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## Wastebook an exercise in futility?

Senator showcases boondoggles but doubts fixes will follow

By J. Taylor Rushing  
*Stars and Stripes*

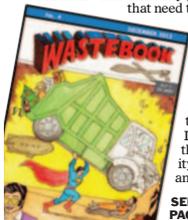
WASHINGTON — Legislation may be coming in the Senate this year from a Republican senator who is fed up with waste at the Pentagon.

But don't count on it. Sen. Tom Coburn, of Oklahoma, said the lack of Republican power in the Senate will likely mean there will be no legislative fix to his "wastebook," which he unveiled late last month to detail such boondoggles as a \$34 million complex in Afghanistan that was never used, a \$29 million contract with a NASCAR driver and \$400,000 spent on under used Air Force transport planes.

It all adds up to \$8 billion that Coburn says demonstrates the need for at least an audit of the Pentagon's books — something that hasn't happened in 20 years — especially since it comes at a time when servicemembers' pay and benefits are being scrutinized on Capitol Hill.

Because Republicans don't control the Senate and don't lead any oversight committees, Coburn said introducing any legislation would be pointless.

"You would think that committees would look at that and ask, 'Is this in our jurisdiction?' Are there any prohibitions that need to be made?"



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## Voice from the past

Thanks to 71-year-old recording, woman can now hear father who died in WWII

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KARL MERTON FERRON/The Baltimore Sun

Margaret Ann Harris holds the Purple Heart awarded to her father, Cody L. Wolf, who died during World War II.

## New group aims to trim claims backlog

By Leo Shane III  
*Stars and Stripes*

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — For the first time in four years, a new national advocacy group has stepped up to help veterans prepare their benefits paperwork and reduce the VA's still-problematic claims backlog.

The Military Officers Association of America was formally recognized as a veterans service organization last week, the first time a national group has earned that distinction since 2009. The designation au-

thorizes the group to handle benefits claim paperwork on behalf of veterans, assisting them with document collection and case management.

MOAA officials said they plan to start out small, handling at most a few thousand cases this year.

The addition of a new national organization is much larger symbolic news, a recognition by the department and veterans advocates that significant work still lies ahead in fixing the claims backlog.

"We just felt like we couldn't stay on

the sidelines on this anymore," said Norb Ryan, MOAA president. "Even with all the great help out there already, there is still a lot of work to get done."

The claims backlog — the number of disability cases pending longer than 125 days — peaked last spring at more than 611,000 cases, but dropped by more than a third by the end of 2013. VA officials have promised to zero out those overdue claims by the end of 2015.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I'm a pickup girl. If they come out with one that's an electric pickup, it might be all right."**

— Inga Miller, a bartender in Lusk, Wyo., on all-electric vehicles

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# MIDEAST



AP photos

**Above:** Afghans stand near the site of a suicide attack on a road in Kabul on Sunday. **Below:** Afghan military forces inspect the scene of the attack on a bus carrying police recruits that killed two police and wounded several others.



# Taliban bomber kills 2

The Associated Press

**KABUL** — A Taliban suicide bomber riding a bicycle attacked a bus Sunday carrying police recruits in eastern Kabul, killing two people and wounding about 20 others, police said.

One of those killed was a police officer and the other was a civilian employee of a police training

center, police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai said.

The wounded included 14 passengers on the bus, including both police and civilian employees, Stanekzai said. Six civilian bystanders also were wounded, he said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement sent to journalists.

# Iran, 6 other nations agree to terms of nuclear deal

The Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran** — Iran and six world powers have agreed on how to implement a nuclear deal struck in November, with its terms starting from Jan. 20, officials announced Sunday.

The announcement, made first by Iranian officials and later confirmed elsewhere, starts a six-month clock for a final deal to be struck over the Islamic Republic's contested nuclear program. It also signals an easing of the financial sanctions crippling Iran's economy, though some U.S. lawmakers have called for tough measures against the country.

Iran's official IRNA news agency quoted Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi confirming the news. The agency said Iran will allow the United Nations' atomic agency access to its nuclear facilities and its centrifuge production lines to confirm it is complying with terms of the deal.

European Union negotiator Catherine Ashton praised the deal in a statement, saying "the foundations for a coherent, robust and smooth implementation ...

have been laid." German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier called the deal "a decisive step forward which we can build on."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry welcomed the deal in a statement as well, saying further negotiations "represent the best chance we have to resolve this critical national security issue peacefully, and durably."

Under the November agreement, Iran agreed to limit its uranium enrichment to 5 percent — the grade commonly used to power reactors. The deal also commits Iran to stop producing 20 percent enriched uranium — which is only a technical step away from weapons-grade material — and to neutralize its 20 percent stockpile.

In exchange, economic sanctions Iran faces would be eased for a period of six months. During that time, the world powers — Britain, China, France, Germany,

Russia and the United States — would continue negotiations with Iran on a permanent deal.

The West fears Iran's nuclear program could allow it to build a nuclear bomb. Iran says its program is for peaceful purposes, such as medical research and power generation. Iran's semi-official ISNA news agency reported Sunday that under the terms of the deal, Iran will guarantee that it won't try to attain nuclear arms "under any circumstance."

In a statement, U.S. President Barack Obama said the deal "will advance our goal of preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon."

"I have no illusions about how hard it will be to achieve this objective, but for the sake of our national security and the peace and security of the world, now is the time to give diplomacy a chance to succeed," Obama said.

## Correction

A story in Jan. 10 editions about Air Force Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin's retirement as a major general because he lacks the necessary time in grade to retire as a lieutenant general should have stated that he will have 22 months' time-in-grade when he steps down as commander of Third Air Force at the end of the month. His actual retirement date has not been made public.



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## MILITARY

# Missing AF captain considered a deserter

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

A South Carolina-based Air Force captain missing for more than three weeks for unknown reasons is considered a deserter, Air Force officials said.

Robby Williams III did not report to work at Shaw Air Force Base on Dec. 23, according to a news release issued by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations as it seeks help from the public in finding Williams.

An OSI official did not say why

Williams is on the run.

"He's classified as a deserter at this point," OSI spokeswoman Linda Card said in an email Friday.

Williams hasn't vanished altogether. It's known that he's been traveling and staying in hotels and motels in the southeastern United States. He most recently was spotted Tuesday in Waco, Ga., driving his 2013 Black Jeep Wrangler (South Carolina license plate ITC701), according to OSI.

Williams' family, who lives in Charlotte, S.C., said they don't



Williams

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He worked for U.S. Air Forces Central Command, man-

aging communications between Shaw and fighters deployed to the Middle East, according to The Item, a Sumter, S.C., newspaper.

"We're all trying to find Robby now," Brig. Gen. Scott Dennis, CENTCOM's assistant deputy commander, was quoted as saying in a Shaw news release. "Robby is a member of our team and a part of the Air Force family. We'd like the community's help in reporting any tips they may have to the local authorities."

Williams, who is black and

has brown eyes and brown hair, is not considered armed or dangerous, according to OSI. He's 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs 190 pounds.

Anyone with information on Williams' whereabouts should contact local law enforcement or OSI at +1-571-305-8484 or text "AFOSI" and the tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Tips also can be submitted online at: [www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=1111](http://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=1111)

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## Guantanamo releases rose as 2013 drew to a close

By CAROL ROSENBERG  
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MIAMI — In rapid succession, the U.S. in December sent Guantanamo prisoners home to Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Sudan, then capped the year with a "significant milestone" deal that resettled three long-held Uighur captives in Slovakia.

A year that began with 166 prisoners at Guantanamo, more than 100 of whom would join a hunger strike that captured President Barack Obama's attention, ended with 11 men fewer.

For those who recall the George W. Bush-era Guantanamo policies that sent prisoners home by the planeload, this thinning of the captive population to 155 does not suggest the Obama administration will realize the president's ambition of closing the detention center anytime soon.

But, taken as a whole, the sudden surge served to illustrate that the Defense and State departments had breathed life into their long-stalled approach of trying to empty the prison on a case-by-case basis, fashioning specific solutions for each individual captive.

The December transfers represented a variety of solutions — involuntary transfer of two Algerians, a path home through the courts for two Sudanese men and a fresh look at the files of two Saudis.

On Tuesday, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby credited the work of two new special envoys for the deal that sent the three Uighurs to Slovakia. He called it "a significant milestone in our effort to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay."

At Guantanamo, nearly half the prisoners — 76 of 155 — are cleared for transfer with security assurances. Many of them come from Middle East hotspots, mostly Yemen but also Syria — places too risky for release, in the opinions of the Obama and Bush administrations.

Courtesy of [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com)

To help the families of the four airmen killed in Tuesday's helicopter crash, the wife of an electrical mechanic at RAF Mildenhall, England, set up a [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) page. As of Friday, the campaign had raised more than \$22,000.

## Web campaign raises more than \$20K for crash victims' families

By ADAM L. MATHIS  
Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — Less than a week has passed since the crash that killed four airmen near the town of Salthouse, but a drive to help the families of the victims already has raised more than \$22,000 as of Friday.

Caitlyn Malone, the wife of an electrical mechanic who works at RAF Mildenhall, started a fundraising campaign Wednesday on [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) "to cover any monetary loss" the families might suffer, she wrote on the website.

Capt. Christopher S. Stover, Capt. Sean M. Ruane, Tech. Sgt. Dale E. Mathews and Staff Sgt. Afton M. Ponce, from the 56th Rescue Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, were killed when their HH-60G Pave Hawk crashed on a nature preserve on England's eastern coast Tuesday.

Malone said in a phone interview that she started the campaign to tell the families of the victims "that although this is a very difficult and very tragic time for them, we are going to come together as a military community and support them and help them out with whatever it is that they need."

She plans to stop the campaign on Monday and has asked RAF Lakenheath's public affairs office to help her distribute the funds.

Anyone interested in donating to the families through Malone's campaign can contribute at [www.gofundme.com/64488](http://www.gofundme.com/64488).

There is also an effort to help at Lakenheath.

## The head of Lakenheath Liberty Kids said it will sell raffle tickets for donated prizes to raise money for the family of an airman who died.

Brandy Lockhart, president of Lakenheath Liberty Kids, said it will sell raffle tickets for donated prizes at the Lakenheath Child Development Centers, to raise money for the Ponce family.

Lockhart said the raffle was prompted by her daughter, who was in the same class as one of Ponce's children.

The Air Force is warning people not to misplace their generosity. A notice has appeared on some Air Force Facebook pages warning that the Lakenheath's legal office "is investigating several sites claiming to be collecting contributions."

A Lakenheath spokesman said in a phone interview that the Air Force does not conduct fundraising campaigns, and any person or group claiming to raise funds officially should be treated cautiously.

The spokesman advised people to research any purported charity before donating money.

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## Falling metal from jet fighter damages van

By ERIC SLAVIN  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — An airborne Navy F/A-18E jet fighter dropped a small piece of metal that struck a parked vehicle near Naval Air Facility Atsugi, base officials said Friday.

The jet had its wheels down over Ayase City, within 2 miles of the air base, when the piece, weighing about 6 ounces and measuring about 1 inch by 7 inches, fell out of the sky just after 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Atsugi spokesman Greg Kuntz said.

The incident did not cause any injuries, and the aircraft landed safely afterward.

The object may have bounced off a fence before striking the side window of a minivan, Yamato City police spokesman said Friday. The vehicle owner and a co-worker were working in a house in the Terakaita neighborhood when they heard a shattering sound. They found a 2-inch hole in the van window and a metal piece on the ground, police said.

The commander of Carrier Air Wing 5, the USS George Washington's flight wing, has ordered flights grounded until each similar aircraft can be inspected. Mechanics will focus on aircraft wheel assemblies for rotor drive integrity, Navy officials said.

"A full investigation is underway to determine the cause of the loud complaint, so steps to prevent its re-occurrence," base officials added in a statement Friday. "The Navy deeply regrets any inconvenience this event may have caused its neighbors and friends in the Atsugi area."

City officials visited the base Thursday to express their concern. Civic representatives also were expected to lodge complaints.

The Navy has had multiple instances of parts falling from aircraft in recent years. In 2012, an EA-6B Prowler lost a door panel and a tail-grip panel in midair because of improper maintenance, according to investigation results at the time.

In February 2011, a sonar toy normally used for underwater surveillance fell from a Navy SH-60F Seahawk helicopter and crashed into a farm field.

Carrier Air Wing 5 plans to leave Atsugi for Marine Corps Station Iwakuni, about 550 miles southwest of Yokosuka Naval Base, by 2017. The move, originally scheduled for underwater surveillance, fell from construction delays. The Navy shares Atsugi with the Japanese Self-Defense Force.

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MIDEAST

# Amid secret talks, little hope seen for Afghan peace deal

By KATHY GANNON  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Secret contacts are again reported to be underway for an Afghan peace deal, but neither analysts nor the insurgents see hope they will succeed.

A Taliban official has told The Associated Press that at least two ministers in Afghan President Hamid Karzai's government have met with Taliban representatives in the United Arab Emirates, at a time when Pakistan has been releasing dozens of Taliban prisoners in a bid to revive talks.

The talks in the UAE have gone nowhere, the official said, and Pakistan's national security adviser reported the releases have won no concessions from the Taliban.

A peace deal is critical to avoid a return to civil war when foreign troops leave at the end of this year. There are many obstacles, some of which run in a circle.

The U.S. wants Karzai to accept a residual force of foreigners to stay on and back up the new Afghan security forces, but Karzai says that before accepting the terms governing that force, he wants Washington to help resume peace talks. At the same time he objects to negotiating with the Taliban as long as the latter continues to call itself "the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan" — something he views as tantamount to running a rival government.

The Taliban official who spoke to the AP said the Taliban were ready to accept indirect mediation by a broker shuttling between the parties, modeled on the process that led to the 1989 withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan after their 10-year occupation. He requested anonymity, saying he does not have permission from Mullah Omar, the movement's leader, to speak to the media.

The sincerity of both sides is questioned. Many wonder whether Karzai even wants a peace deal before the April election. He is ineligible for a third term, and stalling until he is out of office would punt the tough decisions to his successor. The Taliban still needs to prove it can be trusted not to exact revenge for alleged atrocities by Afghan leaders.

The ill-feeling resonates in the coastal city of Kandahar, an Uzbek warlord who the Taliban, as well as Western human rights organizations, accuses of killing thousands of surrendering Taliban during the U.S.-led 2001 invasion. Dostum is running for vice president in the election.

Craeme Smith, a senior Afghanistan analyst with the Brussels-based International Crisis Group, said everyone is stalling. "All sides have failed to bridge the political divide," he said in an email exchange with the AP.

Pakistan, which is seen as key to bringing the Taliban to the table, says the militants aren't interested

in talking to Karzai's government. Sartaj Aziz, the national security adviser, said prisoner releases have not moved the Taliban, nor has Karzai's refusal to sign the so-called Bilateral Security Agreement allowing for an outside force to remain in Afghanistan, even though that should please the insurgents who want all foreign troops to be leave.

"They (the Taliban) think it is all a drama and he (Karzai) will sign," Aziz said in an interview.

The most significant release has been that of the Taliban's former No. 2, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar. Taliban officials say he remains under virtual house arrest in Pakistan because he won't open direct talks with Karzai's government unless authorized by Mullah Omar.

The Taliban official who spoke anonymously is known to the AP since the Taliban were in power before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He said both sides in the conflict

**‘[The Taliban] think it is all drama and [Karzai] will sign [the Bilateral Security Agreement].’**

Sartaj Aziz  
Pakistani national security adviser

of its battlefield commanders are opposed, particularly the new generation which is confident it can recapture the entire country. U.S.-Taliban peace contacts date back some seven years, most significantly around the time of the U.S. troop surge nearly three years ago. Those talks were set up with German and Norwegian help but were quickly scuttled by Karzai's opposition. When Karzai finally agreed to let the Taliban open an office in Qatar last summer as a prelude to renewed talks, that initiative quickly collapsed over the Taliban's choice of the name "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan."

The Taliban argued that the name gained acceptance even before its 1996-2001 rule of Afghanistan, but Karzai stood firm, and the sides were forced to keep their contacts secret. Negotiations have focused on the release of Taliban prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, said Sgt. Bowie Bergdahl, a U.S. soldier in Taliban hands.

Now the AP has learned that militias loyal to several senior Afghan government officials are resurrecting weapons caches that were supposed to have been handed over to a United Nations-sponsored disarmament program.



Zarghuna Sherzad stands near Chinese-made machines at the Jahan Guldozi embroidery factory she co-owns in Kabul. Sherzad and other Afghan women are at risk of losing freedoms they've gained if the Taliban returns to power.

# Afghan women face loss of rights if Taliban gains

By GOPAL RATNAM  
Bloomberg News

KABUL — Off a dusty, unpaved street near Kabul University, Roya Mahboob's software company is designing a Web platform to let Afghan women create content from home even if Taliban militants return to power and curb their rights.

"I just make myself more invisible in the society" while "becoming more visible" on the Internet, Mahboob, 26, a computer science graduate of Herat University, said of her tactic for coping with opposition in a country that faces potential upheaval after international combat troops leave at the end of this year.

Retreating behind the electronic veil of the Internet isn't an option for Zarghuna Sherzad, 46, a partner in Jahan Guldozi, an embroidery factory that employs 20 women about 3 miles from Mahboob's office in Kabul.

"I grew up in the war, and I've spent a very difficult time in the past," she said through an interpreter at her factory, recalling that when the Taliban ruled Afghanistan before the U.S. invasion in 2001, she endured beatings just

for wearing sandals that showed her feet. "I'm always praying that regime should not be repeated."

Women such as Mahboob and Sherzad are at risk of losing the freedoms they've won since the United States and its allies upended the Taliban, who cited their fundamentalist interpretation of the Koran to ban girls from attending schools and women from leaving their homes. Those gains already are under stress as international combat forces prepare to leave by the end of this year.

"Insecurity might increase at the provincial level, and that could limit the freedom of women, particularly their movement in terms of their political participation in the provinces and in terms of their businesses," said Nilofar Sakhi, executive director of the International Center for Afghan Women's Economic Development at the American University of Afghanistan.

Afghan women have gained legal rights and protections in the last decade. Women are now 27 percent of the country's parliament and have started to join police forces. A decree signed by President Hamid Karzai in 2009 made rape a crime for the first

time, while also banning violence against women, child marriage, forced marriage and the denial of rights to education or work.

Those gains are tentative, the International Crisis Group said in an October report. "Women and Conflict in Afghanistan." The decree signed by Karzai has yet to be ratified by the Parliament, where conservative lawmakers have called it un-Islamic, the group said. The country's new electoral law calls for reducing a quota for female parliamentarians to 20 percent from 25 percent.

Since Afghan National Security Forces took the lead role from U.S. and other foreign forces in the middle of last year, "insurgent threats to women have increased," according to the Brussels-based group. Women's rights "are also under attack from yesterday's warlords, now power brokers both within and outside government."

