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US takes bobsled bronze



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JPAC: Dig at Koh Tang site to find missing GIs

BY MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command has potentially found evidence related to Americans still missing from the final battle of the Vietnam War and may head back to Koh Tang island for an excavation in the near future, officials said.

A seven-member investigation team spent a week in September on the island off the coast of Cambodia, where it investigated two sites located in areas where the heaviest fighting occurred, JPAC officials said last month.

JPAC officials declined to provide specifics on the sites, what was found or any potential correlation to a particular missing servicemember, but they said they found enough evidence to bring one site before the administrative body that decides whether to allocate funds for a dig.

Since only concrete cases are brought before the board, the revelation has given families of the missing hope.

"My brother was very dear to my heart," said Daphne Loney, sister of unaccounted-for Marine Lance Cpl. Ashton Loney, who was killed in an ambush during the battle. "After all these years knowing the others were found, I hope it's a possibility he will finally come home. I thought no one really cared about Ashton."

While on the island, JPAC investigators inspected one site on the island's east beach and one on its west beach, according to spokesman Army Maj. Jamie Dobson.

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DODEA bans 'e-cigs'; punishment could include expulsion

BY SETH ROBSON
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Defense Department school officials are taking steps to ban electronic cigarettes on school property, calling the increas-

ingly popular items "a tobacco product" that could be used to consume illicit recreational drugs.

So far, reports of e-cigarette use among Defense Department Education Activity students on school grounds are sporadic,

with only two incidents in Europe and one in the Pacific.

Under the new rules, students caught with the devices could face discipline — up to and including expulsion from school — according to school officials in Europe and the Pacific.

Kaiserslautern High School in Germany appears to be the first DODEA school to modify its school rules to specifically ban the product, which is commonly called an e-cig.

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“She bullied her way through life. But I would never think she would start blowing people away in a meeting.”

— Cedarville, Calif., resident Sandra Parriott, on Cheryl Lash Rhoades, who is accused of killing four and wounding two in a gun and knife attack Thursday at a Native American tribal meeting in Alturas, Calif.

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MIDEAST

Militant attack kills 21 Afghan troops

By ALEX PENA Stars and Stripes

KABUL — An early Sunday morning attack by insurgents on two Afghan army checkpoints in Kunar province left 21 Afghan soldiers dead and six missing in a battle that lasted about four hours, the Afghan Defense Ministry said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack via an emailed statement, saying, “tens of (ANA) soldiers [have] been killed and arrested.”

The Afghan Defense Ministry said 21 Afghan soldiers were killed and two were wounded and that the insurgents suffered heavy losses. The Taliban state-

ment said only one of their fighters was killed and another was wounded.

The attack took place in Ghazi Abad District in Kunar province, near the volatile border with Pakistan. The area has been a hotbed of insurgent activity throughout the war.

The defense ministry said both internal and foreign insurgents were involved in the attack, which began at 4 a.m., with the ensuing gunbattle lasting until 8.

An Afghan National Army unit that was dispatched to the area to assist was attacked by a suicide bomber, but there were no casualties in that incident, the ministry said.

The incident is believed to be one of the deadliest for Afghan National Army troops in at least a year.

With international troops drawing down ahead of the deadline for all coalition combat forces to be withdrawn by the end of 2014, the Taliban have stepped up attacks on the Afghan National Security Forces.

Casualties among Afghan forces have been on the rise since they took over control of security last year. According to The Associated Press, 84 Afghan army soldiers have been killed since the beginning of this year.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack “in the

strongest possible terms.” He was “deeply saddened by the tragedy,” and praised “the brave soldiers who lost their lives,” according to a statement on the presidency’s website. Karzai postponed a planned trip to Sri Lanka in the wake of the attack, according to the statement.

The statement said Karzai called on Pakistan to cooperate with Afghanistan and to take “serious and effective measures in eliminating the terrorist sanctuaries that have continued to pose a grave and serious threat” to both countries.

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Taliban says it has suspended talks on captive US soldier

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ISLAMABAD — Afghanistan’s Taliban said Sunday they had suspended “mediation” with the United States to exchange captive Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl for five senior Taliban prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay, halting — at least temporarily — what was considered the best chance yet of securing the 27-year-old soldier’s freedom since his capture in 2009.

In a terse Pashto language statement emailed to The Associated Press, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid blamed the “current complex political situation in the country” for the suspension.

A U.S. official with knowledge of the talks said the cause of the suspension was not the result of any issue between the United States and the Taliban. He declined to elaborate and spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists.

Bergdahl, of Hailey, Idaho, was last seen in a video released in December, footage seen as “proof

of life” demanded by the U.S. Bergdahl is believed to be held in the border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Mujahid said the indirect talks with the U.S. had been mediated by Qatar, where the Taliban established a political office last June. The video of Bergdahl was part of the negotiations which were to lead to the eventual transfer of the five Taliban leaders held since 2002 in Guantanamo Bay.

“The leadership of the Islamic Emirate has decided to suspend the process for some time due to the current complex political situation in the country,” the statement read. “The process will remain suspended without the exchange of the prisoners until our decision to resume.”

Mujahid did not elaborate on what “political situation” in Afghanistan led to the suspension of talks or say when they might resume. Afghanistan is in the middle of a presidential campaign ahead of an April 5 election. Two-term President Hamid Karzai cannot run again for office under the Afghan constitution.



PROVIDED BY INTELCENTER/AP

A video released in December 2010 by the Taliban contains footage of a man, left, believed to be Bowe Bergdahl.

The U.S. State Department has refused to acknowledge the negotiations, but the U.S. official previously told the AP that indirect talks were underway.

In response to the Taliban statement Sunday, U.S. Embassy spokesman in Afghanistan Robert Hilton said: “Sgt. Bergdahl has been gone far too long. However, we can’t discuss the efforts we’re taking to obtain his return.”

Efforts at a swap are also seen as a concession to Karzai. Washington would like to see him back

away from his refusal to sign a security pact that is necessary for the U.S. to leave a residual force behind in Afghanistan. Karzai says he wants Washington to push reconciliation between the Afghan government and the Taliban forward, without offering specifics.

The five Taliban detainees at the heart of the proposal are the most senior Afghans still held at the prison at the U.S. base in Cuba. Each has been held since 2002.

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MILITARY

Punishment: Official says e-cigarettes considered a tobacco product

FROM FRONT PAGE

Earlier this month, Kaiserslautern administration officials notified parents that its student handbook had been revised to prohibit students from using or possessing e-cigarettes anywhere on school property, or at any time during school hours even if not on school property.

"Specifically, the possession/use of e-cigarettes (sometimes referred to as hookah pens or by other terminologies) is now added to the listing of offenses which result in suspension," according to the letter to parents, which also was posted on the school's Facebook page.

While Kaiserslautern took the extra step of specifically mentioning e-cigarettes, DODEA officials said that the items already are prohibited at all schools under established policies banning students from possessing "drug paraphernalia" and tobacco products.

"We are considering it a tobacco product," said DODDS-Europe spokesman Bob Purteman. "The policy we have here is in line with the military services, which also treat e-cigarettes as a tobacco product."

DODEA disciplinary regulations already prohibit students "from possessing or using tobacco, or any product containing tobacco or nicotine products," including cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets and betel nut, according to the regulation. Students can be suspended or expelled if caught with any of those products.

'Zero tolerance'

Invented by a Chinese medical researcher as a smoking cessation device, an e-cigarette uses a battery to heat liquids, allowing users to inhale a vapor that can include nicotine, flavor additives and other chemicals. The liquids, sold only in certain shops in countries such as Germany, come with names like Snickerdoodle, Banana Milkshake or Super Cool Minty Menthol Madness.

There is no tobacco in the e-cigarette liquids.

'Due to the nature, appearance and safety concerns of e-cigarettes, they are considered to be in the same category as tobacco.'

Army news release

The metal tubes — which can range in cost from \$7 for a nonrechargeable version sold at local military shoppettes to about \$60 for a rechargeable, refillable device — come in many shapes and easily can be mistaken for ink pens. E-cigarettes mimic the experience of smoking, but they produce water vapor, not secondhand smoke like conventional cigarettes.

Because most liquids used in e-cigarettes contain nicotine, some researchers and health advocates are concerned that their use could lead to nicotine addiction or could be a gateway to tobacco products. A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report found that from 2011 to 2012, e-cigarette use among middle and high school students nearly doubled. However, there don't appear to be any studies or evidence to support or dispel the belief that teens are using the e-cigarettes as a gateway to tobacco products.

There is ample evidence that smoking ordinary cigarettes increases the risk of lung cancer, but the jury is still out on e-cigarettes.

The goal of DODEA's anti-smoking policy is to help students learn to make healthy choices, said Joyce Lutrey, the Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific's deputy director of curriculum instruction. "Our real clear message is that this (using e-cigarettes) is not a good choice."

DODDS-Europe also has updated its school athletic manuals to add e-cigarettes to the list of products student athletes are prohibited from using at school-sponsored athletic events, Purteman said. DODDS-Europe also was recommending a potential revision to DODEA's administrator's guide to address e-cigarettes, he said.

Lutrey said that DODEA regards e-cigarettes as "drug paraphernalia" and prohibits students from possessing them.

"Schools are smoke-free environments for adults and students," she said. "There is zero tolerance in schools for anything that is smoking or improper use of drugs."

DODEA-Pacific spokesman Charly Hoff said a student caught with an e-cigarette typically would be summoned to a meeting to discuss the transgression, but punishment in severe cases could include suspension or even expulsion.

Purteman said the consequences for a student caught with an e-cigarette is left up to each school.

The ban extends to non-nicotine electronic cigarettes, he said.

"How do you determine what's in, what's not in it? Then it becomes a distraction ... if you have it on school grounds," he said.

In the Pacific, school officials said they also are concerned that some youths have modified electronic cigarettes for use with recreational drugs such as marijuana.

While there are no reports that students are doing that in the Pacific, electronic cigarettes can be used to vaporize liquids containing THC, the chemical compound found in marijuana that provides a "high" to the user. One school district in Long Island, N.Y., for example, recently banned e-cigarettes from school grounds, in part from concern that the devices

could be manipulated to mask marijuana use, according to a Newsday report.

Beyond the schools

Many cities, businesses and restaurants in the U.S. also are trying to figure out how to deal with the rising popularity of the devices. New York City, for example, has banned the use of e-cigarettes indoors.

There is no federal law restricting the use of e-cigarettes in the workplace, but some military services have taken action.

Four years ago, the Air Force banned e-cigarettes from its workplaces, while the Navy allows e-cigarettes to be used only in designated tobacco-smoking areas outside buildings.

In November, Fort Leonard Wood, an Army post in Missouri, issued a policy banning the use of e-cigarettes from any public or government building on the installation.

"Due to the nature, appearance and safety concerns of e-cigarettes, they are considered to be in the same category as tobacco," according to an Army news release.

Many states have enacted — or are in the process of passing — laws that would prohibit the sale of e-cigarettes to minors.

The future of the e-cigarettes likely depends on the Food and Drug Administration, which is considering restrictions on their sale and marketing.

