, India, on Sunday.

WORLD

After Haiyan, a scramble to make do

Philippines faces massive rebuilding needs as aid, materials come slowly

By CHICO HARLAN
The Washington Post

TACLOBAN, Philippines — The typhoon that recently barreled through the Philippines has left in its wake one of the most profound resettlement crises in decades, with the number of newly homeless far exceeding the capacity of aid groups and the government to respond.

Two months after one of the strongest typhoons on record, recovery in the central Philippines has been marked by a desperate scramble for shelter, as people return to the same areas that were ravaged and construct weaker, leakier and sometimes rotting versions of their old homes.

That urgent but crude attempt to rebuild has raised the prospect that the storm-prone areas devastated by Typhoon Haiyan will emerge more vulnerable to future disasters. The self-made reconstruction effort also reflects the enormity of the damage. November's catastrophe displaced more than 4 million people — twice the number of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami or the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Left largely to fend for themselves, people are living in or under whatever remains. They inhabit boats or freight containers flung ashore by the tsunami-like storm surge. They patch up near-destroyed homes with storm flotsam: twisted metal, plastic sheets and ripped mattresses. If the initial storm was a global media event, its precarious aftermath is the opposite, taking place long after the cable news teams have decamped and attention has faded.

For those who lose homes in a disaster, there's almost never a quick solution, aid workers say. The Katrina-hit Gulf Coast had its infamous FEMA trailers. Port-au-Prince had its squalid tent cities. Northeastern Japan had its cramped evacuation centers — mostly schools and civic centers — the last of which closed only last month, almost three years after a tsunami and a series of nuclear meltdowns.

What's noteworthy in the Philippines, though, is not where people are resettling, but rather the degree to which they are staying put. Across the disaster zone, some 90 percent are still living in the same plot they were occupying before the typhoon.

Even if survivors wanted to go elsewhere, they have few options. The typhoon-hit region has a dearth of formal evacuation shelters, and the first 1,000 government-built "bunkhouses"



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A resident sits on debris in Leyte province, Philippines, four days after Typhoon Haiyan roared through on Nov. 8. The disaster left more than 4 million people homeless.

here don't meet minimum international standards, according to aid workers.

Under ideal circumstances, the survivors would be rebuilding with new materials, not scraps, but help has been slow to arrive. Only 9 percent of those affected by the storm have received support for rebuilding, including nails, tarps and tents, according to the Shelter Cluster, a committee co-chaired by the United Nations' refugee agency.

Philippine manufacturers have failed to keep up with demand for even the most basic materials, such as corrugated metal, and Manila has been slow to import the materials from elsewhere. Leyte Province, the area most directly hit by Haiyan, has so far received just 2 percent of the metal it needs for new roofs, Leyte Governor Dominic Petilla said in an interview.

"If only you gave people a better option, they'd take it," Petilla said. "But we haven't done that."

Typhoon Haiyan, which killed more than 6,000, proved to be so deadly not just because of its power, but because of what it picked up upon landfall. The storm splintered houses made of lumber and tin, and those splintered materials became spear-like weapons in the storm surge. Philippine government data

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show scores killed from puncture wounds and flying debris.

Some aid workers say it's almost commendable that the shantytowns have so quickly sprouted again. It's what they call "self-rescue," which you need on a disaster of this scale — at least on an emergency basis.

But viewed up close, the process looks more like peril than relief. In the waterfront slum neighborhoods of devastated Tacloban, Leyte's largest city, a few survivors are living on the second floor of a building that scarcely has a first floor left. One family is living in a home slanted like a ramp, debris wedged under one side. Rolando Bagro, 45, lives with his wife and four children inside the two concrete walls of their home that were left standing after the storm.

His new roof includes a blue tarp, some sheet metal and an umbrella. When it rains, he uses plastic jugs to catch the leaks. Because the second room of his

family's home was bulldozed to a stump by the storm, Bagro's wife and children now sleep together in a single room on a piece of plywood the size of a child's bed. Bagro sleeps on a 3-foot-long bench he found after the storm.

"Every day is tiring," Bagro said with a faint smile as he showed his home to a guest. "Because look how I sleep."

Even in the best-case scenario, residents will likely remain in the flimsy rebuilt homes for many months or several years, said James Shepherd-Barron, a consultant for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, who is coordinating shelter relief in the Philippines. Meantime, it's up to Manila and international aid groups to gradually deliver survivors better materials. Trained construction workers sent by NGOs will also tour the shanty areas, offering instructions about proper building techniques.

Police arrest terrorism suspect in Spain

MADRID — Spain's Interior Ministry said police have arrested a man suspected of belonging to an al-Qaida-linked terrorist organization and participating in the Syrian conflict.

The suspect, named as Abdeluahid Sadik Mohamed, was nabbed at Malaga airport in southern Spain on Sunday after arriving on a flight bound from Istanbul, a statement said.

He had left Casablanca, Morocco, on May 2 to travel to Syria, which he entered by crossing the Turkish border after spending a few days in Istanbul.

Once in Syria, he trained in a camp belonging to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, a terrorist organization linked to al-Qaida, the statement said.

He was arrested because he was considered a threat to national security.

US issues warning to Americans in Lebanon

BEIRUT — The United States Embassy in Beirut is urging Americans in Lebanon to avoid hotels, Western-style shopping malls, grocery stores and social events where U.S. citizens congregate, saying such sites are likely targets for terrorist attacks.

The embassy made the recommendations Sunday in a security message to Americans in Lebanon. The statement follows a recent spate of bombings and shootings in the capital, Beirut, and other parts of Lebanon.

The violence is linked to the civil war in neighboring Syria, which has sent sectarian tensions soaring in Lebanon as Lebanese Sunnis and Shiites line up behind their brethren in the conflict next door.

At least 18 killed in Bangladesh violence

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Police in Bangladesh fired at protesters and opposition activists torched more than 100 polling stations Sunday during a national election boycotted by the opposition and described as flawed by the international community. At least 18 people were killed in election-related violence.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's refusal to heed opposition demands to step down and appoint a neutral caretaker to oversee the election led to the boycott, undermining the legitimacy of the vote, which is all but certain to return Hasina to power. Opposition activists have staged attacks, strikes and transportation blockades in unrest that has left at least 293 people dead since last year.

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OPINION

Afghans take dim view of US justice

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Foreign Policy

Questions of jurisprudence are useless abstractions in Afghanistan, where the perceptions and pursuit of justice are based on customs — not the rule of law. The American concept of “justice” and methods of dispute mediation are dramatically different from the customary laws and tribal justice of Afghanistan. Because of that, even if the United States brings American perpetrators of crimes in Afghanistan to court, as they did in the case of Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, Afghan victims and their families often feel as though they’ve missed out on true justice. The United States should take note of this, as an understanding of “justice” through the eyes of Afghans is essential to moving forward in a post-NATO environment.

The trial of Staff Sgt. Bales helps illustrate the importance of this discrepancy and the way in which the United States failed to take Afghan traditions of dispute mediation into account, ultimately causing many Afghans to feel that Americans hold the lives of U.S. criminals in higher regard than those of innocent Afghans.

In 2012, when Bales murdered 16 Afghan civilians in Panjwai, a small district in Kandahar province, the Afghan government could not prevent his extradition back to the United States for a military court-martial. For Afghans, removing the perpetrator of the crimes from the purview and judgment of his victims and their families seemed an audacious act. While Afghan witnesses and family members of the victims were flown from Kandahar to Joint Base Fort Lewis-McChord in Washington state by the U.S. military to testify at Bales’ trial, the six witnesses who made this journey — on two separate occasions — found the American justice system in general, and the military court-martial in particular, unfamiliar, grotesquely protracted, and in essence, unjust.

They also felt that it was against their socio-cultural framework. Panjwai is an archetype of Afghan culture and religious conservatism. Ethnically Pashtun and socially tribal, the population maintains civil order by complying with cultural honor codes and Islamic sharia law. Justice is local, personal, and above all else, swift. Bales’ murderous rampage and the wealth of evidence against him, in their minds, should have warranted his immediate execution: no trial, no jury, and certainly no mercy. Had Bales been an Afghan man and tried in Afghanistan, a trial council of village or tribal elders would have been convened in a matter of days. The trial — a discussion about the crimes from the aggrieved parties — would have taken place in someone’s home or a local public forum. The sentence would have been whatever the council determined was fair to settle a blood feud, which, more often than not, is the accused’s life.

But Bales is an American and was a member of the U.S. Army at the time of the incident — important distinctions. Rather than serving justice in the Afghan tradition, a U.S. military court-martial occurred 7,000 miles from the scene of the crime, lasted 17 months, and ultimately resulted in a guilty plea from Bales, in exchange for removing the death penalty from the table.

For the victims and their families, the trial itself added insult to injury, as the U.S. court-martial took pains to make the process fair and equal for both parties, exacerbating the witnesses’ frustration. For example, during the sentencing, Haji Naim, one of the Afghan witnesses, exclaimed in surprise that Bales appeared in court “dressed like a general.” In his world,



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

An Afghan villager holds his head as he listens with other Afghan villagers at a news conference following a sentencing hearing for Staff Sgt. Robert Bales at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., on Aug. 23, 2013.

‘We wanted this murderer to be executed, but we did not get our wish. We came all the way to the United States to get justice, but we did not get that.’

Haji Wazir

Afghan witness in the U.S. court-martial of Staff Sgt. Robert Bales

the man would have been shunned for cowardice and not afforded a place front and center in the trial.

Even the legal structure itself seemed to privilege the accused. Local justice mechanisms in rural Afghanistan are modeled after Islamic principles of equality before God, and as such, village and tribal councils are conducted informally, with the participants sitting in a circle in which the perception of power is diffused among all present. Those involved can talk freely and openly, and often, over each other. There is no witness box to physically mark the spaces between the witness or victim, the accused, and the advocates of justice. The judge does not preside from a high chair over the court, and the forum does not restrict impassioned appeals in favor of categorical questioning and cross-examination. When Haji Wazir, whose six children, wife, and mother were among the dead, took the witness stand to testify against Bales for the last time, he hesitated to leave it knowing that he would have no voice as soon as he stepped down. “Does anyone — anyone — have any more questions for me?” he asked. “I did not get to say what was in my heart.”

Seventeen months after the murders, the verdict, sentencing Bales to life in prison without parole, seemed neither satisfactory nor expedient. “We wanted this murderer to be executed, but we did not get our wish,” Wazir told the Tacoma News Tribune at the conclusion of the trial. “We came all the way to the United States to get justice, but we did not get that.”

Afghanistan’s informal justice mechanisms, while dramatically unlike those of the United States, reinforce local governance structures in Afghanistan. From an Afghan perspective, this system promotes equality and justice in a way that the American system does not. In terms of jurisprudence, even shadow governments like that of the Taliban, though regarded as problematic and oppressive, promote a rule of law that is more consistent with traditional customs than Western ideologies. Further-

more, because years of international developmental support, both pecuniary and technical, have failed to create corruption-free formal governance and justice systems with the capacity to address crimes in Afghanistan, it is understandable that Afghans have more faith in their own informal methods than formal institutions of dispute mediation — particularly those of a foreign government.

But it is also equally evident to Afghans, and perhaps as a result of recent discussions concerning the Bilateral Security Agreement, that such informal methods fail to meet international legal and human rights standards. Punitive measures that condone honor killings, for example, understandably compel foreign governments to question Afghanistan’s capacity to mete out justice. Thus, the opportunity for a proper, shared dialogue about the criminal jurisdiction of foreign troops operating in Afghanistan provides motivation for the Afghan government to strengthen its formal judicial sector by implementing the impartial, representative mechanisms for which the international community has advocated — processes that would allow Afghans like Wazir to have a voice, reflect the cultural and religious values of Afghan society, and adhere to international human rights standards.

Whether or not such efforts succeed in restoring Afghans’ faith in formal justice mechanisms remains to be seen. If the United States is to earn and maintain Afghans’ trust, they will need to take Afghan conceptions of justice into account on issues that relate directly to Afghans. If the U.S. continues to handle cases involving Afghan victims within the U.S. justice system, with little regard for whether the victims themselves feel that they have been given justice, it risks further alienating Afghanistan and the objectives for which the security pact stands.

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WORLD



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Egyptian rapper Myam Mahmoud pauses next to a mural in Cairo. Mahmoud, 18, rapped her way to the semifinals of the Mideast TV show "Arabs Got Talent." On a very public stage, her songs addressed the challenges women across the Arab world are fighting to overcome.

Well-versed in Egyptian women's struggles

'I wish we would not be silent about our problems,' says teen who raps to give others a voice

By MARIAM RIZK
The Associated Press

CAIRO — As soon as the beat started, the young woman bobbed her head to the rhythm, raised her hands to get the crowd clapping and then unleashed a flood of rap lyrics that tackled some of the biggest social challenges women face in the Arab world.

With the Middle East's hit TV show "Arabs Got Talent" as her stage, 18-year-old Myam Mahmoud rapped about sexual harassment, second-class treatment of women, and societal expectations of how a young religious woman should behave.

The Egyptian teenager didn't win the program — she crashed out in the semifinals — but she did succeed in throwing the spotlight on something bigger than herself.

"I wanted to tell girls in Egypt and everywhere else that they are not alone, we all have the same problems, but we cannot stay silent, we have to speak up," said Mahmoud, who wears an Islamic headscarf but not a full-face veil.

In Egypt, a country where politics have grabbed most of the headlines for the past three years, little space has been dedicated to addressing social problems. So Mahmoud, who is a first-year student of politics and economics at the October 6 University in a western Cairo suburb, decided to draw attention to women's rights through rap.

"Everybody speaks about politics, but nobody tackles the topics that relate to me the most," Mahmoud said.

She said she gets the ideas for her songs from the surrounding community, and that

sometimes girls send her their problems to write about and give them a voice.

"Many girls want to say what I rap about, but they cannot for many reasons," she said. "I speak for them."

One of the biggest problems for women in Egypt is sexual harassment. A U.N. report released in April said the issue had

reached "unprecedented levels," with 99.3 percent of women in the country reporting that they have been subjected to sexual harassment.

"There is no single female in Egypt that has not been harassed, regardless of her looks," Mahmoud said. "As soon as a girl is born in Egypt, she is repressed with many

pressures."

Part of the problem, in Mahmoud's eyes, is that women don't speak out against harassment.

"I wish we would not be silent about our problems," she said. "We have to snatch our freedoms, nobody will just offer them."

Her lyrics take the issue head on. "Some of us see the answer is to cover up, and if the girl is hidden she will not be assaulted," she raps in one song. "My body is only mine."

Initiatives to counter the problem have increased in the past year in Egypt, where volunteer groups have started protecting women at street protests. On the other side of the debate are conservative religious clerics who blame women, saying they invite harassment and sexual abuse by mixing with men.

The issue is, in part at least, linked to the broader expectations that many men in religiously conservative Egypt have about women and their roles in society. Mahmoud, with her quiet self-confidence and animated performances in a genre that has gained more acceptance among younger Egyptians in recent years, has challenged those expectations.

She said she received a flood of messages after her performance on TV accusing her of misrepresenting Islam with her look — read veil — and attitude. But she dismissed the criticism, saying "religion has never been a constraint — we put the curbs on."

"The veil was never a problem for me because it is my personal choice," she said. "If I'm going to add anything new to my life it has to go with my initial choices."



Mahmoud says sometimes girls send her their problems to include in her rap songs.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

LOTS OF LAVA

Study: Yellowstone magma bigger than previously thought

By MATT VOLZ
The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — The hot molten rock beneath Yellowstone National Park is 2½ times larger than previously estimated, meaning the park's supervolcano has the potential to erupt with a force about 2,000 times the size of Mount St. Helens, according to a new study.

By measuring seismic waves from earthquakes, scientists were able to map the magma chamber underneath the Yellowstone caldera as 55 miles long, said lead author Jamie Farrell, of the University of Utah.

The chamber is 18 miles wide and runs at depths from 3 to 9 miles below the earth, he said. That means there is enough volcanic material below the surface to match the largest of the supervolcano's three eruptions over the last 2.1 million years, Farrell said.

The largest blast — the volcano's first — was 2,000 times the size of the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington state. A similar one would spew large amounts of volcanic material in the atmosphere, where it would circle the earth, he said.

"It would be a global event," Farrell said. "There would be a lot of destruction and a lot of impacts around the globe."

However, a large earthquake at Yellowstone is much more likely than a volcanic eruption, he said.

The last Yellowstone eruption happened 640,000 years ago, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, and for years, observers tracking earthquake swarms under Yellowstone have warned the caldera is overdue to erupt.

Farrell dismissed that notion, saying there isn't enough data to estimate the timing of the next eruption. "We do believe there will be another eruption; we just don't know when," he said.

There are enough instruments monitoring the seismic activity of Yellowstone that scientists would likely know well ahead of time if there was unusual activity happening and whether or not magma was moving to the surface, Farrell said.

The USGS' Yellowstone Volcano Observatory listed the park's volcano alert level as "normal" for December.

Yellowstone attracts millions of visitors with its geothermal features of geysers, hot springs and bubbling mud pots. The park opened its gates Dec. 15 for its winter season.

Brigham Young University geology professor Eric Christiansen said the study by Farrell and University of Utah professor Bob Smith is



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Visitors to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming photograph the Old Faithful geyser as it rockets 100 feet skyward.

very important to understanding the evolution of large volcanos such as Yellowstone's.

"It helps us understand the active system," Christiansen said. "It's not at the point where we need to worry

about an imminent eruption, but every piece of information we have will prepare us for that eventuality."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Person in bear costume jumps in front of car

PA GLENSHAW — A western Pennsylvania police chief is befuddled by someone who foolishly jumped in front of a car while wearing a bear costume during a snowstorm.

Shaler Township Chief Bryan Kelly told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review that nobody was hurt during the stunt, which occurred about 1:30 a.m. Friday in this suburb about 5 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Kelly said the bear-suited person jumped in front of the car at an intersection, then ran down an alley. Police showed up to investigate, but couldn't track the suspect.

The chief said he could understand the incident a little better "if it was April. ... I could see it as an April Fool's thing."

Ohio State's campus goes smokeless

OH COLUMBUS — Ohio State University was to go tobacco-free starting Monday.

Students were to return from winter break with a new set of rules in place on one of the nation's most populated college campuses.

The Columbus Dispatch reported that the new policy forbidding any tobacco use on university property will be enforced through friendly reminders from passers-by, not strict penalties for violators.

Teams of student and faculty volunteers have been assembled to roam the campus in two- and four-hour shifts seeking out smokers and asking them to stop.

Woman gives birth to rare identical triplets

IN INDIANAPOLIS — A central Indiana couple is adjusting to life with their newborn identical triplet girls.