While some of the candidates for president have affirmed their support for women's rights, the Taliban say that if they return to rule or share power they will ban women from wearing Western clothes and girls from sharing classrooms with boys.

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# MILITARY

## Group: Veterans get assistance with complex claims process

### FROM THE FRONT PAGE

About 1 million new claims came to the department in 2013, and officials expect that number to rise again. VA Undersecretary for Benefits Allison Hickey said about 60 percent of those are reviewed by VSOs before department staffers handle them.

That leaves tens of thousands of cases that arrive without any outside help. Typically, those cases take months longer to process because of missing medical documents, incomplete forms and other paperwork slowdowns.

"It's not designed to be complicated," Hickey said. "It's just a complex system by its nature."

The department relies on outside groups to help simplify the process.

VSO officials can walk claimants through the process before they submit their cases, pointing out mistakes or time-consuming omissions. In some cases, an extra week of preparation can save months of processing time.

Larger VSOs like the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion churn through tens of thousands of cases a year and can help guarantee a fast track for many of the claims they prepare.

Even those volunteers couldn't keep the backlog from steadily growing over the last four years.

Department officials have been criticized for taking too long to implement new technology and increase staff to stay in front of the problem.

Ryan said his organization broached the idea of becoming a VSO last year during the intense media and lawmaker focus on the backlog. The 85-year-old organization — it changed its name from the Retired Officers Association in 2003 — hadn't handled claims work before but quickly hired two full-time staff members and began the VA accreditation process.

The VA in recent years has recognized several state veterans programs with VSO status but has added no national ones since the White House made its 2009 pledge to end the backlog.

Even with the backlog heading downward, Ryan said MOAA of-



LEO SHANE III/Stars and Stripes

Department of Veterans Affairs Undersecretary for Benefits Allison Hickey speaks about veterans service organizations at a Military Officers Association of America event on Thursday while group President Norb Ryan looks on.

ficials believe they need to be involved in the claims assistance.

"We've never going to handle as many claims as the larger VSOs, but as an officers group we feel like it's important to set an example and remind people there is still a need," he said.

The group has trained seven members as volunteers to help with the caseload. More than a dozen veterans with cases approached MOAA within days of

the VSO status announcement Thursday. Ryan said dozens more have offered to lend their legal and administrative skills.

Mike Mahler, a 26-year Air Force veteran, said he signed up as a volunteer in part because of his own disability claims experience.

When he retired 20 years ago, he handled his own paperwork and got a 10 percent disability rating from the VA. Three years

ago, after a conversation with friends, he consulted with Disabled American Veterans volunteers who helped him increase that to 50 percent.

"That's what I hope we can do for people," Mahler said. "If we can steer them in the right direction, maybe they won't have to go back three or four times to fix the mistakes. We can help them get it right the first time."

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## NATION



# 'Now I have his voice'

PHOTOS BY KARL MERTON FERRON, THE BALTIMORE SUN/MIT

A portrait shows Margaret Ann Harris' father, Cody L. Wolf, lower right, whom she heard for the first time in a rebroadcast of a 1943 radio show recorded during World War II.

## Baltimore woman, 71, hears for the first time the voice of her father, who died serving in WWII

By SUSAN REIMER  
The Baltimore Sun

She is 71 years old and she has no memory of his voice. But that was her father on the recording, and he called her his "Margaret Ann."

She was glad she was alone when she heard him speak, she said. It was just such a surprise. His voice was so clear, he sounded so much like the rest of his Catonsville, Md., family. He spoke slowly and gently. He sounded calm.

Sgt. Cody L. Wolf, a turret gunner, died when his plane was shot down over Germany on Jan. 11, 1944. It was just weeks after his holiday greeting had been recorded as part of a 1943 Sunpapers Christmas Show produced by the newspaper's war correspondents in England.

Margaret Ann Wolf Harris was just 17 months old.

"I have all the pictures and all the mementos, but they were like a silent movie to me," said the retired teacher, who still lives in her grandparents' house near Baltimore, where she and her mother moved when her father was called up.

"Now I have his voice," she said after hearing that Christmas show, which was rebroadcast last week for the first time — after 70 years — on WYPR-FM and on baltimoremsun.com.

Earlier this year, Baltimore Sun research librarian Paul McCardell discovered a package from the publisher's vault, unopened for decades. It contained a pair of reddish vinyl recordings of a wartime holiday broadcast from England that featured more than 50 soldiers and women in the Red Cross from the mid-Atlantic region.

The Sun arranged to have the recordings converted to digital and worked with students and faculty at Stevenson University to locate survivors, family members

and any information about what became of the men and women in the broadcast.

The project was completed in time for a 70th anniversary broadcast on "Midday with Dan Rodricks" on Dec. 20.

"A friend came to dinner that Friday night and told me I had to listen, that my father was on that broadcast," said Harris. "But it didn't really sink in."

"Then a cousin called and said I had to listen to it, and he gave me the link." She sat down at her computer Saturday morning, alone, and listened. "Then he said my name, and it was a shock," she said. "How many times do you hear your father say your name? I never had."

Harris then sent an email of gratitude to McCardell and multimedia editor Steve Sullivan at The Sun.

"I am the daughter of Sgt. Cody Wolf," she wrote. "Today I heard my father's voice for the very first time. You have sent me a very treasured Christmas present. There are no words to explain how I felt when I heard my father speak about me."

"I was only 17 months old when he was killed," she wrote. "I am 71 years old and today I was his 'Margaret Ann.'"

She remembers the family talking about the broadcast years later and how astonished they were that Wolf had been chosen to send his greetings.

"He'd only been in England a couple of weeks," she said. "My uncle told my mother they would



Away at war, Wolf sent this memento to Harris's mother.

never pick him, not when there were guys who had flown 28 combat missions and had been there for two or three Christmases."

"I've been thinking a lot about Catonsville," Wolf tells the host of the broadcast. The conversations were scripted in advance for security reasons, so he sounds a little formal. "My parents and my wife and our 16-month-old daughter, Margaret Ann."

In an article that ran in The Sun after the broadcast, Harris' mother said she was thrilled to hear her husband's voice. "He sounded so good," she said. Margaret Ann, she told the reporter, had been busy babbling to her father's picture during the broadcast.

Wolf was the oldest boy of five children of Lee and Ida Wolf, who had settled in Catonsville in 1927. He earned a degree in architecture from Maryland Institute and was working in the burgeoning Catonsville building industry.

He first laid eyes on Immaculata Beccio when he and some friends spotted her with her sister,

Anna, while cruising the streets of Catonsville. They offered the girls a ride, and Immaculata, known as Emma, said no. But Anna lied and said she knew the boys, and they hopped in the car.

"They dated for what was a long time back then," Harris said. She remembered her mother's words: "My father said you have to know a woman during every season before you married her."

Harris was just 2 months old when her father was drafted. The little family packed up their apartment and moved into the home where the Beccio family had lived since 1930. Emma and her baby visited Wolf during his training in Mississippi. Harris thinks she was about 6 months old when he came home on furlough and brought her a giant teddy bear he'd won in a poker game.

"When the telegram [informing the family of his death] arrived at the door, all of Catonsville already knew. That's how it was then," Harris said. Emma Wolf had married at 23 and was widowed at 25. She and her daughter never moved out of the family home, and she never remarried.

"My mother used to say all the men around her seemed too old to date," Harris said. "Her life had stopped when my father died at 29. They had been married only 2½ years, and they had been so happy."

Harris' husband, Bill, said the

tragedy of World War II touched almost every family, and it never really left them.

"I feel like her mother was sad all of her life," said Bill Harris, who is retired from Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Margaret Ann received \$33 a month in government benefits, and her mother got a small check, too. They were lucky to have family to take them in, her mother told her. If Emma had remarried or taken a job, her half of the benefits would have been withdrawn, said Harris, who would earn a teaching degree and a master's degree under her father's GI benefits.

Harris was 6 years old before her father's body was returned from Germany to be buried in Baltimore National Cemetery. Her mother died at 61 and is buried next to him, not far from where their daughter still lives.

She and Bill Harris have two daughters, Amy Birdsall, who lives in New Jersey with her husband and two children, and Maria Sigala, who lives in California with her husband and two children. She called her daughters right away and told them there was something she wanted them to hear.

"We were out running around, shopping for Christmas," Birdsall said. "I felt like we had to sit down and listen to this as a family. Now my children have heard their great-grandfather's voice, a voice I never heard."

"I heard him call my name, and that is something special," said Harris.

"My mother used to tell me that when everybody else's father couldn't be with them that mine could be with me because he would always be at my side, and I believed it," she said. "But I never imagined him talking to me. There was no voice to hear. Now I have an image I didn't have, and there are things I can imagine that I never could before."

"Now I have his voice."

**'Then he said my name, and it was a shock. How many times do you hear your father say your name? I never had.'**

Margaret Ann Harris  
daughter of Sgt. Cody L. Wolf, a casualty of WWII

MILITARY

# Jobless ex-colonel grateful for outpouring

By MICHAELLE BOND  
Philadelphia Inquirer

Retired Air Force Col. Robert Frienre said he is considering dozens of offers for housing and jobs after an outpouring of responses from Philadelphia Inquirer readers who learned of his story of unemployment and homelessness last week.

Frienre, who spent 30 years in the military, both in active duty and the reserves, estimates he has gotten two dozen offers per day since The Inquirer published his story. His story also appeared in some editions and on the website of Stars and Stripes.

Offers have come from Philadelphia-area people and organizations and from others as far away as Alaska, Tennessee and New Mexico. Veterans and civilians have offered their help.

Frienre, 59, said he is grateful for the support and plans to respond to every offer.

"It's been a really positive experience," he said. "But it hasn't been all positive.

Frienre said he has seen in online comments that some readers, including veterans, questioned his living situation and annual pension of more than \$40,000, thinking the amount should be higher for a colonel. Frienre said he wanted to clarify that the money is compensation only for injuries he sustained while on active duty.

He said he doesn't know whether he will receive more retirement pay when he turns 60, as most veterans do. Veterans' groups have offered to help him find out.

People also have offered him places in their homes for free so he can stop living out of his van, occasionally in a motel, or with friends.

On Friday, he was in Somerset, Mass., staying with friends. He said he'd like to live in New Eng-



MICHAEL BRYANT, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/MCI

**Retired Air Force Col. Bob Frienre had a distinguished career in the military, but he's now living in his car.**

land or western Pennsylvania, but he hasn't decided on any offers. Representatives from veter-

ans' organizations, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, have reached out with resources. The Veterans Group offered to help him get a spot in its West Philadelphia housing facility.

Army veteran Maura Gillen, a deputy executive director at the Veterans Multi-Service Center based in Philadelphia, said the organization wants to help Frienre find a job.

"The fact that he hasn't been able to get a job is, unfortunately, not a surprise," Gillen said. "I know many stories of retired officers who really have been challenged to find employment."

Alex Archawski, founder and director of the Greater Philadelphia Veterans Network, which helps veterans find employment, also offered his nonprofit's networking and job resources to Frienre.

"The colonel is definitely employable," said Archawski, a Navy veteran. "He needs to align his ca-

reer search with the right opportunities. And we want to help him with that. With the leadership and training he developed in the military, one of the local employers in this area would be happy to have him on board to lead them in the right direction."

Civilians also have been offering their help. A certified public accountant in Maryland, who said his father and husband served in the military, offered to help Frienre fill out tax returns and benefit forms.

Employees from Bank of America and a Pennsylvania janitorial firm said they want to help him get a job.

A New Jersey staffing company said it wants to hire him as an on-site manager immediately.

Frienre said he thanks everyone who is reaching out to him and other veterans in similar situations.

"God bless you," he said. "It means a lot."

# Book: Watchdog group applauds senator for push to highlight defense waste

FROM FRONT PAGE

At the Defense Department, spokesman Bill Urban said the Pentagon is chugging ahead with plans for an audit — by the 2017 fiscal year. He noted that about a fifth of the DOD budget is under audit or has passed one, which represents about \$200 billion. But he also noted the challenges of opening a full audit on such a large and complex organization.

"The sheer size of the department represents a challenge in terms of ensuring that everyone is involved, but we are already making progress," he said.

In a floor speech just before Congress adjourned for Christmas, Coburn blamed Congress just as much as the Defense Department. Citing the waste, he was one of only 15 senators to vote against the defense bill.

"What is obvious from the waste, fraud and abuse, contract failures within the Pentagon, is they have no clue on what they are doing," he said. "We did not do the oversight, we have not forced that. You will never get control of those programs until you make them be able to account for what they are doing."

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., said his staff has scoured Coburn's list and is "always on the lookout for waste," but said there was no specific item he wanted to repeal or nullify.

Coburn's list focuses on the Defense Department, and it does not skimp on specifics:

■ A \$297 million, football-field-sized bill that would provide continuous surveillance of the Afghan battlefield. After it canceled the program, the Army sold the airship back to the contractor that was building it for \$301,000.

■ \$7 billion worth of equipment — mostly Mine-Resistant



JIM KENDALL/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**The Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle was cited by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., as an example of DOD waste.**

Ambush Protected vehicles — is being transferred to other countries or destroyed in Afghanistan instead of being shipped back to the U.S.

Defense Department Spokesman Mark Wright noted that the vehicles became unnecessary because the war has been drawing to a close, and about 1,600 of the MRAPs remain. Rather than ship them back at a cost of up to \$450,000 per vehicle, he said DOD will save about \$500 million by sending them to allied countries or selling them as scrap.

■ The National Guard's \$29 million promotional contract with NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr.

National Guard spokeswoman Michelle Hall responded that the contract generated \$75 million worth of media exposure and allowed the Guard to tap into NASCAR's fan base of 77 million people.

■ The \$34 million, 64,000-square-foot Camp Leatherneck complex in Afghanistan, which the Defense Department has never used and is the subject of an investigation by a federal inspector general. Defense Department spokeswoman Elissa Smith said an investigation already has shown the need for the facility was validated at the time and

that no fraud occurred. She also said U.S. troops who stay in Afghanistan may end up using the complex.

■ Nearly \$300,000 worth of benefits paid by the Army to Maj. Nader Hasan, the admitted murderer of 13 people at Fort Hood, Texas, before his conviction in August. Army spokesman Troy Rolan pointed to the U.S. Constitution, noting the Fifth Amendment's right to innocence before being proven guilty by a court — meaning Hasan was entitled to continue receiving his base pay.

■ More than \$400,000 spent on C-27J tactical transport planes that were never used, Coburn said. Air Force spokeswoman Anna Stefanek disputes that; she said the planes initially were used in Afghanistan but that the war's drawdown and fiscal pressures made them impractical. They have been sent to the U.S. Special Operations Command and the U.S. Coast Guard, "so there has not been a waste to the taxpayers," she said.

The "wastebook" does not spare nondense spending, singling out the National Endowment of the Humanities for spending more than \$900,000 since 2010 on a program to study romance novels.

The "wastebook" has endeared Coburn to watchdog groups such

as the Project on Government Oversight. Ethan Rosenkranz, a national security policy analyst at POGO, said the defense-related spending cited by Coburn has long been overlooked.

Rosenkranz said POGO has been most concerned with DOD spending on transport planes and destroying MRAP vehicles in Afghanistan instead of paying to ship them back to the U.S.

"There is enormous waste in the federal budget, and specifically, there is enormous waste in the defense budget," Rosenkranz said. "That's something that POGO highlights routinely, so we applaud Dr. Coburn for continuing this effort."

Sen. James Inhofe, like Coburn an Oklahoma Republican, is the top GOP member of the Senate

Armed Services Committee. He said the Defense Department is always a popular target because of its size, but also noted that Coburn is not on the committee and some of his "wastebook" targets at the Pentagon are questionable.

"All of us on the Armed Services Committee are always very cautious because the Defense Department is such a common target. We're used to that from the Democrats, because they're anti-defense ... I kind of hate to see it coming from Republicans."

The "wastebook" is viewable at [www.coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2013/12/coburn-releases-annual-wastebook-highlighting-most-egregious-spending-of-2013](http://www.coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2013/12/coburn-releases-annual-wastebook-highlighting-most-egregious-spending-of-2013).

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NATION

# Without tap water for days, residents of W.Va. frustrated

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Frustration is mounting for many of the 300,000 West Virginia residents who have gone without clean tap water since a chemical spill on Thursday.

Business owners with empty dining rooms and quiet aisles of merchandise around West Virginia's capital city were left to wonder how much of an economic hit they'll take from the spill.

Most visitors have cleared out of Charleston, while locals are either staying home or driving out of the area to find somewhere they can get a hot meal or a shower. Orders not to use tap water for much other than flushing toilets mean that the spill is an emergency not just for the environment but also for local businesses.

The emergency began Thursday following complaints to West Virginia American Water about a licorice-type odor in the tap water. The source: the chemical 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, which had leaked out of a 40,000-gallon tank at a Freedom Industries facility along the Elk River.

State officials said Saturday they believe about 7,500 gallons leaked. Some of the chemical was contained before flowing into the river; it's not clear exactly how

much entered the water supply. All told, 32 people have sought treatment at hospitals for symptoms such as nausea. Of those, four were admitted to the Charleston Area Medical Center, but their conditions weren't immediately available.

A water company executive said it could take days before clean tap water is flowing again for about 300,000 people — about 15 percent of the state's population resident in nine counties.

First, water sample test results must consistently show that the chemical's presence in the public water system is at or below 1 part per million, the level recommended by federal agencies, West Virginia American Water President Jeff McIntyre said Saturday at a news conference.

The uncertainty means it's impossible to estimate the economic impact of the spill yet, particularly



MICHAEL SWITZER/AP

## Restaurants and businesses in Charleston, W.Va., remain closed Sunday following a chemical spill Thursday.

ly on restaurants and hotels, said Matt Ballard, president of the Charleston Area Alliance, the state's largest regional chamber of commerce. "I don't know that it can be quantified at this point because we don't know how long it will last," Ballard said. "I'm hoping (for) a solution by early [this] week so business can get back to normal."

Virtually every restaurant was closed Saturday, unable to use water to prepare food, wash dishes or clean employees' hands. Meanwhile, hotels had emptied and foot traffic was down at many retail stores.

"I haven't been able to cook anything at home and was hoping they were open," Bill Rogers, 52, said outside a closed Tudor's Biscuit World in Marmet, just east of Charleston. "It seems like every place is closed. It's frustrating. Really frustrating."

In downtown Charleston, the

Capitol Street row of restaurants and bars were locked up. Amid them, The Consignment Company was open, but business was miserable. The secondhand shop's owner said she relies on customers who come downtown to eat and drink.

At Charleston's Yeager Airport, a combined seven inbound and outbound flights were canceled. The reason for the cancellations was an agreement between the airlines and unions for flight crews and pilots that hotels meet a certain threshold of service, and the lack of water violates the agreement, said airport spokesman Brian Belcher. Arrangements were being made to house flight personnel in hotels about 40 miles away.