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PACIFIC



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Koh Tang's west beach, seen in 2012, was the scene of heavy fighting during the 1975 battle for the island between entrenched Khmer Rouge guerrillas and U.S. Marines.



Dig: JPAC board will decide if costly excavation is warranted

FROM FRONT PAGE

JPAC officials said they interviewed witnesses from the May 15, 1975, battle between U.S. Marines and Cambodian Khmer Rouge soldiers to help identify potential sites.

The case will now go before JPAC's excavation decision board, which meets monthly to decide whether a more costly excavation is warranted at a particular site. For that to occur, there needs to be compelling evidence that American remains will be recovered.

"Typically, an analyst will submit a case to the excavation decision board if he or she believes there is enough evidence to warrant a recovery operation," Dobson said. "Some considerations include finding material evidence linking the site to an individual's case or the cor-

roboration of circumstantial evidence supporting the location as a potential site.

If the site is approved for excavation, it will be added to the master excavation list.

Some families of the missing have complained that correlated sites can languish on the list for years. Dobson did not say when the decision board would convene to hear the case or when it might launch an excavation.

Developers have announced plans to turn the small island, less than 50 miles off the coast of Cambodia, into a resort. It's unclear how those construction plans might affect any JPAC decision.

Loney was only 20 when he and approximately 200 other Marines, Navy corpsmen and Air Force pilots fought for their lives on Koh Tang, an isolated scrap in the Gulf of Thailand. Their mission was to rescue the hostage crew of an American merchant vessel, the SS Mayaguez.

The grueling 14-hour battle, often referred to as the "Mayaguez Incident" and widely regarded as the last battle of the Vietnam War, claimed the lives of 15 servicemembers and an additional 23 Air Force personnel who died in a support force crash in Thailand. Three Marines were left behind and later reportedly killed by their captors.

The only ones who have yet to be recovered are Loney, Air Force Staff Sgt. Elwood Rumbaugh, who was reportedly lost at sea; and the three left behind — Pfc. Gary Hall, Lance Cpl. Joseph Hargrove and Pvt. Danny Marshall.

Loney, a charismatic, jovial family man, was gunned down while walking point during a foray into the jungle during the battle, survivors said.

Marine was 'bigger than life'

"He was bigger than life," said battle survivor Al Bailey, who was with Loney when he died. "He didn't think he could be destroyed."

Em Son, the Khmer Rouge commander of the island during the battle, told Stars and Stripes in 2012 that he found Loney's body wrapped in a poncho on the beach after the Americans left and had him buried nearby.

Since that time, however, Son has been picked up by the Cambodian tribunal — called the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia — looking into Khmer Rouge atrocities, leading some to question the truthfulness of his information on the missing.

Lars Olsen, a spokesman for the U.N.-backed tribunal, provided the following statement: "I am further limited on what I can make comments on by ECCC Internal Rule 56 which reads, 'In order to preserve the rights and interests of the parties, judicial investigations shall not be conducted in public. All persons participating in the judicial investigation shall maintain confidentiality.'"

U.S. Embassy officials in Cambodia declined to comment.

Many survivors of the battle and families of the missing believe Son — who told Stars and Stripes he executed Hargrove and witnessed the burials of Hargrove, Hall, Marshall and Loney — has

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withheld the truth about the missing, including potential burial sites, possibly in fear of prosecution by the tribunal.

Son insists he has shown JPAC the correct sites and that American remains have been found.

Despite testimony of the alleged witness, attempts to locate the missing men have been hampered by poor record-keeping at JPAC labs. Documents provided to Stars and Stripes include allegations that JPAC investigators failed to fully record their work on the island during excavations, some of which potentially covered some of "the only evidence thus far related to the possible fate of one of those that was left behind."

American remains were potentially found during an excavation on the island in 2008, according to Charles Ray, the former ambassador to Cambodia and deputy assistant secretary of defense for the Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office.

Ray told Stars and Stripes last month that preliminary findings from the island indicated an unearched set of remains were "probably Caucasian."

Dobson denied any American remains were found in the 2008 excavation.

"Comments made on site are preliminary," Ray said. "But you know [JPAC's] backlog is such I don't recall [a subsequent] briefing on that particular recovery."

Battle survivors and family members said they hold out hope that remains of the fallen will be found.

"I want his bones to come back to American soil," Daphne Loney said. "It was the country he fought for."



Courtesy of the Loney Family

Marine Lance Cpl. Ashton Loney was killed in an ambush May 15, 1975, during the last battle of the Vietnam War on Koh Tang in Cambodia.

'I want his bones to come back to American soil. It was the country he fought for.'

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PACIFIC

CPO gets 5 years for attack on S. Korean

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SEOUL, South Korea — A U.S. Forces Korea chief petty officer has been sentenced to five years in prison for attacking a South Korean woman outside her Itaewon apartment last fall.

The Seoul Central District Court identified the man as CPO Chatman Christopher Wayne, 35. The U.S. military refused to confirm the man's identity because he was tried in a South Korean court, but released

a statement that said, "This behavior does not reflect the high standards of conduct expected of U.S. servicemembers."

According to USFK and Commander Naval Forces Korea, Wayne was convicted Feb. 13 of indecent assault resulting in bodily injury of a South Korean citizen. According to his prison sentence, he must complete a 40-hour treatment program for sexual violence offenses.

According to sentencing documents, Wayne followed a South Korean woman, 19, to her apartment about 12:30 a.m. last Sept. 10, grabbed her from behind, covered

her eyes with his hands and pulled her to the ground. The woman was walking up the stairs and hit her head several times on the rail as she fell.

He ran away after the woman's parents heard her screaming and came out of the apartment. The victim sustained neck and back injuries, according to sentencing documents.

Wayne was identified based on descriptions from the victim, three witnesses and closed-circuit television footage that showed him following the woman into the apartment complex.

Wayne told the court that he had been misidentified and someone else had attacked the woman. He also said he had recently arrived in South Korea and was lost and entered the wrong apartment complex.

Wayne remains in custody at the Seoul Detention Center but will be transferred to another confinement facility if he loses his appeals, according to a court judge and spokesperson.

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Marine's court-martial is delayed until April

Stars and Stripes

A Marine charged with killing a prostitute in Hawaii will stand before a general court-martial during the week of April 21, officials said.

Master Sgt. Nathaniel Cosby, 38, of Jefferson, Ala., is accused of killing Ivanice "Ivy" Harris, 28, of Las Vegas, whose body was discovered last May 20 near Yokohama Bay on the Leeward Coast.

Cosby's trial was originally set for March 17 but was moved at the request of his defense team, Marine officials said Thursday.

Cosby faces charges of unpremeditated murder, murder while engaging in an inherently dangerous act, obstruction of justice and attempting to patronize a prostitute.

The Iwakuni Marine, who was on a temporary assignment with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at the time of the murder, was detained June 5 at Honolulu International Airport. He was released by police without charges

pending test results and was confined to base.

The military then took over the investigation.

At Cosby's Article 32 hearing to determine if there was sufficient evidence to proceed with a court-martial, officials said Cosby was seen in surveillance video kissing Harris in Waikiki and missing her in a hotel elevator on the last day she was seen alive, according to The Honolulu Star-Advertiser. He was then seen carrying a roller suitcase to his sport utility vehicle, and a cellphone tower picked up his phone's signal near where Harris' body was found.

Investigators say they believe he killed Harris, scotched a dump site, went to work — sporting a fresh cut over his eye — then dumped the body.

Cosby remains in pretrial confinement at the Joint Brig Miramar, Detachment Pearl Harbor Brig, on Ford Island, officials said.

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Shoveling out yet again

ENIN DEVENBERG/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Master-at-Arms 2nd Class George Currier, of Windham Hill, Maine, removes snow and ice at Naval Air Facility Misawa, Japan, on Thursday. NAF Misawa usually receives about 200 inches of snow each year and is considered the snowiest naval installation in the world.

Okinawa governor grilled over Futenma relocation decision

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Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa — Okinawa lawmakers grilled Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima on Friday over his recent approval of the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma relocation despite lingering concerns within his own administration over environmental damage.

Opposition parties in the prefectural assembly have ordered an inquiry into the decision and alleged the governor bowed to pressure from Tokyo, ignoring his staff's assessment that a new airfield might harm the coastal ecosystem and disturb nearby residents.

Nakaima defended his decision during his sworn testimony Friday, saying Tokyo had met the requirements for offshore construction permission and his decision was in line with Japanese law.

The governor's December approval of permits for the Japan Ministry of Defense to build a V-shaped offshore airfield for

the Marine Corps in Nago was the first major step forward in the U.S.-Japan effort to move the Futenma base out of the island's urban center.

The decision has reignited fierce local debate over the American military presence on Okinawa — a situation that has dogged the security alliance for decades.

"Judging from the standpoint of the standards required by law, there was no other option but to approve the request," Nakaima told lawmakers.

The Nakaima administration spent nearly a year reviewing the ministry's lengthy environmental study and mitigation plan for the airfield site in Oura Bay, which is adjacent to the Camp Schwab Marine base.

In an initial response released last fall, the prefecture said it could not rule out negative effects on the bay and surrounding rural area of Nago.

The bay is habitat for the endangered dugong, a relative of the manatee, as well as coral reefs.

Some fear aircraft noise and potential crashes could be a nuisance to residents. Nakaima said Tokyo has since ensured environmental safeguards will be in place during construction work.

Opponents had latched onto the earlier doubt and hoped the governor might use it as a basis for rejecting the relocation of U.S. MV-22 Ospreys, helicopters and large fixed-wing aircraft farther north on the island.

Nakaima surprised many in December when he granted

permission for the project. The United States lauded the decision after weathering repeated delays and setbacks since agreeing with Japan in 2006 to move Futenma.

"The Okinawa public does not accept your decision, which was made while knowing that the environmental concern has yet to be cleared up," Sogi Kayo, of the Japan Communist Party, said during the hearing Friday.

The inquiry is scheduled to continue Monday when Nago Mayor Susumu Inamine will appear

before the panel of Okinawa lawmakers, where he will likely find allies and support.

The mayor has emerged as a key opponent to the relocation plan and vowed since his re-election in January to use all his power to defeat the effort. Inamine championed the biodiversity of the bay during recent meetings with U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy and foreign media in Tokyo.

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Catching Z's at sea gets easier for sailors

By CORINNE REILLY

The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

For sailors aboard deployed Navy ships, getting little sleep has long come with the territory.

It's partly a function of the job. A ship at sea is an around-the-clock operation. On top of drills, meetings and daily work, most sailors also must stand watch — on the bridge, in engine rooms, in front of screens in darkened operations centers — on schedules that give little regard to the body's circadian rhythm. One day a sailor might be on watch all morning, and the next all night.

It's partly culture, too. Among sailors, the ability to push on for months at a time with little sleep and no days off is seen as a badge of honor.

Aboard more and more ships, though, that is changing. Rather than seeing fatigue as a point of pride, Navy officials are working to recast it as an unnecessary risk that causes costly mistakes, and some commanding officers are taking significant steps to help their sailors get more and better sleep.

Most notably, an increasing number are scheduling watch shifts that align with the body's 24-hour clock and allow sailors to sleep at the same time each day — a big change from the way the service has long operated.