Avery, Cassidy and Bentley Doss were born Monday at St. Vincent Women's Hospital in Indianapolis. The girls are doing well and gaining weight, but will probably stay in the hospital for about eight weeks, parents Amanda and Chad Doss, of Franklin told, The Indianapolis Star.

They say the triplets were conceived without assistance after Chad had a vasectomy reversed. Experts put the odds of identical triplets being born without fertility drugs at from 1-in-1-million to 1-in-100-million.

Avery weighed 3 pounds, 15 ounces; Bentley 4 pounds, 3 ounces; and Cassidy 3 pounds, 11 ounces.

"Seeing them for the first time was a very overwhelming experience, to feel them in my stomach for so long and just wonder what they will look like," Amanda Doss said. "To finally be able to see them was the best day ever."

Dead woman robbed at fast-food restaurant

KA WICHITA — Police are looking for a man who was in a silver car near where a

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The number of miles from shore a dog was found treading water in Tampa Bay, Fla. A commercial fisherman saw the small dog's nose rising above the waves Thursday morning, the Tampa Bay Times reported. Veterinary workers are trying to find the dog's owner. "We're assuming she fell overboard at night and nobody even knew it," said Suzy Johnson, who is helping take care of the dog.



JASON PLOTKIN, YORK (Pa.) DAILY RECORD/AP

Blowing snow

Anthony Nguyen clears the sidewalk in front of the Philadelphia Street garage in York, Pa., on Friday. Northern and eastern Pennsylvania saw 6 to 8 inches of snow, while southern and western Pennsylvania saw 2 to 5 inches, the National Weather Service said.

Wichita woman was robbed after she died at a fast-food restaurant.

Danielle Zimmerman died Dec. 29 after suffering a brain aneurysm while pulling into a Taco Bell, causing her truck to hit a speaker in the drive-through lane. Someone took her purse, phone and wedding ring before help arrived.

Wichita police said the restaurant's manager saw a man get out of a silver car and apparently approach Zimmerman's truck. By the time the manager got outside, the man was pulling out of the parking lot.

Man charged after joy ride in salt truck

IL WHITE HALL — A western Illinois man is facing a series of charges after authorities say he led police on a drunken chase while driving a stolen salt truck.

Shane Seymoure, 24, of Roodhouse, was held at the Greene County Jail in Carrollton on Friday. The Telegraph of Alton reported he's facing a series of charges for Wednesday's incident, including driving under the

influence, aggravated fleeing, burglary, theft of a motor vehicle, criminal damage to state-supported property and driving on a suspended license.

Officials said the salt truck belongs to the city of White Hall. Wednesday's chase caused at least \$20,000 in damage.

Man dives into frigid lake to evade police

OH LOGAN — A southeastern Ohio man attempting to elude police dove into a lake on one of the coldest weeks in recent years.

Police told The Logan Daily News that Justin D. Sudlow, of Logan, took his plunge into Lake Logan on Thursday. He was fleeing deputies called to a report of domestic violence.

Sudlow wore jeans, boots, thermal overalls and several sweatshirts, which pulled him under the water. A sheriff's deputy and Sudlow's father rescued the soggy suspect, who was treated for hypothermia then jailed.

Both Sudlow and his girlfriend, Kea McCall, 23, were charged in the domestic violence incident.

The newspaper reported the couple agreed on what started their fight: Sudlow had failed to help McCall up the snowy, icy driveway with the children and groceries.

Man arrested in theft of brain samples

IN INDIANAPOLIS — A man suspected of stealing human brain samples from a medical history museum was arrested after a California man who bought some of the tissue online alerted authorities.

David Charles, 21, was arrested Dec. 16 after investigators were tipped off by a San Diego man who became suspicious about six jars of brain tissue he'd bought on eBay for \$600.

Charles faces theft and other charges. Marion County court documents allege Charles broke into the Indiana Medical History Museum several times over the past year and stole jars of preserved human tissues, including brain samples, from long-dead psychiatric patients.

The museum is on the grounds of a former state psychiatric

hospital, Central State Hospital, which closed in 1994.

The museum's director said the tissues are from autopsies spanning from roughly the 1890s to the 1940s.

Cop charged in incidents at massage parlors

CA LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors said a Los Angeles police detective has been charged with sexual battery while on duty at massage parlors he was assigned to oversee.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said Friday that Oris Pace, 48, was charged with five felony counts of assault by a public officer and six counts of sexual battery.

The alleged offenses took place between January 2011 and January 2012. Pace was a supervisor in the Commission Investigation Division, which is responsible for enforcing business permits, including massage parlors.

Prosecutors allege he forced three victims at different parlors to undress then fondled them.

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Screen queen

Actress Penelope Cruz leads film 'Twice Born' on and off camera

By JESSICA HERNDON
The Associated Press

Forgetting Penelope Cruz is almost 40 years old is easy to do.

Even when she bears heavy makeup to add wrinkles for her role as Gemma in the wartime melodrama "Twice Born," it's nearly impossible for the actress to truly look weathered.

When pressed against 28-year-old co-star Emile Hirsch during love scenes, the bond seems natural and comfortable.

The Sergio Castellitto film, on screens in the U.S., first premiered in Italy last year. It's based on the book of the same title, written by Castellitto's wife, Margaret Mazzantini.

"I could not put it down," said Cruz of the tale set amid the Yugoslav Wars. When Gemma and Diego (Hirsch) fall in love during the 1984 Winter Olympics in Bosnia, they both discover they desperately want children. But Gemma is unable to conceive.

"It's a 700-page book and I read it in a day and a half and was blown away by the character," said Cruz, who also produced the film. "Every role makes me feel like I'm a student," Cruz added via Skype from London. "It's a great feeling."

Cruz became involved with the film early on, including casting. Emile Hirsch was Cruz's ideal choice for the role of Diego.

"I think he is an incredible actor," she said. "I have seen most of the things that he has done. I especially loved his work in the Sean Penn-directed, 'Into the Wild.'"

She also came to love Hirsch's methods.

To "make sure things didn't get boring" between takes, said Cruz, Hirsch would playfully strike up an argument.

"Like he would come to my trailer and say that he'd just seen a documentary on a scientist that did blah, blah, blah, but it would stump me," said Cruz. "So I would fight him."

This was Cruz's second collaboration with director Castellitto — she teamed with him on the 2004 film "Don't Move" — and the actress was encouraged to take on the larger role of producer. Earlier this year, she directed a commercial for her L'Agent lingerie line — a collaboration with her sister, Monica Cruz, and Agent Provocateur.

Next, the actress will direct another L'Agent spot and she'll produce and star in Fernando Trueba's feature "La Reina de Espana."

Cruz remains eager to continue expanding her artistic reach — just as long as her packed schedule doesn't take her away from loved ones for too long.

"Family is my No. 1 priority," said the busy mother of a baby and toddler with husband Javier Bardem. "There are so many things that I think about now that I didn't think about before," she continued. "When I look at what I'm going to do next and when, where, how, I think about my family."

Being a mother, she added, "is the best thing that can happen to you in your life."



AP

'Every role makes me feel like I'm a student. It's a great feeling.'

Penelope Cruz

Donnie Yen finds 'Monkey King' a test of endurance

The Associated Press

Donnie Yen found playing the Monkey King in the upcoming fantasy epic "The Monkey King" to be a test of endurance.

The action star spent six hours in the makeup chair daily during filming. "After the makeup is done, then comes the pressure of wearing the armor," he said. "It's very painful."

Yen and the film's director, Cheang Pou Sui, presented the latest trailer for the film at an event Jan. 3 in Hong Kong.

Yen, barely recognizable, is seen in full costume as the Monkey King fights off evil and shows off superpowers.

The story, based on Chinese

mythology, is about the pilgrimage of the Monkey King, who accompanies a Buddhist monk to retrieve a sacred Buddhist text. The Monkey King battles the Bull Demon King, played by another Hong Kong A-lister, Aaron Kwok.

The 50-year-old Yen, whose films include Zhang Yimou's "Hero" and the comic Hollywood crossover "Shanghai Knights," acknowledges that his strength as a lean, mean fighting machine is not the same as before. But he said he still can fight the bad guys on the big screen.

"I think to shoot a movie takes stamina," he said. "I don't think that has anything to do with age. It's all right. At least I feel that in

the past two years, my body has no aches and pains. I can still keep going."

Writer, Doyle estate dispute copyright

Now that copyright protections have expired on nearly all of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tales about Sherlock Holmes, are writers free to depict the character in new mysteries without seeking permission or paying license fees?

A federal judge in Chicago says yes, so long as they don't stray into territory covered in the 10 stories still protected by copyright. Not so fast, says the Doyle estate, which is considering an

appeal this month. Descendants of the author say the characters of Holmes and Dr. Watson should remain off-limits until the remaining copyrights run out at the end of 2022.

"It's a bogus argument. It means you can reprint Conan Doyle's own stories freely but you can't make up a new story? It doesn't make logical sense," said author Leslie Klinger, who brought the case against the Conan Doyle Estate Ltd. to settle the matter.

With last week's ruling in hand, Klinger plans to finish work on "In the Company of Sherlock Holmes," a book of original short stories featuring characters and other elements from Conan Doyle's work.



He is co-editing the book with plans to publish this fall.

If appeals judges hold it up, the ruling could lift the threat of legal action for the untold scores of writers out there churning out pastiches and fan fiction without permission.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Usual gains in vets' pay stalled in '13

As it came to a close, 2013 seemed to leave a kind of high-water mark on the wall of more than a decade of steady, impressive gains to military members' and veterans' pay and benefits.

The military this month is getting its smallest annual pay raise in 50 years, 1 percent, instead of the 1.8 percent needed to match private-sector wages.

Military careerists and younger retirees got a harder hit in December when the first "bipartisan" budget in years included a cap on annual cost-of-living adjustments for retirees below age 62, starting in January 2016.

Projected savings — \$6.3

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

billion in just the first decade — helped Congress to ease automatic defense spending cuts set for 2014 and 2015.

"The COLA [cap] is huge," said retired Army Col. Robert F. Norton, of the Military Officers Association of America.

career members."

That includes a Marine gunnery sergeant or an Army platoon sergeant "on a third or fourth tour in Afghanistan" who expect to retire soon, he said.

Initially praised for shaping a modest budget deal on deadline, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., the budget committee leaders, saw their package swiftly enacted before most lawmakers realized that the military COLA cap would spark a firestorm of protests.

Veterans Affairs committees also came up short in 2013. Most years, about Veterans' Day, Congress passed packages of initiatives to strengthen veterans' benefits and services.

For nearly 20 years, Congress has saved taxpayers a little money on inflation adjustments to VA disability compensation and survivors' indemnity and dependency compensation by requiring that,

after the yearly COLA is applied, new VA pay rates get rounded down to the nearest dollar.

The rounding didn't happen in 2013, thanks to Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

Sanders had hoped to achieve much more. On Dec. 18, he tried to get the full Senate to approve by unanimous consent a mammoth package of new benefits and services for veterans and surviving spouses.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., put a hold on the bill.

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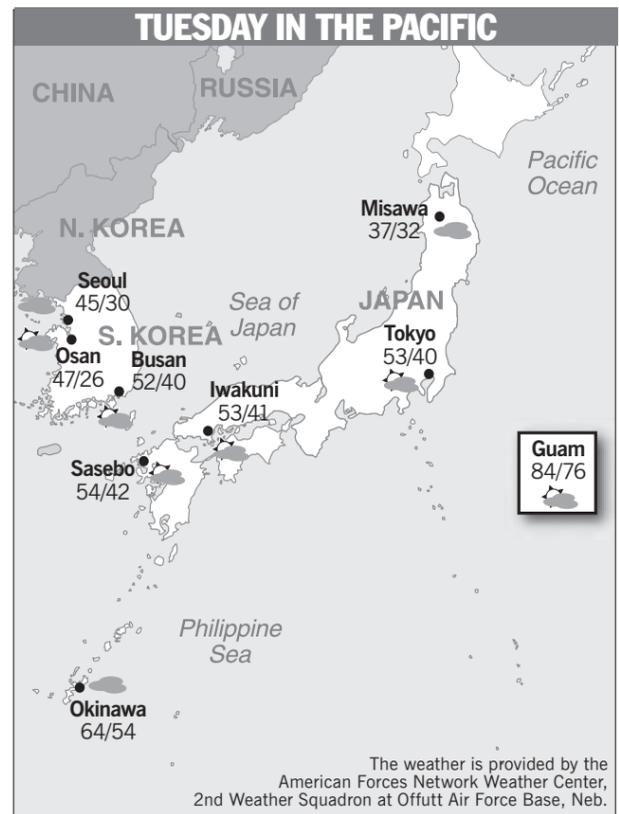
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INTEREST RATES

Table listing interest rates for Prime rate, Discount rate, Federal funds market rate, 3-month bill, and 30-year bond.

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures

Large table listing US temperatures for Monday, including high/low temperatures and weather conditions for numerous cities across the United States.

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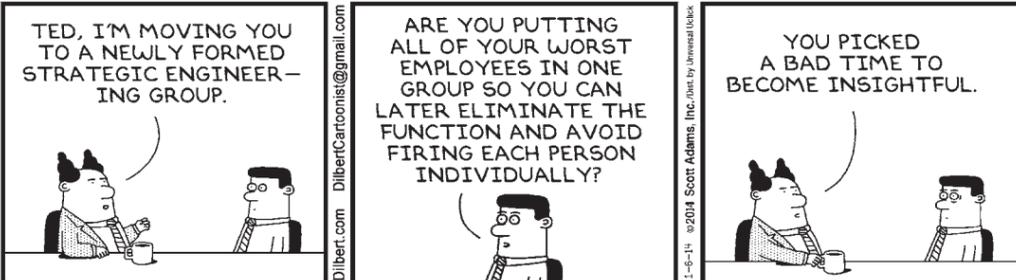
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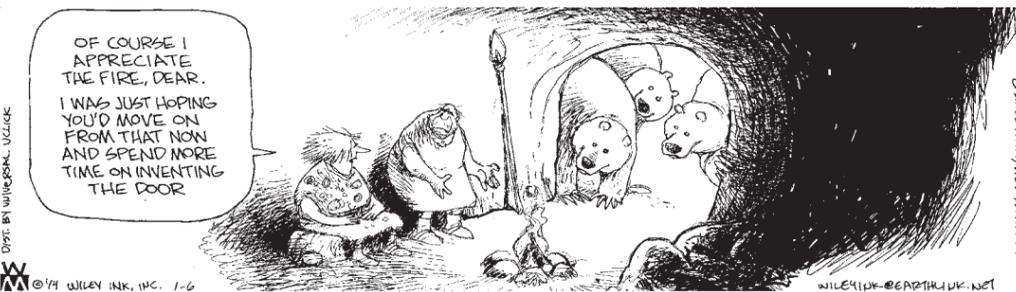
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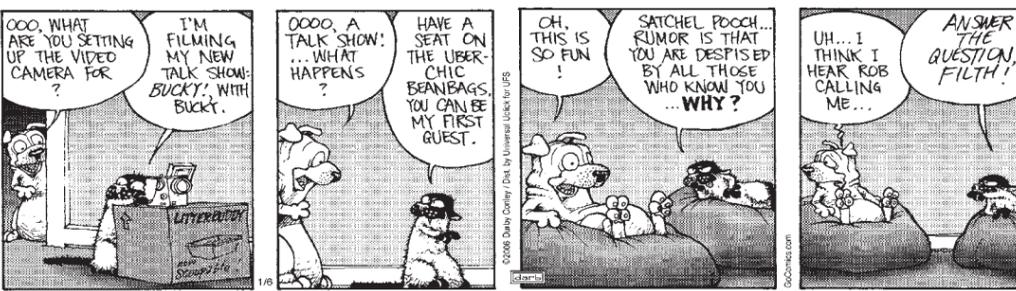
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- 14 Japanese sashes
- 15 Coral construct
- 16 Lunchbox item
- 18 Half a winter pair
- 20 Really small
- 21 Swag
- 23 "The Greatest"
- 24 Writer of a 1939 Lincoln bio
- 28 Remain
- 31 Actress Mendes
- 32 Spirited horse
- 34 "Rocks"
- 35 Moistens
- 37 Some baseball venues
- 39 Mischievous kid
- 41 Linebacker Junior
- 42 "Swann's Way" author
- 45 Constricting snake
- 49 California city
- 51 Base-runner's goal
- 52 Male deer
- 53 Ultra-modern (Pref.)

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- 3 Boat's backbone
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- 29 Performance
- 30 "Absolutely"
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Roundup

Top-ranked Arizona outlasts Washington

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona coach Sean Miller likens the top-ranked Wildcats' size and power to a running team in football: The longer an opponent plays against it, the more it wears down.

The Washington Huskies found out just what he means.

Nick Johnson scored 24 points and Aaron Gordon had 18 points and 11 rebounds as Arizona pulled away for a 71-62 win Saturday.

"Sometimes the story line is a little different at halftime than it is at the end of the game because you can kind of wear that opponent down and the carries that go for 2 or 3 yards in the first half break wide open in the second," Miller said. "You just have to stay with it."

The No. 1 Wildcats did and are off to their best start since the 1931-32 team opened with a school-record 16 straight wins.

One of the best rebounding teams in the country, Arizona (15-0, Pac-12) had a hard time keeping the Huskies off the glass or from scoring inside in a tight first half.

The Wildcats turned up the defensive pressure in the second half, particularly on the perimeter, to stretch the lead in the final 3 minutes.

Arizona had 10 dunks among its 24 field goals and hit 7 of 8 free throws in the final two minutes.

T.J. McConnell overcame a poor-shooting game with six assists, five rebounds and four steals while teaming with Johnson to hound the Huskies at the top of Arizona's defense.

"That's what good teams do, nettle through adversity," said Johnson, who hit all six of his free throws in the closing minutes. "They are a good team. Their record may not sure it, but they are good. We knew that going into the game. We made our run and made our shots when it counted."

Washington (9-6, 1-1) kept up with the bigger Wildcats well into the second half behind good shooting and strong inside play.

The Huskies went cold down the stretch, though, shooting 10 of 33 in the second half while

missing all seven of their 3-point attempts.

C.J. Wilcox led Washington with 20 points. Perris Blackwell had 12 points and 12 rebounds and knocked around Kaleb Tarczewski inside, helping to hold Arizona's center to seven points on 2-of-10 shooting.

"When they took the lead, I feel that we got away from the things we were trying to do defensively and offensively," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said. "We had to hit home runs every time we took possession of the ball and I don't think we accomplished that."

Washington had a tough non-conference schedule and opened Pac-12 play with an impressive road win, racing past Arizona State early for a 76-65 victory.

The Huskies faced a much stiffer challenge against Arizona.