Federal authorities, including the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, have opened an investigation into Thursday's spill.

# Accused tax fraud offender heads to court

By Jay Weaver  
The Miami Herald

MIAMI — Gerald Duverger, who gets around in a wheelchair and lives on disability benefits in a cheap North Miami apartment, didn't appear to enjoy the life of a fabulously paid entertainment executive.

Yet the Internal Revenue Service readily bought into his claim that he was a Capitol Records executive when he sought a \$613,034 refund on his 2011 income-tax return.

The IRS cut him a check for that astronomical sum, with the proceeds deposited into Duverger's fictitious lawn care business account at a Wells Fargo branch, federal authorities say. Flush with a small fortune, Duverger tried to cheat the IRS again on his 2012 return. Investigators say she even

**Gerald Duverger and two others scored lotterylike windfalls from the government.**

helped two associates, Jean Louis and Jeanne-n Florent, concoct similar high-glitz jobs to file for massive refunds — with one \$600,000-plus payment delivered to an address for a Boston homeless shelter.

For sheer brazenness, the trio — who all face trials or sentencing in Miami federal court in January and February — stand out in an increasingly crowded field of accused tax fraud offenders in South Florida, among the nation's hot spots for the fast-spreading crime.

Most scammers steal Social Security numbers and claim thousands of dollars in fraudulent refunds in their victims' names. According to authorities, Duverger and his two associates had the audacity to file for gargantuan refund claims in their own names, scoring a lotterylike windfall from the government.

"Sometimes people get lucky," Louis told federal agents after they arrested him and Duverger at a Citibank branch in Miami Beach in July.

Duverger, 34, has already pleaded guilty and faces sentencing in February. Louis, 40, and Florent, 35, face separate federal trials on Monday and Jan. 27, respectively. Duverger and Louis, along with their attorneys, could not be reached.

Florent's attorney, Michael B. Cohen, said he "intends to vigorously defend this case before a jury" and that he hopes "the public realizes that Mr. Florent is cloaked with a presumption of innocence and is entitled to his day in court."

IRS officials in South Florida and Washington declined to comment on how the agency wound up paying tid more than \$1.8 million in 2012-13 before criminal investigators apprehended them.

# Bridge scandal looks to many like Jersey as usual

By Joseph Tanfani

Tribune Washington Bureau

HADDONFIELD, N.J. — A four-day traffic hell trapping cars headed to one of the nation's busiest bridges, supposedly engineered by gleeful political operatives as payback: Deeply stupid, for sure. Unbelievably vindictive and petty. And in its way, so quintessentially New Jersey.

The George Washington Bridge scandal that has engulfed Gov. Chris Christie, bizarre as it is, also somehow stands as an example of the state's hardball political traditions.

In the Garden State, political bosses have never run out of style, corruption cases pile up more victims than the Sopranos and elbow-to-the-face tactics are shrugged off by voters, as much a part of Jersey culture as boardwalk custard and stainless-steel diners.

The state has an outsize history of sleaze and outright public thievery. Frank Hague, boss of Hudson County for three decades, had a desk with a specially designed drawer that could be pushed out toward a visitor, the better to receive discreetly dropped envelope full of cash. There were a lot



MARCO GEORGIE, THE (BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.) RECORD/AP

## Heavy traffic builds on the approach to the George Washington Bridge in Leonia, N.J., in mid-August after an automobile accident.

of envelopes; when he retired, he was said to be worth \$10 million. Other ethically challenged New Jersey politicians have become enshrined in popular culture: cable TV's popular "Boardwalk Empire" features a bloodier version of Atlantic City boss Enoch "Nucky" Johnson, and the new movie "American Hustle" is based on the Abscam sting that took down a U.S. senator from New Jersey, the mayor of Camden, N.J., and six congressmen.

"If you look at the big-city mayors of the state, it's usually the express lane to the penitentiary," said Republican political consultant Steve Schmidt, who suggested that the bridge scandal fell somewhere near the state's norms. "As stupid as this is, it's not necessarily going to make someone familiar with New Jersey politics fall out of their chair."

The cases keep coming, as colorful as ever. Even as Christie was at the gold-domed State House on Thursday, blaming the Port Lee mess on his aides, the mayor of

Trenton was going on trial down the street at the federal courthouse for his role in an FBI bribery sting.

Mayor Tony Mack is accused of working with Joseph "JoJo" Giorgianni, a rotund sandwich shop owner and convicted sex offender, to take bribes from an informant to smooth the way for a parking garage project that never really existed. Giorgianni referred to himself as "St. Joseph," prosecutors told jurors, as in: "St. Joseph always provides."

## NATION

# Post-death photos provide comfort to some grieving kin

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — They are unsettling and sought-after mementos of death. Morgue photos of District of Columbia homicide victims are showing up in the hands of grieving relatives, who, after identifying loved ones lost to violence, can obtain a print to take home.

The D.C. government sells glossy pictures for \$10 each.

It's unusual, but not unheard of, for medical examiners to provide families with photos of departed kin, although most often it's done only after the autopsy, the police investigation and court proceedings are complete.

Practices differ across the country. As a rule, Maryland does not release photos to relatives or to anyone else; Virginia does, free, under tightly controlled circumstances.

People mourn in different ways, some privately, others with public memorials such as flowers left on a tree at the scene of a car crash or a portrait on a T-shirt. Many compare a morgue photo to an open coffin at a funeral home, although in the latter the decedent is presented in a more peaceful way.

Gregory G. Davis, president of the National Association of Medical Examiners, said there is no one accepted practice. In Jefferson County, Ala., where he is the chief coroner, he said relatives sometimes request the photo used to identify the body. "We decline," Davis said.

He said relatives who want photos can get them once the autopsy report and police investigation are complete. The request has to come from an attorney, and all the photos are sent to the attorney, who can decide how to distribute them.

"This is the last photo taken of the person, and people want to see it," Davis said. "I know what's involved in an autopsy, and I don't want to see my wife or my children or my parents that way. But others clearly think differently."

In Los Angeles County, a coroner who runs a gift shop called

Skeletons in the Closet which raises money for a program to prevent drunken driving and sells beach blankets with chalk outlines of bodies, says his office would not sell photos of the dead to be used as family relics.

Upon request and at no charge, New York authorities provide photos used for identification to relatives. Virginia also gives photos to the next of kin. But Maribeth Brewster, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Health, said a pathologist sits down with the relative to review the images — which can be brutally clinical and gruesome — to explain what was done and why.

In Maryland, the public can review autopsy reports but not photos. Spokesman Bruce Goldfarb said that only on rare occasions will officials bend the rules.

Unlike in other states, Maryland's medical examiner's office does not handle identifications, leaving that task to law enforcement. Goldfarb said an exception was made for a woman who "was really in denial and could not believe her son had died." She was allowed to see a photograph but not take it home.

"We encourage people to do viewing at funeral homes, where there are family members and grief counselors," he said.

Families of D.C. homicide victims aren't criticizing the District of Columbia for providing photos of the faces of the deceased. Some embrace the chance to have what they consider an important keepsake.

It might be the only way to come to terms with the death. Or it might help fill an agonizing void for parents unable to witness their child's last breath or even see the body at the funeral home.

"I want to see my baby," said JoAnn Lee, who pulled out a morgue photo she talked with a reporter about her daughter, Candace Reed, who was stabbed to death in November outside a bar in Northwest Washington. Lee, 66, of Ohio, carries the photo with her in an envelope.



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Pat Antonisse, left, of Dallas, and Gary Angle, right, of Richardson, Texas, hold signs protesting outside the Dallas Convention Center where the Dallas Safari Club was holding an auction Saturday to hunt an endangered African black rhino.

# Auction to hunt a rhino draws protests in Dallas

By NOMAAN MERCHANT AND MICHAEL GRACZYK

The Associated Press

DALLAS — A permit to hunt an endangered African black rhino — sold for \$350,000 at a Dallas auction held to raise money for conservation efforts — is being criticized by wildlife advocates.

Steve Wagner, a spokesman for the Dallas Safari Club, which sponsored the closed-door event Saturday night, confirmed the sale of the permit for a hunt in the African nation of Namibia. He declined to make the buyer.

"The Safari Club's executive director, Ben Carter, has defended the auction, saying all money raised will go toward protecting the species. He also said the rhino that the winner will be allowed to hunt is old, male and nonbreeding — and that the animal was likely to be targeted for removal anyway because it was becoming

aggressive and threatening other wildlife.

The auction drew howls from critics, including wildlife and animal rights groups, and the FBI said it was investigating death threats against members of the club.

Officials from the Humane Society and the International Fund for Animal Welfare have said that while culling can be appropriate in abundant animal populations, all black rhinos should be protected, given their endangered status.

An estimated 4,000 black rhinos remain in the wild, down from 70,000 in the 1960s. Nearly 1,800 are in Namibia, according to the Safari Club.

Critics have also said any hunting of a rhino sends a bad message to the public.

"This auction is telling the world that an American will pay anything to kill their species," Jeffrey Flocken, North American regional

director of the Massachusetts-based IFAW, said last week. "This is, in fact, making a spectacle of killing an endangered species."

The auction took place in downtown Dallas under tight security. Organizers hoped to at least break the previous high bid for one of the permits in Namibia, which was \$223,000, and had said the amount could be as high as \$1 million. The nation offers five permits each year, and the one auctioned Saturday was the first to be made available for purchase outside Namibia.

The winning bidder could have come from anywhere in the world, and at least some bidders were expected to enter by phone.

About 40 protesters gathered early Saturday evening outside the convention center where the auction and a pre-auction dinner were to take place. They held signs and chanted.

# Butter is looking better to some as margarine loses favor

Los Angeles Times

For generations, butter got a bad rap.

It was thought to be cloying, fattening, dangerous for your arteries, and it took a creaming from oil-based substitutes like margarine.

But with the trans fats in those alternatives under fire, everyone from iron chefs to home cooks are re-examining butter's place on the refrigerator shelf.

The yellow spread served at Joan Hemphill's Seal Beach home tastes like butter — because it is butter.

"I use way too much," Hemphill said. Her specialty is butter-drenched caramelized baby onions. "I just think anything from nature is better than something that's been concocted."

That shift toward natural ingredients and the backlash against trans fats pushed butter consumption in the United States to a 40-year high in 2012, according to the latest statistics.

Americans now eat 5.6 pounds of butter per capita, up from a low of 4.1 pounds in 1971. In the last decade alone, butter consumption has grown 25 percent.

"Everything tastes better with butter," said David Riemersma, president of the American Butter Institute and head of Butterball Farms in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"Consumers also want real, natural wholesome products. They want to understand all the things on an ingredient list. Butter fits perfectly. It's either just cream or cream and salt."

The American Butter Institute, a trade association in Arlington, Va., that represents roughly 90 percent of the nation's butter producers, recently launched a marketing campaign on social

media called "Go Bold with Butter." The group sees young Americans raised on the Food Network as key to the industry's continued success.

"They're just starting to cook and bake with butter," Riemersma said.

The growing popularity of the ingredient also coincides with more understanding about the health hazards of its processed counterparts.

Trans fats are vegetable oils that have been blended with hydrogen to boost shelf life and reproduce the qualities of butter or lard. But

research shows the ingredient raises levels of LDL cholesterol, also known as bad cholesterol. Trans fats consumption impairs levels of the better HDL cholesterol, which helps prevent heart disease.

The Food and Drug Administration proposed new rules in November that would all but ban the artery-clogging processed fats.

Despite butter's relative benefits compared with alternatives, it's not health food. In a word, butter is fat — and not the good kind. It's loaded with saturated fat, which has been linked to heart disease.

## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

# Carnal commonality

## Study: Humans' physical responses to emotions vary little across cultures

By MELISSA HEALY  
*Los Angeles Times*

**T**he clenched-fist, hair-on-fire feeling you get when gripped by anger, the warm-all-over sensation of happiness, the bilious wave that gnaws at your throat with disgust—these are the cues the body sends up to ready the mind for what comes next: fighting, hugging or withdrawal. They appear to vary little across cultures, says a new study, which draws a detailed map of emotions and the distinct bodily sensations that accompany them.

The corporal topography of emotion is likely to have evolved over millions of generations, and even if the mind isn't listening, those somatosensory cues make sense. With anger, fear or surprise, our heartbeat picks up in readiness for flight or fight, and so our chest feels tight. The pairings in our arms and legs feel clenched in anger, but in sadness, they feel limp.

Happiness spreads its warmth even across the hips and genitals, but those areas typically go cold when we feel sad, angry or disgusted.

Writing in the journal *PNAS*, researchers in Finland report that across five different experiments ranging in size from 32 to 305 subjects, participants linked seven different emotions with the same somatosensory experiences with such consistency it could not be a matter of chance. The pairings they made were consistent whether they were asked to react to emotionally suggestive words or to read short stories and view films that conjured strong emotional responses.

Even when viewing photographs of a person's face conveying a specific emotion, subjects drew maps of that person's likely feelings that were consistently similar.

The pairings of emotion and accompanying sensation also transcended language. Participants were Northern Europeans who were either Finnish or Swedish speakers and Taiwanese individuals whose native tongue is Hokkien, one of a family of Chinese languages.

Even across the linguistic barriers, there was 70 percent agreement among participants on where in the body emotions are felt.

With more complex emotions—pride, shame, envy, depression, contempt, anxiety and love—the study's participants did not draw somatosensory maps with as much overlap, but they were still similar enough to beat chance.

Studies of emotional processing that have used brain scans also suggest that we link distinct bodily sensations with certain emotions and do so consistently—and perhaps that there is overlap between the neural circuits of emotion and the personal body map each of us has in our sensory cortex.

The authors of the study, led by Lauri Nummenmaa, of Aalto University's School of Science in Espoo, Finland, suggest that people with emotional processing difficulties stemming, say, from anxiety, depression or psychopathy, may also "feel" their emotions in places different from those in good mental health.

"Topographical changes in emotion-triggered sensations in the body could thus provide a novel biomarker for emotional disorders," they write.



## WORLD



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## Pants-free zone

Passengers read books Sunday as they wait to board a subway train during the No Pants Metro Ride in Brussels. The idea started years ago as a small prank in New York and has grown into an international celebration of silliness, with residents of dozens of cities around the world participating each year.

## Africa sees violent start to 2014

By JASON STRAZIUSO  
The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The death tolls are huge and the individual incidents gruesome. One estimate says nearly 10,000 people have been killed in South Sudan in a month of warfare, while in neighboring Central African Republic, combatants in Muslim-vs.-Christian battles have beheaded children.

Sub-Saharan Africa has seen a very violent start to 2014, with raging conflicts in South Sudan and Central African Republic, as well as continued violence in Congo and attacks in Somalia and Kenya.

Compared with decades past, Africa and its people are suffer-

ing from fewer conflicts today, but several recent outbreaks of violence are cause for concern, said J. Peter Pham, director of the Washington-based think tank Africa Center at the Atlantic Council. The conflicts also lack strong international peacekeeping, he said.

"Peacekeeping in Africa, whether under the formal auspices of the United Nations or those of the African Union, suffers today from the same two limitations which they have been burdened with since the very first U.N. peacekeeping mission, the 1960-1964 operation in the Congo (ONUC), namely lack of political will resulting in a weak mandate and lack of adequate forces," he wrote by email.

The conflict that broke out in South Sudan on Dec. 15 saw violence radiate across the country as ethnic groups targeted each other. Shortly afterward, Uganda dispatched troops and military equipment to aid South Sudan's central government from break-away units of that country's military.

Casie Copeland, South Sudan analyst for the International Crisis Group, said violence in Africa tends to involve other countries and noted a "long history of regional involvement in African conflicts."

The U.N. Security Council on Friday "strongly discouraged external intervention that would exacerbate the military and political tensions."

## Car bombings, clashes kill 18 civilians in Iraq

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Two car bombs targeted commuters in Baghdad and clashes between security forces and militants killed at least 18 civilians, officials said Sunday, amid an ongoing standoff between Iraqi forces and al-Qaida-linked militants west of the Iraqi capital.

The deadliest blast occurred at a bustling bus station in central Baghdad when an explosives-laden car exploded outside, killing at least nine people and wounding 16, a police officer said. Thousands of people use the bus station every day or pass through the area.

On Thursday, a suicide bomber blew himself up among a group of security force recruits nearby, killing nearly two dozen.

Another parked car bomb targeted a gathering of buses and taxis in Baghdad's northern Hurayriya neighborhood, killing four civilians and wounding 12, a police officer said.

Shortly after sunset, fighting erupted in Baghdad's western suburbs of Abu Ghraib as gunmen attacked a military convoy, authorities said. Army artillery shells later landed on the Sunni village of al-Mahma in Abu Ghraib, killing five civilians and wounding 13, police said.

Medical officials confirmed the casualty figures for all attacks. All officials spoke on condition of

anonymity as they were not authorized to release the information.

The attacks come as Iraqi security forces and allied Sunni tribal militias in Anbar have been battling al-Qaida-linked militants from the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

Iraqi forces have yet to try militarily to reassert control over Fallujah, which remains in the hands of the militants and tribal gunmen opposed to the central government. Militants and tribal fighters also control part of the provincial capital, Ramadi. Sporadic clashes continue to take place there and in surrounding areas.

Thousands of families have left the area, fearing a government offensive. Clashes between militants and security forces have killed at least 60 people since the violence erupted after the Dec. 28 arrest of a Sunni lawmaker sought on terrorism charges and the dismantling of an anti-government Sunni protest camp in Ramadi.

The extremist militants, emboldened by fellow fighters' gains in the civil war in neighboring Syria, have tried to position themselves as the champions of Iraqi Sunnis angry at the Shiite-led government over what they see as efforts to marginalize them.

On Sunday, some government offices in Ramadi opened under tight security and civil servants returned to work, councilman Faleh al-Issawi said. Al-Issawi added that gunmen are still in control of some parts of Ramadi.

## Students battle security forces in Egypt ahead of referendum

The Associated Press

CAIRO — Hundreds of students supporting Egypt's ousted president battled security forces Sunday at three Cairo universities two days before a referendum that officials say will be protected by a massive deployment of soldiers and police.

The clashes came as interim Egyptian President Adly Mansour urged voters to head to the polls to cast ballots Tuesday and

Wednesday on the draft constitution. Mansour said that the draft charter used "moderate" Islam as a base for legislation. He also asked voters "to lead the ship of the nation to the shores of safety."

Egypt's more than 52 million voters will decide whether to support amendments to the constitution initially drafted and toppled Islamist President Mohammed Morsi. The military overthrew Morsi in a popularly backed

coup on July 3, and two panels dominated by secular-leaning politicians and legal experts later rewrote the document.

A large turnout and a strong "yes" vote would give legitimacy and a boost to a military-backed plan for presidential and parliamentary elections.