"It's a paradigm shift," said Jan Cordle, a recently retired Navy captain who has been championing better sleep for sailors for years. "And it's catching on."

The destroyer Truxton, which left Norfolk on Saturday with the aircraft carrier George H.W. Bush, tried a circadian-based schedule while training this summer and decided to keep it for the deployment.

Said the ship's senior watch officer, Lt. Cory Levi-Mintze, "It's noticeable that people are more alert and less tired."

The key difference is that traditional watch schedules ignore the body's circadian rhythm. Among the most common rotations, for example, is what the Navy calls

the "five and dime." Watch standers are on duty for five hours, then have 10 hours to sleep, exercise and take care of other work. Their watch shifts always begin at different times. One day, their chance to sleep might start at 5 a.m., and the next at 8 p.m.

That keeps the body constantly confused, which makes it harder to fall asleep, said Nita Shattuck, a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., who has studied crew rest aboard numerous ships.

"Even though they can be very fatigued, their bodies just aren't ready to sleep," Shattuck said.

With circadian-based schedules, she said, "the quality of the sleep is superior. They're getting more benefits from it."

Shattuck spent a month aboard the Norfolk-based destroyer Jason Dunham while it was deployed in 2012. A portion of the crew used a traditional schedule while others used an alternative — three-hour watches for crew rest.

— that gave them a long block for rest at the same time each day. Sailors used wrist monitors and smartphones to track their sleep and reaction times.

An analysis showed that those on the alternative rotation were more alert. Shattuck considers the three-on, nine-off schedule to be the best for crew rest.

It's the same one the Truxton is using. Petty Officer 1st Class Sandra Flowers said she likes it. As a sonar technician, she spends her watch shifts tracking nearby vessels, whales and dolphins. "Staring at a display for hours — you have to stay attentive," she said. "This makes it easier."

Said Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric Lettow, a boatswain's mate, "Now I have time to get things done other than try to sleep."

Critics of the change have knocked it as another example of the military going soft. Proponents disagree. "This is just the opposite," Shattuck said. "It's about performance. It's about building crew endurance and making them stronger."



RAYMOND D. DIAZ III/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Seaman Samantha Bracken, left, and Seaman Nathaniel Ouch participate in morning colors recently aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland, homeported in Sasebo, Japan.

DOD: American flags must be 100 percent American

By LAURA PETRECCA

USA Today

Here's a red, white and blue shocker: Prior to Friday, flags bought by the Department of Defense weren't necessarily 100 percent American made.

Going forward, flags purchased by the military must be wholly sourced from the U.S. — and not have any elements from overseas, according to a Department of Defense purchasing-rules amendment that went into effect Friday.

While the Department of Defense's major flag vendors are American companies, the flag material — such as ink and fabric — could have come from foreign markets prior to the change.

"Our men (and) women in uniform should serve under

American-made flags," Congressman Mike Thompson, D-Calif., said on his Facebook page last week.

He proposed the legislation requiring the flags to be 100 percent American made.

In that post, he also gave a nod to flag company North Bay Industries in Rohnert Park, Calif., which produces flags that are wholly American made. "Our tax dollars should be spent on American-made flags like those at NBI," he said.

The Department of Defense purchases American flags for purposes such as flying them over the Pentagon, military bases and ships, as well as to use as burial flags for military personnel killed in action.

At press time, the Department

of Defense didn't have an estimate on how many flags it purchases each year.

Robert Hutt, CEO at North Bay, told The (Santa Rosa, Calif.) Press Democrat that the Department of Defense buys about 1,000 to 2,000 annually.

The new rule doesn't apply to other components related to flying or displaying flags, such as flagpoles or accessories.

The new military requirements extends the existing Berry Amendment to flags, CBS News reported. That amendment, which passed in 1941, bans the Department of Defense from buying food, clothing, military uniforms, fabrics, stained steel and hand or measuring tools that are not grown or produced in the U.S., except in rare, special circumstances.

Secret Guantanamo hearing held on CIA black sites

By CAROL ROSENBERG

The Miami Herald

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVY BASE, Cuba — A military judge held a secret war court session Saturday on defense lawyers' efforts to uncover evidence of what the CIA did to the suspected USS Cole bomber during years in the agency's clandestine overseas prison network.

Both the public and the suspected terrorist were excluded from the 111-minute hearing in the case that seeks the execution of Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri as mastermind of the Oct. 12, 2000, terrorist attack that killed 17 U.S.

sailors off Aden, Yemen.

Only prosecutors and defense lawyers attended the hearing with the judge, Army Col. James L. Pohl, and a court recorder creating a classified transcript of the proceedings.

Nashiri, 49, spent four years in secret CIA prisons where, according to declassified reports, agents waterboarded him and interrogated him nude with a hood on his head and handcuffs on his wrists. One U.S. agent threatened to kill the Saudi with a power drill and a handgun, and threatened to have his mother raped.

At issue Saturday, according to the judge's closure order, was

some aspect of a sweeping motion by Nashiri's lawyers that seeks a list of the places where the CIA kept Nashiri from 2002 to 2006. It also seeks details of his interrogations; the names of the agents and other staff at the CIA prisons, including medical personnel; blood and saliva tests conducted on him and drugs given to him; and White House memos on the secret program.

"The Government cannot be allowed to withhold information related to Mr. al-Nashiri's detention and torture in blacksites," the lawyer argued in the motion. "The inhumane treatment Mr. al-Nashiri sustained in these blacksites is one

of the many areas of mitigation the defense must independently investigate to meet the standard of care in this capital case."

Pohl's order said he closed the hearing "to protect information that, if publicly disclosed, would pose a grave danger to national security." He ordered a transcript released later, "excising only classified national security information."

Pohl also noted in his order that the material was not something prosecutors planned to present at trial, now slated to start Sept. 2.

Nashiri's lawyers filed the motion with the judge in September 2012. A federal prosecutor on

loan to the case, Anthony Mattivi, responded in a court filing two weeks later that Nashiri's team had already gotten "information that is relevant, material to the preparation of the defense, and necessary." Now it's up to the judge to decide.

This is the second closed hearing of the case. Pohl excluded the accused terrorist and the public from a full hearing for the first time in June. Ten days later, the Pentagon released a partially censored transcript that showed that the government had found CIA photos of Nashiri sought by defense lawyers nine months earlier.

NATION

Ariz. businesses wary of LGBT-customer bill

By CINDY CARCAMO
Los Angeles Times

TUCSON, Ariz. — Some Arizona business owners, still smarting from boycotts launched after the passage of sweeping anti-illegal-immigration law, are trying to fend off a possible backlash from a new piece of legislation that has the gay community and its supporters in an uproar.

Some businesses have taken to social media, saying that even if the bill does become law, they will welcome LGBT customers. The bill, approved by the Republican-controlled Senate on Wednesday and the GOP-led House on Thursday, is designed to bolster a business owner's right to refuse service to gays and others if the owner believes doing so violates the practice and observance of his or her religion.

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican, on Friday told CNN that SB 1062 was a "very controversial piece of legislation. We know that. We know that it's failed in a lot of states across the country." Brewer said she would likely decide by Friday whether to support the bill.

"But it's very controversial, so I've got to get my hands around it," Brewer said.

Opponents, including Democratic lawmakers and gay rights groups, describe the bill as unconstitutional, discriminatory and divisive. They say it's another black eye for the legislature, which is still trying to recover from the repercussions of SB 1070, the immigration bill that Brewer signed into law in 2010.

A study by a liberal think tank, the Washington-based Center for American Progress, estimated that conventions canceled after that law's passage cost Arizona more than \$23 million in lost tax revenue and at least \$350 million in direct spending by would-be attendees.

Proponents of SB 1062 say the bill is being misrepresented. They stress that it's not a discriminatory bill but instead is intended to

protect religious freedom — rights that "must be respected," said Republican Sen. Steve Yarborough, who introduced the measure.

The Center for Arizona Policy, a conservative group that helped craft the bill, said some business owners would stand to benefit

from the measure.

"The reality is the attacks against the bill have been so over the top, businesses don't want to face the attacks from the opponents of the bill for speaking out in favor of it," said Aaron Baer, a spokesman for the organization.

Conversely, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council urged Brewer via Twitter to veto the bill. Four companies have told the council that they may leave Arizona if the bill passes, according to a letter the group sent to the governor.

"With major events approach-

ing in the coming year, including Super Bowl XLIX, Arizona will be the center of the world's stage," the letter stated. "This legislation has the potential of subjecting the Super Bowl, and major events surrounding it, to the threats of boycotts."

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Fraternity suspended over noose incident

OXFORD, Miss. — A fraternity chapter at the University of Mississippi was indefinitely suspended Friday by its national organization and three of its freshman members were kicked out because of their suspected involvement in hanging a noose on a statue of James Meredith, the first black student to enroll in the then all-white college.

In a statement, Sigma Phi Epsilon said it suspended the Alpha Chapter at the university and the chapter voted to expel all three men and turn over their identities to investigators.

Police on Feb. 17 found a noose tied around the neck of the statue, along with an old Georgia flag with a Confederate battle emblem in its design, which has since been updated to exclude the emblem.

NATION

Governors: Legalized pot buzz just smoke

By STEVE PEOPLES
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — All the buzz at the National Governors Association meeting over legalizing pot, some say, is just smoke.

Nearly three months after Colorado began selling recreational marijuana, the nation's governors are taking a cautious approach to loosening their drug laws despite growing support for legalization.

Republican and Democratic state chief executives meeting in Washington over the weekend expressed broad concern for children and public safety should recreational marijuana use spread. At the same time, Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper is warning other governors against rushing to follow his lead.

He said he's spoken to "half a dozen" governors with questions about his state's experience, including some who "felt this was a wave" headed to their states.

"When governors have asked me, and several have, I say that we don't have the facts," Hickenlooper said. "We don't know what the unintended consequences are going to be. I urge caution."

The Democrat continued, "I say, if it was me, I'd wait a couple of years."

States are watching closely as Colorado and Washington establish themselves as national pioneers after becoming the first states to approve recreational marijuana use in 2012. A group is hoping to add Alaska as the third state.

Colorado became the first to allow legal retail sales of recreational marijuana on Jan. 1, and Washington is expected to launch its marketplace soon.

Hickenlooper confirmed that

Girl Scout cookies sold outside dispensaries

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Customers of some medical marijuana dispensaries discovered last week that they don't have to go far if they have a case of the munchies.

A few days after a teenager sold dozens of cookie boxes outside a San Francisco pot dispensary, Lexi Menees, 8, returned to TruMed Dispensary in Phoenix on Saturday for the same purpose.

The girl's mother, Heidi Carney, got the idea after hearing about what happened in San Francisco. "For me, this isn't anything controversial," Carney said. "It's medication. It's no different than standing in front of a Walgreens or a CVS."

Lexi and her parents came on Friday with between 100 and 150 boxes to sell. Her family said they sold more than 50.

"It's better than she would've gotten outside a grocery store," said Justin Menees, Lexi's father.

Susan de Quejoe, a spokeswoman for the Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council, said selling in front of marijuana dispensaries isn't something the organization would encourage, but that it's up to the



TERRY TANG/AP

Lexi Menees, 8, sells Girl Scout cookies outside TruMed Dispensary, which sells medical marijuana for licensed patients, in Phoenix on Friday.

parents.