The Wildcats have been No. 1 for a month and have one of the nation's best defenses behind a group of versatile, athletic players.

Arizona was at its defensive best in its conference opener Thursday, setting McKale Center records by holding Washington State to 25 points, nine field goals and 20 percent shooting.

The Huskies were able to keep up with the Wildcats in the first half, scoring inside and out-rebounding them to lead 35-33.

Washington took a six-point lead in the second half, but Shawn Kemp Jr. fouled out with 10:37 left, leaving their Huskies with one of the few players who could match up with Arizona's size.

The Wildcats also turned up the defensive pressure, holding the Huskies to one field goal in a 10-minute span.

Gordon was quiet in the first half and, at the urging of his coaches, became more aggressive, scoring some big baskets while grabbing 10 rebounds.

No. 2 Syracuse 49, Miami 44: C.J. Fair scored 15 points, including the go-ahead basket of 4:16 to go, and host Syracuse (14-0, 1-0) rallied late to beat Miami (8-6, 0-2) in its Atlantic Coast Conference debut.

No. 3 Ohio St. 84, Nebraska



DAVID KADLUBOWSKI, THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/AP

Arizona guard Nick Johnson (13) takes a shot against Washington during the first half on Saturday in Tucson, Ariz. No. 1-ranked Arizona won 71-62 and is off to its best start since 1931-32, when the team set a school record with 16 wins to open the season.

53: LaQuinton Ross scored 11 points, including two three-pointers as host Ohio State pulled away from Nebraska (8-6, 0-2).

No. 5 Michigan St. 73, Indiana 56: Gary Harris scored 26 points to lead Michigan State (13-1, 2-0 Big Ten) over host Indiana (10-5, 0-2).

Kansas St. 74, No. 6 Oklahoma St. 71: Marcus Foster scored 17 points and Nino Williams made two free throws with 5.7 seconds left as host Kansas State (11-3, 1-0) beat Oklahoma State (12-2, 0-1) in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Notre Dame 79, No. 7 Duke 77: Eric Atkins scored seven of his 19 points during a decisive 20-4 run to lead host Notre Dame

(10-4, 1-0) to an upset of Duke (11-3, 0-1) in the Atlantic Coast Conference debut for the Fighting Irish.

No. 12 Florida 67, Richmond 58: Michael Frazier II scored 18 points, including three huge three-pointers in the second half, as host Florida (11-2) rallied to beat Richmond (10-5).

No. 13 Iowa St. 73, Texas Tech 62: Georges Niang scored 17 points and Melvin Ejim added 16 to extend visiting Iowa State's winning streak (13-0, 1-0) to a school record-tying 13 games in a win over Texas Tech (8-6, 0-1).

No. 14 Louisville 83, Rutgers 76: Russ Smith scored 22 points and Louisville (13-2, 2-0 American Athletic Conference) used its

press and free-throw shooting to beat host Rutgers (7-8, 1-1) in a game that featured 62 personal foul calls.

SMU 74, No. 17 Connecticut 65: Nic Moore had 20 points and six assists to lead SMU (11-3, 1-1) over Connecticut (11-3, 0-2) in the Mustangs' first game of the season played on campus in refurbished Moody Coliseum.

Cincinnati 69, No. 18 Memphis 53: Sean Kilpatrick scored 11 of his 18 points down the stretch and Cincinnati (13-2, 2-0 American Athletic Conference) won its sixth straight, while host Memphis (10-3, 1-1) saw an end to a three-game winning streak.

No. 23 Massachusetts 73, Miami (Ohio) 65: Chaz Williams had 18 points and eight assists, leading host Massachusetts (12-1) over Miami (4-7).

No. 24 Gonzaga 86, Pacific 64: Drew Barham and Kevin Pangos each scored 16 points to help host Gonzaga (14-2, 4-0 West Coast) beat Pacific (9-5, 0-3).

No. 25 Missouri 69, Long Beach St. 59: Jabari Brown scored 22 points to power Missouri (12-1) over Long Beach State (4-10).

Air Force 75, Nevada-Las Vegas 68: Tre' Coggins' layup with 36 seconds left in the game gave Air Force (8-5, 2-0 Mountain West) the lead and Kamryn Williams sealed the win by converting four of six free throws as the Falcons beat host Nevada-Las Vegas (10-5, 1-1).

Coggins layup answered a pair of free throws by Deville Smith that put UNLV up, 68-67 with :49 to play.

Williams was fouled pulling down a defensive rebound and converted both free throws to make it 71-68, and was fouled again after pulling down a defensive rebound. This time he hit the first of two free throws and put back his own miss for a three-point play with :04 left to complete the scoring.

Coggins finished with 20 points for Air Force. Max Yon added 13 and Marek Olesinski and Williams both finished with 11 points.

Bryce Dejean-Jones scored 28 points to lead the Rebels.

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Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
MLB — Suspended Minnesota Twins 2B Eddie Rosario for 50 games for a second positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of baseball's minor league drug program.

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with OF Quintin Berry on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reassigned bullpen coach Pat Hentgen within the organization. Named Bob Stanley bullpen coach.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed WR Toney Clemons and DT Casey Walker to reserve/future contracts.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DT Christian Tupou to the practice squad. Signed G Derek Dennis to a reserve/future contract.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed LB Brandon Hepburn and CB DeQuan Menzie to reserve/future contracts.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Fired Wade Phillips interim coach/defensive coordinator. Signed LB D.J. Smith to a reserve/future contract.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released DE Jake McDonough from the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed P Brad Wing to a reserve/future contract.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — Named Jeff Tedford offensive coordinator.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Fired coach Mike Munchak. Signed G Oscar Johnson to a reserve/future contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Agreed to terms with F Andrew Coglianone on a four-year contract extension.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Reassigned G Jason LaBarbera to Rockford (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Recalled F Chris Mueller from Texas (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Traded LW Dan Carillo to the N.Y. Rangers for a 2014 seventh-round draft pick.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Activated D Anton Volchenkov off injured reserve. Assigned D Eric Gelinas and RW Mattias Tedenby to Albany (AHL).

COLLEGE
PROVIDENCE — Announced G Brandon Austin has left the men's basketball team.

TOWSON — Suspended CB Jordan Love and TE James Oboh from the FCS championship game.

Golf

Tournament of Champions

Saturday
At Kapalua Resort, The Plantation Course
Kapalua, Hawaii
Purse: \$5.7 million
Yardage: 7,452; Par 73
Second Round

Zach Johnson	67-66-133	-13
Dustin Johnson	70-66-136	-10
Matt Kuchar	68-68-136	-10
Jordan Spieth	66-70-136	-10
Webb Simpson	66-71-137	-9
Michael Thompson	66-71-137	-9
Ryan Moore	67-71-138	-8
Kevin Streelman	67-71-138	-8
Brandt Snedeker	70-69-139	-7
Ken Duke	70-69-139	-7
Jason Dufner	67-72-139	-7
Adam Scott	70-70-140	-6

Bobsled

World Cup

Saturday
At Winterberg, Germany
Four-Man

- Germany (Maximilian Arndt, Marko Huebenbecker, Alexander Roediger, Martin Putze), 1:49.97 (54.86-55.11).
 - Germany (Francesco Friedrich, Janis Baecker, Gregor Bermbach, Thorsten Margis), 1:50.14 (55.05-55.09).
 - Russia (Alexander Zubkov, Alexey Negodaylo, Dmitry Trunenkov, Aleksei Pushkarev), 1:50.17 (55.04-55.13).
- Also**
- United States (Nick Cunningham, Justin Olsen, Johnny Quinn, Dallas Robinson), 1:50.84 (55.35-55.49).
 - United States (Steven Holcomb, Curtis Tomasevicz, Steven Langton, Christopher Fogt), 1:52.32 (54.98-57.34).

World Cup Standings

- (After four of eight events)**
- M. Arndt, Germany, 813 points.
 - Steven Holcomb, United States, 743.

College basketball

Saturday's men's scores

EAST
 Albany (NY) 81, Hartford 56
 Assumption 69, NY Tech 68
 Bentley 61, Post (Conn.) 53
 Bethany (WV) 66, Thiel 53
 Caldwell 67, Chestnut Hill 64
 Canisius 67, St. Peter's 63
 Clemson 62, Boston College 60
 Columbia 81, St. Francis (NY) 61
 Creighton 79, Seton Hall 66
 Delaware 82, Cal Poly 72
 Georgetown 77, St. John's 60
 Hunter 75, CUNY 65
 Iona 118, Niagara 92
 LIU Post 101, Merrimack 82
 La Salle 76, Penn 57
 LeMoyn 75, Adelphi 59
 Louisville 83, Rutgers 76
 Manhattan 83, Fairfield 57
 Molloy 78, American International 62
 Montclair St. 87, Rutgers-Camden 58
 Mount St. Mary (NY) 65, Mount St. Vincent 58

MIDWEST
 Augustana (SD) 80, Minot St. 67
 Baker 54, Bethel (Kan.) 50
 Bemidji St. 102, Upper Iowa 89
 Bradley 68, Drake 57
 Carroll (Wis.) 94, Knox 58
 Cleveland St. 77, Milwaukee 49
 Cornerstone 90, Concordia (Mich.) 66
 Davenport 82, Aquinas 49
 Detroit 58, Wright St. 53
 Doane 103, Kansas Wesleyan 90
 Dominican (Ill.) 74, Wis. Lutheran 71
 E. Michigan 92, Rochester (Mich.) 54
 Evangel 90, Culver-Stockton 72
 Grand Valley St. 81, Findlay 76
 Green Bay 85, Youngstown St. 69
 Hamline 72, Macalester 63
 Hillsdale 72, Ferris St. 59
 Hope 68, Edgewood 64
 IPFW 110, Kalamazoo 74
 Illinois 75, Penn St. 55
 Indiana St. 81, Evansville 62
 Kansas St. 74, Oklahoma St. 71
 Lake Erie 102, Northwood (Mich.) 79
 Lake Superior St. 81, Ashland 72
 Madonna 93, Siena Heights 83
 Marian (Wis.) 82, Benedictine (Ill.) 74
 Marquette 66, DePaul 56
 Michigan St. 73, Indiana 56
 Michigan Tech 67, Tiffin 44
 Minn. St.-Mankato 89, Minn. Duluth 54
 Missouri 69, Long Beach St. 59
 Morehead St. 85, E. Illinois 77
 N. Dakota St. 96, Mayville St. 45
 N. Michigan 75, Ohio Dominican 52
 Northern St. (SD) 96, Sioux Falls 79
 Notre Dame 79, Duke 77
 Oakland 75, Valparaiso 70
 Ohio St. 84, Nebraska 53
 Ripon 126, Grinnell 99
 SIU-Edwardsville 85, E. Kentucky 79
 SW Minnesota St. 70, Minn. St.-Moorhead 68

SOUTH
 Alabama 64, Robert Morris 56
 Alabama A&M 68, Jackson St. 61
 Alabama St. 68, Grambling St. 51
 Alice Lloyd 75, Cincinnati Christian 70
 Anderson (Ind.) 67, Transylvania 60
 Anderson (SC) 78, Catawba 55
 Ark.-Pine Bluff 78, MVSU 73
 Asbury 63, Brescia 60
 Auburn 81, Florida A&M 50
 Austin Peay 80, SE Missouri 74
 Barber-Scotia at Winthrop, ppd.
 Belmont 64, Tennessee Tech 62
 Centre 48, Sewanee 46
 Charlotte 88, NC A&T 72
 Chattanooga 72, Furman 63
 Christian Brothers 69, Shorter 58
 Cincinnati 69, Memphis 53
 Coll. of Charleston 60, Howard 50
 Cumberlandds 73, Shawnee St. 67
 Davidson 78, Wofford 63
 Dayton 83, Mississippi 80, OT
 Delaware St. 70, Campbell 60
 ETSU 71, Kennesaw St. 55
 Erskine 83, North Greenville 70
 Florida 67, Richmond 58
 Fort Valley St. 66, Kentucky St. 55
 Freed-Hardeman 74, Hannibal-LaGrange 56
 Georgia Southern 80, Samford 78
 Georgia St. 73, South Alabama 63
 Hampton 87, Radford 60
 Houston 67, South Florida 58
 James Madison 60, UNC Wilmington 55

WEST
 LeMoyn-Owen 81, Claflin 73
 Lincoln (Pa.) 73, Winston-Salem 71, OT
 Lincoln Memorial 84, Lenoir-Rhyne 60
 Louisiana Tech 126, Longwood 52
 Louisiana-Monroe 103, Louisiana-Lafayette 98, 2OT
 Maryland 77, Georgia Tech 61
 Maryville (Tenn.) 85, Ferrum 74
 McNeese St. 82, New Orleans 69
 Mercer 62, SC-Upstate 60, OT
 Mount Olive 76, Limestone 74, OT
 N. Kentucky 73, Jacksonville 66
 Nicholls St. 64, SE Louisiana 61
 North Florida 78, Lipscomb 73
 Northwestern St. 99, Lamar 85
 Ohio 79, UNC Asheville 70
 Old Dominion 71, George Mason 66
 Pittsburgh 74, NC State 62
 Princeton 80, Liberty 74
 Reinhardt 73, Milligan 70
 Rhode Island 74, LSU 70
 Rio Grande 79, Georgetown (Ky.) 72
 Spalding 68, Fontbonne 66
 St. Augustine's 77, Elizabeth City St. 74, OT
 St. Catharine 77, Lindsey Wilson 56
 Tennessee 98, Tusculum 51
 Tennessee St. 70, Jacksonville St. 65
 Towson 81, Coppin St. 79
 UAB 96, Newberry 75
 UCF 78, Temple 76
 Union (Ky.) 52, St. Andrews 49

VMI 128, Washington (Md.) 54
 Vanderbilt 79, Northeastern 49
 Virginia 62, Florida St. 50
 W. Carolina 74, Elon 62
 W. Kentucky 60, Troy 51
 Xavier (NO) 75, Fisk 46

SOUTH
 Belmont 62, Tennessee Tech 53
 Chattanooga 69, Georgia Southern 60
 Davidson 83, Samford 68
 Florida Gulf Coast 72, Stetson 56
 Furman 73, Appalachian St. 54
 Gardner-Webb 69, Winthrop 56
 Grambling St. 66, Alabama St. 63
 High Point 76, Campbell 62
 Howard 71, Morgan St. 66
 Jackson St. 77, Alabama A&M 70
 Jacksonville 71, Mercer 67
 Kennesaw St. 59, North Florida 51
 La Salle 65, George Mason 50
 Lamar 84, Northwestern St. 79
 Liberty 71, Coastal Carolina 62
 Longwood 78, Charleston Southern 71
 Louisiana-Lafayette 68, Louisiana-Monroe 49
 Louisville 64, Cincinnati 45
 MVSU 60, Ark.-Pine Bluff 49
 McNeese St. 82, New Orleans 59
 Miami 84, Wake Forest 53
 N. Kentucky 73, ETSU 63
 Nicholls St. 84, SE Louisiana 55
 Presbyterian 70, Radford 45
 SC-Upstate 92, Lipscomb 69
 SE Missouri 75, Austin Peay 64
 South Alabama 65, Georgia St. 57
 Southern Miss. 90, William Carey 49
 Tennessee St. 78, Jacksonville St. 76, OT

TOWSON
 Towson 66, Coppin St. 59
 UConn 90, Memphis 49
 UNC-Greensboro 73, Elon 62
 UT-Martin 88, Murray St. 87
 W. Kentucky 86, Troy 69
 Wofford 61, W. Carolina 58

MIDWEST
 Akron 87, Ball St. 78
 Bowling Green 62, Buffalo 50
 Bradley 77, Evansville 76
 Cent. Michigan 84, Toledo 71
 Creighton 86, DePaul 78
 E. Kentucky 59, SIU-Edwardsville 54
 E. Michigan 88, Kent St. 70
 IUPUI 66, Youngstown St. 57
 Idaho 92, UConn 42
 Loyola of Chicago 60, S. Illinois 48
 Michigan St. 81, Minnesota 56
 Morehead St. 75, E. Illinois 64
 N. Illinois 74, Ohio 51
 North Dakota 63, N. Colorado 51
 Oakland 86, Rochester (Mich.) 39
 South Dakota 74, Cleveland St. 70
 UMKC 77, Seattle 65
 W. Michigan 88, Miami (Ohio) 78

SOUTHWEST
 Arkansas St. 87, Texas St. 71
 Cent. Arkansas 67, Houston Baptist 54
 North Texas 69, Cameron 41
 South Florida 76, SMU 62
 Southern U. 88, Prairie View 74
 Stephen F. Austin 89, Sam Houston St. 59

Texas A&M-CC
 Texas A&M-CC 58, Oral Roberts 53
 Texas Southern 69, Alcorn St. 44
 Tulsa 84, Valparaiso 60
 UALR 64, Texas-Arlington 57
 UTSA 63, Abilene Christian 58
 West Virginia 71, Oklahoma St. 67

FAR WEST
 BYU 69, Saint Mary's (Cal) 67, OT
 CS Bakersfield 61, Utah Valley 59
 E. Washington 67, Idaho St. 55
 Fresno St. 72, Boise St. 63
 Montana St. 80, N. Arizona 72
 New Mexico St. 66, Grand Canyon 63
 Portland St. 66, Weber St. 60
 Sacramento St. 91, Montana 81
 San Diego 75, Pacific 70, OT
 San Francisco 77, Pepperdine 61
 Santa Clara 69, Loyola Marymount 65
 UNLV 72, Air Force 65
 Utah St. 78, San Jose St. 65
 Wyoming 72, Nevada 64

Warner Pacific 72, E. Oregon 57
 Weber St. 79, Portland St. 62

Saturday's women's scores

EAST
 Albany (NY) 75, Northeastern 66
 Bryant 77, Fairleigh Dickinson 63
 Butler 75, Seton Hall 69
 Hartford 56, Dartmouth 43
 Marquette 82, Georgetown 80, OT
 Princeton 66, Drexel 59
 Robert Morris 61, CCSU 59
 Rutgers 68, Houston 47
 Sacred Heart 95, St. Francis (Pa.) 88
 St. Francis (NY) 52, Mount St. Mary's 47
 Temple 75, UCF 54
 UMBC 47, Binghamton 32
 VCU 71, Duquesne 68
 Villanova 68, Providence 59
 Wagner 71, LIU Brooklyn 65