On Sunday, Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood group and its allies stepped up confrontations in the streets ahead of the vote. Students

at Cairo and Ain Shams universities marched off campus, burned tires and blocked main roads. Riot police fired tear gas and students responded by hurling stones. In one incident, witnesses said the students set a police vehicle and a traffic post on fire.

Students at the Islamic Al-Azhar University also protested. Police arrested 19 protesters for blocking traffic, said a security official who spoke on condition

of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters.

Some fear violence could mar the vote. The military and the police will deploy hundreds of thousands of soldiers and officers — including special forces commands — to guard the vote. The official Facebook page of military spokesman Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali showed an image Sunday of army chief Gen. Abdel-Fatih el-Sisi inspecting troops who will be on duty for the election.

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OPINION

Twisted catchphrase muddles debate

By KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON  
**I**n politics, it's all in how you say things. George Orwell knew what he was talking about when he described political language as "designed to make less sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind."

Today, we've become so accustomed to the distortions of political speak that we hardly notice. But as the midterm elections near, we might benefit from a booster shot of skepticism.

Both parties are guilty of verbal distortion and manipulation, but I dare say the left is more clever: Republicans tend to rely on dog whistles, but Democrats tend to pump negative messages in the collective subconscious mind, while Democrats paste smiley faces on unpleasant messages, cloaking meaning in Orwellian frocks of emotional distraction.

A dog whistle might be the mention of, say, the "food stamp president," as Newt Gingrich called President Barack Obama during the last presidential election. Protests that this is not racist are noted and dismissed. The term calls up a certain image and everyone gets it.

Sometimes both sides of an issue select language that essentially cancels out the other. This is because both are equally attractive to the ear, even if their meanings are quite different. Exhibit A: Pro-life and pro-choice. Who is against life? Why, no one! Who is against choice? Again, no one. Of course, other choices to protect unborn life and the other selects termination. Enough said.

Moving along to today's headlines and

"income inequality."

This may be one of the most brilliant turns of phrase yet. Not one single American, gun to head (figuratively speaking), would say "I'm for inequality" or "inequality is good." But is inequality what we're really talking about?

When you step back and examine the concept closely, what becomes clear is that roughly 99.9 percent of Americans—even North Korea's favorite son, Dennis Rodman—actually like income inequality. This is because we value merit, talent and hard work, and all people aspire to be commensurately rewarded. What, after all, is the opposite of income inequality? Income equity.

That said, let us stipulate that we do have a growing poverty problem in this country, the contributing factors of which are many and complex. But the poor are not poor because Warren Buffett and Bill Gates are rich. No one thinks that Oprah has caused people in Appalachia to be destitute.

But solving our problems is far more difficult than raising public consensus (aka rattle-roosting) that the rich should be less rich so that the poor can be less poor, a feat that can only be accomplished through redistribution of wealth.

Some of the factors contributing to the income gap are, indeed, tough to tackle, and Obama is not, in fact, a god, as he now seems comfortable conceding. These factors include the loss of jobs for low-skilled workers and the apparent inability of this population, for whatever reasons, to be of much use to society. (Perhaps legalizing marijuana will help. If it doesn't provide enough jobs, at least more people will care less.)

Are Egyptians their country's own undoing?

By NANCY A. YOUSSEF

McClatchy Tribune

CAIRO  
**N**early two years ago, when I first moved to Cairo, I made sure to get a place with a second bedroom for all my friends who vowed to visit and explore Egypt's ancient ruins with me, to check seeing the Pyramids and the Sphinx off their bucket lists. But with each passing month, as the country's post-2011 instability continued, that second room largely sat empty.

My American friend Ben was up for adventure, however, and so he came to visit. But rather than learn about the birth of civilization, he inadvertently was schooled on why the events of the last year seemed to undo the democratic promise that everyone thought would follow the overthrow of former President Hosni Mubarak nearly three years ago.

By 2013, Egyptians who'd once demanded better treatment from their government accepted the undoing of a fair presidential election, the killing of at least 1,100 people by government forces, the destruction of nearly 100 churches, false accusations of terrorism leveled against political groups and the arrests of thousands on spurious charges—including children, members of the Muslim Brotherhood, journalists and three revolutionary figures who'd led the 2011 uprising.

Where the public once appeared to demand a fair election process, it now seems overwhelmingly to want Defense Minister Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi—the general who engineered the toppling of Egypt's first democratically elected president, Moham-

med Morsi—to become the next president and the military to formally reclaim control of the country.

What happened to the revolution, and why were so many people willing to accept the reimposition of police-state tactics? As I experienced Egypt with Ben, I began to believe that revolutions do not come about when the head of government is decapitated but when there are reforms in the hearts and minds of society. And in Egypt, that has yet to happen.

Decades of dictatorial rule had led to a society in which social norms were built on fear of the state. But once that fear ended, the resulting feeling of freedom didn't lead to revolutionary change but to a kind of anarchy, with society not knowing how to conduct itself in the absence of state-instilled fear.

The developments of the past year among everyday Egyptians, for me, posed the question: Does a government reflect its people or are people a product of their governments?

With each trip we made together, Ben was astonished at how Egyptians treated one another. In the first days, he encouraged me to speak Arabic; by the trip's end, he asked me to speak English so that we wouldn't be harassed. If I tried to check in to a hotel as an Egyptian, I would be refused service. If I said I was American, despite my Egyptian name, I would be

Other factors include: a growing retired population, both in absolute numbers and as a percentage of the population; a dearth of entry-level jobs for college grads saddled with \$1 trillion in loan debt (which the government guarantees); the appalling rate of children born out of wedlock, a now-systemic condition that condemns a new generation to another cycle of poverty, as Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan pointed out five decades ago and that Obama has reiterated.

Add to these the grinding down of low-skilled wages thanks to a global economy that rewards the professional class—lawyers, doctors, engineers and, yes, television talk-show hosts. And, volla, a growing income gap.

But is it inequality?  
 What is missing from the trumpeting of income inequality are the hundreds of billions in annual government redistribution that already takes place. How much will be enough to satisfy the inequality camp? When incomes are equal?

In the end, fairness isn't the issue. The issue is justifying policies—government intervention, higher taxes, spending and redistribution—that can't otherwise be easily sold. How about this for a midterm catchphrase, reflective of true circumstances—the need for a higher-skilled labor force that pits no American against another and qualifies people for jobs that are actually available: "Learning for Earning."

It's not as emotionally evocative as inequality, but it just might do some good. Other suggestions welcome.

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welcomed with open arms. I wondered, how can a society that treats outsiders better than citizens demand better treatment from its government?

It's a strange irony that the police state has cracked down on incidents but has allowed criminality to flourish. Ben couldn't enjoy small adventures like riding Cairo's subway without worrying that I'd be sexually assaulted. "I kept watching the men," he told me. Meanwhile, I kept worrying that someone would try to rob him.

Ben kept expecting to see mass protests, but they never came. During his stay, three revolutionary leaders were sentenced to three years for violating a new law that requires protests to be approved by the government in advance. The reaction was a whimper. As one taxi driver explained to Ben, "We are sick of protests. Protests have brought us nothing."

Of course, the reality is more nuanced. On Ben's last night, we went to dinner with friends, young people who'd once stood in Cairo's iconic Tahrir Square. As the cloud of shisha smoke rose, they lamented the decline in social norms and the increasingly desperate situation of those living in Egypt. They no longer talked about the promise of tomorrow but the decades of work ahead for any real change to happen.

As one explained, "We are not ready."

**How can a society that treats outsiders better than citizens demand better treatment from its government?**

# OPINION

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A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



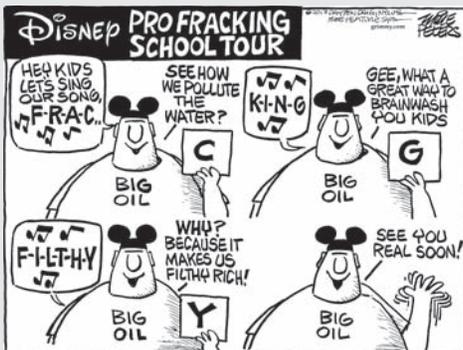
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## WORLD



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Above: A nurse helps a former leprosy patient at Sorokdo National Hospital on Sorok Island, South Korea, in November. Below: Former leprosy patients await care.

## ‘Hell on Earth’ no longer

S. Korean former leprosy patients return to once-reviled island colony for care

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**  
The Associated Press

SOROK ISLAND, South Korea — Kang Sun Bong once considered this tiny island a “hell on Earth,” a place where hospital workers beat the leprosy patients exiled here and forced them into harsh labor, sterilizations and abortions. But three years ago, old, sick and broke, Kang returned to the place where he’d been banished with his mother decades ago.

His savings wiped out by cancer treatment, he now hopes to live the rest of his life with hundreds of other former patients on Sorok Island, which sits off South Korea’s southwestern tip and has become a mini-welfare state.

Despite the misery many say they endured here, dozens are returning each year, partly for the free medical care, food and housing offered to former sufferers of the disease. But the onetime place of exile has also become a peaceful refuge for many after years of discrimination and hardship, the only place they feel at home.

“I came here because I thought I should die while being nursed,” said Kang, 74, who had a bitter, lonely childhood here, but came back to find the island had utterly changed.

Most returnees are cured of the disease and are free to live wherever they choose. But many say life is better here than outside the island, where prejudice against leprosy still runs deep.

Yu Myung-sun, 61, who lived on Sorok for six years until 1974, returned in 2008 after living with other former leprosy sufferers in a village near Seoul. People outside the village “wouldn’t even look at me ... restaurants wouldn’t sell meals to us,” Yu said.

“People on Sorok Island make me feel at ease,” she said, wearing a pair of big sunglasses, her face dotted with black spots

from anti-leprosy medication. “I feel comfortable here and this is where I’ll die.”

Starting about a decade ago, the number of returning former patients began gradually increasing. During the past few years, about 70 people, mostly former residents, have resettled here each year.

Six years ago, a bridge was built linking the island, which is about the size of New York’s Central Park, to the mainland, symbolizing the end of its isolation. Growing numbers of tourists are visiting the island, which still preserves historic sites, including a detention building for disobedient patients and another ward where sterilizations took place.

These days, there are about 570 former leprosy patients, with an average age of about 74, as well as six who are currently being treated for leprosy but are not contagious, according to officials at the government-run Sorokdo National Hospital. Twelve doctors are on staff.

Leprosy, also called Hansen’s disease, is neither highly contagious nor fatal. It is a disabling, chronic, bacterial infection that often lies dormant for years before attacking the body’s nerves and slowly causing numbness. Hands and feet eventually claw inward and serious injuries often go unnoticed because no pain is felt — fingers and toes can be lost and blindness can occur.

It has been curable since the 1940s thanks to antibiotics. As in many Western countries, leprosy has almost disappeared from South Korea, which reported only six new cases in 2010. The disease remains a problem in Brazil, India, Indonesia and East Timor. Worldwide, the number of new leprosy patients has dropped from 10 million in 1991 to about 230,000 last year.

Active leprosy communities still exist in several countries, including India, China and Vietnam, and discrimination contin-

ues to plague those maimed by the age-old disease.

In South Korea, the stigma remains strong. Many former leprosy sufferers say they’ve never visited public bath houses, a popular pastime, and some are still turned away at restaurants. Many are shunned and ostracized by their families, too.

The island was established as a leprosarium in 1916 by the Japanese during their 35-year colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula. They mobilized patients to produce war supplies and forced sterilization and abortions.

South Korea abolished its anti-leprosy segregation policy in 1963, but rights abuses on the island continued for decades. Recent government investigations confirmed a 1948 slaughter of 84 leprosy patients by hospital workers and security officers over a management dispute.

Kang was 7 and did not have leprosy when he was quarantined here in 1946 with his mother, who had the disease and was housed in a separate compound. He lived with about 10 boys in a single room that had no heating

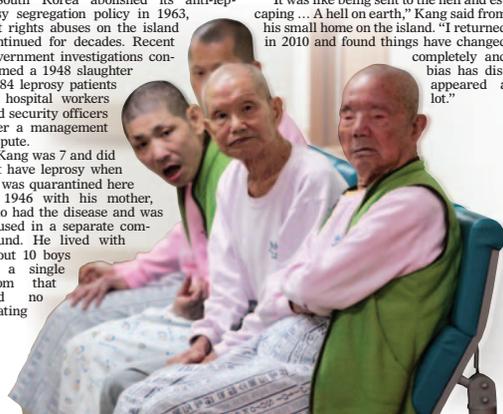
for much of winter. They were infested with lice and many of them suffered from malnutrition. A few years later, he developed leprosy, himself.

During once-per-month meetings between children and parents, he wasn’t allowed to touch his mother through a wire fence that separated them. Everyone was crying, he said. Parents “cried after seeing how their children looked, and children cried because they missed their parents so much. It’s beyond description,” he said.

He fled the island 16 years later, in 1962.

“It was like being sent to the hell and escaping ... A hell on earth,” Kang said from his small home on the island. “I returned in 2010 and found things have changed

completely and bias has disappeared a lot.”



NATION

# Charging from coast to coast

## Tesla installs station to bring electric cars to Wyoming

By MEAD GRUVER  
The Associated Press

LUSK, Wyo. — In the least-populated county in the least-populated state, old Ford and Chevy pickups roam — and rule — the roads.

Finding a Tesla — the sleek, priced, all-electric car — around these ranching towns is about as likely as spotting the mythical jackalope. And yet, one day last month, a Model S sedan pulled in quietly at the America's Best Value Inn Covered Wagon Motel in Lusk, population 1,557.

Its mission was to plug in at four gleaming, white Supercharger units the company had just installed in the motel's courtyard. The visit was part of a test of a planned coast-to-coast route of quick-charge stations for Tesla vehicles.

The Palo Alto, Calif.-based company plans dozens more across the middle of the continent in the months ahead to make it more feasible for the electric car to go from seashore to seashore.

Some folks in Lusk are cautiously hoping that the stations will bring a steady stream of wealthy motor tourists.

In the meantime, if and when the next Tesla shows up, locals who commonly plug in their cars and trucks to keep their engines from freezing may be left wondering about the visitors who plug in their cars to charge them.

After all, there's no shortage of skepticism about electric cars out here — it's not the kind of place for electric cars.

First, people are partial to the pickup because of its ability to tow heavy loads and to endure the rattling rides of going off-road. Second, Wyoming is famous for its open ranges, terrain that has worried electric car owners because they could end up being stranded.

The Model S, which begins at \$70,000 but with options can top \$100,000, can drive a long way for an electric car: Up to 265 miles on a single charge. Draining the battery pack and recharging it all the way takes more than four hours with the best available home charger.

The company's Superchargers — Wyoming's first are at the Covered Wagon — offer a trade-off that makes long-distance trips more feasible. The stations can charge a run-down Tesla battery pack to 90 percent in just 45 to 50 minutes.

In Lusk, that's enough time to grab a burger at the nearby



PHOTOS BY MEAD GRUVER/AP

Mark Kupke, left, owner of the Covered Wagon Motel in Lusk, Wyo., stands next to one of four Tesla Supercharger units installed in December in the hotel courtyard, above.

Outpost Cafe or Triangle 4 Cafe & Steakhouse, or to visit the antiques stores downtown.

The Supercharger station will be a critical stepping-stone between stations in Cheyenne and Rapid City, S.D. Highlights on the first coast-to-coast route — to be followed, Tesla says, by a couple more cross-country options by the end of this year — include the scenic Four Corners region and Mount Rushmore.

"That's kind of the thought behind this first, initial route, is enabling the great American road trip," Tesla spokesman Patrick Jones said.

New Supercharger stations



Bloomberg

A Tesla Motors S sedan stands before a Tesla Supercharger station in California

also are going in across Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania

to connect existing facilities on the coasts. Tesla owners use the stations free. Tesla picks up the electric bill.

Last time Lusk got any attention for such cutting-edge technology was in the late 1990s, when a Microsoft television ad trumpeted the town's connection to the Internet as an answer to tough times for the ranching community. In reality, a \$3 million project to link Lusk to fiber-optic broadband was stalled for years.

For a time, high-speed Internet was as elusive as the jackalope, a creature based on a trick of taxidermy in which antelope horns are placed onto a jackrabbit. Residents now can surf the Web pretty much like anybody else, but it's an open question whether any locals will buy Teslas or any other electric cars.

Niobrara County, population 2,456, is home to plenty of wealthy ranchers who can afford Teslas, said Michael Mercer between oil changes at a downtown auto repair shop. The problem is that most live in country far too rugged for low-clearance vehicles.

"They're not going to take some hundred-something-thousand-dollar car off road," he scoffed.

Inga Miller, a bartender and store clerk at the Lusk Liquor & Lounge, said her dream truck is a Ford F-150 extended cab with four-wheel drive, a great stereo system and a bed big enough to haul plenty of hay for her friends' horses.

"I'm a pickup girl. If they come out with one that's an electric pickup, it might be all right," Miller said.



MEAD GRUVER/AP

A pickup drives down Main Street in Lusk, Wyo., where electric cars are all but unheard-of.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Virgin Galactic makes successful test flight

**CA** MOJAVE — Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo has made its third rocket-powered supersonic flight in the Mojave Desert, soaring to a record 71,000 feet.

The company said the reusable space vehicle was carried by airplane to 46,000 feet Friday and then released. The craft used its rocket motor the rest of the way to reach its highest altitude to date.

Friday, Ohio and its two-member crew then glided to a safe landing in the desert north of Los Angeles.

Virgin Galactic said the 10-minute test flight moves the company closer to its goal of flying paying passengers into space.

No date has been set for the first commercial flight but hundreds of would-be tourists have made down payments for the chance to fly.

## 2 guilty of smuggling tusks from narwhals

**AK** ANCHORAGE — The investigation of a smuggling ring that trafficked in narwhal tusks began with the discovery of contraband by Alaska investigators.

The Anchorage Daily News reports Jay Conrad and Eddie Dunn, both of Tennessee, pleaded guilty to trading in illegal animal parts, including 19 narwhal tusks taken to Alaska. Federal prosecutors announced the pleas last week.

The narwhal is a protected whale species. Sales of tusk to Americans have been illegal since 1972.

Conrad and Dunn admitted to buying narwhal tusks from Canadians, starting in about 2003.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Skrovd says U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents based in Alaska discovered narwhal tusk smuggling while investigating another wildlife parts seller in the Lower 48.

## Woman finds wrong body in mother's casket

**RI** WARWICK — A woman wants answers after discovering the wrong body in a casket that should have contained her mother, who died unexpectedly while on vacation in St. Maarten.

Lisa Kondvar, of Warwick, and her family discovered another woman's body in the casket at a New Jersey funeral home last month. The body of her mother, Margaret Porkka, had been prepared at a funeral home on the island.

"I looked up, and I was like, 'Good God, are you kidding me? I was stunned,'" Kondvar said by telephone Friday.