"The girls' safety is our primary concern," de Quejoe said. "So we give guidelines to all the parents and hope that they will follow them."

Lauren Gooding, an oncology nurse who is the president of TruMed, runs the state-licensed facility with her father and brother. Gooding said Carney called her Friday morning with the idea and she was immediately on board. In fact, she

had already received several messages on Facebook about the San Francisco sale with the same suggestion she do the same thing, Gooding said.

Gooding also sent a text message to more than 2,000 customers about the cookie sale and threw in a tie-in deal: Patients who buy at least half of an ounce of pot will have their pick of a free box of Thin Mints, Samoas or any of the other cookie choices.

early tax revenue collections on Colorado pot sales have exceeded projections, but he cautioned that tax revenue "is absolutely the wrong reason to even think about legalizing recreational marijuana."

Medical marijuana is legal in 20 states and the District of Columbia. Florida voters will decide on a proposed constitutional amendment to allow medical marijuana in November.

President Barack Obama's ad-

ministration has given states the green light to experiment with marijuana regulation.

Obama recently generated headlines when he said in an interview that he didn't think marijuana was more dangerous than

alcohol "in terms of its impact on the individual consumer." He said smoking marijuana is "not something I encourage, and I've told my daughters I think it's a bad idea, a waste of time, not very healthy."

Recent polling suggests that a majority of Americans support efforts to legalize the drug. The issue cuts across party lines as liberals and libertarian-minded Republicans favor the shift.

Governors gathered in Washington over the weekend had a more cautious approach.

"I just had a longstanding belief that legalizing marijuana would not be in the interest of our youth or our people," said Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a Republican. "And I'll maintain my position in opposition to legalization as long as I'm governor."

New Hampshire Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan said she's opposed to legalization because her state already struggles with high rates of youth substance abuse. But she called for a "comprehensive look at our criminal laws and sentencing practices."

"I don't think we should be sending young people to jail or have a criminal record for a first offense," she said.

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, a Republican, called legalization "bad public policy" with unintended consequences.

Meanwhile, Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, said implementation of his state's decision to create a legal pot marketplace was succeeding. He also offered some advice to his fellow governors.

"I would encourage them to follow their state's will," he said. "Our will was to decriminalize this product. And so far it's working well."

Obama to unveil new manufacturing institutes in Chicago, Detroit

By CHRISTI PARSONS
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Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to announce on Tuesday the opening of two new manufacturing institutes in the Chicago and Detroit areas as part of a larger plan to use public-private partnerships to advance his agenda despite opposition from Republicans in Congress.

Several federal agencies will join forces with companies and universities to run the institutes, which will be devoted to bridging the gap between applied research and product development, according to an

administration official familiar with the plans.

Each institute will function as a "teaching factory," the official said, and will provide training for workers while also helping companies get the expertise and equipment they need to offer new products and manufacturing processes.

The government will put up \$140 million to match the more than \$140 million promised by the private-sector leaders involved with each project, said the official, who requested anonymity to discuss the plans before the official announcement this week. The federal government will devote \$70 million to each of the two institutes.

The manufacturing initiative follows Obama's new playbook for dealing with a deadlocked Congress unlikely to enact elements of his economic plan, which he will detail in the coming weeks in his budget proposal.

So far this year, Obama's strategy has made heavy use of the bully pulpit and of his ability to convene private interests to combine efforts with the federal government he runs as chief executive.

Republicans have responded to those plans by pointing to their own solutions for job growth, like tax reform and trade expansion. White House officials are skeptical that GOP leaders will see eye to eye

with Obama on much of his agenda.

So on Tuesday, Obama plans to unveil his latest effort to boost manufacturing and attract high-quality jobs — without the help of Congress.

The Chicago- and Detroit-area sites will bring the total number of institutes to four. The administration set up a pilot site in Youngstown, Ohio, in 2012, and a few weeks ago announced a new electronics manufacturing institute in Raleigh, N.C.

Obama has also pledged to launch competitions for four more institutes in the coming year in hopes of setting eight institutes in motion without any action by Congress.



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NATION

Tribal housing dispute eyed in Calif. slayings

By JEFF BARNARD
The Associated Press

CEDARVILLE, Calif. — Practically everyone in this tiny town in the high desert of northeastern California's Surprise Valley knew Cherie Lash Rhoades.

A leader of the Cedarville Rancheria, she worked in the tribe's gas station and convenience store and wore brightly colored tank tops that showed off her tattoos.

But it is tough to find anyone with a kind word to say about her. "She bullied her way through life," said Sandra Parriott, a lifelong resident of Cedarville and owner of two downtown markets.

"But I would never think she would start blowing people away in a meeting."

Police arrested Rhoades on suspicion that she did just that Thursday in Alturas, leaving four dead and two wounded in a gun and knife attack at a meeting on whether to evict Rhoades from one of the nine little houses on the rancheria.

Eviction from tribal housing is among the most serious punishments for American Indians. Though police have said they are still working on a motive, a nephew who lived with her, Jacob Penn, said she snapped under the

pressure of her brother trying to evict her. The brother, Rurick Davis, who lived down the street on the Rancheria, had apparently taken over as tribal chairman and was among the dead.

Investigators had been looking into whether Rhoades took federal grant money meant for the rancheria she once led, a person familiar with the tribe's situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Alturas Police Chief Ken Barnes said they were looking into whether the embezzlement allegations spurred the tribe's efforts to evict

Rhoades, but had not established any definitive motive.

The investigation was no secret around town, where several people interviewed by the AP mentioned it, though they said they had not been contacted by investigators and did not want to give their names.

Though Rhoades was always ready to share a joke, "you did not want to get on her bad side," said Penny Nash, Parriott's sister. "She has a powerful personality."

It was not immediately known if Rhoades had a lawyer. She was being held at an undisclosed location because the husband of one

of the dead, the only nonrelative to be shot, works at the Modoc County Jail, Sheriff Mike Poindexter said.

Rhoades has yet to appear in court, where she would be given a lawyer if she could not afford one. Her father, Larry Lash, declined comment.

Penn, who lived with Rhoades and was raised by her after her sister gave him up as a child, had little to say but a shrug of the shoulders about his aunt, whom he called, "my mom."

He said two of the dead were his brother and sister, Rhoades' nephew and niece.

Smartphone aids in exposing child porn

By DAVE KOLPACK
The Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — Child pornographers are increasingly using smartphones, so investigators said their skills are adapting along with the mobile technology.

In a recent case, a phone left behind at a Carrie Underwood concert in Fargo prompted a fast response that led to a man accused of dating women in order to exploit their prepubescent daughters for child pornography.

After the phone's discovery, federal, state and local authorities quickly determined the identity of a girl at risk, got her out of harm's way and then arrested the man, investigators said. They later found hundreds of sexually explicit images of children between the ages 2 and 6 years old, some as far back as 10 years ago, on his phone and other electronics located in a storage shed.

Dustin Muscha, 33, of Moorhead, Minn., was sentenced last month to 30 years in prison.

"The technology is continually evolving and the forensic investigators have to evolve with it," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, who prosecutes most of the child pornography cases in the North Dakota district of federal court. "The same tools they used 18 months ago aren't the same the tools they are using now."

In this case, investigators were able to bring charges, in part, by matching up Muscha's voice between a child porn video and a

family video, the Facebook pages of Muscha and the mother of the victims, and tattoos on the mother depicting the birthdates of her daughters that were visible on another video.

The case started when someone found the Samsung Galaxy at the Fargodome in September 2012 and turned it over to a Sprint store. A store manager, while browsing phone files in an attempt to determine its owner, stumbled across a child pornography video and alerted police.

Forensic investigators worked through the night to determine how to find the girl in the video. They figured it out by the time she met the school bus at 7 a.m. the next day.

"They went to great lengths to rescue that child," Puhl said of investigators. "That was their first priority."

Muscha pleaded guilty in June to two counts of sexual exploitation of minors and two counts of possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The investigation discovered 500 pornographic photos and 13 videos.

The mother of the girl who police rushed to protect was the woman Muscha planned to marry. Further investigation determined that Muscha had sexually explicit videos of two other children of another woman he dated.

The fourth victim, from a video produced in 2002, involved the niece of a woman Muscha previously dated and wasn't identified until authorities found additional files at Muscha's storage shed.



STEVE SILVERMAN, NEWSDAY/AP

First responders stand outside Panera Bread's store at the Walt Whitman Mall in Huntington Long Island, N.Y., late Saturday after a restaurant manager in the mall died and more than two dozen others were overcome by carbon monoxide.

1 dead in mall carbon dioxide leak

The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON STATION, N.Y. — Officials investigating a carbon monoxide leak at a New York mall are concentrating on the heating system of the restaurant where a manager was found dead by police responding to an unrelated call.

More than two dozen other people were sent to hospitals following the leak Saturday inside the Legal Sea Foods restaurant at the Walt Whitman Shops in Huntington Station on Long Island.

All of those affected by the fumes were restaurant employees, police or ambulance workers, Suffolk County Police Lt. Jack Fitzpatrick said.

"Right now, we are inspecting the heating system, and this incident seems to be confined to the basement area," Fitzpatrick said.

"It does not appear to have made it in the area of the restaurant where the customers were."

Police identified the manager who died as Steven Nelson, 55. The medical examiner will determine the cause of his death, Fitzpatrick said.

He said the initial call to police came shortly after 6 p.m. about a woman who had fallen and hit her head in the basement of the restaurant.

Rescue workers who arrived at the scene started to feel light-headed and nauseated and suspected a carbon monoxide leak, Fitzpatrick said.

Police evacuated the restaurant and found Nelson, of Copiague, unconscious in the basement.

The woman who fell was taken to Huntington Hospital, as was Nelson, who was pronounced dead there. There was no immediate

word on the woman's condition.

Authorities said 27 people were taken to five area hospitals. Fitzpatrick said none appeared to have life-threatening injuries. WABC-TV reported that all but a handful of patients had been treated and released.

Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless and can lead to death by suffocation.

Two other restaurants, Panera Bread and The Cheesecake Factory, were evacuated as a precaution even as the mall remained open.

"They told us to leave because of a gas leak," Cheesecake Factory patron Kathy Sella said. "I didn't want to blow up or anything like that."

"We were at the bar having a glass of wine and then, one of the waitresses, she said 'you have to leave.'"



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WORLD

US-S. Korea war games loom over Korean reunions

By FOSTER KLUG
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A year ago, North Korea vowed nuclear attacks to retaliate for U.S.-South Korean war games. The start on Monday of this year's joint military drills comes as Pyongyang allows wrenching reunions of elderly Koreans separated since the Korean War.

As always with the rival Koreas, cold political calculations loom behind the scenes of pure emotion. The reasons for Pyongyang's about-face are seen as having more to do with the impoverished country's desire to drive a wedge between Seoul and Washington and its need for money than with concern about the painfully brief reunions of Koreans who haven't seen each other since the end of fighting in 1953.

"Humanitarianism is not at all what North Korea is about," Scott Snyder, a Korea specialist at the Council on Foreign Relations, wrote in a recent online post. Improvements in ties "always engender doubts about how and when the other shoe will drop."