SOUTH
 Belmont 62, Tennessee Tech 53
 Chattanooga 69, Georgia Southern 60
 Davidson 83, Samford 68
 Florida Gulf Coast 72, Stetson 56
 Furman 73, Appalachian St. 54
 Gardner-Webb 69, Winthrop 56
 Grambling St. 66, Alabama St. 63
 High Point 76, Campbell 62
 Howard 71, Morgan St. 66
 Jackson St. 77, Alabama A&M 70
 Jacksonville 71, Mercer 67
 Kennesaw St. 59, North Florida 51
 La Salle 65, George Mason 50
 Lamar 84, Northwestern St. 79
 Liberty 71, Coastal Carolina 62
 Longwood 78, Charleston Southern 71
 Louisiana-Lafayette 68, Louisiana-Monroe 49
 Louisville 64, Cincinnati 45
 MVSU 60, Ark.-Pine Bluff 49
 McNeese St. 82, New Orleans 59
 Miami 84, Wake Forest 53
 N. Kentucky 73, ETSU 63
 Nicholls St. 84, SE Louisiana 55
 Presbyterian 70, Radford 45
 SC-Upstate 92, Lipscomb 69
 SE Missouri 75, Austin Peay 64
 South Alabama 65, Georgia St. 57
 Southern Miss. 90, William Carey 49
 Tennessee St. 78, Jacksonville St. 76, OT

TOWSON
 Towson 66, Coppin St. 59
 UConn 90, Memphis 49
 UNC-Greensboro 73, Elon 62
 UT-Martin 88, Murray St. 87
 W. Kentucky 86, Troy 69
 Wofford 61, W. Carolina 58

MIDWEST
 Akron 87, Ball St. 78
 Bowling Green 62, Buffalo 50
 Bradley 77, Evansville 76
 Cent. Michigan 84, Toledo 71
 Creighton 86, DePaul 78
 E. Kentucky 59, SIU-Edwardsville 54
 E. Michigan 88, Kent St. 70
 IUPUI 66, Youngstown St. 57
 Idaho 92, UConn 42
 Loyola of Chicago 60, S. Illinois 48
 Michigan St. 81, Minnesota 56
 Morehead St. 75, E. Illinois 64
 N. Illinois 74, Ohio 51
 North Dakota 63, N. Colorado 51
 Oakland 86, Rochester (Mich.) 39
 South Dakota 74, Cleveland St. 70
 UMKC 77, Seattle 65
 W. Michigan 88, Miami (Ohio) 78

SOUTHWEST
 Arkansas St. 87, Texas St. 71
 Cent. Arkansas 67, Houston Baptist 54
 North Texas 69, Cameron 41
 South Florida 76, SMU 62
 Southern U. 88, Prairie View 74
 Stephen F. Austin 89, Sam Houston St. 59

Texas A&M-CC
 Texas A&M-CC 58, Oral Roberts 53
 Texas Southern 69, Alcorn St. 44
 Tulsa 84, Valparaiso 60
 UALR 64, Texas-Arlington 57
 UTSA 63, Abilene Christian 58
 West Virginia 71, Oklahoma St. 67

FAR WEST
 BYU 69, Saint Mary's (Cal) 67, OT
 CS Bakersfield 61, Utah Valley 59
 E. Washington 67, Idaho St. 55
 Fresno St. 72, Boise St. 63
 Montana St. 80, N. Arizona 72
 New Mexico St. 66, Grand Canyon 63
 Portland St. 66, Weber St. 60
 Sacramento St. 91, Montana 81
 San Diego 75, Pacific 70, OT
 San Francisco 77, Pepperdine 61
 Santa Clara 69, Loyola Marymount 65
 UNLV 72, Air Force 65
 Utah St. 78, San Jose St. 65
 Wyoming 72, Nevada 64

College football

Bowl schedule

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
 Oklahoma 45, Alabama 31

Friday, Jan. 3
Cotton Bowl
 Missouri 41, Oklahoma State 31

Orange Bowl
 Clemson 40, Ohio State 35

Saturday, Jan. 4
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
 Vanderbilt 41, Houston 24

Sunday, Jan. 5
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
 Arkansas State (7-5) vs. Ball St. (10-2)

Monday, Jan. 6
BCS National Championship
At Pasadena, Calif.
 Florida State (13-0) vs. Auburn (12-1)

Saturday, Jan. 18
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
 East vs. West

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Los Angeles
 American vs. National

Saturday, Jan. 25
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
 South vs. North

FCS playoffs

Championship
Saturday, Jan. 4
At FC Dallas Stadium
Frisco, Texas
 North Dakota State 35, Towson 7

Tennis

Apia International

Sunday
At Olympic Park Tennis Centre
Sydney, Australia
Purse: Men, \$511,825 (WT250); Women, \$710,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Women
First Round
 Madison Keys, United States, def. Simona Halep (7), Romania, 6-1, 6-4.
 Sara Errani (3), Italy, def. Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
 Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-4, 7-5.

Chennai Open

Saturday
At SDAT Tennis Stadium
Chennai, India
Purse: \$459,140 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
 Edouard Roger-Vasselin (7), France, def. Marcel Granollers (6), Spain, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
 Stanislav Wawrinka (1), Switzerland, def. Vasek Pospisil (5), Canada, 6-4, 5-5, retired.

Hopman Cup

Saturday
At Perth Arena
Perth, Australia
Purse: \$1 million (ITF Exhibition)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Championship
France 2, Poland 1
 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, France, def. Grzegorz Panfil, Poland, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
 Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, def. Alize Cornet, France, 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-2.
 Cornet and Tsonga, France, def. Radwanska and Panfil, Poland, 6-0, 6-2.

Qatar Open

Saturday
At The Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex
Doha, Qatar
Purse: \$1.195 million (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
 Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Gael Monfils, France, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-2.

Shenzhen Open

Saturday
At Longgang Tennis Center
Shenzhen, China
Purse: \$500,000 (Int.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
 Li Na (1), China, def. Peng Shuai (5), China, 6-4, 7-5.

Brisbane International

Saturday
At Queensland Tennis Centre
Brisbane, Australia
Purse: Men, \$511,825 (WT250); Women, \$1 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Semifinals
 Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Kei Nishikori (2), Japan, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
 Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Jeremy Chardy (8), France, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3.
Women
Championship
 Serena Williams (1), U.S., def. Victoria Azarenka (2), Belarus, 6-4, 7-5.

College hockey

Saturday's scores

EAST
 Air Force 2, American International 0
 Mercyhurst 3, Army 1
 Niagara 5, Bentley 3
 Utica 2, Oswego St. 2, OT
 Boston College 4, Notre Dame 3
 Canisius 3, Holy Cross 0
 Nichols 3, Castleton St. 2
 Harvard 7, Boston U. 4
 Providence 1, Merrimack 1, OT
 New Hampshire 5, Nebraska-Omaha 2
 Northeastern 4, UMass 3
 Trinity (Conn.) 10, W. New England 1
 Robert Morris 2, Sacred Heart 1
 UConn 6, RIT 2
 UMass-Lowell 4, Clarkson 3
 St. Michael's 6, S. Maine 3
 Potsdam St. 2, St. Anselm 1

Franklin Pierce 3, Assumption 2
 S. New Hampshire 5, Tufts 4, OT
 Yale 3, Vermont 3, OT

SOUTH
 Bowling Green 4, Ala.-Huntsville 1

MIDWEST
 Northern Michigan 3, Bemidji St. 1
 Michigan Tech 3, Lake Superior 2
 Wisconsin 4, Alaska-Anchorage 3

FAR WEST
 Brown 4, Colorado College 2

TOURNAMENTS
Mariucci Classic
Championship
 Colgate 3, Ferris St. 0
Third Place
 Minnesota 6, RPI 2

EXHIBITION
 British Columbia 1, Princeton 0
 St. Cloud St. 8, US Under-18 Team 0

Boxing

Fight schedule

Jan. 10
 At the Emerald Queen Casino in Tacoma, Washington., Arash Usmanee vs. Juan Antonio Rodriguez, 10, super featherweights.

Jan. 11
 At Perwez, Belgium, Alexander Miskirtchian vs. Sofiane Takoucht, 12, IBF featherweight eliminator.

Jan. 17
 At the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tenn., Ivan Redkach vs. Tony Luis, 10, lightweights.

Jan. 18
 At Bell Centre, Montreal (HBO), Jean Pascal vs. Lucian Bute, 12, light heavyweights.

NHL



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick (32) stops a shot by Vancouver Canucks right wing Jannik Hansen (36) with Kings center Anze Kopitar and defenseman Willie Mitchell defending in the first period on Saturday in Los Angeles. The Kings won 3-1.

Roundup

Quick sharp in return for Kings

LA goalie shuts down Canucks after missing 24 games with groin injury

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jonathan Quick stopped 27 shots in his return from a 24-game injury absence, Jeff Carter scored the tiebreaking goal with 7:55 to play, and the Los Angeles Kings snapped their five-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on Saturday.

Dustin Brown tied it early in the third period and Carter added an empty-net goal as Los Angeles ended its longest skid in coach Darryl Sutter's tenure with a third-period rally.

Ryan Kesler scored for the Canucks, who lost their third straight despite 46 saves by Roberto Luongo in his own return from a shorter injury absence.

Quick hadn't played since injuring his groin Nov. 12 in Buffalo, returning slowly from a serious strain while Martin Jones and Ben Scrivens performed splendidly in his place.

Quick still was selected for his second U.S. Olympic team Wednesday and the Kings put him in the lineup immediately after activating him from injured reserve. He gave up an early power-play goal, but shut down the Canucks over the final 47 minutes, including two stops on a breakaway by Daniel Sedin in the final minute.

Blues 6, Blue Jackets 2: Patrick Berglund scored twice, Vladimir Sobotka and Alex Pietrangolo each had a goal and an assist and host St. Louis beat Columbus for its fifth straight win.

Bruins 4, Jets 1: Defenseman Torey Krug had two goals and an

assist and Tuukka Rask made 36 saves in Boston's victory over visiting Winnipeg.

Avalanche 4, Sharks 3: Nathan MacKinnon had his first two-goal game and Semyon Varlamov stopped 30 shots to help host Colorado hold off San Jose for its third straight victory.

Flyers 5, Coyotes 3: Jakub Voracek scored the winner with 8:08 left as visiting Philadelphia overcame a two-goal deficit to beat Phoenix.

Wild 5, Capitals 3: Ryan Suter scored three goals to help host Minnesota beat Washington.

Rangers 7, Maple Leafs 1: Dominic Moore scored twice, and Carl Hagelin had a goal and an assist in New York's blowout victory over host Toronto.

Red Wings 5, Stars 1: Jimmy Howard made 44 saves and Henrik Zetterberg scored twice, leading Detroit past host Dallas.

Panthers 5, Predators 4 (SO): Tomas Kopecky scored the winner in the sixth round of a shootout as host Florida beat Nashville after wasting a two-goal lead late in the third period.

Sabres 2, Devils 1: Matt Moulson and Matt D'Agostini had power-play goals to lead host Buffalo past New Jersey.

Hurricanes 3, Islanders 2: Jordan Staal and Brett Sutter scored in a 57-second span in the second period as visiting Carolina earned its third straight win.

Senators 4, Canadiens 3 (OT): Clarke MacArthur scored on a power play 58 seconds into overtime to lift visiting Ottawa.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Boston	42	28	12	2	58	124	89		
Tampa Bay	41	25	12	4	54	116	95		
Montreal	43	24	14	5	53	112	102		
Detroit	43	19	14	10	48	114	121		
Toronto	43	21	17	5	47	119	127		
Ottawa	44	19	18	7	45	126	141		
Florida	42	16	20	6	38	101	134		
Buffalo	42	12	26	4	28	74	118		
Metropolitan Division									
Pittsburgh	43	30	12	1	61	136	98		
Philadelphia	42	21	17	4	46	111	116		
Washington	42	20	16	6	46	128	128		
N.Y. Rangers	43	21	20	2	44	105	115		
Carolina	42	17	16	9	43	103	123		
New Jersey	43	17	18	8	42	101	110		
Columbus	42	18	20	4	40	113	123		
N.Y. Islanders	43	14	22	7	35	112	143		

Western Conference

Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Chicago	44	29	7	8	66	165	121		
St. Louis	41	29	7	5	63	150	95		
Colorado	41	26	11	4	56	120	104		
Minnesota	44	22	17	5	49	106	113		
Dallas	41	20	14	7	47	120	124		
Winnipeg	44	19	20	5	43	118	129		
Nashville	42	18	18	6	42	101	127		
Pacific Division									
Anaheim	43	30	8	5	65	142	108		
San Jose	42	26	10	6	58	139	109		
Los Angeles	43	26	13	4	56	113	89		
Vancouver	43	23	13	7	53	114	104		
Phoenix	41	20	12	9	49	123	127		
Calgary	41	14	21	6	34	96	128		
Edmonton	44	13	26	5	31	112	153		

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

Friday's Games

Chicago 5, New Jersey 3
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Tampa Bay 2, Calgary 0
Anaheim 5, Edmonton 2

Saturday's Games

Florida 5, Nashville 4, SO
Boston 4, Winnipeg 3
Colorado 4, San Jose 1
Buffalo 2, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Rangers 7, Toronto 1
Ottawa 4, Montreal 3, OT
Carolina 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
St. Louis 6, Columbus 2
Detroit 5, Dallas 1
Minnesota 5, Washington 3
Philadelphia 5, Phoenix 3
Los Angeles 3, Vancouver 1

Sunday's Games

Winnipeg at Pittsburgh
Nashville at Carolina
San Jose at Chicago
Tampa Bay at Edmonton
Vancouver at Anaheim

Monday's Games

Dallas at N.Y. Islanders
Columbus at N.Y. Rangers
Florida at Montreal
Calgary at Colorado

Saturday

Kings 3, Canucks 1

Vancouver 1 0 0-1
Los Angeles 0 0 3-3
First Period—1, Vancouver, Kesler 16 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin), 12:27 (pp).
Third Period—2, Los Angeles, Brown 8 (Williams, Stoll), 1:07. 3, Los Angeles, Carter 14 (King, Kopitar), 12:05. 4, Los Angeles, Carter 15 (Doughty), 19:50 (en).
Shots on Goal—Vancouver 13-6-9-28. Los Angeles 17-18-14-49.
Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 1 of 4; Los Angeles 0 of 3.
Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo 16-10-6 (48 shots-46 saves). Los Angeles, Quick 11-5-0 (28-27).
A—18,118 (18,118). T—2:32.

Wild 5, Capitals 3

Washington 2 1 0-3
Minnesota 0 4 1-5
First Period—1, Washington, Johansson 6 (Ovechkin, Nic.Backstrom), 12:02 (pp). 2, Washington, Green 4 (Chimera, Ward), 12:15.
Second Period—3, Minnesota, Niederreiter 8 (Coyle, Cooke), 2:16. 4, Minnesota, Suter 3 (Koivu, Granlund), 6:56 (pp). 5, Minnesota, Suter 4 (Koivu, Heatley), 7:38 (pp). 6, Washington, Green 5 (Laich), 13:50. 7, Minnesota, Zucker 2 (Ballard, Brodin), 17:04 (pp).
Third Period—8, Minnesota, Suter 5 (Stoner), 7:37.
Shots on Goal—Washington 11-10-9-30. Minnesota 1-8-2-11.
Power-play opportunities—Washington 1 of 2; Minnesota 3 of 5.
Goalies—Washington, Holtby 13-11-2 (11 shots-6 saves). Minnesota, Nik.Backstrom 4-9-2 (30-27).
A—19,022 (17,954). T—2:35.

Hurricanes 3, Islanders 2

Carolina 0 3 0-3
N.Y. Islanders 0 1 1-2
Second Period—1, Carolina, Malhotra 4 (Dwyer), 6:57. 2, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 17 (Vanek), 7:41. 3, Carolina, Jo.Staal 9 (Dwyer, Gerbe), 13:12. 4, Carolina, Bre.Sutter 1 (Skinner, Sekera), 14:09.
Third Period—5, N.Y. Islanders, Vanek 15 (MacDonald, Strome), 19:35 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Carolina 7-14-9-30. N.Y. Islanders 10-14-16-40.
Power-play opportunities—Carolina 0 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 2.
Goalies—Carolina, Khudobin 4-0-0 (40 shots-38 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov 9-8-5 (30-27).
A—14,208 (16,170). T—2:23.



PAUL J. BERESWILL/AP

New York Islanders' Thomas Hickey (14) is checked by the Hurricanes' Radek Dvorak in the first period of Saturday's game in Uniondale, N.Y.

Avalanche 4, Sharks 3

San Jose 0 2 1-3
Colorado 1 3 0-4
First Period—1, Colorado, MacKinnon 11 (Benoit, Stastny), 15:28 (pp).
Second Period—2, Colorado, McGinn 9 (Duchene), 4:53. 3, Colorado, Johnson 7 (Landeskog, Stastny), 5:45. 4, Colorado, MacKinnon 12 (Mitchell, McLeod), 5:59. 5, San Jose, Pavelski 18 (Marleau, Thornton), 8:35 (pp). 6, San Jose, Marleau 19 (Demers, Nieto), 10:11.
Third Period—7, San Jose, Couture 14 (Marleau, Hannan), 5:44.
Shots on Goal—San Jose 10-13-10-33. Colorado 8-9-4-21.
Power-play opportunities—San Jose 1 of 3; Colorado 1 of 4.
Goalies—San Jose, Niemi (14 shots-11 saves), Stalock 4-2-0 (5:45 second, 7-6). Colorado, Varlamov 19-8-4 (33-30).
A—17,154 (18,007). T—2:32.

Red Wings 5, Stars 1

Detroit 3 1 1-5
Dallas 1 0 0-1
First Period—1, Detroit, Zetterberg 13, 7:04. 2, Dallas, Peverley 6 (Horcoff), 12:47 (sh). 3, Detroit, Andersson 7 (Quincey), 18:05. 4, Detroit, Miller 5 (Abdelkader), 18:19.
Second Period—5, Detroit, Tatar 8, 11:57.
Third Period—6, Detroit, Zetterberg 14 (Cleary), 12:39.
Missed Penalty Shot—Abdelkader, Det., 14:02 first.
Shots on Goal—Detroit 13-5-9-27. Dallas 20-15-10-45.
Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0 of 4; Dallas 0 of 7.
Goalies—Detroit, Howard 7-9-8 (45 shots-44 saves). Dallas, Ellis 4-4-0 (13-10), Lehtonen (0:00 second, 14-12).
A—17,232 (18,532). T—2:36.