The family proceeded with the wake, with the casket closed, because they discovered the mistake just before calling hours were about to begin.

The relatives believe a hospital or funeral home confused Porkka's body with that of a Canadian woman who died on the island around the same time. They also think Porkka's body was cremat-

## THE CENSUS

**3** The number of days that a cat spent stuck in a northwest Ohio drainpipe before being rescued by school groundskeepers Wednesday. The (Findlay, Ohio) Courier newspaper reported that rescuers had to cut through the pipe to free the cat, who refused to budge despite lures of tuna, calls and even a cellphone app that meowed. The muddy, emaciated and hypothermic male cat was taken to a veterinarian, who found it also had a broken leg. It has since been named Piper and will be put up for adoption if it goes unclaimed.



JOSEPH FUQUA, THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/AP

## Mansion meets fiery end

Firefighters battle a blaze in the 9600 block of Cunningham Road in Indian Hill, Ohio, on Friday. The 10,000-square-foot home had a total market value of more than \$4 million. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

ed in Ottawa. The family wants to know for sure and will take possession of the ashes if they are determined to be those of Porkka, Kondvar said.

St. Maarten Prime Minister Sarah Wescoot-Williams said Friday the government there has formed a committee to investigate the case at the request of U.S. officials.

## Officials investigate chicken coop fires

**IA** DES MOINES — Authorities are investigating fires involving chicken coops outside Des Moines residences.

The fire department for Des Moines said one fire happened Thursday afternoon. The first fire involving another chicken coop occurred a few days earlier.

The cause of both fires has not been determined. Officials said residents need to make sure heating appliances are installed properly.

The first incident involved a heat lamp that tripped a house's circuit breaker. The second fire

damaged the coop and a nearby garage.

## US judge orders Renoir returned to museum

**VA** ALEXANDRIA — A U.S. federal judge has ruled that a napkin-sized painting by French impressionist Pierre-Auguste Renoir should be returned to a Baltimore museum from which it was stolen years ago. A woman claimed she bought it at a flea market for \$7.

Judge Leonie Brinkema on Friday rejected a claim of ownership from the woman who said she bought it in 2009. Brinkema said there's overwhelming evidence that the painting was stolen from the Baltimore Museum of Art in 1951.

Marcia "Martha" Fuqua had planned to sell the painting at auction, but the sale was canceled after the museum said the painting was stolen. The FBI seized the painting in 2012.

Fuqua's story has since been contradicted by others.

## New Year's revelers destroy Internet link

**AK** FAIRBANKS — A New Year's tradition has left residents in one Interior Alaska community off the grid.

The traditional way to ring in the new year is to shoot off guns at midnight on Jan. 1 in the Alaska Native community of Tanana, about 150 miles west of Fairbanks.

This year, one or more revelers with 410-gauge shotguns shot out one of the town's main fiber-optic cable lines. The cable was strung about 20 feet high, and the cable had more than a dozen pellet holes in it, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported Friday.

Ralph Eller, who owns Yukon Telephone and Supervisions Cable TV, said it's not clear if someone intentionally shot the cable or if it was an accident.

Either way, he said, "You can't fix stupid."

Repair costs are estimated to be \$10,000. About a dozen recovered shotgun shells have been turned over to Alaska State Troopers.

## Intern guide ignores some suggestions

**KS** TOPEKA — The new guide for legislative interns at the Kansas Capitol does not contain proposed revisions that would have restricted the amount of perfume and number of earrings interns can wear.

Numerous rules suggested for interns in the 2014 intern handbook by Rep. Peggy Mast, an Emporia Republican, were edited out, including a rule asserting "inappropriate" photographs and language had to be deleted from personal social media sites, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.

Staff members of Democratic legislators raised questions about the fashion regulations for interns that went beyond limits applied to legislators. Civil rights attorneys also took issue with boundaries on social media expression among interns.

The document does advise the college-age interns to dress professionally and prohibits them from wearing flip-flops and tennis shoes.

From wire reports

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Paramount Pictures

**“Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa” — starring Johnny Knoxville, left, and Jackson Nicoll — is on a shortlist for the makeup and hairstyling Oscar. “Not only do I think our movie deserves to be in the mix in the category, but it deserves to win,” Knoxville told the Los Angeles Times in an interview. Chris Hemsworth and Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs will announce nominations Thursday.**

## Is ‘Bad Grandpa’ Oscar worthy? Star Johnny Knoxville thinks so

By STEVEN ZEITCHIK  
Los Angeles Times

In “Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa,” Johnny Knoxville gets bucked headfirst through a plate-glass window by a coin-operated ride, sticks his genitals into the business end of a vending machine and generally puts his body through a series of eye-shielding, R-rated stunts.

Naturally, he thinks the film should be nominated for an Oscar.

The crazy part? Voters might well agree. “Grandpa,” the movie that has the “Jackass” star tricked out as octogenarian Irving Zisman for a series of cross-country pranks, is on the six-film shortlist for the makeup and hairstyling Oscar.

Knoxville says he thinks there’s only one way voters should mark their ballots.

“Not only do I think our movie deserves to be in the mix in the category, but it deserves to win,” he told the Los Angeles Times in an interview.

“The makeup on this film was held to standards that other movies aren’t because it not only had to look good on-screen but it also had to look good up close and personal,” he said. “We’re pranking people for real. If they don’t believe I’m an 86-year-old man, there’s no movie.”

The makeup in “Bad Grandpa,” as it often does in movies that use a lot of it, required three hours in

the chair every day for Knoxville, as prosthetics of silicone and other apparatuses — along with sweat ducts to keep Knoxville’s secretions from ruining the getup — were affixed to the actor.

Knoxville also had to wear an ear wig so he could communicate about his undercover pranks with director Jeff Tremaine, who kept a distance. And since every good makeup problem begets another one (we’ve, um, heard), ear hair had to be lain in by hand every day to cover up the ear wig.

Because of the Paramount film’s real-world setting, there was also nothing as bourgeois as makeup trailers: Knoxville’s face and body were adjusted between takes in a minivan that waited around the corner, guerrilla style.

Oscar voters have typically honored genre movies in the hair and makeup category — winners in recent years have included “The Wolfman” and “Pan’s Labyrinth.” But those who worked on “Grandpa” say their film presents a tougher challenge. “With a lot of monster movies,” said Steven Prouty, one of the artists who helped create Knoxville’s getup, “you have a lot of latitude, because nobody knows what those monsters look like. We had to make Johnny really look like an 86-year-old man. Everyone knows what that looks like.”

None of the pranking victims, he noted, ever saw through Knoxville’s disguise.

## ‘Catching Fire’ top movie in 2013

Jennifer Lawrence’s “Hunger Games: Catching Fire” became the highest grossing movie released in 2013 in the U.S. and Canada, hitting an estimated cumulative total of more than \$409 million in domestic ticket sales, distributor Lionsgate said on Thursday.

By adding about \$493,000 to its domestic take Wednesday night, the dystopian action movie overtook the year’s hit-erto No. 1 release, Disney’s 3-D superhero adventure “Iron Man 3,” which pulled in slightly less than \$409 million in its run. “Catching Fire” has also surpassed the total domestic gross of its 2012 predecessor, “The Hunger Games,” which took in \$408 million over its domestic lifespan.

It’s the first time a franchise’s first two installments have grossed more than \$400 million each, domestically. Additionally, it’s the first time since 2008 that a non-3-D movie has snagged the top spot for the year (“The Dark Knight” was the biggest film that year).

“Iron Man 3,” released in May, is still ahead of “Catching Fire” overseas.

### Military Channel changes name

Television’s Military Channel is changing its mission, and its name. Discovery Communications said Thursday that the Military Channel will become the American Heroes Channel, beginning in March.

The network, geared mainly toward men and available in some 62 million homes, began operation in 2005. Now it wants to expand its mission to encompass documentary-style programming of people meeting challenges of every sort.

“Why the name change?” asked Kevin Bennett, the network’s general manager. “Because heroism transcends the battlefield.”

### Other news

■ Rap duo OutKast will headline the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in April, ending a half-decade hiatus for one of hip-hop’s most popular and important acts. OutKast joins Arcade Fire and Muse as headliners for the festival that plays during two weekends in Indio, Calif. Other acts scheduled include Pharrell Williams, Beck, Queens of the Stone Age and Lorde. The reunited The Replacements will also appear.

■ HBO says its drama “Boardwalk Empire” will end after a fifth season this fall.

■ Woody Allen’s upcoming film “Magic in the Moonlight” will be a 1920s romantic comedy set on the French Riviera. Little had been known about Allen’s next film before Thursday when Sony Pictures Classics announced it will distribute “Magic in the Moonlight.”

■ Producer Tyler Perry will have a fourth series on Oprah Winfrey’s OWN network. OWN said Thursday that it has ordered a Perry drama, “Single Momma Club,” to premiere this fall. It’s about a group of mothers who create a support group after being brought together by an incident at their children’s school.

■ The bong-toss case against Amanda Bynes will be dismissed if she stays out of trouble for six months and goes to counseling. A Manhattan judge on Friday allowed the adjournment in contemplation of dismissal, which means the troubled actress does not have to admit guilt.

■ State police say rapper Flavor Flav was ticketed for speeding and driving without a license en route to his mother’s funeral in New York. Police said he was released on an appearance ticket so he could attend the funeral. The rapper is due in court Jan. 28.

From wire reports

## ‘12 Years a Slave’ nabs NAACP Image Awards nods

By LYNN ELBER  
The Associated Press

In a year rich with black-oriented films, nominees for the NAACP Image Awards include “12 Years a Slave” and “Lee Daniels’ The Butler.”

“Fruitvale Station,” “Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom” and “The Best Man Holiday” are the other nominees for outstanding motion picture, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced Thursday.

The 45th annual NAACP Image

Awards, which honor diversity in the arts, will be presented in a Feb. 22 ceremony airing on the TV One channel.

Other nominees include best movie actor contenders Chadwick Boseman for “42,” Chiwetel Ejiofor for “12 Years a Slave,” Forest Whitaker for “Lee Daniels’ The Butler,” Idris Elba for “Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom” and Michael B. Jordan for “Fruitvale Station.”

The outstanding actress nominees are Angela Bassett for “Black Nativity,” Halle Berry

for “The Call,” Jennifer Hudson for “Winnie Mandela,” Kerry Washington for “Tyler Perry Presents Peeples” and Nicole Beharie for “42.”

On the television side, nominations for outstanding comedy series went “House of Lies,” “Modern Family,” “Real Husbands of Hollywood,” “The Game” and “The Soul Man.”

“Boardwalk Empire,” “Grey’s Anatomy,” “Scandal,” “The God Wife” and “Treme” earned dramatic series nods.



CHARLES SYKES, INVISION/AP

## Big league music maker

Country singer Jason Aldean says he is partnering with Major League Baseball on a 50-date stadium tour this spring. The “Burn It Down Tour” will kick off May 1 in Roanoke, Va. “For me, it doesn’t seem like that long ago we were playing little clubs,” the 36-year-old said in an interview Thursday at the MLB offices in New York City. “So to go from playing small bars and clubs that weren’t even sold out to now going in and selling out these stadiums ... to me, it’s pretty overwhelming sometimes, but I love it.”



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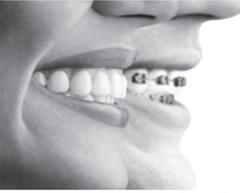
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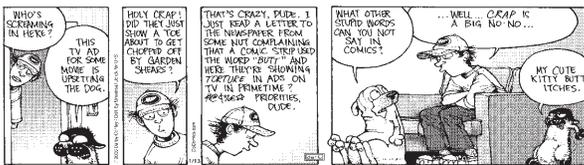
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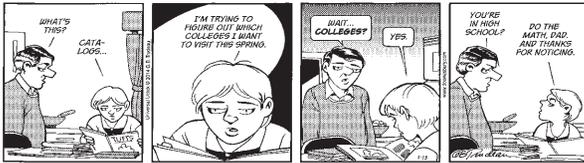
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- 18 Lowly mob
- 20 Put back to zero
- 23 Vittorio de —
- 24 Eastern potentate
- 25 Conference that excludes the jury
- 28 Wire measure
- 29 Sand formations
- 30 Third deg.?
- 32 Icon lineup
- 34 On the briny
- 35 Pacific island nation
- 36 Night vision?
- 37 Arm's-length portrait
- 40 Sept. preceder
- 41 Hasn't yet paid
- 42 Vending machine offering
- 47 Apportion (out)
- 48 Tall and branching
- 49 Formerly, formerly
- 50 Stitch
- 51 "Zounds!"

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- 1 Tear
- 2 Black bird
- 3 Sch. org.
- 4 Surname on "ALF" or "Full House"
- 5 Priestly vestments
- 6 Spy grp.
- 7 More scorching
- 8 Monkey bread tree
- 9 Owl's perch
- 10 Seed coat
- 11 Information measure
- 13 Big toe woe
- 19 Experts
- 20 Sleep phenomenon, for short
- 21 Send forth
- 22 Missile shelter
- 23 Mideastern peninsula
- 25 Topics
- 26 Church section
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- 29 XXIII times XXIV
- 31 Water barrier
- 33 Balance
- 34 Diamond pattern
- 36 Fellow
- 37 Whatever number
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- 39 Allows
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- 43 Exist
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals H



# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

# Hohenfels boys off to surprising 5-0 start

These Tigers seem to like the taste of victory.

After a one-win season in 2012-13, Hohenfels is off to a torrid 5-0 start to the current boys basketball season. The team took both halves of a home-and-home doubleheader against Ansbach over the weekend, winning 39-35 on the road on Friday and 48-32 at home a day later.

Hohenfels succeeded behind a consistent offense that scored between eight and 17 points in all eight of the weekend's quarters and an occasional lock-down defense that held Ansbach to a two-point first quarter Friday and a three-point third quarter Saturday.

**AFNORTH:** The Lions welcome four DODDS-Europe wrestling rivals to Netherlands when the regular season resumes on Friday. SHAPE, Bussels, Ramstein and Baumholder will all make the trip to Brunsum as grapplers begin to focus on the postseason. Only three regular-season weekends remain before the Feb. 8 sectionals; the European championships follow Feb. 14-15.

**Alconbury:** With the first post-holiday weekend vacant, the Dragons basketball team will take the court Friday and Saturday after a full month removed from DODDS competition.

The squads will be anxious to face AF-NORTH after suffering a combined four losses to Brussels Dec. 13-14.

**American Overseas School of Rome:** The Division II school's basketball teams won't play at home again until Feb. 14-15, when they host intractable opponent Marymount to round out the regular season.

**Ansbach:** The Cougars persevered through a tough and evenly-matched five-team field to claim team honors at a marksmanship meet Saturday at Vilseck.

Ansbach's 1,345 points were just enough to edge in front of Hohenfels (1,340 points) and Vilseck (1,332). Those three schools accounted for all of the event's top 10 finishers; the Cougars placed four among the top eight, including fourth-place finisher Brian Sowders.

**Aviano:** The Saints girls basketball team built an early 23-8 lead against Sigonella on Friday and took it easy from there, cruising to a 30-14 win.

The game marked returning head coach Laura Cordier's first game back on the home sidelines after eight years away; she had coached the Aviano girls the previous 12 seasons.

**Baumholder:** Top Bucs shooter Rachel Holliday crashed Patch's party in Saturday's marksmanship meet at Wiesbaden, taking an overall score 287 to take in-



Eric A. Brown/Stars and Stripes

**Patch's Benjamin Ferguson, left, and Maggie Elmann, center, compete from the standing position at a DODDS-Europe marksmanship competition Saturday in Wiesbaden. The Panthers took six of the top seven spots and remained unbeaten as a team this season.**

dividual honors ahead of the six Panthers who rounded out the top seven.

Holiday's effort included a perfect 100 from prone position. Baumholder tied Wiesbaden for second place in the team race behind Patch.

**Bitburg:** The Barons' perennially brutal basketball schedule is particularly onerous this season.

They opened their season against Ramstein and came out of the holiday break Friday to face Kaiserslautern, each time with predictable results. In between, they faced similarly-sized Baumholder.

Now Bitburg can look forward to another manageable matchup next weekend against fellow Division II program Ansbach. But it's back to underdog status afterward, as the Barons face Wiesbaden and Kaiserslautern down the stretch before wrapping up the season against Black Forest Academy and mercifully entering the Division II European tournament.

**Black Forest Academy:** The Falcons fared well Friday night against Division I girls basketball power Ramstein. BFA played the host Royals to a second-half 19-19 standstill in a 42-37 loss.

Like Bitburg, BFA's schedule is packed with larger opponents; the rest of January calls for road games at Wiesbaden and Kaiserslautern.

**Brussels:** The Brigands completed an impressive basketball sweep of larger regional rival AFNORTH on Saturday.

Javough Harrison starred in the boys' 43-27 win, scoring 23 points and adding nine rebounds, three steals and two blocks.

Alli DeFazio scored 22 to fuel the girls' 38-31 victory.

**International School of Brussels:** The 4-1 Raiders boys basketball team gets back to business next weekend with a home-and-home series against SHAPE.

Those games and a Feb. 4 meeting with crosstown rival Brussels represent the only remaining games on the school's light DODDS schedule.

**Kaiserslautern:** The Red Raiders continued to develop their impressively-balanced line-up Friday in a 76-28 boys basketball rout of visiting Bitburg.

Four Raiders reached double digits in scoring, led by a 16-point effort from Emilio Moreno. The team will be back at it again on Tuesday in Baumholder for an unconventional midweek game.

**Lakenheath:** After spending the bulk of its season on the road, the Lancers wrestlers will finally play host to the regular season's final meet on Feb. 1.

Lakenheath earned decisive team victories in both of its December meets; the squad will visit Kaiserslautern and Brussels this month before making its homestand.

**Marymount:** A frustrating weekend of basketball against Italian juggernaut Naples was brightened by the Friday-night performance of Lotanna Mba, who scored 25 points in a 60-39 loss to the Wildcats.

**Menwith Hill:** The Mustangs' schedule of mostly non-DODDS local opposition continues this week with a Thursday matchup with Leeds Carnegie and a Saturday showdown with ACS-Hillingdon. They'll face a DODDS school the following weekend, hosting Brussels on Jan. 24-25.

**Naples:** The Wildcats claimed their first two boys hoops victories of the year with Friday and Saturday routs of Marymount.

Jayonray Grogan led Naples in both games, producing 16 points, six rebounds and six steals Friday and 21 points, six rebounds and five steals Saturday. The multi-sport star got the Wildcats off to consecutive quick starts; the team posted 21 points in Friday's first quarter and 25 in Saturday's opening eight minutes.

**Patch:** The Panthers welcomed Wiesbaden to the DODDS-Europe marksmanship scene Saturday by dominating a meet at the Warriors' brand-new shooting range.

"My shooters did well today considering they just came back from a three-week leave," Patch head coach Raul Pinn said.