After a last-minute cancellation of reunions in September, Pyong-

yang allowed them to go forward after recent rare high-level talks with Seoul. The first reunions of North and South Koreans in more than three years have been held despite the refusal by the U.S. and South Korea to cancel what they call routine drills, but which Pyongyang says are preparations for an invasion.

On Sunday, about 360 South Koreans arrived at the North's Diamond Mountain resort to meet dozens of North Korean relatives, the second and final group of Koreans to participate in reunions that began Thursday and end Tuesday. Those are the lucky few. Only a fraction of the millions of Koreans separated by the Korean War have been reunited, and there have been no second meetings.

North Korea allowed these reunions largely because it wants increased aid shipments, outside investment and negotiations with Seoul over the resumption of once-lucrative jointly run tours at the Diamond Mountain resort, analysts say.

Those tours were put on hold after a North Korean soldier shot and killed a South Korean tourist in 2008.

Ukraine: Parliament boss takes presidential powers

By YUKAS KARMANAU
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The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — The whereabouts and legitimacy of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich were unclear on Sunday after he left the capital, his archenemy Yulia Tymoshenko was freed from prison, and one of her top allies assumed presidential powers.

Parliament struggled to work out who is in charge of the country. Fears percolated that some regions might try to break away after three months of political standoff that has left scores of people dead in a country of strategic importance to the United States, European nations and Russia.

Yanukovich maintains that parliament's decisions in recent days are illegal. But he did not speak publicly Sunday or make any apparent effort to stop them. A plane with Yanukovich on board was denied permission to take off Saturday evening from Donetsk, a city in eastern Ukraine that has been part of the president's support base, the State Border Guard Service said. The president's spokesman said Sunday morning that even he does not know where Yanukovich is. Ukraine is deeply divided between eastern regions that are

largely pro-Russian and western areas that widely detest Yanukovich and long for closer ties with the European Union. Yanukovich's shelving of an agreement with the EU in November set off the wave of protests, but they quickly expanded their grievances to corruption, human rights abuses and calls for Yanukovich's resignation.

The Kiev protest camp at the center of the anti-Yanukovich movement filled with more and more dedicated demonstrators Sunday, setting up new tents after two days that saw a stunning reversal of fortune in Ukraine's political crisis.

Russia's finance minister on Sunday urged Ukraine to seek a loan from the International Monetary Fund to avoid an imminent default. Russia in December offered Ukraine a \$15 billion bailout, but so far has provided only \$3 billion, freezing further disbursements pending the outcome of the ongoing political crisis.

Signs emerged Sunday that Russia might throw its weight behind Tymoshenko. A leading Russian lawmaker, Leonid Slutsky, said Sunday that naming Tymoshenko prime minister "would be useful for stabilizing" the tensions in Ukraine, according to Russian news agencies.



EDUARDO VERDUGO/AP

Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán is escorted to a helicopter in handcuffs by Mexican navy marines at a navy hangar in Mexico City on Saturday.

Mexico nabs Sinaloa cartel boss 'El Chapo' Guzman

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL,
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The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexican authorities captured the world's most powerful drug lord in a resort city Saturday after a massive search through the home state of the legendary capo whose global organization is the leading supplier of cocaine to the United States.

Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, 56, looked pudgy, bowed and much like his wanted photos when he arrived in Mexico City from Mazatlan in Sinaloa state. He was marched by masked marines across the airport tarmac to a helicopter waiting to whisk him to jail.

Marines arrested Guzmán at 6:40 a.m. in a high-rise condominium fronting the Pacific without firing a single shot. Mexican officials late Saturday said he was apprehended with a man identified as Carlos Manuel Ho Ramirez, contradicting earlier reports that he was arrested with a woman.

An American official said that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Marshals Service were "heavily involved" in the capture.

Another federal law enforcement official said intelligence from a Homeland Security Department investigation also helped lead U.S. and Mexican authorities to his whereabouts.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder called the capture a "victory for the citizens of both Mexico and the United States."

Mexican authorities, based on a series of arrests in recent months,

got wind that Guzmán was moving around Culiacán, capital of his home state for which the cartel is named.

Mexican Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam described an operation that took place between Feb. 13 and 17 focused on seven homes connected by tunnels and to the city's sewer system.

He said they had Guzmán in their sights several times during that period but were unable to mount an operation earlier because of possible risks to the general public. The house doors were reinforced with steel, which delayed entry by law enforcement, presumably allowing Guzmán to flee several attempts at his cap-

ture before Saturday.

A U.S. law enforcement official said members of Guzmán's security team helped Mexican and U.S. authorities find him after they were arrested earlier this month. The official was not authorized to discuss details of the case by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Guzmán faces multiple federal drug-trafficking indictments in the U.S. and is on the DEA's most-wanted list. His drug empire stretches throughout North America and reaches as far away as Europe and Australia.

His cartel has been heavily involved in the bloody drug war that has torn through parts of Mexico for the last several years.

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WORLD

G-20 vows to boost world economy by \$2T

The Associated Press

SYDNEY — Finance chiefs from the 20 largest economies agreed Sunday to implement policies that will boost world gross domestic product by more than \$2 trillion over the coming five years.

Australian Treasurer Joe Hockey, who hosted the Group of 20 meeting in Sydney, said the commitment from the G-20 finance ministers and central bankers was "unprecedented."

The world economy has sputtered since the 2008 financial crisis and global recession that followed. Progress in returning economic growth to precrisis levels has been hampered by austerity policies in Europe, high unemployment in the U.S. and a cooling of China's torrid expansion.

The centerpiece of the \$2 trillion commitment made at the Sydney meeting is to boost the combined GDP of G-20 countries by 2 percent above the levels expected for the next five years, possibly creat-

ing tens of millions of new jobs. World GDP was about \$72 trillion in 2012.

The G-20 combines the world's major industrialized and developing countries from the United States to Saudi Arabia and China, representing about 85 percent of the global economy.

The communique from the meeting said signs of improvement in the global economy are welcome, but growth remains below the rates needed to get people back into work and to meet

their aspirations.

The G-20 said it would "significantly raise global growth" without overtaking national finance through measures to promote competition and increase investment, employment and trade.

As an initial step toward achieving the \$2 trillion target, each country will present a comprehensive growth strategy to a summit of leaders scheduled for November in the Australian city of Brisbane.

The International Monetary

Fund forecasts the world economy will grow 3.7 percent this year. It said the G-20 plan could lift annual world economic growth by half a percentage point for the next five years.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said the agreement is significant and crucial to "turning the next page" in the global economic recovery.

"G-20 members have spoken clearly: boosting growth and demand tops the global economic agenda" Lew said in a statement.



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Clouds of tear gas surround protesters during an anti-government protest in Caracas, Venezuela, on Saturday.

Opposition, pro-government rallies grip Venezuela

The Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelans on both sides of the nation's bitter political divide took to the streets on Saturday after two weeks of mass protests that have President Nicolas Maduro scrambling to squash an increasingly militant opposition movement.

In Caracas, tens of thousands of opponents of President Nicolas Maduro filled several city blocks in their biggest rally to date against his 10-month-old government. Across town at the presidential palace, Maduro addressed

a much smaller crowd of mostly female supporters dressed in the red of his Socialist Party.

The dueling protests capped a violent week in which the government jailed Leopoldo Lopez, a fiery hard-liner who roused the opposition following its defeat in December's mayoral elections, and dozens of other student activists. The violence has left at least 10 people dead on both sides and injured more than 100.

A few small clashes that erupted between government opponents and state security forces after the opposition rally broke up were vi-

sually impressive but resulted in only five injuries.

In a pattern seen in past demonstrations, dozens of stragglers erected barricades of trash and other debris and threw rocks and bottles at police and national guardsmen. Troops responded with volleys of tear gas and rubber bullets to prevent the students from reaching a highway.

There were also clashes in San Cristobal, a remote city on the western border with Colombia that has seen some of the worst violence, but most opposition marches across the country ended

peacefully.

The protests claimed their 10th fatality when a student in the provincial city of Valencia was pronounced dead Saturday after an eight-hour surgery for brain injuries suffered at a demonstration earlier in the week. Geraldine Moreno, 23, was near her home Wednesday watching students defend a barricade at the corner of her street when six national guardsmen rushed in and fired rubber bullets at close range, hitting her in the face, the El Universal newspaper reported.

French police, anarchists clash

The Associated Press

PARIS — Riot police moved into the western French city of Nantes on Saturday, clashing with hundreds of anarchists who broke shop windows, destroyed bus stops and pillaged the city center.

At least eight police officers were hospitalized after violent confrontations with up to 1,000 "radicals," the prefecture of the Loire-Atlantique region said. Fourteen people were detained.

The rioters had joined an estimated 20,000 people protesting plans to build a regional airport. Officials did not say whether protesters were injured.

Interior Minister Manuel Valls said the rioters were from the "radicalized ultras" and were waging an "urban guerrilla" cam-

paign. "These are individuals who are very violent," Valls said on Itale TV station.

Police used tear gas and water cannons to disperse the attackers, some wearing hoods and helmets. After nighttime, approximately 200 were reportedly still roaming the Nantes city center.

There have been numerous, sometimes violent, demonstrations against the building of an airport in Notre Dame des Landes, a pet project of Socialist Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault, a Nantes native. The anti-airport protests, mounted since 2009, have brought together an unlikely alliance of farmers, ecologists and anarchists who call themselves ZADists, based on the French acronym for "development zone."



LATITIA NOTARIANNI/AP

Demonstrators clash with French riot police during a demonstration in Nantes, France, on Saturday.

Girl killed, dozens hurt in weekend Thai violence

By JINDA WEDEL

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — A small explosion at an anti-government protest site in Thailand's capital injured two dozen people Sunday, a day after a bloodier attack at a similar demonstration in an eastern province killed one child and left more than 30 people wounded.

The attacks were the latest in a spate of protest-related violence roiling Thailand over the past three months, with at least 16 people killed and hundreds hurt. The protesters want Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra to quit to make way for an appointed interim government to implement anti-corruption reforms, but she has refused.

A protest leader, Sathit Wongnongtoey, said the blast Sunday in central Bangkok was caused by a grenade. Six protesters were hurt Friday night by a grenade attack in the same area.

Twenty-four injured people were sent to hospitals after Sunday's blast. Erawan emergency unit said it treated one child and 10 others.

On Saturday night, gunmen in a pickup truck attacked an anti-government protest in eastern Thailand, killing a 5-year-old girl and wounding dozens of other people as violence in the country's political crisis spread outside the capital.

While the protesters have failed repeatedly to force Shinawatra out through self-declared deadlines, they have blocked the prime minister from working at her normal offices and have sent rioting mobs after her, making it difficult for her and Cabinet colleagues to make public appearances.

The protesters also have succeeded in delaying completion of an early election called by Shinawatra, undermining efforts to restore political stability.

Thailand has seen sometimes violent political conflict since 2006, when then-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, Yingluck Shinawatra's brother, was ousted by a military coup after being charged of corruption and abuse of power.

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A demonstrator who opposes the Venezuelan government of President Nicolas Maduro holds a poster that reads in Spanish "They are killing us" outside the Venezuelan Military Industries in Caracas on Thursday.