Flyers 5, Coyotes 3

Philadelphia 0 2 3-5
Phoenix 0 3 0-3
Second Period—1, Phoenix, Klinkhammer 8 (Vermette, Boedker), 1:29. 2, Phoenix, Korpikoski 5 (Murphy, Hanzal), 2:54. 3, Philadelphia, Hartnell 9 (Streit), 3:11. 4, Phoenix, Boedker 12 (Yandle, Murphy), 6:47. 5, Philadelphia, B.Schenn 10 (Lecavalier, Coburn), 17:15.
Third Period—6, Philadelphia, Simmonds 14 (Voracek, Timonen), 4:22 (pp). 7, Philadelphia, Voracek 10, 11:52. 8, Philadelphia, Giroux 12, 19:29 (en).
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 6-8-14-28. Phoenix 9-11-9-29.
Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 3; Phoenix 0 of 4.
Goalies—Philadelphia, Mason 17-10-4 (29 shots-26 saves). Phoenix, Smith 15-10-8 (27-23).
A—14,875 (17,125). T—2:24.

Blues 6, Blue Jackets 2

Columbus 2 0 0-2
St. Louis 0 3 3-6
First Period—1, Columbus, Anisimov 12 (Dubinsky, Murray), 3:58. 2, Columbus, Letestu 2 (Comeau, McElhinney), 11:22.
Second Period—3, St. Louis, Berglund 5 (Jackman, Shattenkirk), 7:03. 4, St. Louis, Sobotka 6 (Tarasenko, Shattenkirk), 15:55. 5, St. Louis, Lapierre 5 (Pietrangolo, Bouwmeester), 17:29.
Third Period—6, St. Louis, Berglund 6 (Tarasenko, Sobotka), 1:14. 7, St. Louis, Schwartz 15 (Backes, Oshie), 8:47. 8, St. Louis, Pietrangolo 5 (Oshie, Backes), 14:13.
Shots on Goal—Columbus 6-6-12-24. St. Louis 8-17-12-37.
Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 1; St. Louis 0 of 1.
Goalies—Columbus, McElhinney 7-8-1 (37 shots-31 saves). St. Louis, Elliott 12-1-2 (24-22).
A—19,611 (19,150). T—2:22.

Senators 4, Canadiens 3 (OT)

Ottawa 3 0 0 1-4
Montreal 1 0 2 0-3
First Period—1, Ottawa, Greening 4 (Condra, Smith), 13:32. 2, Montreal, Briere 6 (Moen, Murray), 11:32. 3, Ottawa, Stone 1 (Kassian, Phillips), 13:50. 4, Ottawa, Condra 4 (Methot), 14:04.
Third Period—5, Montreal, Briere 7 (Plekanec, Murray), 1:57. 6, Montreal, Gionta 6 (Briere, Plekanec), 4:46.
Overtime—7, Ottawa, MacArthur 14 (Zibanejad, E.Karlsson), 58 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 14-7-12-1-34. Montreal 10-7-12-0-29.
Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 1 of 3; Montreal 0 of 5.
Goalies—Ottawa, Anderson 14-9-4 (29 shots-26 saves). Montreal, Price 19-11-4 (34-30).
A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:35.

Sabres 2, Devils 1

New Jersey 0 0 1-1
Buffalo 0 1 1-2
Second Period—1, Buffalo, Moulson 14 (Ennis, Ehrhoff), 19:29 (pp).
Third Period—2, New Jersey, Ryder 13 (T.Zajac, Zidlicky), 7:46 (pp). 3, Buffalo, D'Agostini 1 (Ott, Omark), 11:49 (pp).
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 7-7-8-22. Buffalo 4-12-6-22.
Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 1 of 4; Buffalo 2 of 5.
Goalies—New Jersey, Schneider 5-9-5 (22 shots-20 saves). Buffalo, Miller 11-18-1 (22-21).
A—19,070 (19,070). T—2:32.

Rangers 7, Maple Leafs 1

N.Y. Rangers 2 3 2-7
Toronto 0 1 0-1
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Hagelin 10 (Girardi, McDonagh), 6:57. 2, N.Y. Rangers, D.Moore 2, 15:57.
Second Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Pouliot 8 (Staal, Brassard), 10:39. 4, N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 11 (Stepan, J.Moore), 14:39. 5, N.Y. Rangers, D.Moore 3, 16:35. 6, Toronto, Lupul 12 (Bozak, Rielly), 17:42.
Third Period—7, N.Y. Rangers, Richards 10 (Callahan, Hagelin), 9:03. 8, N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 2 (Del Zotto, Miller), 16:04 (pp).
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 18-16-16-50. Toronto 7-11-8-26.
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 1 of 3; Toronto 0 of 1.
Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Talbot 9-3-0 (26 shots-25 saves). Toronto, Bernier 13-12-4 (32-27), Reimer (16:35 second, 18-16).
A—19,362 (18,819). T—2:36.

Panthers 5, Predators 4 (SO)

Nashville 1 1 2 0-4
Florida 2 1 1 0-5
Florida won shootout 2-1
First Period—1, Nashville, Smith 12 (Spaling, Legwand), 6:32. 2, Florida, Boyes 11 (Barkov, Gilbert), 11:03. 3, Florida, Kopecky 4 (Goc, Huberdeau), 17:56.
Second Period—4, Nashville, Fisher 11 (C.Wilson), 16:32. 5, Florida, Bergenheim 9 (Barkov, Boyes), 17:29.
Third Period—6, Florida, Goc 8 (Huberdeau), 1:34. 7, Nashville, Jones 4 (Josi, Weber), 14:52. 8, Nashville, Gaustad 6 (Hornqvist, Weber), 19:12.
Shootout—Nashville 1 (Smith NG, Legwand G, C.Wilson NG, Hendricks NG, Hornqvist NG, Bourque NG, Florida 2 (Barkov NG, Huberdeau G, Boyes NG, Bjugstad NG, Kulikov NG, Kopecky G).
Shots on Goal—Nashville 10-12-16-4-42. Florida 10-7-11-1-29.
Power-play opportunities—Nashville 0 of 2; Florida 0 of 2.
Goalies—Nashville, Mazanec 7-8-3 (29 shots-25 saves). Florida, Thomas 10-10-2 (42-38).
A—15,796 (17,040). T—2:41.

Bruins 4, Jets 1

Winnipeg 1 0 0-1
Boston 1 2 1-4
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Byfuglien 9, 10:54. 2, Boston, Paille 6 (Krug, Campbell), 14:06.
Second Period—3, Boston, Krug 9 (Paille), 3:08. 4, Boston, Krug 10 (McQuaid, Soderberg), 7:18.
Third Period—5, Boston, Smith 15 (Marchand, Bergeron), 9:59.
Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 9-19-9-37. Boston 10-12-7-29.
Power-play opportunities—Winnipeg 0 of 3; Boston 0 of 2.
Goalies—Winnipeg, Pavelec 11-17-4 (29 shots-25 saves). Boston, Rask 21-9-2 (37-36).
A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:26.

Leaders

Scoring Through Jan. 4	GP	G	A	PTS
Sidney Crosby, Pit	43	23	39	62
Patrick Kane, Chi	44	23	31	54
Ryan Getzlaf, Anh	40	20	27	47
Joe Thornton, SJ	42	5	42	47
Chris Kunitz, Pit	43	23	23	46
John Tavares, NYI	42	17	29	46
Nicklas Backstrom, Was	42	10	36	46
Patrick Sharp, Chi	44	25	20	45
Alex Ovechkin, Was	40	31	12	43
Corey Perry, Anh	43	22	21	43
Jonathan Toews, Chi	44	15	28	43
Kyle Okposo, NYI	43	16	26	42
Duncan Keith, Chi	44	3	39	42
Tyler Seguin, Dal	39	21	20	41
Patrick Marleau, SJ	42	19	22	41
Evgeni Malkin, Pit	32	9	32	41

SPORTS BRIEFS

Titans fire Munchak after three seasons

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans fired coach Mike Munchak on Saturday after spending the past week talking about changes needed for a franchise that has not reached the playoffs since 2008 and last won a postseason game in January 2003.

Munchak became the seventh NFL coach fired. He said in a statement issued through the team that he had hoped this day would never come and that he couldn't express his sadness at leaving a franchise he had been with for more than 30 years.

Munchak had a season left on his contract and was 22-26 overall. He had been with this franchise since 1982 when the then-Houston Oilers made him a first-round draft pick, and he joined the coaching staff as an assistant the year after he retired.

In other NFL news:

■ John Wooten of the Fritz Pollard Alliance said Sunday that New York Giants defensive coordinator Perry Fewell will meet with Washington Redskins general manager Bruce Allen at Redskins Park on Monday to interview to be team's head coach.

Wooten monitors coaching searches as part of his group's efforts to encourage the hiring of minorities in the NFL.

Fewell becomes the fifth known candidate to interview as the potential replacement for Mike Shanahan, who was fired last week.

Allen met with Baltimore Ravens offensive coordinator Jim Caldwell at Redskins Park on Sunday. Caldwell was head coach of the Indianapolis Colts for three seasons.

■ Wade Phillips was fired as the Houston Texans' defensive coordinator Saturday, a day after Bill O'Brien was hired as the team's head coach.

Phillips was the interim head coach for the final three games of the season after Gary Kubiak was fired and also directed the team for a game after Kubiak had a mini-stroke Nov. 3 at halftime against Indianapolis. Houston lost its last 14 games to finish an NFL-worst 2-14.

USC receiver Lee to declare for NFL Draft

LOS ANGELES — Biletnikoff Award winner Marqise Lee made the long-expected announcement with a message posted on his Twitter account that the South-

ern California receiver will pass up his senior season to enter the NFL Draft. Lee was the nation's top receiver as a sophomore in 2012, catching a school-record 118 passes for 1,721 yards and 14 touchdowns.

■ Mississippi receiver Donte Moncrief has decided to skip his senior season to enter the NFL Draft. The 6-foot-3, 226-pounder from Raleigh, Miss., had 59 catches for 938 yards and six touchdowns this season.

■ Ohio State junior linebacker Ryan Shazier has decided to give up his senior season to make himself available for the NFL Draft. A 6-foot-2, 230-pounder from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., he led the Buckeyes in tackles each of the last two seasons. His 143 tackles this season rank sixth nationally and in a tie for 13th on the Ohio State single-season charts. His 22.5 tackles for a loss this year rank third nationally.

Loney completes \$21M, 3-year deal with Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — First baseman James Loney has finalized a \$21 million, three-year contract with the Tampa Bay Rays.

Loney hit a team-leading .299 with 13 homers and 75 RBIs for the Rays last season, his first with Tampa Bay. He also was a finalist for an AL Gold Glove.

The 29-year-old Loney appeared in 158 games in 2013 and led the major leagues with a club-record .351 road batting average.

In other baseball news:

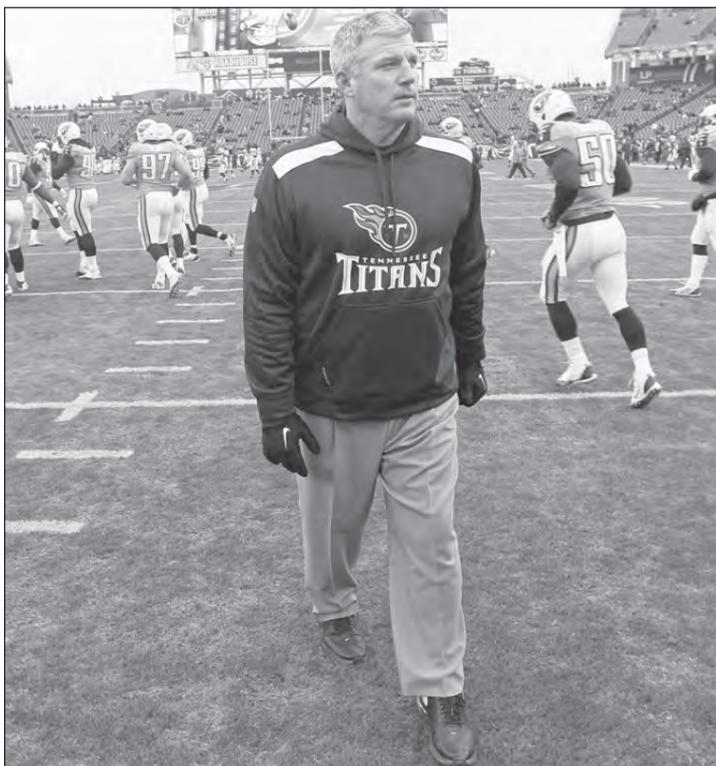
■ Colorado Rockies co-owner Charlie Monfort pleaded guilty to driving under the influence Friday and was sentenced to two years of supervised probation during which his alcohol use will be monitored.

The plea stemmed from his arrest on Nov. 4 in Windsor where police say he was pulled over and found to be driving with a breath alcohol concentration level more than three times the legal limit.

Zach Johnson takes 3-shot lead in Hawaii

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Zach Johnson relied on great wedge play and a few timely putts for a 7-under 66 to take the lead after two rounds of the Tournament of Champions.

Defending champion Dustin Johnson (66), Matt Kuchar (68) and Jordan Spieth (70) were tied



WADE PAYNE/AP

Mike Munchak, fired after three seasons as the Tennessee Titans head coach on Saturday, spent 31 years as a player and coach with the franchise. Munchak had one season left on his contract and was 22-26 overall as head coach.

for second as the winners-only tournament started to show some separation.

Johnson failed to birdie any of the par 5s, and he three-putted the par-5 fifth after hitting a 5-iron into the back of the green. But he got into mix with four birdies on a five-hole stretch on the front nine, and never came close to a bogey.

French investigators seek Schumacher video

PARIS — A French state prosecutor said Sunday he wants to obtain an alleged mobile-phone video of a skiing accident that critically injured Formula One legend Michael Schumacher.

Schumacher's fall at the Meribel ski resort in the French Alps eight days ago, in which he hit his head on a rock, has left the 45-year-old in a medically induced coma for a severe brain trauma.

Albertville prosecutor Patrick Quincy told The Associated Press by phone that French investigators are also taking steps to obtain a copy of a smartphone video cited in a report by German news magazine Der Spiegel.

Spiegel reported late Saturday

that an unnamed 35-year-old man had contacted the magazine claiming to have captured the accident on video while filming his girlfriend on his smartphone just a few meters away.

The unnamed witness, described only as a 35-year-old flight attendant from the western German city of Essen, claimed Schumacher had been skiing gently between two ski pistes at no more than 12 mph before his fall.

The magazine didn't show the video on its website, nor claim that its reporters had seen it. Spiegel said the witness told them he planned to hand the video to prosecutors.

Hewitt upsets Federer to win Brisbane title

BRISBANE, Australia — Lleyton Hewitt won a title for the first time since 2010 with an upset 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 win at the Brisbane International over Roger Federer, his oldest rival on the tour.

Top-seeded Federer was broken three times and committed 22 unforced errors in the first set, making some uncharacteristically basic mistakes including an air swing and two shanked

forehands.

He fought back in the second set and had breakpoint chances in No. 61-ranked Hewitt's first three service games in the deciding set, but couldn't get the vital breakthrough.

In other tennis news:

■ With the Australian Open just over a week away, Venus Williams and Sloane Stephens withdrew from warm-up tournaments on Sunday.

Williams, who lost the final of the Auckland WTA tournament on Saturday, pulled out of the Hobart International, informing officials on Sunday. Stephens injured her left wrist at the Hopman Cup team event on Friday in Perth and withdrew from her scheduled appearance at the Sydney International.

■ Top-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka regained the Chennai Open title without dropping a set in the tournament when he defeated Edouard Roger-Vasselin of France 7-5, 6-2 on Sunday.

Celski, Smith win more US short track races

KEARNS, Utah — J.R. Celski and Jessica Smith won their respective 500-meter finals at the U.S. Olympic short track trials.

Both speedskaters had already secured spots on the team with victories in the 1,500 on Friday. Celski and Smith came back Saturday to dominate the first of two 500 finals at the Utah Olympic Oval. He won the 'A' final in 40.994 seconds, pulling away from rival Eddy Alvarez on the final lap and cruising across the line. Alvarez finished second and Kyle Carr took third. Jordan Malone fell during the race.

Smith led all the way in winning the women's 'A' final in 44.374, with Alyson Dudek pressuring her. Emily Scott was third and Sarah Chen fourth.

US teen Shiffrin wins Bormio slalom in rain

BORMIO, Italy — American 18-year-old Mikaela Shiffrin fought through snow and rain to win her second World Cup slalom of the season Sunday, showing her ability to deal with all types of conditions a month before the Sochi Olympics.

Shiffrin led after the opening run and clocked a two-leg combined time of 2 minutes, 0.41 seconds down the Stelvio course for her sixth career World Cup win.

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NBA

Roundup

Durant hits back, halts Thunder skid

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love, Nikola Pekovic and Minnesota was ganging up on Kevin Durant, and a rare three-game losing streak for Oklahoma City was just over the horizon.

Durant's sidekick was on the bench in street clothes, leaving him on an island again. Frustrated from a poor start, Durant came out swinging in the fourth quarter and knocked the Timberwolves out with a fury.

Durant scored 23 of his season-high 48 points in the fourth quarter and hit the winner with 4 seconds to play to rally the Thunder from 13 points down to a 115-111 victory on Saturday night.

"I just hear a lot of stuff and I just wanted to come through for my team in the fourth quarter," Durant said, an apparent shot at some trash talk he heard from the Wolves' bench.

Durant went 7-for-11 from the field and hit four three-pointers in the final quarter to help the Thunder rebound from two straight losses at home.

Love played the entire second half and finished with 30 points, 14 rebounds and five assists for the Wolves. But he missed four free throws in the final 27 seconds to let this one slip away. The last three came when he was fouled on a three-pointer with 2.2 seconds to go and the Wolves down two.

Spurs 116, Clippers 92: Tiago Splitter had 22 points before leaving with a right shoulder injury, Tim Duncan added 19 points and 11 rebounds, and host San Antonio beat Los Angeles in its first game without injured All-Star Chris Paul.

Jamal Crawford scored 24 points for Los Angeles, and Blake Griffin had 19. Darren Collison added 14 points and six assists while starting in place of Paul, who separated his right shoulder Friday night against Dallas.

76ers 101, Trail Blazers 99: Thaddeus Young had 30 points and Philadelphia held on for its fourth straight win, all on the road.

Evan Turner added 23 points and rookie star Michael Carter-Williams had 16, but fell hard on the court at the final buzzer when he was trying to keep Damian Lillard from hitting the tying basket.

Carter-Williams appeared to hit his head and stayed down for several moments while his teammates held off their celebration.

Heat 110, Magic 94: At Orlando, Fla., Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh each had 20 points, helping Miami rally for the win.

Rashard Lewis added 18 points and LeBron James finished with 15 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

The Heat's win was their 22nd consecutive divisional victory, leaving it just one short of tying

Boston's NBA record set in 1961. **Pacers 99, Pelicans 82:** Paul George had 24 points and 10 rebounds to lead four Pacers in double figures, and host Indiana rallied from a seven-point half-time deficit for the win.

Lance Stephenson scored 19 points on 8-for-12 shooting, Danny Granger came off the bench to score 13 and George Hill added 10 for Indiana.