Patch finished with a whopping 1,418 team points to continue its season-long string of victories.

**Ramstein:** Lindsey Britton seemingly scored at will in the Royals' two girls basketball wins over Black Forest Academy last weekend.

Breton scored 16 points on Friday and 15 on Saturday, totaling 31 of her

team's 86 points on the weekend. Saturday's effort also included a game-high 12 rebounds.

**Schweinfurt/Bamberg:** The schools' combined basketball teams are gearing up for the final homestand in their histories over the rest of January.

Defending Division I champion Patch will visit Bavaria on Jan. 17-18; another Division I squad, Vilseck, follows Jan. 24-25. It's all road games after that, including the Division II European tournament Feb. 19-22 in Wiesbaden.

**SHAPE:** The Spartans have played one of DODDS-Europe's slightest hoops schedules to date, with just one DODDS game apiece on the record for the SHAPE boys and girls. But that's about to change.

The Belgium-based Division II school has nine girls and boys doubleheaders on the docket over the balance of the regular season, starting with a home-and-home set with ISB next weekend.

**Sigonella:** Larger schools have learned to take the tiny Division III Jaguar sports teams seriously. Sigonella provided another compelling reason Friday night.

Despite sitting up just seven players and only three six-footers, the Jaguars strode into Division II Aviano's gym Friday evening and handed the Saints a 44-45 loss.

**Vicenza:** The Cougars' wrestling team traded victories with archrival Naples in December. But the schools' rivalry is far from settled.

Geographic proximity lands the two teams, usually along with Aviano, AOSR and Sigonella, in the same meet on a weekly basis over the course of the five-week regular season. To claim bragging rights, Vicenza will have to overcome home-court advantage, as Naples hosts two of the three remaining meets.

**Vilseck:** The Falcons swooped into Stuttgart last weekend hoping to shock the DODDS-Europe basketball world. Though they fell short, both the Vilseck boys and girls proved they're worth watching in the upcoming European tournament.

The boys led entering the fourth quarter Saturday before succumbing to defending champion Patch 67-65. The girls narrowly missed upset both days, losing by six points Friday and seven points Saturday.

**Wiesbaden:** Though the school's marksmanship squad was in action Saturday, Warrior sports restart in earnest this upcoming weekend.

Wiesbaden is the only Division II basketball program still unbeaten in both the boys and girls standings. Both will put that status on the line Friday and Saturday as Black Forest Academy pays a visit. The Warrior wrestlers, with two team victories in as many meets, join a five-team meet at Patch on Saturday. —Gregory Broomer



# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS PACIFIC

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

# Wilson rebounds to clinch title for Kinick

It went into the books as a championship, but Dustin Wilson looked far less than pleased about how he earned it.

"I've wrestled for four years and I've never given up a six-point lead before," said Wilson, who held off Riku Osawa of St. Mary's 11-10 to clinch the team title for his Kinick team in its annual invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday.

Wilson led Osawa 6-0 before the latter rallied to tie the 168-pound final 8-8.

It remained nip and tuck until Wilson scored a late three-point throw and held off Osawa's comeback attempt.

"I'm happy with the gold, but giving up those points ... I'll take the W, though," Wilson said.

For Kinick, it was the first time to win what is now called the Kinick Individual Wrestling Tournament on coach Gary Wilson's watch, which began in 2002.

Until Saturday, either Kadena or Kubasaki of Okinawa — not invited to the tournament, formerly known as "Beast of the East" — St. Mary's or Shonan Military Academy had won it.

Wilson's was one of six titles won by the Red Devils, who scored 84 team points to outdistance Osawa's Titans, who had 62.

"Granted, this is different with Kubasaki and Kadena not here," Gary Wilson said. "We've gotten some seconds and thirds, but we've never won so much in my (Far East tournament) gold-years."

He wasn't expecting to win the tournament with brothers Branden and Brady Yoder out injured and when several backups were eliminated early in the invitational.

And with the team title came an emotional moment, as he coached his son for the last time in a Kinick home sports event.

"It's our last time to open the Kinick mats this year, and he graduates, so this is pretty special," Gary Wilson said. "Great match to watch, too. I'm happy they have each other to work against. I'm expecting a couple more good matches from them later this year."

The two meet again in a tri-duel on Saturday at Zama American.

**E.J. King:** The Cobras only brought three wrestlers to Korea for a five-way



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**Nile C. Kinnick's Ian O'Brien secures a head-and-arm hold on Robert D. Edgren's Brandon Gleason in the 215-pound title bout during Saturday's Kinick Individual Tournament at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. O'Brien pinned Gleason in 1 minute, 22 seconds.**



dual tournament with four DODDS Korea schools at Daegu, but they held up well: David Jackson (139), Thomas McGrath (168) each went 3-1, the first two only losing to Seoul American wrestlers and Salinas to Humphreys' Austin Rudd. ... With most of the lineup from last year's Far East Girls Division II Basketball Tournament runners-up having graduated or transferred, senior guard Debb Avalos is having to shoulder much of the load; she scored 50 points as the Cobras split two inter-district games in Korea.

**M.C. Perry:** One bright spot in the Samurai's trip to the Kinick Individual Tournament was Mekala Adams, who became the first girl in the program's three-season history to score points, taking fourth at 115 pounds.

**Edgren:** Kaleb Atchison made a big statement at 141 pounds in the Kinick Individual Tournament, capturing first with a decisive pin over St. Mary's Kazuho Kawashima in the final. ... Tied 42-42 with 2:46 left, the Eagles boys



basketball team used a 12-3 run to close Friday's contest and give Edgren its lone basketball win over the weekend against Zama

American.

**Yokota:** While the Panthers basketball team remains one of just two unbeaten in the Pacific, the girls broke through over the weekend at M.C. Perry, largely due to the rebounding of sophomore center Caitlyn Rowan. The daughter of former sudo grand champion Akebono, or Chad Rowan, grabbed 24 rebounds in two games, both wins, and had seven steals in Saturday's 24-11 victory. Freshman Paige Gall's two foul shots with five seconds left helped Yokota Perry 27-24 on Friday.

**Zama American:** Trojans girls basketball continues to sparkle halfway through the season, improving to 7-2 overall and 6-1 in DODDS Japan thanks to a weekend sweep at Edgren. ... Zama's boys



didn't stay down very long after losing to Edgren on Friday; they rebounded Saturday by holding the Eagles to 13 second-half points in a 51-42 win that was salvaged for a series split.

**Kadena:** After the boys lost their first two games to Kubasaki and after the Dragons for the first time in 10 years last month, it was all Panthers all the time on Friday on their home court. The girls rode Alicia Vaughan's 13 points to a 40-37 edging of Kubasaki, while the boys got a double-double from Preston Harris to edge the Dragons 45-44, Kubasaki's first loss of the season.

**Kubasaki:** Things looked OK for Kadena, which led Wednesday's dual meet at Kubasaki 14-13 through six bouts, until the 141-pounders stepped onto the mat. It was all Dragons from there; they scored four pins and three technical falls to win going away 50-14, improving to 2-0 on the season against the Panthers.

**Seoul American:** Coach Steve Boyd's Falcons boys haven't seen the likes of this since they last won the Far East Division 1 title in 2008. They improved to 8-0 as the second half of the season began and handily beat Taejon Christian International and Osan American behind the steady play of Henry Arnold V, who averaged 15.5 points and nine rebounds.

**Osan American:** Despite the boys basketball team losing 80-42 to Seoul American, Falcons coach Steve Boyd said it could have been more were it not for the play of Nick White, who led Osan with 27 points. "He gave us some problems," Boyd said.



**Humphreys:** Aside from Austin Rudd remaining unbeaten in eight bouts this season, the Black-hawks had great reason to celebrate



Wednesday, when they turned the key on the new high school building. Manasseh Naraty's three-point goal with four seconds left boosted Humphreys to a 63-60 win over Seoul Foreign, the first win in its history.

**Daegu:** It's looking very much like last season for the Warriors, who entered the 2013 Far East D-II Tournaments as the top seeds. Daegu won all four of its games over the weekend, the boys improving to 6-2 and the girls to a perfect 8-0 in Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference Blue Division play.

— Dave Orauer

## Scoreboard

### Wrestling

#### Inter-district

Osan American 53, King 15  
Seoul American 53, King 6  
Seoul American 48, Humphreys 10  
Seoul American 43, Daegu 10  
Humphreys 14, King 11  
Daegu 35, Humphreys 17  
Daegu 27, Osan 27 (Daegu wins via pinfall criteria tiebreaker)  
Daegu 31, King 14

**Japan**  
Kinick 84, St. Mary's 62, Shonan Military Academy 48, Edgren 43, Christian Academy Japan 42, Zama American 10, American School in Japan 5, M.C. Perry 3, Yokota 0

### Basketball

#### Boys

Taejon Christian 32, King 27  
Daegu 56, King 28  
**South Korea**  
Seoul American 80, Osan 42  
Daegu 74, Taejon Christian 49  
Seoul American 79, Taejon Christian 39  
International Christian-Uijongbu 63, Gyeonggi Suwon International 51

#### Okinawa

**Japan**  
Yokota 61, Perry 51  
Zama 51, Edgren 42  
St. Mary's 74, Kinick 47  
Edgren 54, Zama 45  
Yokota 68, Perry 51

#### Girls

King 43, Taejon Christian 24  
Daegu 63, King 33  
**South Korea**  
Seoul American 50, Osan 17  
Daegu 42, Taejon Christian 23  
Seoul American 40, Taejon Christian 25  
Seoul Foreign 37, Osan 27  
Kadena 40, Kubasaki 37  
**Okinawa**  
Yokota 24, Perry 11  
Zama 53, Edgren 51, OT  
Seisen Int'l 49, Seisen Ofuna 47  
Yokota 27, Perry 23  
Zama 41, Edgren 32

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Roundup

## Sooners knock off unbeaten No. 9 Cyclones

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla.—Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger had been searching for signs that his young, talented team was growing up.

He saw plenty on Saturday. Buddy Hield scored 22 points and Ryan Spangler added 16 points and a career-high 15 rebounds to help Oklahoma knock off previously unbeaten Iowa State 87-82 Saturday.

It was a big step for the Sooners, who had lost two of three and were coming off a 90-83 home loss to Kansas on Wednesday. Oklahoma knew it could score, but good defense in key moments had been absent.

"In the second half there, we got two or three stops we really needed," Kruger said. "We've been trying to learn how to do that."

Isaiah Cousins added 17 points for the Sooners (13-3, 2-1 Big 12), who ended No. 9 Iowa State's school-best winning streak at 14 games.

Kruger said the win against Fred Hoiberg's Cyclones was important. Iowa State was off to its best start ever, and many times in the second half, the Cyclones made the kinds of runs that have won them games this season.

"Huge win, obviously," Kruger said. "Fred does such a good job. They've got so many weapons. They space the floor and just make it awfully tough to guard. You've got to pick your poison sometimes. I'm really happy for our guys."

Spangler, a 6-foot-8, 232-pound sophomore, constantly outlasted Iowa State's more athletic big men.

"Ryan just took over the game," Kruger said. "Did some great things offensively and rebounded the ball like crazy. The guy gets so much respect for how he approaches it because he brings it every day and doesn't care about anything else except the team."

The Sooners won despite a rough day for Cameron Clark. The Big 12's leading scorer finished with 12 points on 4-for-16 shooting. The Sooners were fine because they matched a season high with 13 three-pointers and outrebounded the Cyclones 41-34.

Iowa State's DeAndre Kane had 23 points and nine rebounds before going down with an ankle injury. He left the game with 22 seconds remaining.

"It looked like he was making a play to the basket and I'm assuming that he stepped on one of their players' feet," Hoiberg said. "I'm guessing that's how he turned it."

Melvin Ejim had 21 points and six rebounds for Iowa State. Georges Niang scored 14 points and Dustin Hogue added 13 for the Cyclones (14-1, 2-1).

**No. 2 Syracuse 57, North Carolina 45:** C.J. Fair scored 20 points, Jerami Grant had 12 points and a career-high 12 rebounds, and the host Orange beat the Tar Heels in an Atlantic Coast Conference marquee matchup.

Syracuse (16-1, 3-0) evened its all-time record against the North Carolina (10-6, 0-3) to 4-4. UNC started 0-2 in ACC play three times in the past five years and five times



ALONZO ADAMS/FP

Sooners forward Ryan Spangler blocks a shot by Iowa State's DeAndre Kane, left, during the second half of Saturday's game in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma won 87-82.

overall, and the loss to Syracuse equaled the worst conference start in school history in 1996-97, Dean Smith's final year as head coach.

It was the fewest points scored by North Carolina since posting 44 in a loss to Duke in 1979.

**No. 5 Michigan State 87, Minnesota 75 (OT):** Keith Appling scored 24 points to help the host Spartans beat the Golden Gophers after overcoming a double-digit deficit in the second half and blowing a lead late in

regulation. Michigan State (15-1, 4-0 Big Ten) scored 15 straight points while holding Minnesota (13-4, 2-2) scoreless for nearly 8 minutes after trailing 53-43 with 15:57 left.

**No. 6 Wichita State 72, Missouri State 69 (OT):** Cleanthony Early had 22 points and 14 rebounds and the visiting Shockers rallied from a 19-point second-half deficit, knocking off the Bears in overtime.

**No. 7 Baylor 88, TCU 62:** Taurian Prince scored 15 of his career-high 23

points off the bench when the host Bears took control before halftime and went on to a victory over the in-state rival Horned Frogs.

**No. 8 Villanova 74, St. John's 67:** Jay-Vaughn Pinkston had 15 points and 10 rebounds and the visiting Wildcats overcame some early shooting woes to best the Red Storm.

**No. 10 Florida 84, Arkansas 82 (OT):** Dorian Finney-Smith scored a career-high 22 points as the Gators overcame the absence of leading scorer Casey Prather to snap the Razorbacks' 23-game home winning streak.

**No. 11 Oklahoma State 73, West Virginia 72:** Markel Brown hit a three-pointer with 12 seconds to lift the visiting Cowboys to a win over the Mountaineers.

**No. 14 Kentucky 71, Vanderbilt 62:** Willie Cauley-Stein scored 15 points, and the Wildcats beat the host Boilermakers for their fourth straight victory.

**Clemson 72, No. 16 Duke 59:** K.J. McDaniels scored 24 points and Jaron Blossergame had career highs with 14 points and 14 rebounds as the host Tigers defeated the Blue Devils, who suffered their second straight Atlantic Coast Conference road loss.

**No. 18 Kansas 86, No. 25 Kansas State 60:** Andrew Wiggins scored 22 points, fellow freshman Wayne Selden added 20 and the Jayhawks beat the visiting Wildcats in its latest Sunflower Showdown beat down.

**No. 19 Massachusetts 73, St. Bonaventure 68:** Trey Davis missed nine of his first 10 shots from the floor before scoring a pair of baskets in the closing two minutes to help the Minutemen rally for a win over the visiting Bonnies.

**No. 21 Missouri 70, Auburn 68:** Earnest Ross hit four free throws down the stretch and Jordan Clarkson scored 20 points to lead Mizzou to a victory over the host Tigers.

**No. 24 Memphis 79, Temple 69:** Shaq Goodwin had 23 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Tigers to a win over the host Owls.

## Service academies

**Army 60, Navy 55:** Tanner Plomb scored 15 points and Army outlasted Navy 60-55 Saturday to remain undefeated in Patriot League action.

Kyle Wilson scored 10 of the last 11 points in the game for Army (8-7, 4-0), including a jumper followed by a three-pointer on back-to-back possessions to put the Black Knights up 56-49 with 2:16 remaining.

Leading 56-50, Army missed the front end of two separate one-and-one attempts. But Navy (6-9, 1-3) was unable to score on the other end and Army made 4 of 6 free throws in the final 31 seconds to preserve the win.

Wilson had 12 in the game while Plomb reached double figures for the fourth consecutive game. The Black Knights have won five straight and move to 4-0 in league play for the first time in program history.

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**Boston goalie Tuukka Rask, center, makes a diving save of a shot by the Sharks' Brent Burns (88) during the first period of Saturday's game in San Jose, Calif. The Bruins won 1-0.**

Roundup

# Rask perfect in net as Bruins top Sharks

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Goaltender Tuukka Rask bounced back from a rare rough patch to salvage a win for the Boston Bruins.

Rask made 26 saves for his NHL-leading fifth shutout two days after being knocked out early and the Bruins got a third-period goal from Carl Soderberg to beat the San Jose Sharks 1-0 on Saturday.

"That was Bruins hockey," said Rask, who gave up three goals in less than 22 minutes at Los Angeles on Thursday. "That's how we get points in this league. Sometimes we slip from it, but today was a great example of how we need to play in order to get points. I'm really happy with the effort."

Rask gave up eight goals on the first two games of the trip as the Bruins were outscored 9-4 in losses at Anaheim and Los Angeles. But they rebounded in San Jose to sweep the season series and hand the Sharks just their second home loss in regulation all season.

Soderberg broke the tie with 7:35 remaining at the end of a broken play when Lou Eriksson's shot was blocked by Scott Hannan. Soderberg got the loose puck and knocked it past Antti Niemi for his sixth goal to salvage the finale of Boston's three-game California swing.

"A goal's a goal in this league," Boston coach Claude Julien said. "You get some tough ones that go against you so every once in a while it's good to have some go for you. That's the breaks of the game, and sometimes you have to make them yourself."

Niemi made 21 saves for the Sharks who had their six-game home winning streak snapped and were shut out at home for the first time since Feb. 9, 2013, in a shutout loss to Phoenix.

**Devils 2, Panthers 1 (OT):** Marek Zidlicky scored with the 2:12 score showing on the overtime clock to lift host New Jersey to a stirring win over Florida.

With just over three seconds to

go, the Devils called a timeout before the final faceoff. Travis Zajac beat Marc-Andre Fleury on the draw and Jaromir Jagr nudged the puck back to the top of the right circle to Zidlicky, who ripped a shot that beat goaltender Tim Thomas.

Jagr earned his 1,724th NHL point, moving him ahead of former teammate Mario Lemieux and into seventh place on the league's career scoring list.

**Penguins 2, Flames 1:** Chris Kunitz and Matt Niskanen scored and Marc-Andre Fleury made 27 saves as Pittsburgh handed host Calgary a team-record third consecutive regulation loss at home.

**Lightning 6, Flyers 3:** Valteri Filppula scored the go-ahead goal during a wild second period as visiting Tampa Bay snapped Philadelphia's 10-game, home-winning streak.

**Ducks 5, Coyotes 3:** Hampus Lindholm scored two goals as stearrolling Anaheim won for the 16th time in 17 games with a victory over host Phoenix.

**Canadiens 2, Blackhawks 1 (OT):** Andrei Markov scored two goals, including at 1:28 of overtime, to lead host Montreal past Chicago. Markov took a deflected pass from Max Pacioretty and found the roof of the net.