Maduro's Venezuela worse than Chavez's

By WILLIAM J. DOBSON
 Slate

The tremors have been building for years, but on Wednesday night Venezuela was convulsed in a wave of violence as the government of President Nicolas Maduro appeared to enforce a brutal crackdown on nationwide protests. Streets were filled with tear gas and the crackle of gunfire as National Guard units and National Police came out in force. Bands of regime supporters — paramilitary gangs known as colectivos — swarmed neighborhoods and public squares on their motorcycles, firing live ammunition at anyone who remained in the open. Some stormed into apartment buildings in search of protesters. The crackdown extended from Caracas to Maracabó, Maracay, Valencia and nearly every major city across the South American country. Venezuela's cities have become notoriously dangerous in recent years, as the country's crime and murder rates soared. But last week, Venezuelan cities weren't simply dangerous; they were a war zone.

As startling as the violence itself was the fact that the government gave no warning or explanation in advance. In a rambling national address earlier that day, Maduro spoke of the need for peace — then praised the work of paramilitary thugs and promised to target members of Popular Will, a leading opposition party. Its leader, Leopoldo Lopez, was spending his second night in a military prison after surrendering himself to authorities on Tuesday to face trumped-up charges implicating him for the death of three Venezuelans at protests. Even if Lopez, one of the opposition's best-known leaders is imprisoned, Maduro isn't acting like the man with the upper hand. In his remarks Wednesday, he seemed erratic and unsure of himself, which only fuels rumors that he may have diminishing control over the state and its security forces. The most focused target of the regime's

repression has been the Popular Will. Lopez is being held in the Ramo Verde military prison, a small facility that sits on a mountainside about an hour outside Caracas. The remote prison has held other high-value political prisoners during Chavez's years in power. On Tuesday, security personnel raided the party's headquarters in search of its second in command, Carlos Vecchio. Vecchio, a lawyer and activist, has been forced to go into hiding, and last week Maduro confirmed that a warrant had been issued for his arrest. There were also unconfirmed reports that a warrant would soon be released for David Smolansky, the next highest party leader. A senior member of the party confirmed that most of the party's top leadership has either been detained or gone underground.

That may be the key difference between Venezuela today and before. For all of the combative rhetoric and venom spewed by Hugo Chavez, the Comandante always kept a lid on widespread repression. The late strongman was expert at verbally provoking and demonizing his opponents, but the threshold for a large-scale crackdown was never crossed. Chavez would unsettle his enemies, entertain half measures, or defuse a situation by simply directing his abuse at a wholly new target. But Maduro has never possessed his predecessor's confidence, communication or political canny, and he inherited a government rife with factions. Since his narrow election last April, the fear has been that Chavez's odd blend of bravado and insecurity would swing wildly in his hands, especially as the country's dire economic conditions worsened. Last week, a senior adviser to a Popular Will leader described the situation as "extremely fluid," before expressing surprise at Maduro's decision to ramp up the confrontation. "The government keeps upping the ante," he said.

The government is likely reacting to the wave of spontaneous protests that have broken out across the country since peaceful demonstrations devolved into violence on Feb. 12. Those protests had been called

in part because of the country's economic freefall. The oil-rich country has been racked by inflation approaching 60 percent. Venezuelans have suffered shortages of basic foods, goods and medicines for years now, but December and January saw new levels of scarcity. The government now admits that 1 in 4 basic goods is out of stock (which means, in truth, it's much worse). The situation is so bad that three airlines now refuse to fly there; the government owes them too much money.

The recent crackdown was perhaps the most violent encounter between the Venezuelan government and its people since protests and riots racked the country in 1989. Chacao, a wealthy district of Caracas, saw intense fighting, with protesters throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at National Guard units who fired tear gas canisters and buckshot. San Cristobal city saw some of the heaviest clashes, and Maduro even threatened to have the mayor, also a member of the Popular Will party, thrown into prison. Perhaps most frightening are the gangs of paramilitary fighters who flood neighborhoods on the motorcycles and appear to act with impunity and government support. Venezuela now even has reports of torture.

Chavistas have long raised the specter of civil war if political contests didn't go their way. Chavez regularly implied there would be blood in the streets if he didn't win this election or that referendum. It was an extraordinary thing to say, especially since it was Chavez who had worked so hard to polarize the country in the first place. He once threatened, "If the oligarchy is allowed to return to power, I might end up letting the ... tanks out to defend the revolutionary government and the people." When Chavez engaged in this type of loaded, high-stakes talk, it was part of his strategy. When Maduro does, it's part of his weakness.

William J. Dobson is Slate's politics and foreign affairs editor and the author of "The Dictator's Learning Curve: Inside the Global Battle for Democracy."

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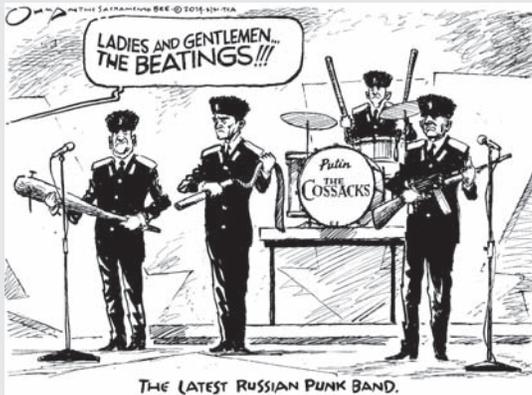
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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Scrutiny of sleep apnea claims urged

Last June, the VA Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation privately recommended to Allison A. Hickey, under secretary for benefits, that the Department of Veterans Affairs consider four steps to address a "recent surge" in VA compensation awards for sleep apnea.

The proposals, which only now have come to light, were drafted the same day that committee members received a public briefing on sleep apnea, which confirmed a 25-fold jump in compensation payments since 9/11. The VA brief also noted that 13 percent of all veterans with service after 9/11 and who draw VA disability pay are being compensated for sleep apnea.

The committee, chaired by retired Army Lt. Gen. James Terry Scott, recommended that VA:

- Have compensation exams for sleep apnea given exclusively by VA doctors to ensure regular sleep tests are properly conducted.
- Have the Institute of Medi-

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Tom Philpott

conduct a detailed study on degree of actual disability associated with sleep apnea, particularly for veterans who are prescribed CPAP — continuous positive airway pressure — machines, which under VA regulations results in an automatic rating of 50 percent.

■ Conduct a review of criteria and methodology for establishing service connection to sleep apnea.

■ Review criteria for establishing average earning loss for veterans diagnosed with sleep apnea.

VA officials can't point to any action taken on the recommendations, but said they inform an ongoing process to overhaul the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities, or VASRD. They may be "redundant of other research associated with the VASRD revision process. ... Any recommendations regarding the rating criteria for sleep apnea are still under consideration by the regulation drafter for this body system."

Ratings "assigned for sleep apnea and all other respiratory conditions are being evaluated on an objective basis, using advances in medical science and data from average earnings loss studies," the VA said.

Meanwhile, in fiscal 2013, veterans receiving compensation for sleep apnea jumped by another 26 percent, or more than 29,000 beneficiaries, VA data show. As of Oct. 1, a total of 143,278 vets were rated disabled by sleep apnea, and 89 percent of their ratings were at least 50 percent.

The most common form of sleep apnea is obstructive. It occurs when breathing is interrupted, usually because soft tissue in the back of the throat collapses, blocking the airway. Breathing interruptions, or apneas, can be

frequent and last seconds or longer, causing chronic fatigue if untreated.

The most common path to a VA sleep apnea disability rating is to be "overweight" and have this common sleep disorder diagnosed as they separate or retire from service, the briefier told the committee.

A 50 percent rating is a key threshold, making retirees eligible to receive both full retirement and VA disability pay at that rate — \$322 to \$1,088 per month, depending on family size.

Of roughly 29,200 veterans who began receiving sleep apnea compensation in the last year, 93 percent had ratings of 50 percent or higher.

By comparison, a soldier who loses two dominant fingers, such as a thumb and an index finger, also earns a disability rating of 50 percent.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 24)	\$1.4063
Dollar buys (Feb. 24)	€0.7111
British pound (Feb. 24)	\$1.71
Japanese yen (Feb. 24)	99.00
South Korean won (Feb. 24)	1,046.00

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.6071
British pound	\$1.6659/0.6333
Canada (dollar)	1.1107
China (Yuan)	6.0837
Denmark (Krone)	5.4388
Egypt (Pound)	6.9644
Euro	\$1.3718/0.7290
Hong Kong (Dollar)	1.7556
Hungary (Forint)	227.31
Israel (Shekel)	3.1505
Japan (Yen)	102.75
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2818
Norway (Krone)	6.0975
Philippines (Peso)	44.80
Poland (Zloty)	3.104
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2646
South Korea (Won)	1,074.95
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8982
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.57
Turkey (New Lira)	2.0044

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3-month bill	0.07
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.05
30-year bond	3.69

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Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	58	37	Cir	Fort Wayne	23	12	PCldy	Louisville	41	25	PCldy	Pocatello	51	31	Cldy	Slyus City	22	14	Snow
Ablene, Tex	65	39	Cldy	Cheyenne	43	24	Cir	Fresno	73	46	Cir	Lubbock	71	33	Cldy	Portland, Maine	30	23	Cldy	Siox Falls	15	6	Snow
Akron, Ohio	27	15	Cldy	Chicago	21	7	Cldy	Goodland	51	22	Rain	Madcon	69	50	Cir	Portland, Ore.	46	41	Cir	South Bend	21	9	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	27	21	Cldy	Cincinnati	36	20	Cldy	Grand Junction	56	29	Cir	Madison	57	38	Cir	Providence	24	27	PCldy	Suzanne	31	20	Cir
Albuquerque	68	37	Cir	Cleveland	25	17	Cldy	Grand Rapids	22	13	Snow	Medford	62	40	Cldy	Pueblo	62	22	PCldy	Springfield, Ill	30	14	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	38	29	Cir	Colorado Springs	58	26	PCldy	Great Falls	57	30	Snow	Memphis	53	33	PCldy	Raleigh-Durham	58	42	Cir	Springfield, Mo	46	24	Cir
Amarillo	67	28	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	66	45	PCldy	Green Bay	15	1	Cldy	Miami Beach	84	71	Cldy	Rapid City	17	8	Snow	Worcester	23	18	Snow
Anchorage	33	18	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	69	52	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	57	39	Cir	Midland-Odessa	76	42	Cldy	reno	61	33	PCldy	Tallahassee	74	59	Cir
Ashville	57	34	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	31	18	PCldy	Hartford	53	32	PCldy	Milwaukee	19	7	PCldy	Richmond	53	37	Cir	Tampa	79	65	Cir
Atlanta	65	46	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	28	21	Cldy	Hartford Springfield	30	20	Snow	Norfolk-Va.	53	41	Cir	Rochester	23	17	Cir	Wichita	48	24	PCldy
Atlantic City	45	31	Cir	Corpus Christi	77	65	Cir	Helena	17	0	PCldy	Missoula	26	12	PCldy	Rockford	19	4	Cldy	Topeka	41	21	PCldy
Baltimore	44	30	Cir	Dallas-Ft. Worth	56	46	Cldy	Honolulu	67	47	Cir	Missoula	26	12	PCldy	Rockford	19	4	Cldy	Wichita Falls	29	21	Cir
Baton Rouge	69	56	Cldy	Dayton	30	16	PCldy	Houston	72	61	Cldy	Montgomery	69	50	Cldy	Sacramento	71	40	Cir	Tulsa	52	29	Cir
Billings	10	-5	Snow	Daytona Beach	75	63	Cir	Huntsville	50	37	Cir	Nashville	53	29	Cir	St. Louis	37	24	Cldy	Tupelo	58	37	PCldy
Birmingham	61	43	Cldy	Denver	54	29	PCldy	Indianapolis	30	14	Cldy	New Orleans	70	59	Cir	St. Petersburg	75	66	PCldy	Waco	57	45	Cir
Bismarck	9	-5	Cir	Des Moines	23	13	Snow	Jackson, Miss.	60	48	Cir	New York City	39	30	PCldy	St. Thomas	84	74	Cir	Washington	47	35	Cir
Boise	53	38	Rain	Detroit	23	14	Cir	Jacksonville	68	57	Cir	Newark	44	30	Cir	Salem, Ore.	50	43	Cir	Wilmington	63	49	Cir
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Bridgport	40	29	PCldy	Elkins	33	23	PCldy	Kansas City	39	20	PCldy	North Platte	34	19	Cir	Salt Lake City	58	37	Cir	Wilkes-Barre	29	21	Cir
Brownsville	80	67	Cir	Erie	22	17	Cldy	Knoxville	55	34	Cir	Omaha	29	17	Cldy	San Diego	75	46	Cir	Wilmington, Del.	42	31	Cir
Buffalo	22	16	Cldy	Eugene	52	43	Rain	Lake Charles	71	55	Cldy	Orlando	80	64	Cir	San Francisco	63	48	Cir	Yakima	38	30	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	24	14	PCldy	Evansville	41	21	PCldy	Lansing	21	4	Cir	Paducah	46	25	Cir	San Jose	68	45	Cir	Youngstown	22	15	Cir
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Charlotte, N.C.	62	42	PCldy	Fort Smith	55	31	Cldy	Los Angeles	69	52	PCldy	Pittsburgh	31	21	Cir	Shreveport	65	47	Cir				