Eric Gordon finished with 21 points for the Pelicans after scoring 17 in the first half.

Nets 89, Cavaliers 82: At New York, Deron Williams scored 21 points for Brooklyn, and Paul Pierce added 17 while moving past Allen Iverson into 19th place on the NBA's career scoring list.

The Nets limited a Cleveland team playing without star guard Kyrie Irving to 37 percent shooting and matched their best defensive performance of the season.

Dion Waiters scored 26 points for the Cavaliers, who played without Irving for the second straight game because of his bruised left knee.

Bobcats 113, Kings 103: Kemba Walker scored 30 points, Al Jefferson had a season-high 27 and visiting Charlotte snapped a season-high five-game losing streak.

The Bobcats had lost their previous two games by a combined 57 points, but took the lead in this one with 17 unanswered points in the second quarter. It was Charlotte's only win on its five-game road trip.

DeMarcus Cousins had 26 points and 11 rebounds and Isaiah Thomas added 21 points and eight assists for the Kings, who are 6-13 at home this season.

Bulls 91, Hawks 84: Mike Dunleavy scored 11 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter, leading host Chicago to its fifth win in seven games.

Luol Deng added 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Bulls, hitting two free throws with 8.8 seconds left to seal the win.

Paul Millsap and Jeff Teague scored 16 points apiece for the Hawks.

Atlanta's Kyle Korver extended his NBA record of games with at least one made three-pointer to 103 straight when he hit the first of his two threes with 9:59 left in the first quarter. Korver finished with eight points.

Suns 116, Bucks 100: Gerald Green had 24 points and a career-high five steals starting in place of the injured Eric Bledsoe, pushing host Phoenix to the win.

Channing Frye added 22 points, going 6-for-9 on three-pointers for the Suns, who have won 11 of 14.

Brandon Knight had 25 points for the Bucks and O.J. Mayo scored 18 of his 20 in the second half.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	16	15	.516	—
Boston	13	20	.394	4
Brooklyn	12	21	.364	5
Philadelphia	12	21	.364	5
New York	10	22	.313	6½
Southeast Division				
Miami	25	8	.758	—
Atlanta	18	16	.529	7½
Washington	14	16	.467	9½
Charlotte	15	20	.429	11
Orlando	10	23	.303	15
Central Division				
Indiana	26	6	.813	—
Chicago	14	18	.438	12
Detroit	14	19	.424	12½
Cleveland	11	22	.333	15½
Milwaukee	7	26	.212	19½

Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	26	8	.765	—
Houston	22	13	.629	4½
Dallas	19	14	.576	6½
New Orleans	15	17	.469	10
Memphis	14	18	.438	11
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	26	7	.788	—
Portland	26	8	.765	½
Minnesota	16	17	.485	10
Denver	15	17	.469	10½
Utah	11	25	.306	16½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	23	13	.639	—
Golden State	22	13	.629	½
Phoenix	20	12	.625	1
L.A. Lakers	14	19	.424	7½
Sacramento	10	22	.313	11

Friday's games

Toronto 101, Washington 88
New Orleans 95, Boston 92
Golden State 101, Atlanta 100
Houston 102, New York 100
L.A. Clippers 119, Dallas 112
Denver 111, Memphis 108
L.A. Lakers 110, Utah 99

Saturday's games

Miami 110, Orlando 94
Indiana 99, New Orleans 82
Brooklyn 89, Cleveland 82
Chicago 91, Atlanta 84
Oklahoma City 115, Minnesota 111
San Antonio 116, L.A. Clippers 92
Phoenix 116, Milwaukee 100
Philadelphia 101, Portland 99
Charlotte 113, Sacramento 103

Sunday's games

Memphis at Detroit
Golden State at Washington
Indiana at Cleveland
Toronto at Miami
Boston at Oklahoma City
New York at Dallas
Denver at L.A. Lakers

Monday's games

Minnesota at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Brooklyn
Orlando at L.A. Clippers

Saturday

Pacers 99, Pelicans 82

NEW ORLEANS — Aminu 4-8 0-0 8, Davis 4-12 2-4 10, Ajinca 5-7 7-10 17, Holiday 4-9 0-2 8, Gordon 9-16 0-0 21, Stiemsma 0-2 0-0 0, Evans 3-9 6-7 12, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 2-5 2-3 6, Withey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-68 17-26 82.

INDIANA — George 8-24 6-7 24, West 4-8 0-0 8, Hibbert 2-7 2-4 6, G.Hill 4-9 0-0 10, Stephenson 8-12 3-4 19, Granger 4-7 3-3 13, Scola 4-7 0-0 8, Watson 3-5 0-0 6, Mahinmi 1-3 0-1 2, Butler 1-1 0-0 3, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-83 14-19 99.

New Orleans 27 22 12 21-82
Indiana 15 29 30 25-99
Three-point Goals—New Orleans 3-9 (Gordon 3-5, Evans 0-1, Aminu 0-1, Roberts 0-1, Holiday 0-1), Indiana 7-22 (Granger 2-4, G.Hill 2-6, George 2-9, Butler 1-1, Stephenson 0-1, Watson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 44 (Davis 8), Indiana 51 (George 10). Assists—New Orleans 15 (Holiday 7), Indiana 20 (George, West 5). Total Fouls—New Orleans 18, Indiana 23. Technicals—Davis, Holiday, New Orleans Bench. A—18,165 (18,165).

Suns 116, Bucks 100

MILWAUKEE — Antetokounmpo 0-2 0-0 0, Ilyasova 6-9 0-1 12, Sanders 3-5 1-2 7, Knight 8-12 8-9 25, Ridnour 1-4 0-0 2, Middleton 3-6 1-2 7, Butler 6-11 0-0 16, Mayo 7-11 2-2 20, Udoh 0-0 2-2 2, Neal 3-8 2-2 9, Wolters 0-0 0-0 0, Raduljica 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-68 16-20 100.

PHOENIX — Tucker 3-8 2-2 8, Frye 7-12 2-2 22, Plumlee 2-4 5-7 9, Dragic 5-13 4-4 15, Green 9-14 2-2 24, Goodwin 2-4 3-4 7, Mark.Morris 5-6 4-4 14, Marc.Morris 3-12 0-0 7, Smith 4-10 0-0 8, Christmas 1-2 0-0 2, Kravtsov 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-85 22-25 116.

Milwaukee 26 23 29 22-100
Phoenix 28 32 27 29-116
Three-point Goals—Milwaukee 10-21 (Mayo 4-5, Butler 4-6, Knight 1-1, Neal 1-5, Middleton 0-1, Ilyasova 0-3), Phoenix 12-27 (Frye 6-9, Green 4-7, Dragic 1-2, Marc.Morris 1-4, Christmas 0-1, Tucker 0-2, Smith 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 40 (Middleton 8), Phoenix 42 (Plumlee 9). Assists—Milwaukee 18 (Knight 8), Phoenix 20 (Smith 8). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 20, Phoenix 21. Technicals—Antetokounmpo, Green. A—14,344 (18,422).



JIM MONE/AP

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant, right, bumps into Minnesota's Corey Brewer as he drives to the basket on Saturday in Minneapolis.

Bobcats 113, Kings 103

CHARLOTTE — Douglas-Roberts 4-9 1-2 10, McRoberts 2-6 0-0 5, Jefferson 11-21 5-7 27, Walker 12-19 2-3 30, Henderson 7-13 1-2 16, Sessions 5-9 2-4 12, Zeller 2-2 2-3 6, Tolliver 2-3 0-0 6, Biyombo 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 45-83 14-23 113.

SACRAMENTO — Gay 8-14 1-2 17, Thompson 7-9 1-2 15, Cousins 8-23 10-14 26, Thomas 9-17 1-1 21, McLemore 2-8 0-0 5, Williams 2-4 0-0 5, Acy 0-0 0-0 0, Thornton 5-10 0-0 2, Fredette 1-7 0-0 2, Gray 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-92 13-19 103.

Charlotte 32 33 24 24-113
Sacramento 27 25 30 21-103
Three-point Goals—Charlotte 9-15 (Walker 4-6, Tolliver 2-2, McRoberts 1-2, Henderson 1-2, Douglas-Roberts 1-3), Sacramento 6-17 (Thornton 2-3, Thomas 2-5, Williams 1-1, McLemore 1-4, Cousins 0-2, Fredette 0-2). Fouled Out—Biyombo, Rebounds—Charlotte 45 (McRoberts 11), Sacramento 58 (Thompson 14). Assists—Charlotte 22 (Walker 6), Sacramento 17 (Thomas 8). Total Fouls—Charlotte 19, Sacramento 23. Technicals—Acy. A—16,410 (17,317).

Heat 110, Magic 94

MIAMI — James 5-13 5-8 15, Lewis 6-11 3-3 18, Bosh 9-9 2-3 20, Chalmers 4-6 0-0 9, Wade 8-15 4-5 20, Allen 0-4 1-1 1, Andersen 1-3 4-4 6, Cole 3-5 0-0 8, Beasley 4-7 5-7 13, Anthony 0-1 0-0 0, Mason Jr. 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-74 24-31 110.

ORLANDO — Harris 7-16 2-2 17, Nicholson 0-4 0-0 0, Davis 5-9 4-6 14, Nelson 7-11 2-21, Afflalo 5-16 6-6 16, Oladipo 5-13 4-4 16, Maxiell 0-1 0-0 2, Moore 2-5 2-2 6, Harkless 2-4 0-0 4, Price 0-1 0-0 0, O'Quinn 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-80 20-24 94.

Miami 30 18 33 29-110
Orlando 24 22 24 24-94
Three-point Goals—Miami 6-16 (Lewis 3-6, Cole 2-3, Chalmers 1-3, James 0-1, Andersen 0-1, Allen 0-2), Orlando 8-26 (Nelson 5-8, Oladipo 2-6, Harris 1-5, Harkless 0-1, Moore 0-1, Afflalo 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 48 (James 8), Orlando 44 (Harris 10). Assists—Miami 23 (James 8), Orlando 16 (Nelson 6). Total Fouls—Miami 16, Orlando 24. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second. A—18,846 (18,500).

Thunder 115, Wolves 111

OKLAHOMA CITY — Durant 16-32 12-13 48, Ibaka 6-13 0-0 12, Perkins 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 3-6 4-4 10, Sefolosha 2-7 0-0 5, Collison 4-6 0-0 8, Lamb 2-7 5-5 9, Adams 4-5 2-2 10, Fisher 3-7 4-4 13, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-83 27-28 115.

MINNESOTA — Brewer 6-14 2-4 15, Love 11-21 3-7 30, Pekovic 13-22 5-8 31, Rubio 4-13 5-6 13, Martin 7-14 2-3 17, Shved 0-2 0-0 0, Cunningham 0-2 0-0 0, Barea 2-5 1-1 5, Hummel 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-94 18-29 111.

Oklahoma City 26 23 28 38-115
Minnesota 30 25 32 24-111
Three-point Goals—Oklahoma City 8-24 (Durant 4-9, Fisher 3-6, Sefolosha 1-4, Jackson 0-1, Lamb 0-2, Ibaka 0-2), Minnesota 7-20 (Love 5-9, Martin 1-3, Brewer 1-4, Barea 0-2, Rubio 0-2). Fouled Out—Brewer. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 53 (Adams 9), Minnesota 53 (Love 14). Assists—Oklahoma City 22 (Durant 7), Minnesota 25 (Rubio 10). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 29, Minnesota 24. Technicals—Durant, Oklahoma City defensive three second. A—18,065 (19,356).

Bulls 91, Hawks 84

ATLANTA — Carroll 4-8 1-2 10, Millsap 5-18 6-6 16, Antic 3-8 0-0 9, J.Teague 7-16 2-2 16, Korver 3-9 0-0 8, Brand 2-4 0-0 4, Williams 2-6 1-1 5, Scott 4-10 2-3 12, Mack 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 32-86 12-14 84.

CHICAGO — Deng 5-15 6-6 17, Gibson 4-12 2-2 10, Noah 3-7 4-6 10, Hinrich 2-3 0-0 5, Butler 4-11 2-4 11, Dunleavy 9-14 0-0 20, Mohammed 2-6 3-4 7, Augustin 4-13 2-2 11, Snell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-81 19-24 91.

Atlanta 18 27 19 20-84
Chicago 26 24 17 24-91

Three-point Goals—Atlanta 8-28 (Antic 3-5, Scott 2-4, Korver 2-7, Carroll 1-2, Williams 0-1, Mack 0-2, Millsap 0-3, J.Teague 0-4), Chicago 6-17 (Dunleavy 2-3, Deng 1-1, Hinrich 1-2, Butler 1-5, Augustin 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 50 (Millsap 12), Chicago 59 (Gibson, Noah 12). Assists—Atlanta 21 (J.Teague 6), Chicago 19 (Augustin 7). Total Fouls—Atlanta 20, Chicago 15. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second. A—21,539 (20,917).

Spurs 116, Clippers 92

L.A. CLIPPERS — Dudley 3-6 0-0 6, Griffin 7-15 5-7 19, Jordan 2-5 0-0 4, Collison 6-9 1-2 14, Crawford 10-22 3-5 24, W.Green 4-8 0-0 8, Barnes 2-9 3-4 7, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Jamison 0-2 2-2 2, Hollins 1-1 1-1 3, Mullens 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 37-79 15-21 92.

SAN ANTONIO — Leonard 5-8 0-0 10, Duncan 9-18 1-1 19, Splitter 8-12 6-9 22, Parker 8-9 1-1 17, Belinelli 2-5 0-0 5, Ginobili 6-11 2-3 15, D.Green 1-8 0-0 3, Ayres 3-5 0-0 6, Mills 3-6 0-0 7, De Colo 0-2 2-2 2, Bonner 1-1 0-0 2, Baynes 3-4 0-0 6, Joseph 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 50-90 12-16 116.

L.A. Clippers 17 18 35 22-92
San Antonio 37 33 18 28-116
Three-point Goals—L.A. Clippers 3-15 (Mullens 1-1, Crawford 1-2, Collison 1-2, Jamison 0-1, W.Green 0-2, Dudley 0-2, Barnes 0-5), San Antonio 4-18 (Belinelli 1-1, Mills 1-4, Ginobili 1-4, D.Green 1-7, Leonard 0-1, De Colo 0-1). Fouled Out—Jordan, Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 44 (Jordan 10), San Antonio 48 (Duncan 11). Assists—L.A. Clippers 21 (Crawford 7), San Antonio 34 (Parker 9). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 24, San Antonio 20. A—18,581 (18,797).

Nets 89, Cavaliers 82

CLEVELAND — Clark 3-9 0-0 7, Thompson 3-8 3-4 9, Varejao 2-6 0-0 4, Jack 1-8 0-0 2, Miles 6-19 5-8 19, Waiters 9-18 5-6 26, Zeller 1-2 0-0 2, Dellavedova 4-7 1-2 13, Bennett 0-2 0-0 0, Sims 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-79 14-20 82.

BROOKLYN — Johnson 1-7 0-0 2, Pierce 6-14 3-17, Evans 3-6 2-4 8, Williams 7-10 6-7 21, Livingston 3-8 0-0 6, Kirilenko 2-3 4-4 8, Anderson 1-6 0-0 3, Blatche 4-10 4-4 12, Teletovic 3-6 0-0 9, Terry 1-1 0-0 3, Plumlee 0-0 0-0 0, Taylor 0-0 0-0 0, Shengelia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-71 19-22 89.

Cleveland 17 21 27 17-82
Brooklyn 22 29 16 22-89
Three-point Goals—Cleveland 10-22 (Dellavedova 4-4, Waiters 3-5, Miles 2-8, Clark 1-4, Jack 0-1), Brooklyn 8-24 (Teletovic 3-6, Pierce 2-6, Terry 1-1, Anderson 1-3, Williams 1-3, Johnson 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 60 (Varejao 12), Brooklyn 39 (Evans 11). Assists—Cleveland 14 (Jack 7), Brooklyn 24 (Williams 6). Total Fouls—Cleveland 22, Brooklyn 18. Technicals—Waiters. A—17,732 (17,732).

76ers 101, Trail Blazers 99

PHILADELPHIA — Young 14-20 1-2 30, Turner 9-20 3-4 23, Hawes 3-8 2-2 9, Carter-Williams 5-16 6-8 16, Thompson 1-3 0-0 2, Anderson 1-4 1-1 3, Allen 3-6 0-0 6, Wroten 4-10 4-7 12, E.Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Davies 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-99 24-30 99.

PORTLAND — Batum 1-9 2-2 4, Aldridge 13-30 3-3 29, Lopez 4-8 6-10 14, Lillard 6-20 4-4 17, Matthews 4-12 5-7 13, Freeland 2-4 0-0 4, M.Williams 5-13 4-4 16, Wright 0-1 0-0 0, Leonard 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-99 24-30 99.

Philadelphia 32 20 17 32-101
Portland 19 31 26 23-99
Three-point Goals—Philadelphia 4-14 (Turner 2-3, Hawes 1-1, Young 1-3, Wroten 0-1, Thompson 0-2, Carter-Williams 0-2, Anderson 0-2), Portland 3-22 (M.Williams 2-6, Lillard 1-6, Wright 0-1, Batum 0-4, Matthews 0-5). Fouled Out—Batum. Rebounds—Philadelphia 51 (Hawes, Carter-Williams 9), Portland 73 (Lopez 15). Assists—Philadelphia 18 (Hawes 7), Portland 26 (Batum 10). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 25, Portland 20. A—20,004 (19,980).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Strong tells Louisville he's off to Texas

BY GARY B. GRAVES
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Charlie Strong has told Cardinals athletic director Tom Jurich that he is leaving for Texas.

Strong, 37-15 in four seasons at Louisville, including 3-1 in bowl games, will replace Mack Brown.

The 53-year-old Strong met this week with new Texas athletic director Steve Patterson about the coaching vacancy, but he wanted to wait until speaking directly with Jurich to accept Texas' offer. Jurich was on vacation in Colorado and weather problems made traveling back to Louisville difficult.

Jurich returned to Louisville on Saturday night and met with Strong. Jurich gave Strong his first chance to be a head coach after a long successful career as a defensive coordinator at Florida and South Carolina.

SI.com reported Strong will receive a five-year contract that will pay him \$5 million annually.

Texas officials declined comment Saturday night, but were expected to make a formal announcement on Strong taking over the Longhorns on Sunday.

Strong's decision ends a day that began with him telling assistant coaches in a brief meeting that he hadn't decided whether to accept Texas' offer. Asked about the coach's timetable for a decision, Louisville football spokesman Rocco Gasparro said, "It's a difficult decision for him."