**Blue Jackets 6, Jets 3:** Boone Jenner and Mark Letestu each scored twice as visiting Columbus topped Winnipeg, extending the Jets' losing streak to a season-high five games.

**Senators 2, Predators 1 (SO):** Mika Zibanejad and Jason Spezza scored in the shootout to help Ottawa beat host Nashville. Kyle Turris also scored for Ottawa, which has won five of six.

**Avanche 4, Wild 2:** Ryan O'Reilly scored twice, including the game-winner with 7:16 to play, in a shutout loss to Minnesota.

**Red Wings 3, Kings 1:** Riley Sheahan scored his first NHL goal and assisted on Tomas Tatar's tiebreaking tally with 7:54 to play in a visiting Detroit victory over Los Angeles.

## Scoreboard

Eastern Conference									
Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Boston	45	29	2	2	61	129	58	109	90.8
Tampa Bay	45	27	14	4	58	132	109	90.8	
Montreal	45	23	17	1	47	117	107	90.8	
Detroit	45	20	15	10	50	118	126	90.8	
Ottawa	46	20	18	8	48	131	146	90.8	
Toronto	44	20	17	7	47	125	141	90.8	
Florida	45	17	21	7	41	109	139	90.8	
Buffalo	43	12	26	29	75	120			

Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Pittsburgh	44	22	16	6	58	152	112		
Washington	44	22	16	6	50	133	133		
Philadelphia	45	23	14	4	50	120	120		
N.Y. Rangers	45	23	13	3	49	114	123		
Carolina	45	19	17	9	47	111	128		
New Jersey	46	18	18	6	47	109	124		
Columbus	45	21	20	4	46	129	129		
N.Y. Islanders	46	17	22	7	41	126	150		

Western Conference									
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Chicago	47	29	8	10	68	170	129		
S.L. Stars	47	28	11	6	67	161	99		
S.L. Blues	45	28	12	5	61	132	115		
Minnesota	47	24	18	5	53	114	119		
Dallas	44	20	18	6	47	125	135		
Nashville	46	19	20	7	45	109	137		
Winnipeg	47	22	5	43	129	145			

Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Anaheim	46	34	8	7	73	160	119		
San Jose	46	34	6	6	62	146	110		
Los Angeles	46	27	14	5	59	119	96		
Edmonton	46	24	16	6	57	123	114		
Phoenix	44	21	14	9	51	133	136		
Vancouver	46	22	15	9	49	125	131		
Oakland	47	15	27	5	35	123	164		

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

**Friday's games**  
**First Period—1,** Dallas, 3 OT Washington 3, Toronto 2.  
**Second Period—1,** Dallas 0, N.Y. Islanders 2, Colorado 1, OT Edmonton 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT Vancouver 4, St. Louis 1.

**Saturday's games**  
**First Period—1,** Dallas 2, Tampa Bay 6, Philadelphia 3 Montreal 2, Chicago 0, 2 Florida 1, 2, 1 OT Columbus 6, Winnipeg 3  
**Second Period—1,** Dallas 2, Phoenix 5, Phoenix 3  
**Third Period—1,** Dallas 2, Detroit 3, Los Angeles 1 Boston 1, San Jose 0

**Sunday's games**  
**First Period—1,** Dallas 2, Buffalo at Washington  
**Second Period—1,** Dallas New Jersey at Toronto  
**Third Period—1,** Dallas 2, Phoenix at Phoenix  
**Fourth Period—1,** Dallas 2, Detroit 3, Los Angeles 1 Boston 1, San Jose 0

Senators 2, Predators 1 (SO)									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Ottawa	0	1	0	0	2				
Nashville	0	1	0	0	1				

**First Period—**0-0-0  
**Second Period—**0-0-0  
**Shootout—**6-2 (Zibanejad G, Sheahan, Nashville 0 (C-Smith NG, Leonard NG).  
**Penalty Shot—**Stalberg, Nas, 11:47 first.

**Shots on Goal—**Ottawa 7-9-5=21, Nashville 10-6-1=35.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Ottawa 0 of 3; Nashville 0 of 2.  
**Goals—**Ottawa, Anderson 15-9-5 (3 shots-36 saves), Nashville, Mazanec 3-9-4 (21-20).  
**A—**17,113 (71,133), T—2:23.

Western Conference									
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Detroit	0	1	0	2	3				
Los Angeles	0	1	0	2	1				

**First Period—**1, Los Angeles, Doughty 7 (Kopitar, Richards, 14:0) (pp), 2, Detroit, Sheahan 1 (Tatar, Smith), 17:11.  
**Third Period—**2, Detroit, Tatar 10 (Sheahan, Bertuzzi), 12:06, 4, Detroit, Cleary 4 (Glendening), 17:26.  
**Shots on Goal—**Detroit 9-9-8=26, Los Angeles 15-10-6=31.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Detroit 0 of 3; Los Angeles 0 of 2.  
**Goals—**Detroit, Howard 8-10-8 (45 shots-27 saves), Los Angeles, Quigg 12-6-1 (26-21).  
**A—**18,262 (18,188), T—2:37.

Penguins 2, Flames 1 (OT)									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	2	4				
Calgary	0	1	0	1	1				

**First Period—**1, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 24 (Bortuzzo), 16:34.  
**Second Period—**2, Pittsburgh, Niskanen 6 (Glass), 6:42.  
**Third Period—**1, Calgary, Backlund 6 (Brodie, Hudler), 11:29.  
**Shots on Goal—**Pittsburgh 13-6-7=26, Calgary 12-10-2=24.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Pittsburgh 0 of 3; Calgary 0 of 5.  
**Goals—**Pittsburgh, Fleury 26-10-1 (26 shots-27 saves), Calgary, Berra 5-13-2 (26-20).  
**A—**19,289 (19,289), T—2:21.

Devils 2, Panthers 1 (OT)									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Florida	0	1	0	0	1				
New Jersey	0	1	0	0	1				

**First Period—**1, New Jersey, Ryder 16 (Clowe, Henriquez), 15:22.  
**Second Period—**1, New Jersey, Byler 16 (Fleischmann, Uphill), 11:51.  
**Overtime—**3, New Jersey, Zidlicky 8 (Jagr, Tzajac), 4:57.  
**Shots on Goal—**Florida 9-6-13=20, New Jersey 9-11-23=36.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Florida 0 of 2; New Jersey 0 of 2.  
**Goals—**Florida, Thomas 11-11-3 (36 shots-36 saves), New Jersey, Schneider 7-9-5 (37-25).  
**A—**16,592 (17,625), T—2:31.

Canadiens 2, Blackhawks 1 (OT)									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Chicago	0	1	0	1	2				
Montreal	0	1	0	1	2				

**First Period—**1, Montreal, Markov 4 (Emelin, Bournival), 12:54.  
**Third Period—**2, Chicago, Hossa 16 (Sheahan), 9:22.  
**Overtime—**3, Montreal, Markov 5 (Pacioretty, Sheahan), 3:26.  
**Shots on Goal—**Chicago 7-8-5=20, Montreal 11-12-26.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Chicago 0 of 1; Montreal 0 of 3.  
**Goals—**Chicago, Crawford 17-7-6 (38 shots-36 saves), Montreal, Price 21-11-4 (29-25 shots-25 saves).  
**A—**21,273 (21,273), T—2:26.

Avanche 4, Wild 2									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Colorado	0	2	2	4	2				
Minnesota	0	2	2	4	2				

**First Period—**1, Colorado, Lindholm 13 (Stastny, Talbot), 9:08, 2, Colorado, O'Reilly 12-4-5 (26-20), 13:25, 3, Minnesota, Coyle 5 (Heatley), 14:19, 4, Minnesota, Coyle 6 (Heatley, Prosser), 14:52.  
**Third Period—**5, Colorado, O'Reilly 16 (Duchene), 12:44, 6, Colorado, Tardieu 16 (Benoit), 18:50 (en).  
**Shots on Goal—**Colorado 3-9-6=18, Minnesota 7-7-13=27.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Colorado 0 of 3; Minnesota 0 of 2.  
**Goals—**Colorado, Vlammon 21-8-0 (38 shots-25 saves), Minnesota, Backstrom 5-10-12 (17-14).  
**A—**19,117 (17,954), T—2:21.

Bruins 1, Sharks 0									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Boston	0	1	0	1	1				
San Jose	0	1	0	1	0				

**First Period—**1, Boston, Soderberg 6 (Eriksson, Spooner), 12:25.  
**Second Period—**1, Boston, Soderberg 1 (Eriksson, Spooner), 9:46-22, San Jose 12-6-8=26.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Boston 0 of 3; San Jose 0 of 1.  
**Goals—**Boston, Rask 22-11-2 (26 shots-25 saves), Niemi 23-10-4 (22-21).  
**A—**17,562 (17,562), T—2:28.

Lightning 6, Flyers 3									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Tampa Bay	1	4	1	6	1				
Philadelphia	0	3	0	3	0				

**First Period—**1, Tampa Bay, Killorn 11, 4:33.  
**Second Period—**2, Tampa Bay, Purcell 9 (Filipchuk, Gostisbehere), 5:21, 3, Philadelphia, Voracek 11 (Giroux), 2:44, 4, Tampa Bay, Malone 10 (Giroux, Crombeen), 7:28-5, Philadelphia, Simmonds 15 (Hartnell, Giroux), 11:16, 6, Philadelphia, Killorn 12 (Messaro), 14:35, 7, Tampa Bay, Filipchuk 18 (Killorn, Purcell), 15:41, 8, Tampa Bay, St. Louis, Oksanen 19 (Giroux, Gostisbehere), 17:25.  
**Third Period—**9, Tampa Bay, Malone 5 (Crombeen, Giroux), 1:11-17, 25.  
**Shots on Goal—**Tampa Bay 710-8=25, Philadelphia 151-11=37.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Tampa Bay 0 of 3; Philadelphia 1 of 4.  
**Goals—**Tampa Bay, Lindback 5-9-1 (38 shots-35 saves), Philadelphia, Mason 18-14 (17-12), Emery (0:00 third, 7:7).  
**A—**19,587 (19,541), T—2:29.

Blue Jackets 6, Jets 3									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	G	A	GF	GA	SV%
Columbus	0	4	2	6	2				
Winnipeg	1	1	3	1	1				

**First Period—**1, Winnipeg, O'Dell 1 (Eberly, Parry), 4:32.  
**Second Period—**2, Columbus, Letestu 3 (MacLean, Turris), 36 (Giroux), 5:21, 3, Philadelphia, Atkinson 13 (Wisniewski, Murray), 4:15, 4, Columbus, Foligno 12 (Oshanness, Johnson), 10:21, 5, Columbus, Guiso (penalty shot), 9:07, 6, Winnipeg, Emery (penalty shot), 11:37.  
**Third Period—**7, Columbus, Jenner 8 (Horton, Anisimov), 4:08, 17, Columbus, Little 15 (Ladd, Wisniewski), 5:55 (pp), 9, Columbus, Letestu 4 (Byniewski, Mackay), 11:34.  
**Shots on Goal—**Columbus 61-28=26, Winnipeg 41-20=61.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Columbus 0 of 4; Winnipeg 1 of 5.  
**Goals—**Columbus, McElhinney 8-8-1 (31 shots-28 saves), Winnipeg, Pavelec 11-13-4 (25-20).  
**A—**15,004 (15,004), T—2:25.

Leaders									
Scoring									
GP	G	A	Pts						
Sidney Crosby, NYI	47	25	42						
Patrick Kane, CHI	47	23	31						
John Tavares, PIT	45	20	34						
Ryan Getzlaf, ANH	47	23	30						
Joe Thornton, SAN	46	5	50						
Corey Perry, AJS	47	25	24						
Chris Kunitz, PIT	47	24	25						
Patrick Sharp, CHI	47	23	23						
Nicklas Backstrom, WAS	44	17	45						
Alex Ovechkin, WAS	42	14	46						
Jonathan Toews, CHI	46	17	30						
Evan Moore, VAN	36	12	34						
Joe Pavelski, SJ	46	21	23						
Kyle Okoski, VAN	45	17	43						
Duncan Keith, CHI	47	3	40						
Martin St. Louis, PIT	45	20	22						
Mark Parrish, SJ	46	20	22						
Taylor Hall, DET	40	17	25						
Yves Deshaies, VAN	47	21	20						
Claude Giroux, PHI	45	18	41						
Max Pacioretty, MON	47	21	20						
Phil Kessel, TOR	46	21	19						
David Legwand, VAN	47	17	20						
Mark Duchene, COL	46	16	23						
Justin Soderin, VAN	46	16	23						

Goaltending									
GP	SV	GA	Avg						
Josh Harding, MIN	29	650	46.165						
Ben Bishop, TB	32	882	57.186						
Brian Elliott, BOS	17	462	26.588						
Corey Schneider, NJ	21	532	49.197						
Ben Scrivens, LA	19	464	32.197						
Tuukka Rask, BOS	26	1018	2.046						
Carey Price, MTL	16	1065	2.719						
Jonathan Quick, LA	17	462	26.588						
Markus Naslund, VAN	20	481	24.222						
Jonathan Luongo, VAN	33	825	24.224						
Antti Raanta, CHI	16	395	2.277						
Patrick Healey, SJ	29	456	21						

## MLB/SPORTS BRIEFS



PHILAN M. EBENHACK/AP

The New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez's drug suspension has been cut to 162 games from 211 by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz, a decision that will sideline the third baseman the entire 2014 season.

# A-Rod vows to fight ruling

## Former Commissioner Fay Vincent says overturning arbitrator's 162-game suspension 'almost inconceivable'

By RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez was dealt the most severe punishment in the history of baseball's drug agreement when an arbitrator ruled the New York Yankees third baseman is suspended for the entire 2014 season as a result of a drug investigation by Major League Baseball.

The decision by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz on Saturday cut the suspension issued Aug. 5 by baseball Commissioner Bud Selig from 211 games to this year's entire 162-game regular-season schedule plus any postseason games. The three-time American League Most Valuable Player will lose just over \$22 million of his \$25 million salary.

Rodriguez vowed to continue his fight in federal court to reverse the decision.

"It's virtually impossible. The arbitration will stand. I think it's almost inconceivable that a federal court would overturn it," said former baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent, a graduate of Yale Law School. "The arbitration is itself an

appeal from the commissioner's judgment. How many appeals do you go?"

Rodriguez is the most high-profile player ensnared by baseball's drug rules, which were first agreed to in 2002 as management and union attempted to combat the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs. In sustaining more than three-quarters of Selig's initial penalty, Horowitz's decision will be widely viewed as a victory for the 79-year-old Selig, who has ruled baseball since 1992 and says he intends to retire in January 2015.

A 14-time All-Star, Rodriguez has been baseball's highest-paid player under a \$275 million, 10-year contract. He has spent parts of the past six seasons on the disabled list and will be 39 years old when he is eligible to return to the field in 2015. He is signed with the Yankees through the 2017 season.

Rodriguez admitted five years ago he used performance-enhancing drugs while with Texas from 2001 to 2003, but has denied using them since. He already sued MLB and Selig in October, claiming

they are engaged in a "witch hunt" against him.

"The number of games sadly comes as no surprise, as the deck has been stacked against me from day one," Rodriguez said in a statement. "This is one man's decision, that was not put before a fair and impartial jury, does not involve me having failed a single drug test, is at odds with the facts and is inconsistent with the terms of the Joint Drug Agreement and the Basic Agreement, and relies on testimony and documents that would never have been allowed in any court in the United States because they are false and wholly unreliable."

The Major League Baseball Players Association had filed a grievance last summer saying the discipline was without "just cause."

The union said it "strongly disagrees" with the ruling but added "we recognize that a final and binding decision has been reached."

"We respect the collectively-bargained arbitration process which led to the decision," the union's statement added.

## Briefly

# Passionate Franklin takes over at Penn State

The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — James Franklin grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs, a strong-willed, if not exactly strong-armed, high school quarterback who believed he was good enough to play at Penn State.

Joe Paterno's coaching staff didn't exactly agree and while Franklin's arm led to him a decorated career at Division II East Stroudsburg (Pa.), his will led him to the place he wanted to be all along.

Home. More than two decades after a futile attempt to draw Penn State's attention as a player, the university hired the charismatic 41-year-old as its next head coach on Saturday.

"I'm a Pennsylvania boy," Franklin said, "with a Penn State heart." One charged with continuing the painstaking and sometimes painful rebuilding process started by Bill O'Brien, who took over in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal more than two years ago.

O'Brien bolted for the NFL's Houston Texans on New Year's Eve, opening the door for Franklin, who breathed life into a moribund program at Vanderbilt, winning 24 games over three seasons and leading the Commodores to three straight bowl games.

More will be expected here — eventually. That's fine by Franklin, who insists he didn't sign the

six-year contract reportedly worth around \$4.5 million a season to use the Nittany Lions as a stepping stone.

Franklin littered his hour-long introduction with all the right touches. Wearing a blue suit with a blue-and-white tie, he called Penn State his "dream job" and dubbed Saturday "the best day of my life" before quickly amending it to the "third best" after his wedding day to his wife Fumi and the birth of their twin daughters Addy and Shola.

Pointing to his family as they watched from the front row, Franklin described himself as having "two daughters and 95 new sons."

Yet he knows the branches of the family tree run far deeper. He promised to reconnect the glorious past with what he believes is an ambitious future and vowed to have lunch with every provost and dean while pledging not to turn down any speaking engagement.

"We'll do everything we can to bring this community back together," he said, "and really take pride in this program."

Scanning a throng that dwarfed anything Franklin ever saw at Vanderbilt in a facility that in many ways rivals the jewels found in places such as Alabama and Oregon, Franklin left little doubt as to his intentions.

"Our plan is to go out and win a bunch of games," he said, "so we can stay here a long time."



JOE HERMITT, PENN.LIVE.COM/AP

James Franklin speaks during his introduction as Penn State football coach during a news conference on Saturday in State College, Pa.

In other college football news:

■ Missouri receiver Dorial Green-Beckham was arrested in Springfield, Mo., after an officer found about a pound of marijuana in the vehicle he was in with two other men.

Green-Beckham, a sophomore who led No. 5 Missouri in receptions last season, and the other men were released without formal charges after their arrest last Friday, Springfield police said in a statement.

**Strasburg agrees to 1-year deal with Nats**

WASHINGTON — Stephen Strasburg has agreed to a one-year, \$3,975,000 deal with the Washington Nationals.

Strasburg avoided arbitration by agreeing to the contract.

This would have been the first season Strasburg was eligible for arbitration. The 25-year-old right-hander is 29-19 over four seasons, including 8-9 last year with a 3.00 ERA in 30 starts.

In other MLB news:

■ Colorado Rockies slugger Carlos Gonzalez is recovering from an emergency appendectomy after intense stomach pain sent him to a Denver hospital Friday night.