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SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

The Neanderthal in us all

Studies: Modern human genetic blueprint contains remnants of ancient hominids' DNA

By **SETH BOENSTEIN**
The Associated Press

NEXT time you call someone a Neanderthal, better look in a mirror. Many of the genes that help determine most people's skin and hair are more Neanderthal than not, according to two new studies that look at the DNA fossils hidden in the modern human genome.

About 50,000 years ago, modern-day humans migrated out of Africa north to Europe and East Asia and met up with furrow-browed Neanderthals who had been in the colder climates for more than 100,000 years. Some of the two species mated, and then the Neanderthals died off as a species — except for what's left inside of us.

Scientists isolated the parts of the modern human genetic blueprint that still contain Neanderthal remnants. Overall, it's barely more than 1 percent, said two studies released last month in the journals *Nature* and *Science*.

However, in some places, such as the DNA related to the skin, the genetic instructions are as much as 70 percent Neanderthal, and in other places, there's virtually nothing from the species that's often portrayed as brutish cavemen.

The difference between where Neanderthal DNA is plentiful and where it's absent may help scientists understand what in our genome "makes humans human," said University of Washington

genome scientist Joshua Akey, lead author of the paper in *Science*.

The studies mostly examined the genomes of people whose ancestors left Africa at some point. People whose ancestors have all stayed in Africa have almost no Neanderthal DNA because there was little interbreeding.

Harvard University researcher Sriram Sankararaman, the lead author of the *Nature* study, said the place where Neanderthal DNA seemed to have the most influence in the modern human genome has to do with skin and hair. Akey said those instructions are as much as 70 percent Neanderthal.

"We're more Neanderthal than not in those genes," Akey said.

Sankararaman cautions that scientists don't yet know just what the Neanderthal DNA dictates in our skin and hair. Another area is where we have more Neanderthal DNA in parts of genetic codes that have to do with certain immune system functions, Sankararaman said. Again, scientists can't say more than that these Neanderthal genes seem connected to certain diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, Crohn's disease and lupus, but they are there.

Sarah Tishkoff, a professor of genetics and biology at the University of Pennsylvania who was not part of either study, and Akey said one of the most interesting parts

in comparing human and Neanderthal genomes is where we don't see any caveman influence. That, Tishkoff said, is "what makes us uniquely human," and those regions of genetic code "you just can't mess with."

One of those areas has been heavily connected to genes that determine speech and communication, and there's nothing Neanderthal there, Akey said. This fits with theories that lack of communication skills hurt Neanderthals and speech ability was a distinctly human advantage, he said.

The study in *Nature* found something that may help explain why the brutish and virile cavemen haven't influenced humans much. They may have made babies, but the male hybrids of Neanderthals and humans weren't very fertile. Scientists figured that out because the genes associated with the testicles in humans and the X chromosome were unusually empty of Neanderthal influence.

While Neanderthal males themselves were likely good at breeding, their half-human sons weren't, and "they

must have been disappointed in their sons," said Nature co-author Svante Paabo, of the Max Planck Institute in Germany.

The *Nature* study found Beijing residents with Han Chinese ancestors had the highest Neanderthal DNA rate, 1.4 percent. Los Angeles residents of Mexican descent had 1.22 percent Neanderthal DNA. In Europe, Finns had the highest Neanderthal DNA rate, with 1.2 percent. Utah residents with northern and western European roots came in at 1.17 percent.

All those people still can trace far more of their genetic roots to early humans in Africa than they can to Neanderthals in ancient Europe.

New York University anthropology professor Todd Disotell recently had his genome tested by a private company and found he's got more Neanderthal DNA than most people, about 2.9 percent. "I'm quite proud of that," he said.

Neanderthals live on in our genes

DNA evidence shows that modern humans interbred with Neanderthals long ago. Today 1% to 3% of the genes of people outside of Africa come from their Neanderthal ancestors.

Ancient interbreeding

- 1 More than 80,000 years ago:** Early Neanderthals left Africa, spread through Middle East, Europe, central Asia.
- 2 80,000 years ago:** Early modern humans left Africa, encountered Neanderthals in Middle East.
- 3** They coexisted in some areas, and some interbred.
- 4** Humans remaining in Africa did not reproduce with Neanderthals.
- 5 About 40,000 years ago:** Last Neanderthals disappeared in Europe.

Traces of their genes

As a human embryo develops, its cells organize into these three layers:

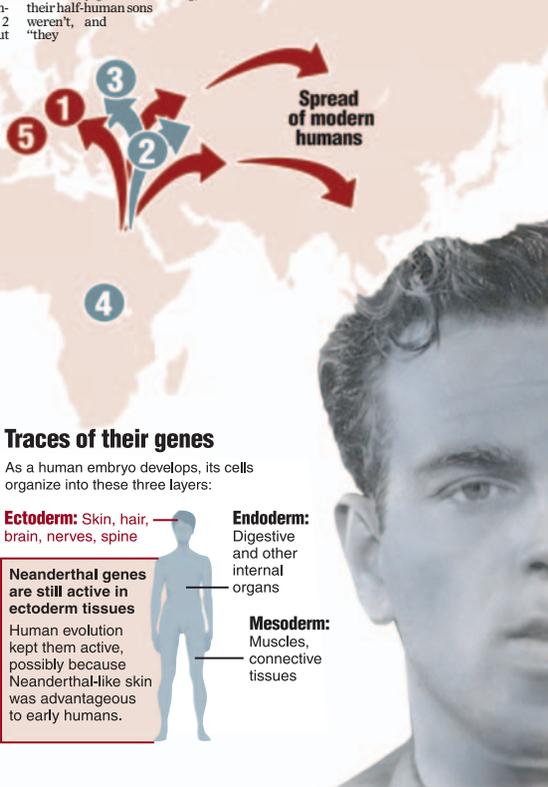
Ectoderm: Skin, hair, brain, nerves, spine

Endoderm: Digestive and other internal organs

Mesoderm: Muscles, connective tissues

Neanderthal genes are still active in ectoderm tissues

Human evolution kept them active, possibly because Neanderthal-like skin was advantageous to early humans.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Driver OK after car falls in sinkhole

NY ROCKVILLE CENTRE — A Long Island driver is back on solid ground after a sinkhole abruptly opened up beneath her car — with her in it.

Gayle Sorrentino, 69, was parking her car outside her Rockville Centre home Friday afternoon when she felt the ground give way. The front half of her Subaru Outback fell into the 10- to 15-foot-deep hole.

After a 911 call, firefighters soon had a ladder extended down to her side window. Sorrentino climbed out safely and was unhurt.

Rockville Centre Fire Chief John Thorp praised Sorrentino for keeping her cool throughout. She said she worried only when some sand started falling down within the hole, fearing that it might deepen more.

A Rockville Centre Village spokeswoman said the hole may have developed over the top of an old cesspool.

Woman sentenced for ramming police cars

ME ALFRED — A Massachusetts woman convicted of ramming three police cruisers with her car while driving the wrong way on the Maine Turnpike and Interstate 195 last summer has been sentenced to 2½ years in prison.

Monique Vallee, 44, of Andover, Mass., pleaded guilty to reckless conduct, aggravated criminal mischief and eluding an officer on Thursday.

Police say shortly before 1 a.m. on July 22, 2013, Vallee drove from the turnpike onto Interstate 195 in Saco, where she twice put her car into reverse and rammed a police car before getting back onto the turnpike and ramming two more cruisers. Nobody was seriously injured.

The Journal Tribune reported that Vallee apologized to police Thursday, saying she never meant to hurt anyone.

Farm owner sentenced for selling bad cider

MI ELLSWORTH — A northern Michigan man has been sentenced to up to four years in prison after improperly processed apple cider led to an E. coli outbreak and hospital stays for two adults and two children.

James Ruster is the first person convicted of a felony under Michigan's Food Law. Ruster owns Mitchell Hill Farm in Ellsworth, about 30 miles northwest of Traverse City.

He pleaded guilty to willful misbranding and adulteration of food products and was sentenced.

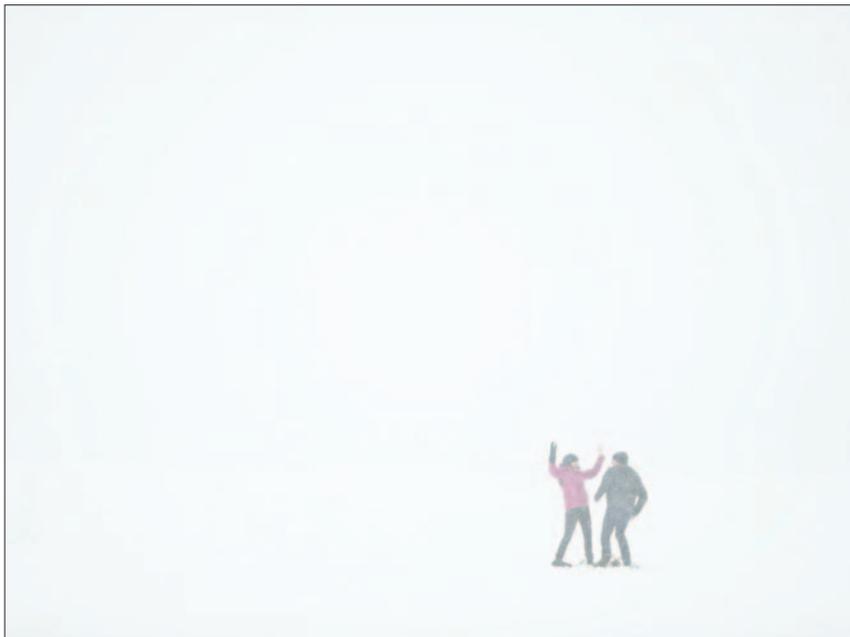
The state said apple cider was being sold in 2011 at a farmers market although Ruster was licensed as a maple syrup producer. Ruster was warned that safe production standards were not being met, but continued to make and sell cider.