Strong leaves as one of Louisville's most successful



AL BEHRMAN/AP

Louisville head coach Charlie Strong's deal to become the head coach at Texas is reported to be a five years and \$25 million.

coaches, one who took the program from three consecutive non-winning seasons to four straight bowl games including Louisville's second BCS victory last January with a 33-23 upset of Florida in the Sugar Bowl. The Cardinals

added another bowl win last week, beating Miami 36-9 in the Russell Athletic Bowl.

He would be Texas' first black head football coach and inherits a program aching to reclaim its place among the nation's elite.

The Longhorns have lost at least four games each of the past three seasons and ended this season with a 30-7 loss to Oregon in the Alamo Bowl.

That, and an 18-17 mark in the Big 12 in the last four seasons, frustrated Texas fans, who demand much more from the wealthiest athletic program in the country that sits in the middle of the most fertile high school recruiting grounds in the country.

Strong's hiring provides the Longhorns a strong recruiter that has built his program with talent from south Florida, including star quarterback Teddy Bridgewater.

Texas also has its Longhorn Network partnership with the ESPN, a 24-hour channel dedicated to Texas athletics.

Brown had cited the fractured fan base in his resignation news conference and said it was time for someone else to unite Texas supporters. Brown lasted 16 years in the pressure cooker of Texas, but his final four years included university regents and powerbrokers exploring when and how to replace him, including a meeting with Alabama coach Nick Saban's agent in early 2013.

AP College Football Writer Ralph Russo in Newport Beach, Calif., and AP Sports Writer Jim Vertuno in Austin, Texas, contributed to this report.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

North Dakota State quarterback Brock Jensen gets a pass off under pressure from Towson defensive end Ryan Delaire during the FCS championship game on Saturday in Frisco, Texas. NDSU won 35-7.

N. Dakota St. wins FCS title

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — From Fargo to Frisco again, and a perfect championship ending for senior quarterback Brock Jensen and coach Craig Bohl at North Dakota State.

Jensen threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score in his FCS-quarterback record 48th victory, and the Bison capped a 15-0 season with a 35-7 victory over Towson on Saturday to claim their third straight FCS title in Bohl's final game at the school.

"It hasn't (set in) right now, but I think in a couple of months it's going to," said Bohl, who stayed with the Bison for their playoff run after accepting the job as Wyoming's coach. "This team was possessed with perfection. And they relentlessly pursued it. ... It's pretty remarkable."

The Bison joined Appalachian State (2005-07) as the only FCS teams to win three consecutive championships. They are the first undefeated champs at that level since Marshall in 1996, the year before the Thundering Herd moved to Division I.

"It gets better every time. Definitely," Jensen said. "That was the last time I'll put on a Bison jersey but man, it's been fun ride."

Bohl was 104-32 in 11 seasons at North Dakota State, which has won 24 consecutive games to match the FCS record.

The Bison went ahead to stay on Ryan Smith's 5-yard TD run in the second quarter that snapped a 7-7 tie. That came one play after Colten Heagle blocked a field goal try that was scooped up by defensive end Kyle Emanuel and returned 59 yards. It was the first of three consecutive possessions when North Dakota State scored touchdowns.

"We made a mistake, and they made us pay for it," Towson coach Rob Ambrose said. "I think we all knew what kind of game it was at that point. ... Things were moving in the right direction, at least for us, head to head, pretty even."

Towson (13-3), the first school to play in championship games at the FCS and NCAA Division III levels, was 1-10 only three years ago in Ambrose's second season. But the Tigers had their lowest scoring total since a 28-3 loss at Maryland four games into the 2011 season.

Terrance West ran 3 yards on the final play of the first quarter for Towson's only touchdown, his 41st TD rushing and 42nd overall this season. The junior finished with 22 carries for 99 yards, pushing his season total to 2,509 — the most ever by an FCS player.

BBVA Compass Bowl

Vandy blows big lead, still throttles Houston

BY CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — James Franklin wanted to savor Vanderbilt's bowl win.

Any public comment about his interest in another job would have to wait.

Patton Robinette threw two 50-yard touchdown passes to Jordan Matthews, and Vanderbilt recovered after blowing a 24-point lead to beat Houston 41-24 on Saturday in the BBVA Compass Bowl.

Robinette, starting after senior Austyn Carta-Samuels had season-ending surgery to repair a torn ACL in his left knee, also had an 8-yard scoring run as Vanderbilt built a 24-0 lead in the first half.

After Houston (8-4) pulled even by scoring 24 points in the third quarter, Vanderbilt reclaimed the lead on Brian Kimbrow's 21-yard touchdown run. It was the start of 17 fourth-quarter points for the Commodores.

"The thing that's probably the most exciting to me is there is a culture of winning at Vanderbilt," Franklin said. "These guys know how to win. A lot of different ways they do it, ugly, pretty, people can describe it however they want."

Vanderbilt (9-4) closed the season with five straight wins, adding to Franklin's status as a possible candidate for coaching vacancies, including at Penn State and with the NFL's Browns and Redskins. The Commodores played in three straight bowl games under Franklin and completed their first back-to-back nine-win seasons.

Franklin talked after the game about Vanderbilt's returning players. He left the interview room

without replying when asked if he would be back.

Vandy players doused Franklin with a water bucket in the final seconds.

Houston gained only 22 yards and had one first down in the first half but rallied with 24 points in the third quarter to pull even. Kenneth Farrow had a 6-yard scoring run and Deontay Greenberry and John O'Korn threw scoring passes to Markeith Ambles.

Franklin joked the Houston comeback was arranged to protect the TV ratings.

"Statistically, it was crazy," Franklin said. "Our defense gave up 22 yards in the first half, 300 yards in the third quarter. We were told by the ESPN people that the ratings had gone down so we wanted to spike them back up by making it exciting in the third quarter."

The Commodores regrouped with two big gains on direct snaps to running backs early in the fourth quarter. Jerron Seymour ran for 38 yards to the Houston 34. Kimbrow's touchdown run gave the lead back to Vanderbilt.

Jahmel McIntosh's interception less than a minute later gave the ball back to Vanderbilt, setting up Carey Spear's 35-yard field goal.

Seymour added a 2-yard scoring run with less than two minutes remaining.

Matthews, a senior who set Southeastern Conference records for career catches and yards receiving, had five catches for 143 yards and two touchdowns and was selected the game MVP.

Robinette completed only one pass to another receiver — for 11 yards to Jonathan Krause.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Hybrid stars are not-so-secret weapons

Florida State CB Joyner, Auburn TE Uzomah could have big impact in BCS championship

By RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Lamarcus Joyner is listed on Florida State's depth chart as a cornerback. That fails to tell the whole story of the All-America defensive back.

Auburn's C.J. Uzomah is the Tigers' No. 1 tight end, though he's almost as likely to line up out wide or in the back field.

In college football today it helps to have players who are hard to define because it also makes them hard to neutralize.

Hybrid is the term that gets thrown around a lot. Joyner and Uzomah fit the description and could have a major impact on the BCS championship game Monday night, when the top-ranked Seminoles and No. 2 Tigers meet in the Rose Bowl.

Joyner is the Swiss Army knife of Florida State's stingy and fast defense, which ranks tops in the nation in yards per play (3.95) and third in yards per game (268.5) allowed.

"First of all he's very intelligent," Florida State defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt said Thursday. "He's got a lot of football savvy about him. We play six defensive backs and he can play all six positions. He's a really good man-to-man guy. He can play the ball in the deep part of the field. He can tackle in space. He's a great blitz. He's just an all-around good football player."

If Joyner was a basketball player, he'd be a point guard who fills up the stat sheet. The 5-foot-



WADE PAYNE/AP

Auburn's C.J. Uzomah, left, is the Tigers' No. 1 tight end, though he's almost as likely to line up out wide or in the back field. In college football, it helps to have players who are hard to define because it also makes them hard to neutralize.

8, 190-pound senior and former five-star recruit from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was second on the team in tackles with 64, led the team in sacks with five, had two interceptions, four passes broken up and three forced fumbles this season.

He's been asked to do a lot — and wished he could do even more.

"If it's important enough to you, you would do it and the passion that I have for the game it allows me to do so," he said. "Whatever I have to learn I will do it. If the dear Lord blessed me to be 50 pounds heavier and three more inches taller I may go to linebacker or d-end or something. I just love football."

While most cornerbacks be-



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Defensive back Lamarcus Joyner (20) was second on No. 1-ranked Florida State's stingy and fast defense this year with 64 tackles. He also led the team in sacks with five, had two interceptions, four passes broken up and three forced fumbles.

come stars because of their ability to play on an island, isolated with an elite receiver, Joyner thrives on being in on the action.

"I love being around that ball," he said. "You have some lockdown corners and they don't get any action. I get to roam around on the football field, stick my nose in everyone's business and always be around the football."

Auburn offensive coordinator Rhett Lashlee compared Joyner to former Alabama All-America cornerback Gilbert Arenas.

"He's a guy we have to know where he's at," Lashlee said. "We have to account for him because you see some plays some teams run the ball one way and he's making a play 20 yards on the other side of the field before guys on that side of the field are. You can tell he's got a high football IQ."

Uzomah does most of his work away from the ball.

The former high school quarterback from Suwanee, Ga., made the transition to tight end when he got to college in 2011 and added wide receiver to his title last year when Auburn was playing a pro-style offense under former coach Gene Chizik. But in coach Gus Malzahn's spread he's back to being a tight end in name, if not strictly by definition.

"CJ is extremely versatile," Lashlee said. "He can play tight end. He can flex out and be a receiver. He can be in the backfield like an H-back. He can play inside or outside receiver. He's got enough size and strength to block defensive linemen, linebackers."

Uzomah's made only nine catches this season for 146 yards while being limited at times by a leg injury. But playing for the No. 1 rushing offense in the nation, the 6-4, 258-pound junior knows his most important role is as a blocker.

"I love the physicality aspect of it now," he said. "I think that's something we take pride in on the perimeter."

Seminoles ready to face Tigers' hurry-up attack

By KAREEM COPELAND
The Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Wind sprints are no longer needed at Florida State practices. There's plenty of running in between plays.

Auburn will feature the No. 1 run game in the nation when the teams meet in the BCS championship Monday, but it's not the read-option misdirection that has the Seminoles concerned.

The fast-paced, hurry-up nature is the issue.

To prepare for the strenuous pace, defensive coaches had players racing the offense back to the ball to line up and get set.

The Tigers want to snap the ball as quickly as possible on offense and hit big plays while the defense scrambles to get in position, get the call from the sideline and make adjustments.

"It's not hard to run if there is nobody there," Florida State defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt said.

The Seminoles do have a trump card that could allow them to

handle the pace as well as any team. The defense is chock-full of versatile players who can remain on the field despite the call. That reduces the stress of trying to shuffle different players on the field while Auburn attempts to push the pace.

All-America nickelback Lamarcus Joyner moved from the corner during the season, from safety during the offseason and leads the team with five sacks. Defensive end Christian Jones moved from middle linebacker after three games. Freshman safety Jalen Ramsey moved from cornerback after a season-ending injury to Tyler Hunter. Linebacker Telvin Smith leads the team with 75 tackles and his three interceptions are the second-most on the team. Defensive end Mario Edwards Jr. is a premier run-stopper with plenty of athleticism in a 6-foot-3, 285-pound frame.

"We've got a lot of guys out there that can do a lot of different things," Jones said. "Playing against a team like this, it's going to pay off. They like to hurry-up. They like to get the ball off before



JAE C. HONG/AP

Auburn quarterback Nick Marshall, right, hands off the ball to running back Tre Mason during practice in Irvine, Calif., for Monday's BCS national championship game against Florida State.

we can get set. We've been doing a good job in practice trying to simulate that so we don't make any mistakes during the game."

Speedy freshman quarterback John Franklin has played the role of Auburn quarterback Nick Marshall, who has run for 1,023 yards. Explosive back Mario Pender,

who was academically ineligible during the regular season, has mimicked Heisman finalist Tre Mason. So, there hasn't been any lack of speed on the Florida State scout team.

But Auburn didn't set the single-season school record for yards rushing at 4,364 by accident.

"I feel like we're pretty good at what we do, and that's what got us here," Mason said. "That's our edge, running our plays at a fast pace, and a very high tempo. We feel like that's our edge, getting the ball snapped before they're even ready or realize."

Clemson presented Florida State with a hurry-up look, but those Tigers weren't as effective as their Southeastern Conference counterparts. There was more of an emphasis on the misdirection for the defense and controlling their assigned gaps along the line of scrimmage. That's also a concern with Auburn.

"They create problems with edge with motions, which you've got to set edges and they can out-flank you," Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher said. "When they do, you have to be gap-control sound inside. ... Different guys can carry the ball and they'll (throw a) deep ball (to) a guy and create big plays that way and then the tempo."

"It's a combination of all those things and they execute it very well."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Matches to watch in BCS title game

By RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

No. 1 Florida State has not played a game all season decided in the fourth quarter. The Seminoles have been the most dominant team in the country, albeit against a schedule that has not been nearly as tough as the one No. 2 Auburn has played.

Still, the Seminoles have the most talented two-deep depth chart in the country, loaded with five-star recruits and NFL prospects, starting with Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston.

The Tigers have the top-ranked running game (335.7 yards per game) as their trump card. Coach Gus Malzahn's up-tempo, spread offense often looks unstoppable.

Here are six matchups that will help determine the winner of the BCS championship game Monday night in the Rose Bowl, with some analysis from Xs and Os expert Chris Brown, who writes the Smart Football blog.

1 Auburn WRs Sammie Coates, Quan Bray and Ricardo Louis vs. Florida State CBs Lamarcus Joyner, Ronald Darby and P.J. Williams.

Auburn is not much of a down-field passing team, but as Brown put it, the Tigers get a lot of "free yardage" throwing quick short passes and screens with the field spread. The Seminoles' cornerbacks are the best they have faced this season. Brown said if Joyner and company can play tight man-to-man on Auburn's receivers, the Seminoles can load the box against the Tigers' running game to make up for their relatively light linebackers such as Telvin Smith (218 pounds). As Brown points out, for all the misdirection and speed sweeps that Auburn uses, the Tigers are a



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Auburn wide receiver Sammie Coates and his teammates will face off against the best cornerbacks they've played this season in Florida State.

power team that attacks between the tackles with Heisman Trophy finalist Tre Mason.

2 Auburn LT Greg Robinson vs. Florida State DE Mario Edwards.

"Robinson has been awesome," Brown said. The 320-pound earth-mover mashed Missouri's quick but small defensive ends in the Southeastern Conference title game. Edwards is a more stout 277 pounds and better at the point of attack. On the other side, Florida State uses Eddie Goldman (303 pounds) and Demonte McAllister (290).

3 Auburn FB Jay Prosch vs. Florida State's ends and linebackers.

Prosch is a masher, 258 pounds with Hulk Hogan biceps. Brown said that unlike many



STEPHEN M. DOWELL, ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT

Florida State defensive end Mario Edwards Jr., bottom, could find trouble against 320-pound Auburn LT Greg Robinson on Monday night in the BCS championship game.



Prosch

teams that run the read option, Malzahn will use Prosch to wipe out the end or linebacker assigned to QB Nick Marshall on the read option. The Seminoles ends are bulky, but Prosch is almost 20 pounds bigger than all but one linebacker listed on Florida State's two-deep.

4 Florida State QB Jameis Winston vs. patience.

Do not blitz Winston. You might get a few sacks — Florida State has allowed 29 — but he does huge damage. According to ESPN Stats and Info, Winston has completed 71 percent of his passes against blitzes and thrown 20 touchdowns against three interceptions. Brown said Auburn defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson needs to drop his linebackers and safeties and hope

Winston's aggressiveness and remarkable arm work against him. "The only time he's really struggled is when he got a little impatient and forced some throws," Brown said.

5 Florida State's offensive line vs. Auburn's defensive line.

Sounds over simplified — aren't all games won at the line? — but for Auburn this is vital. The best part of the Tigers defense by far is its deep and talented line, highlighted by DE Dee Ford and DTs Nosa Eguae and Gabe Wright. The Tigers can't afford to commit safeties to stop the run, because they need them to take away Florida State's trio of talented receivers (Kelvin Benjamin, Kenny Shaw and Rashad Greene). FSU's offensive line is very good, but not particularly deep. Auburn's line must control the running game and pressure Winston without extra help. "If Florida State's running backs are getting to the second level, then game over for Auburn," Brown said.



STEPHEN M. DOWELL, ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT

Florida State tight end Nick O'Leary could be a tough matchup for Auburn's safeties and linebackers.

6 Florida State TE Nick O'Leary vs. Auburn's safeties and linebackers.

O'Leary (6-3, 248) is not a Gronk-style matchup problem, but Auburn's defensive back are very small. LBs Cassanova McKinzy, Jake Holland and Kris Frost are going to find themselves in coverage with him at some point.

Stargazing: Winston considers man who recruited him a father figure

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"he didn't think, first of all, that we could get him. Second of all, that he would go play baseball.

"But if we get him we got the best quarterback in the country who could possibly be the first player taken and win the Heisman Trophy."

Today, Winston considers Craig a father figure and the two remain close despite Craig's change of teams. The two normally talk regularly, but this week has been different. Winston said he deleted Craig from his phone to avoid the temptation to call. The two are so tight that Craig got a shout-out during Winston's Heisman speech.

"It wasn't a surprise," Craig said. "That was part of the plan. I laid out the plan for him when I recruited him. I told him he would win, not only one, but two Heisman trophies.

"It was all about appreciation, the love. That makes me feel good."

Everything started with the bold idea



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to recruit the two-sport star in the first place. Then Craig had to gain the trust of the family. He had the built-in advantage of being a former elite quarterback from Alabama who played at Auburn. Mom was an Auburn fan and Craig could relate to Winston's experiences.

Craig thought he lost the recruit to Stanford when Winston didn't sign on signing day, but three years of trying paid off — even though Craig lost some fans in his home state. He caught heat from Alabama fans and Auburn fans unhappy that Winston was leaving the state.

"Just talking to him, meeting his family and everything, I see him as me," Winston said. "When I grow up, I want to be like him. Obviously, I want to be in the NFL longer.

"When I grow up I have to have somebody in my life. He's a funny guy. I love his family. I call him Uncle Craig."

Craig had grand plans for Winston and that included him growing up faster than a normal freshman.

"I've never, ever treated a redshirt freshman like I treated him," Craig said. "At some point I felt like I was being too hard on him."

Craig was already at Auburn when the sexual assault investigation of Winston became public. The state attorney did not

'It wasn't a surprise. That was part of the plan.'

Dameyune Craig

Former Florida State assistant on Jameis Winston winning the Heisman Trophy

charge Winston, but the investigation was a national story in the middle of the season. Craig stayed in touch with Winston by phone.