**Kirk moves into the lead at Sony Open**

HONOLULU — Chris Kirk made a birdie on the final hole to take the outright lead heading into the final round at the Sony Open on Saturday.

Cloudy conditions and only a mild breeze meant just about everyone had a chance at Waialae Country Club. At one point there was a six-way tie for the lead, and 14 players were separated by only one shot.

Kirk had a 65, giving him a one-shot lead over Harris English and PGA Tour rookie Will Wilcox. A dozen players are separated by three shots going into the final round, a group that includes Kapalua winner Zach Johnson.

■ South African Louis Oosthuizen has birdied his closing two holes to retain the Volvo Champions title.

The former British Open winner shot a 4-under 68 Sunday for an overall score of 12 under.

It is Oosthuizen's first success since winning this elite 36-player event a year ago.

NFL PLAYOFFS

# Luck struggles in loss to Patriots

No comeback this time; Colts shut out in fourth



MICHAEL Dwyer/AP

New England Patriots defensive end Chandler Jones (95) grabs the jersey of Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) as Luck tries to escape in the first half of their AFC divisional playoff on Saturday in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots won 43-22 to advance to the AFC championship.

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — This time, there was no stunning comeback for Andrew Luck and the Indianapolis Colts.

Just a handful of frustrating mistakes, some missed opportunities and now a long offseason to imagine what could have been.

"We just couldn't get a rhythm early," said Luck, who finished 20 of 41 for 331 yards and four interceptions. "And that first series interception, to put our defense in that position is inexcusable. And that's on me."

The Colts gave up four touchdown runs by LeGarrette Blount and two by Stevan Ridley as the New England Patriots advanced to the AFC championship game with a 43-22 win on Saturday.

"I'm just disappointed in myself," Luck said. "I can't commit that many turnovers and have a chance to win against a great team like this."

The Colts (12-6) were coming off a stunning 45-44 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs in which they overcame a 38-10 third-quarter deficit in the wildcard game for the second-biggest comeback victory in NFL playoff history.

They fell behind 14-0 early in this one, but were within a touchdown — down 29-22 — entering

the fourth quarter. But Blount, Tom Brady and the rest of the Patriots' offense pulled away.

"We never stopped fighting and we had our chances and just couldn't get over that hump," said Luck, who threw two touchdown passes to LaVon Brazill. "The Patriots deserved to win."

Billed as a matchup between marquee quarterbacks — long-time great Brady and second-year star Luck — the Patriots' leader was content to hand off while Luck threw an interception on his second pass and never found consistency.

"He's a good quarterback, man," Patriots cornerback Aqib Talib said. "We just tried to put pressure on him. That's about the best thing you can do to try to put pressure on him. And do it to make him force some throws."

Luck had three interceptions a week earlier, but led the Colts to their impressive comeback against the Chiefs. The Colts trailed 21-12 at halftime against the Patriots and cut it to 29-22 on a 35-yard pass to Brazill with 5:01 left in the third.

The Patriots (13-4) dominated the rest of the way and advanced to play the winner of Sunday's San Diego-Denver game in the AFC championship.

"We had our chances, man, to make plays and get our offense back on the field," Colts safety

Antoine Bethea said. "Last game, we were able to do that, but it was a great quarterback, a great offense and a great team we were facing. We dug ourselves a hole we couldn't dig out of."

Adam Vinatieri kicked a 21-yard field goal on Indianapolis' first possession of the second half to make it 21-15, but the Colts could have had more.

Luck completed consecutive passes of 40 yards to T.Y. Hilton and 16 to Coby Fleener to get the ball to the Patriots 4, but New England made a nice defensive stand to keep Indianapolis out of the end zone.

Brady came out on the Patriots' next offensive play and connected with a wide-open Danny Amen-

## Did you know

Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri, a former star with the Patriots, set the NFL mark with his 59th career playoff extra point.



then made it a two-touchdown game with a 2-point conversion.

Then, as he did last week against Kansas City, Luck showed he can put up points in a hurry, too. First, he completed a 46-yard pass to Hilton and then hit Brazill for the 35-yard score.

But the comeback bid was short-lived.

Blount burst through the right side of the line early in the fourth quarter and rambled 73 yards into the end zone. He finished with 166 yards on 24 carries.

On the next series, Luck threw his third interception and the Patriots capitalized with Ridley's second touchdown run, a 1-yarder that finished the scoring with 11:12 left.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

dola for 53 yards. New England moved down the field with an efficient nine-play, 88-yard drive that was capped by Ridley pushing his way into the end zone. He

# Blount: 4 rushing touchdowns sets New England playoff mark

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"He can run hard. He can make guys miss and he can go the distance."

Blount scored on three 2-yard runs in the first half, then burst through the right side for his 73-yarder. Once he reached the end zone, he placed the ball gently on the ground made soggy by a game-long rain.

On the next series, Luck threw his third interception and the Patriots capitalized with Stevan Ridley's second touchdown run, a 1-yarder that finished the scoring with 11:12 left.

"I'm just disappointed in myself," Luck said. "I can't commit that many turnovers and have a chance to win against a great team like this."

Blount joined Ricky Watters, who had five touchdowns for San Francisco on Jan. 15, 1994, as the only players with four or more in a playoff game. The Patriots' six rushing touchdowns tied the 49ers' total in that game for second most in playoff history.

Blount's performance came two weeks after he ran for 189 yards and returned two kickoffs for TDs in a 34-20 victory over Buffalo in

the regular-season finale.

Billed as a matchup between quarterbacks — long-time great Brady and second-year star Luck — the Patriots' leader was content to hand off while Luck threw an interception on his second pass and never found consistency. He threw two touchdown passes to LaVon Brazill but also threw four interceptions.

Luck had three interceptions a week earlier, but led the Colts from a 38-10 deficit early in the third quarter to a 45-44 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in a wildcard game.

"We had our chances, man, to make plays and get our offense back on the field," Colts safety Antoine Bethea said. "Last game, we were able to do that, but it was a great quarterback, a great offense and a great team we were facing (Saturday)."

The Colts trailed 21-12 at halftime, then cut the deficit to 29-22 on a 35-yard pass to Brazill with 5:01 left in the third. The Patriots dominated the rest of the way.

"We just had to keep our foot on the gas pedal," Blount said, "and make sure that they didn't do us what they did to Kansas City."



MATT SLOCUM/AP

New England Patriots running back LeGarrette Blount (29) breaks free from Indianapolis Colts safety LaRon Landry (30) and heads downfield for one his four touchdowns on Saturday.

Blount's first touchdown came on New England's first offensive play after Alfonzo Dennard's interception. He scored again on the Patriots' second series.

Luck responded with a 38-yard touchdown pass to Brazill. Former Patriot Adam Vinatieri set an NFL record with his 59th

post-season extra point, making it 14-7.

Blount's third touchdown came 4:06 into in the second quarter before Vinatieri's 36-yard field goal made it 21-10.

The Colts got a break late in the first half when Danny Aikens' snap sailed over punter Ryan Al-

len's head, ending up in a safety. The Patriots also got a break that the Colts didn't get a touchdown out of it after Allen failed to concede the safety.

Allen fumbled the ball and Indianapolis' Jeris Pendleton slapped the ball out of the end zone.

"Ryan probably wasn't sure how close they were to him," Belichick said.

Allen hurt his shoulder on the play and placekicker Stephen Gostkowski punted the rest of the game. Brady took over Allen's holding duties.

Indianapolis got the ball on the free kick, but the drive ended with Luck's second interception.

Vinatieri's 21-yard field goal early in the third quarter made it 21-15.

Then the Patriots took a 29-15 lead on Ridley's 3-yard run and his carry for a two-point conversion.

But Luck came right back with his second touchdown pass to Brazill.

"We didn't accomplish the ultimate goal," Colts running back Donald Brown said, "but there are definitely some positives to look back on."

# NFL PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

**Playoffs**

**Wild-card Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 4**  
 Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 44  
 New Orleans 43, Philadelphia 24

**Sunday, Jan. 5**  
 San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10  
 San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20

**Divisional Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 11**  
 Seattle 22, New Orleans 15  
 New England 43, Indianapolis 27

**Sunday, Jan. 12**  
 San Francisco at Carolina  
 San Diego at Denver

**Conference Championships**  
**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
 New England vs. San Diego-Denver winner  
 San Francisco-Carolina winner at Seattle

**Pro Bowl**  
**Sunday, Jan. 26**  
**At Honolulu**

**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 2**  
**At East Rutherford, New Jersey**  
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion

**Saturday**

**Patriots 43, Colts 22**

Indianapolis 7 5 10 0—22  
 New England 14 7 8 14—43

**First Quarter**  
 NE—Blount 2 run (Gostkowski kick), 13:11  
 NE—Blount 2 run (Gostkowski kick), 11:17  
 NE—Brazil 38 pass from Luck (Vnatir-ick kick), 4:35

**Second Quarter**  
 NE—Tom 2 run (Gostkowski kick), 10:54  
 NE—FG Vinatieri 36, 5:35.  
 NE—Team safety, 2:18.

**Third Quarter**  
 NE—FG Vinatieri 21, 10:03.  
 NE—Ridley 3 run (Ridley run), 6:18.  
 NE—Brazil 35 pass from Luck (Vnatir-ick kick), 5:01.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 NE—Blount 73 run (Gostkowski kick), 11:25  
 NE—Ridley 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 11:12  
**A—68,756.**

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—Indianapolis**, D.Brown 17-63, Luck 1-5, Richardson 3-1, New England, Blount 24-166, Ridley 14-52, Vermeil 5-17, Allen 1-4, Develin 1-0, Brady 1-0 minus 11.

**Passing—Indianapolis**, Luck 20-41-4-33, 13-25-0-158.

**Receiving—Indianapolis**, Fieoren 6-74, Whalen 5-67, Hilton 4-103, Brazili 2-73, Boye 1-7, Huxill 1-4, Brown 1-3, New England, Edelman 6-84, Amendola 3-77, Vermeil 2-16, Collie 1-15, Hoonamawaru 1-6.

**Missed field goals—None.**

**Seahawks 23, Saints 15**

New Orleans 0 0 10 0—15  
 Seattle 6 10 0 7—23

**First Quarter**  
 SEA—FG Hauschka 38, 10:19.  
 SEA—FG Hauschka 49, 2:27.

**Second Quarter**  
 SEA—Lynch 15 run (Hauschka kick), 14:11  
 SEA—FG Hauschka 26, 1:18.

**Third Quarter**  
 SEA—K-Robinson 1 run (Ingram run), 13:11  
 SEA—Lynch 31 run (Hauschka kick), 2:40.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 NO—Colston 9 pass from Brees (S.Graham kick), 26:4  
**A—68,388.**

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing—New Orleans**, K-Robinson 11-109, Ingram 10-49, Colston 11-144, Brown 2-140, Wilson 3-16, Turbin 3-9, Harvin 3-9.  
**Seattle**, New Orleans, Brees 24-49-0-309, Peterson 5-32, Meacham 2-69, Moore 2-23, K-Robinson 1-22, Seattle, Graham 18-1, Watson 1-0, Seaton, Harvin 3-21, Baldwin 2-30, Kearse 1-25, Tate 1-13, Miller 1-0, Turbin 1-3.

**Missed field goals—None.**  
 S.Graham 45 (WU), 49 (WU).

# Saints' offense stifled in Seattle

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
 The Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Saints' playoff run collided Saturday with two storms: the weather system that bore down on Seattle and the Seahawks' stout defense.

The wet and windy conditions made it difficult for Drew Brees to throw in the first half — and when he did, the Seahawks' top-ranked pass defense thwarted him.

Wearing gloves on both hands, Brees threw for only 34 yards in the first half — his lowest first-half showing since the final regular-season game against the Panthers in 2006 when the Saints pulled him early to rest for the playoffs.

With the wind at his back, the 13-year veteran found his rhythm in the second half but his comeback bid fell short and New Orleans' season ended with a 23-15 loss to the Seahawks in the NFC divisional playoff game.

"You just don't know how many more opportunities you're going to have," Brees said afterward. "That's what makes it so tough standing up here and talking about it."

Brees found Marques Colston with a 9-yard touchdown pass with 26 seconds left to narrow it. Colston recovered the onside kick and gave the Saints the possibility to tie it.

Brees again hit Colston on the Seattle 38, but the 8-year veteran didn't step out of bounds and instead tried to throw awkwardly across the field to Darren Sproles. The illegal forward pass brought an automatic 10-second runoff and ended the game.

In the end, Brees completed 24 of 43 passes for 309 yards. Colston wouldn't talk after the game.

The Saints had visited Seattle in early December and suffered a 34-7 loss. Brees was 23 of 34 for 147 yards and the lone touchdown in that one.



Saints receiver Marques Colston, right, throws the ball after catching a pass next to Seahawks cornerback Jeremy Lane. A penalty for an illegal forward pass was called on the final 10 seconds of the clock ran off as Seattle won 23-15.

"We knew what we were coming in to here," Brees said. "We thought we had a great game plan."

After beating Tampa in the regular-season finale for the sixth seed, the Saints defeated the Eagles 26-24 in an NFC wild-card game last weekend in Philadelphia. It was the first playoff road victory in franchise history. Brees threw for 250 yards and a touchdown but also had a pair of interceptions.

## Lynch: RB sets team playoff mark with 140 yards rushing

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Sunday after last reaching the conference title game in the 2005 playoffs.

Seattle shut out the Saints in the first half and capped the victory with a 31-yard scoring run with 2:40 left that Carroll celebrated by jumping into offensive line coach Tom Cable's arms.

"I don't run to get tackled," Lynch said. While the clinching score lacked the stunning explosiveness of Lynch's "Beast Quake" touchdown run against the Saints in the 2010 playoffs, this one was more important. It ensured Seattle would not be the latest No. 1 seed to get upset by a No. 6 seed in the divisional round.

Lynch's clinching TD was similar to that 2010 play. Lynch read the blocking perfectly and cut to the outside using two blocks from tight end Zach Miller and Jermaine Kearse. Lynch's only contact was a stiff-arm of Keenan Lewis that allowed him free passage to the end zone and left CenturyLink Field swaying.

"It's all want win here," Seattle wide receiver Golden Tate said. "He's blessed with tremendous

athleticism and body control and power. But right there he wanted that. He just wanted it and he went and got it."

Lynch set a franchise playoff record for yards rushing. His running made up for another shaky day passing by Russell Wilson. Seattle's offense was a concern heading into the postseason and, outside of Lynch, did little to quell those worries.

Wilson missed on five of his first six pass attempts to start the second half but came through with a 31-yard completion to Doug Baldwin with 2:57 remaining. The Saints blitzed and Wilson and Baldwin connected. Lynch scored on the next play.

"At the end of the game I knew they were going to bring everybody," Wilson said.

Wilson finished 9-for-18 for a career-long 103 yards. His leading receiver was Harvin, making his second appearance of the season after nearly getting put on injured reserve less than two weeks ago. Harvin had three receptions for 21 yards in the first half and one rush for 9 yards, but left the game late in the first half with a concussion.

Carroll said they won't know Harvin's status for the NFC championship game until later in the week.

"He was electric. He made some awesome plays today," Wilson said about Harvin. "... They



Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, center, scrambles in front of Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan during the second quarter.

were trying to find ways to stop him and they were struggling with that."

Hauschka hit field goals of 38 and 49 yards with the windy, rainy conditions at his back and hit a 26-yarder into the wind late in the third quarter.

Seattle's defense also made Jimmy Graham invisible for the second time this season. He had just three receptions in the first meeting in December and was even less of an option on Saturday.

Graham's lack of production was just part of the Saints struggles. That was huge."

New Orleans was shut out in the first half for the third time in Sean Payton's tenure as head coach and first since 2011. Brees was held to 34 yards passing in the half.

There was also Mark Ingram's costly fumble on the first play of the second quarter that was forced and recovered by Michael Bennett. Two plays later, Lynch danced in for his first touchdown and the Seahawks had a 13-0 lead.

"It's my responsibility to take care of the football," Ingram said. "I lost it in a critical moment and they scored a touchdown off of it. That was huge."

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**Another unbeaten goes down**

 Sooners hand No. 9 Iowa State  
 first loss of season | Page 27

**NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS**

# Carrying on



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Patriots running back LeGarrette Blount, right, carries the ball during Saturday's AFC divisional playoff game in Foxborough, Mass. Blount had 166 yards rushing in New England beat Indianapolis 43-22.

## Blount scores 4 TDs in Patriots' rout of Colts

By HOWARD ULMAN  
*The Associated Press*

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — LeGarrette Blount wasn't satisfied with three short touchdown runs, not against a team coming off the second greatest comeback in playoff history.

So the 250-pound back who makes long runs routine took off on a 73-yarder and carried the New England Patriots to their third straight AFC championship game with a 43-22 victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Saturday night.

Suddenly, the ground game has replaced Tom Brady as the heart of the Patriots' offense.

"Once I get into the open field, they're going to have to chase me," Blount said. "And if they catch me, they do. And if they don't, they don't. They usually don't."

They didn't two weeks earlier when he scored on

runs of 36 and 35 yards in the regular-season finale against Buffalo. He also returned kickoffs 83 and 62 yards in that 34-20 victory that gave New England a first-round bye. And they didn't on his long touchdown that gave the Patriots (13-4) a 36-22 lead early in the fourth quarter against the Colts (12-6).

The Patriots will face the winner of the game Sunday between the Broncos and Chargers. It will be in Denver if the Broncos win, and New England will host it if the Chargers win.

"It's just a great achievement," Brady said. "People have counted us out at times this year, but I think we've got a locker room full of believers."

Blount tied Curtis Martin's team playoff record of 166 yards rushing, on 24 carries, two weeks after rushing for a career-high 189.

"He's got that combination of size, power and quickness and speed," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

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## Lynch overwhelms Saints as Seattle earns NFC title spot

By TIM BOOTH  
*The Associated Press*

SEATTLE — When he got around the edge, there was no one for Marshawn Lynch to hit. Directly ahead was open field, the end zone and the Seattle Seahawks' place in the NFC championship game.

Once again, Lynch overpowered the New Orleans Saints in the postseason.

"That was maybe 'Beast Mode II.' I don't know but it was a very cool way to end that game and give us the score that we needed," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Lynch carried 28 times for 140 yards and two touchdowns and Seattle's defense flustered Drew Brees and New Orleans in a 23-15 victory Saturday in the NFC divisional playoff game.

"You just don't know how many more opportunities you're going to have," Brees said. "That's what makes it so tough standing up here and talking about it."

Steven Hauschka added three field goals in blustery conditions and the top-seeded Seahawks advanced to the NFC title game for the second time. They will host San Francisco or Carolina next

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TED S. WARRON/AP

Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch ran 28 times for 140 yards and two touchdowns Saturday in a 23-15 win over the Saints.

Wagner makes US skating roster despite falls | Page 21