"He handled it a lot better than you would imagine," Craig said. "It didn't bother him. It bothered him, but it didn't bother him. Like he said, he knew he didn't do anything wrong, so he didn't have anything to worry about.

"I didn't get into great details with him about it, but I wanted him to have my support and know that if he needed anything I was there for him."

NFL PLAYOFFS: NFC WILD CARD

Prolific offenses kept in check

Graham's FG as time expires gives Saints first playoff road victory

By BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — After erasing nearly a half-century of road playoff frustration, a trip to Seattle shouldn't be intimidating for Drew Brees, Shayne Graham and the New Orleans Saints.

Graham's 32-yard field goal, the fourth of the game for the recent addition to the team, won the wild-card game on the final play, 26-24 over the Philadelphia Eagles on Saturday night. Brees, who threw for a touchdown and guided the 34-yard drive to the winning kick, didn't need to be a big star because the Saints' running game and defense — along with Graham's leg — provided the heroics.

"It's just, man, believing in each other, ignoring what everyone else has to say," Brees said.

New Orleans had been 0-5 in playoff games outside of the Big Easy since entering the league in 1967. The Saints (12-5) will play at NFC top-seed Seattle next Saturday; they lost there 34-7 in the regular season.

"It's loud, it's crazy, they've got a good thing going there," Brees said of the next challenge. "Obviously, they've only lost one game there in the last two years. But having been there less than a month ago, I think that serves us well, what to expect, how to prepare for it."

"But we're going to need our best game, that's for sure."

This was not their best offensive game, by far. But Graham, now with his 10th team after being signed by the Saints just over two weeks ago to replace long-time kicker Garrett Hartley, also connected from 36, 46 and 35 yards.

"I didn't feel an ounce of fear," the 13-year veteran said. "If I had been here for 14 years or for one game, my job is the same. I feel like I've been adopted into a family."

Brees threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Lance Moore, Mark Ingram rushed for 97 yards and a score, and the Saints' defense slowed Chip Kelly's up-tempo offense just enough.

The Eagles wound up 10-7 in Kelly's first year as coach. He guided them from worst to first in the NFC East, but they were only 4-5 at home.

"I didn't think winning the division was a surprise to us and we're disappointed we didn't move forward," Kelly said.

Nick Foles hit rookie Zach Ertz for a 3-yard touchdown with 4:54 remaining as Philadelphia rallied from a 13-point deficit to take a one-point lead. But Darren Sproles had a 39-yard kickoff return and a horse-collar tackle penalty brought New Orleans to the Philadelphia 48. Using mostly runs, the Saints ate up the clock and set up Graham's winner.

"We know what we're all about," Brees said. "This was a great testament to that. Coming on the road, hostile environment, great



MICHAEL PEREZ/AP

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles is sacked by New Orleans Saints Junior Galette, left, and Curtis Lofton during the second half of their wild-card playoff game on Saturday in Philadelphia.

team, one of the hottest teams in football and getting one of those big victories."

Two teams with prolific offenses couldn't get on track for much of the game.

Graham's 46-yarder as the first half ended made it 7-6 as everyone wondered where all the offensive fireworks went. The teams combined for an average of 816.7 yards and 53.5 points per game during the regular season.

When Riley Cooper, who earlier scored Philadelphia's first

touchdown, had a huge drop in the third quarter, the Saints immediately made Philly pay. A 66-yard drive highlighted by Benjamin Watson's 27-yard reception led to Ingram's TD from the 4 for a 20-7 lead.

That's when the Eagles finally made a dynamic play with the ball, DeSean Jackson's leaping 40-yard catch over Corey White. NFL rushing leader LeSean McCoy scored from the 1 on fourth down to make things close.

Jackson helped make it closer

with a 29-yard punt return that set up Alex Henery's 31-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, cutting the Saints' lead to 20-17.

Another 40-yard completion, from Brees to seldom-used Robert Meachem, led to Graham's 35-yard field goal, setting up the frantic finish.

Jackson was the central figure in setting up Ertz's go-ahead score, drawing a 40-yard pass interference call on the beleaguered White.

But Brees then guided the winning drive, disappointing Foles, who went to the same Texas high school as Brees and wears the same No. 9.

"This doesn't feel good," said Foles, who led the NFL in passer rating and was 8-3 as a starter. "We wanted to keep playing. It's tough to lose. It hurts. But we're going to keep building."

Meanwhile, the Saints move on with confidence in a defense that held the NFL's top rushing offense to 80 yards — McCoy had just 77 — and their own ground game, which gained 185 without injured Pierre Thomas.

"Just the fact they had confidence in me to carry the load, it says a lot," Ingram said. "People are going to talk, you'll always have critics, have doubters. But my teammates know I go out there and bust my tail every day and that's all that matters."



MATT ROURKE/AP

New Orleans kicker Shayne Graham, center, watches his winning field goal with holder Luke McCown, left, and Philadelphia's Brandon Boykin on the last play of their 26-24 win over the Eagles.

Scoreboard

Playoff glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 44
New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24
Sunday, Jan. 5
San Diego at Cincinnati
San Francisco at Green Bay
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
New Orleans at Seattle
Cincinnati or Indianapolis at New England
Sunday, Jan. 12
Green Bay or San Francisco at Carolina
Indianapolis or San Diego at Denver
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19

Saturday
Colts 45, Chiefs 44

Kansas City 10 21 10 3-44
Indianapolis 7 3 21 14-45

First Quarter
KC—Bowe 6 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 8:11.
Ind—Hilton 10 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 4:34.
KC—FG Succop 19, :53.

Second Quarter
KC—Avery 79 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 14:39.
KC—Sherman 5 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 13:05.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 37, 9:14.
KC—Davis 4 run (Succop kick), 1:51.

Third Quarter
KC—Davis 10 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 13:39.
Ind—D.Brown 10 run (Vinatieri kick), 11:47.
Ind—D.Brown 3 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:32.
KC—FG Succop 42, 4:12.
Ind—Fleener 12 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 2:31.

Fourth Quarter
Ind—Luck 2 offensive fumble return (Vinatieri kick), 10:38.
KC—FG Succop 43, 5:36.
Ind—Hilton 64 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 4:21.
A—63,551.

	KC	Ind
First downs	30	28
Total Net Yards	513	536
Rushes-yards	32-150	19-100
Passing	363	436
Punt Returns	1-6	0-0
Kickoff Returns	7-187	3-90
Interceptions Ret.	3-22	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	30-46-0	29-45-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	1-7
Punts	2-39.0	1-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	4-19
Time of Possession	37:33	22:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Kansas City, Davis 18-67, A.Smith 8-57, Charles 3-18, Gray 2-5, McCuster 1-3. **Indianapolis**, D.Brown 11-55, Luck 7-45, Richardson 1-0.

Passing—Kansas City, A.Smith 30-46-0-378. **Indianapolis**, Luck 29-45-3-443.

Receiving—Kansas City, Bowe 8-150, McCluster 7-52, Davis 7-33, Hemingway 2-30, Fasano 2-6, Sherman 2-1, Avery 1-79, Jenkins 1-27. **Indianapolis**, Hilton 13-224, Fleener 5-46, Brazill 4-54, D.Brown 4-47, Whalen 2-26, Rogers 1-46.

Missed field goals—None.

Saints 26, Eagles 24

New Orleans 0 6 14 6-26
Philadelphia 0 7 7 10-24

Second Quarter
NO—FG S.Graham 36, 8:37.
Phi—Cooper 10 pass from Foles (Henery kick), 1:48.
NO—FG S.Graham 46, :00.

Third Quarter
NO—Moore 24 pass from Brees (S.Graham kick), 10:08.
NO—Ingram 4 run (S.Graham kick), 3:54.
Phi—McCoy 1 run (Henery kick), :32.

Fourth Quarter
Phi—FG Henery 31, 11:14.
NO—FG S.Graham 35, 8:04.
Phi—Ertz 3 pass from Foles (Henery kick), 4:54.
NO—FG S.Graham 32, :00.
A—69,144.

	NO	Phi
First downs	26	17
Total Net Yards	434	256
Rushes-yards	36-185	22-80
Passing	249	176
Punt Returns	3-31	1-29
Kickoff Returns	4-98	5-124
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-47
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-2	23-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-1	2-19
Punts	3-35.0	5-48.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-85	4-38
Time of Possession	34:53	25:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—New Orleans, Ingram 18-97, K.Robinson 8-45, Sproles 4-29, Brees 5-13, Stills 1-1. **Philadelphia**, McCoy 21-77, Foles 1-3.

Passing—New Orleans, Brees 20-30-2-250. **Philadelphia**, Foles 23-33-0-195.

Receiving—New Orleans, Sproles 4-31, J.Graham 3-44, Stills 3-35, Ingram 3-17, Moore 2-31, Colston 2-16, Meachem 1-40, Watson 1-27, Hill 1-9. **Philadelphia**, Cooper 6-68, Avant 5-21, McCoy 4-15, Jackson 3-53, Ertz 3-22, Celek 2-16.

Missed field goals—Philadelphia, Henery 48 (WL).

NFL PLAYOFFS: AFC WILD CARD

Luck rallies Colts to improbable victory

Chiefs let 38-10 third-quarter lead evaporate as injuries to key players take a toll

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Chuck Pagano couldn't believe his eyes. Andrew Luck couldn't believe his ears. Colts fans couldn't believe the scoreboard and the Kansas City Chiefs couldn't believe their incredibly bad luck.

It seemed unfathomable.

On a day Luck appeared to be pressing and, at times, as bad as he ever has been while putting Indianapolis in a 28-point deficit, the Colts quarterback somehow turned things around. He threw three of his four touchdowns in the second half, scored on a fumble return and connected with a wide-open T.Y. Hilton on a 64-yard TD pass to give the Colts an improbable 45-44 wild-card victory Saturday.

"One for the ages," said Pagano, Indianapolis' coach. "I think somebody said that it was the second-largest comeback or whatever in the history of whatever. I guess 21 wasn't large enough at half, so we thought we've give them another seven, you know, just to make it interesting."

Actually, rallying from 28 down made the latest of Luck's amazing comebacks one to remember.

Indianapolis (12-5) became only the second playoff team to rally from that big a deficit, according to STATS. Buffalo rallied from 32 points to beat Houston 41-38 in January 1993, though that one required overtime.

The teams' 1,049 combined total yards set an NFL postseason record, and their 89 combined points is third on the all-time list.

The Colts, winners of four straight, travel to either Denver or New England next weekend for the divisional round.

Luck was an incredible mix of good and bad, finishing 29-for-45 for 443 yards, the second-highest yardage total in franchise history for a playoff game. He also matched his career high with three interceptions. Hilton broke franchise playoff records with 13 catches and 224 yards and also



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Colts wide receiver T.Y. Hilton, left, gets behind the Chiefs defense for a touchdown reception that gave Indianapolis a 45-44 lead late in the fourth quarter of Saturday's wild-card game in Indianapolis.

caught two TDs.

But it was the way Indy won that made it stunning.

Luck played angry and frantic, turning a steady stream of half-time boos into a chorus of cheers.

"I don't know if it ever crossed my mind on how it would be remembered," Luck said after winning his first playoff game four seasons quicker than it took his predecessor, Peyton Manning. "When I took a knee, and you feel the buzz and the energy of the crowd and see your teammates' faces, that makes it special."

For Kansas City, it was an-

other brief, miserable postseason appearance.

The Chiefs (11-6) finished their remarkable turnaround season with three straight losses and an eighth straight postseason defeat — none more shocking than this one. The eight consecutive losses broke a tie with the Detroit Lions for the longest playoff skid.

And they were beaten up, too.

Starting running back Jamaal Charles left with a concussion on the opening possession. Knile Davis, Charles' backup, left in the fourth quarter with what appeared to be a left knee injury. Receiver Donnie Avery and cornerback Brandon Flowers were knocked out with second-half concussions and linebacker Justin Houston was out with a knee injury when Hilton caught the winning pass.

That put even more pressure on Alex Smith, who was 30-for-46 for 378 yards with four TDs and no interceptions but lost a fumble that led to a touchdown for Indy. Just about everyone other than the Colts figured Smith sealed the win with a 10-yard TD pass to Davis less than two minutes into the third quarter.

Instead, he tried to rally the Chiefs after Hilton's score and wound up throwing to Dwayne Bowe — who caught the ball but was out of bounds — on fourth-and-11 with 1:55 to play from the Indy 43.

"Anytime you're leading like

said.

Things appeared bleak with Indy trailing 31-10 at halftime, and they got worse when Luck's first pass of the second half was picked off and returned to the Indy 18. Three plays later, Smith made it 38-10.

But Luck had plenty of time to make the jaw-dropping rally.

With Indy going no-huddle, Luck started throwing at will. He eventually caught the Chiefs defense off-guard when Donald Brown scored on a 10-yard run to start the rally. Then Luck capitalized on the fumble by hooking with Brown on a 3-yard TD pass to make it 38-24.

After Luck's third interception turned into a 42-yard field goal, he answered with a 12-yard TD pass to cut the deficit to 41-31 after three quarters.

"He's as advertised. He went out there and definitely avoided some pressure and made big plays down the field," Chiefs cornerback Sean Smith said, referring to Luck.

Even when Eric Berry jarred the ball loose from Brown near the goal line, Luck had the answer. He scooped up the bouncing ball and squirted through the middle to make it 41-38. And after a Kansas City field goal, Luck found Hilton to win it.

"It seemed surreal, being down like we were down and then you have that fourth-down stop and they had used their last timeout there at the two-minute warning," Pagano said. "Thinking about how good tomorrow's going to be, snow or no snow, I don't really care."

By the numbers

28

Points Colts trailed by before rallying to win, second-most in NFL playoffs behind Bills' rally from 32 points behind in 1993 against Oilers.

89

Points combined by Colts, Chiefs, third most in playoffs behind Arizona-Green Bay (96 in 2010) and Philadelphia-Detroit (95 in 1995).

224

Yards receiving by Colts' T.Y. Hilton. Third most in playoffs behind Eric Moulds (240 in 1998) and Anthony Carter (227 in 1988).



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Colts quarterback Andrew Luck celebrates after throwing a touchdown pass to T.Y. Hilton late in the fourth quarter against the Kansas City Chiefs on Saturday in Indianapolis.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Stargazing pays off

Determined ex-FSU assistant, now at Auburn, was only one confident of landing Winston

By KAREEM COPELAND
The Associated Press

Dameyune Craig had an idea five years ago, while on the Florida State staff, that his fellow coaches didn't share. He wanted to recruit a star high school quarterback out of Alabama and away from both Auburn and Nick Saban.

That player was Heisman winner Jameis Winston, who credits the relationship with Craig as the reason he chose to become a Seminole.

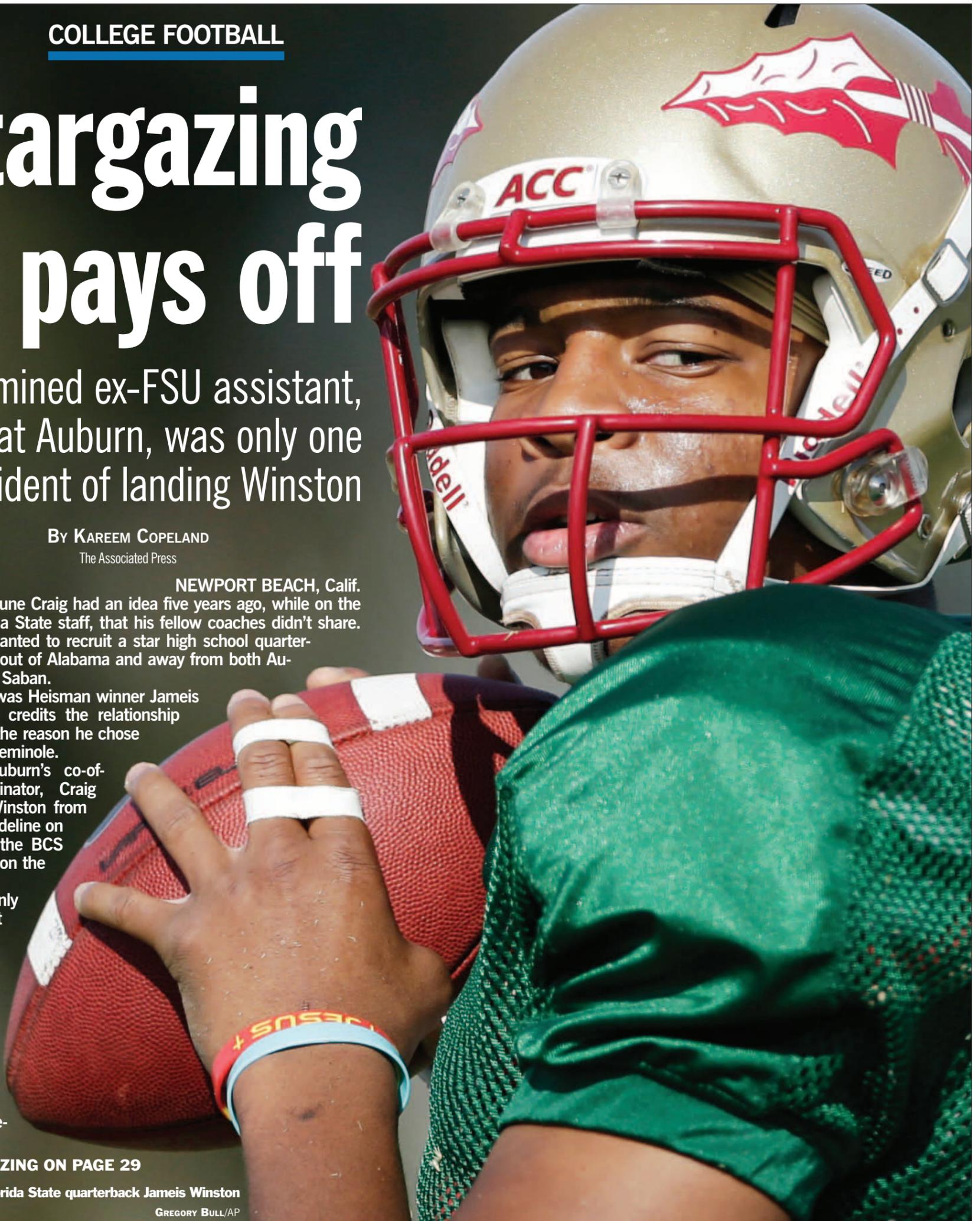
Now, as Auburn's co-offensive coordinator, Craig has to face Winston from the opposite sideline on Monday with the BCS championship on the line.

"I was the only one in that room that felt like we could get him," Craig said. "We actually had a couple meetings about Jameis and Coach (Jimbo) Fisher was really concerned

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Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston

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