The E. coli outbreak was reported the following year.

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The amount fetched for a fork used by New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, right, when he ate pizza at a Staten Island restaurant in January. The item at the center of the mini-flap over the mayor's controversial pizza etiquette, seen as an affront to New Yorkers' tried-and-true folding method, was sold in a charity auction to benefit the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which helps first responders and wounded warriors, said the anonymous winning bidder gave the fork back to Goodfella's Pizzeria.



JEFF WHEELER, THE (MINNEAPOLIS) STAR TRIBUNE/AP

Snow romantic

As one of the largest snows of the winter began falling Thursday in Minneapolis, Theodore Kimble got down on his knees and asked Olivia Joy to marry him after they snowed out to the middle of Lake Harriet and met a snowman. She said yes.

Armed man found waiting near library

TN CLARKSVILLE — Police issued citations to a man found waiting behind a library with guns, knives, chemical protection suits and nerve agent antidote kits.

Clarksville Police said an officer spotted a man sitting in a parked car behind the Montgomery County Library and stopped to check on him. The Leaf-Chronicle reported.

Police said Daniel Joseph Slusher, 26, of Clarksville, was dressed in black and wearing a tactical vest when the officer approached him Thursday night. He said he was trying to get a job and was waiting for someone to meet him.

The officer found six knives, two collapsible batons and a .45 caliber handgun. There was a revolver under the seat.

The officer cited Slusher for

unlawful carrying of weapons and prohibited weapons, but he was not arrested.

Woman sues employer over workplace gun ban

FL TAMPA — A Tampa woman is suing Wells Fargo after she was fired for bringing a gun to work.

Tvette Ros, 37, a single mother, told the Tampa Tribune that she felt safer having the weapon with her at the Oldsmar branch bank so she could protect other employees from potential robbers.

Ros has filed a federal lawsuit, alleging she lost her job as bank manager for exercising her constitutional right to bear arms.

A Wells Fargo spokeswoman declined to talk about the court case but said the company has clear rules prohibiting employees from bringing weapons onto its premises. The company offers an exception in states where individuals are allowed to keep weapons in their locked vehicle in a com-

pany parking lot.

Fast food fracas leads to arrest of customer

PA INDIANA — Authorities in western Pennsylvania said a woman who got charged up over a wrong order at Burger King ended up with a charge filed against her.

State Police said Heather Naomi Smith, 22, called 911 on Friday after receiving the wrong food at the fast-food restaurant in White Township.

The Indiana Gazette reported that while Smith waited for police, she allegedly got out of her car in the drive-through lane and started yelling.

Police said Smith's threatening behavior caused public alarm, and they charged her with disorderly conduct. She could not be reached for comment.

Police said Smith is also wanted on outstanding charges in South Carolina.

Police arrest 2 men in cow sex abuse case

NY HERKIMER — Police say two men have been arrested after a central New York farmer discovered that his cows were being sexually abused.

News outlets reported Friday that a farmer in Herkimer, near Utica, noticed his cows appeared anxious and failed to produce milk. He installed video surveillance equipment to try to determine why.

The farmer contacted state police after watching the footage and discovering the animals were being abused.

Police said two men in their 30s were arrested after one agreed to videotape the other attempting sexual contact with several cows. Both were arrested on misdemeanor sexual misconduct charges and released with appearance tickets.

From wire reports

FACES

Could 'Wolf' mark the end of DiCaprio's Oscar drought?

BY JESSICA HERNDON
The Associated Press

Leonardo DiCaprio is poking his head out of a poolside room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

It's afternoon, and a swarm of media outlets is lined up outside, chatting with Oscar contenders after the Academy Awards' annual luncheon for nominees. Nominated for lead actor for his role as an excess-obsessed stockbroker in "The Wolf of Wall Street," DiCaprio stands to gain plenty of attention if he's viewed, but he goes unseen.

Still, he can't conceal his curiosity. "What's going on out there?" he asks with childlike intrigue, lowering his brow. "Why are there only two people on pool floats?" Turns out, they're models hired to liven up the background of an entertainment show's feed.

"That's corny," DiCaprio says with a laugh. But surely the 39-year-old actor understands the allure of overdoing it.

Decadence is what fueled "Wolf," a film that's gained him two Oscar nominations for acting and producing. DiCaprio has been nominated for three other Academy Awards, starting with a supporting actor bid for playing a teen with autism in the 1993 drama, "What's Eating Gilbert Grape." He's been overlooked each time.

This could be his year. Is he frustrated he hasn't won?

"Here, I'll show you the card they gave me today" (at the luncheon), he says, rummaging through his pockets after setting aside the electronic cigarette he says he puffs to "relieve the stress of life." He retrieves a small white card he calls "that little football chalk-up" listing his film stats. Leaning in, he points to the portion that reads: five nominations, zero wins. With a heavy chuckle he looks up and says, "Zip!"

With the card back in his pocket, DiCaprio adds: "It's quite interesting. People think I feel I'm overdue for something..."

He stares at the ground for a moment, collecting his thoughts. "Anyone wants to be accepted by their peers, but the truth is every year is unique and everyone is just going to vote for who they think is worthy."

Nominated for lead actor Oscars for "The Aviator" and "Blood Diamond," DiCaprio has lost to Jamie Foxx and Forest Whitaker (he lost the best supporting actor statuette to Tommy Lee Jones). This year, he's up against Christian Bale, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Bruce Dern and Matthew McConaughey, who is considered DiCaprio's biggest threat for his portrayal of a rodeo-loving Texan with HIV in "Dallas Buyers Club."

"We haven't seen Leo and McConaughey paired off in any award show," says Tom O'Neil, editor of the awards prediction site goldderby.com. "The assumption is Leo can't do it."

But this wouldn't be because he lacks skill. DiCaprio, whose first big film role was opposite Robert De Niro in 1993's "This Boy's Life," has starred in a number of films that gained Oscar attention, including two best picture winners: "Titanic" and "The Departed."

"Gangs of New York," "Catch Me if You Can," "Revolutionary Road," "Inception," "Django Unchained" and last year's "The Great Gatsby" have also earned Academy attention.

"It's as if the old men in the Academy look at someone like Leo and say, 'You have the money, the fame, the babes, but here's one thing you can't have,'" adds O'Neil. "We've seen a history of it. Paul Newman didn't win until he was past the age of 60. Often, if you are old or if you let yourself go to hell like Matthew McConaughey did in 'Dallas Buyers Club' by losing a lot of weight, the Academy awards you."

Many major Hollywood talents have endured Oscar snubs. Neither Alfred Hitchcock nor Stanley Kubrick ever received directing trophies. At the risk of gaining comparisons to the late actor Peter O'Toole, who was nominated eight times without a win, DiCaprio could go home empty-handed again.

"The thing about it is no matter what film he's in, even if you didn't like the movie, you leave the theater and go, 'That guy just never misses,'" says DiCaprio's "Wolf" co-star Jonah Hill, who is nominated for a best supporting actor Oscar. "Watching Leo work on 'Wolf,' I understand how brilliant he is at what he does. He didn't miss a single moment of that character."



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Leonardo DiCaprio
VICTORIA WILL, INVISION/AP

'American Idol' sinks to all-time ratings low

The Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, ended Feb. 23, and at least one group of people probably won't be sorry to see the Games go: the producers of "American Idol."

Now in its 13th season, Fox's singing contest sank to some all-time ratings lows for a Wednesday show last week, according to Nielsen. That episode featured performances from the Top 10 boys. "Idols' 2.6 rating was its worst-ever Wednesday number in the key adults ages 18 to 49 demographic. And the 10 million total viewers who tuned in made it the least-watched "Idol" during the traditional September through May TV season (The first season of "Idol" was during the summer of 2002).

"Idol" has seen its ratings drift down for years, of course, and this season is struggling to reinvent itself after another shake-up at the judging table. But this record low is almost certainly due to Olympic competition. Through Wednesday, the Sochi Olympics averaged 22.5 million total viewers, NBC's prime-time coverage. That's down 10 percent compared with the Vancouver Games in 2010. But it's still a huge audience that is diminishing the number of eyeballs available for other shows.

FOX hinted out that the Wednesday episode actually drew slightly more viewers than the Tuesday show featuring the Top 10 girls (9.7 million).



"American Idol" had a tough week in the ratings.

Other news

After battling with his major label for years, 50 Cent has decided to become an independent artist. The rapper announced Thursday that he's leaving his longtime record label, Universal Music Group's Interscope Records, and Eminem's imprint, Shady/Aftermath. The Grammy winner and his G-Unit Records has signed a distribution agreement with Caroline, the independent label at Capital Music Group. Capitol is part of Universal Music Group.

A former wig designer for rapper Nicki Minaj sued the performer Friday, accusing her of walking away from business plans, then making money by selling wigs based on his designs without permission. The lawsuit filed by Terrence Davidson accuses Onika Maraj, who uses the stage name Nicki Minaj, and Pink Personality LLC of breaking implied contracts, reneging on discussions to launch a reality TV show and a wig line, and misappropriating his wig designs. A representative for Minaj did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

From wire services

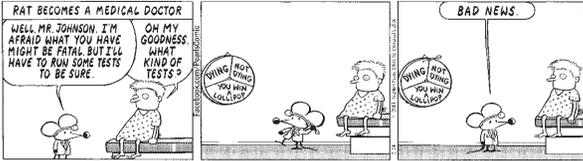
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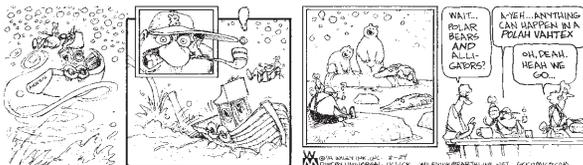
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- 18 Overadvertised
- 20 Couch
- 22 Wd. modifier
- 24 Japanese emperor
- 28 Portrait on a \$20
- 32 Landscaping tool
- 33 Touch
- 34 Annoy
- 36 Family member
- 37 Spa facilities
- 39 Easter millinery
- 41 Hi-fi setup
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- 46 "Wizard of Oz" baddie
- 50 Sultor
- 53 Accomplished
- 55 Egyptian river
- 56 Peated
- 57 Unfriendly
- 58 Dollop
- 59 St. Louis attraction
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- 61 Storm center

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- 3 "The World According to —"
- 4 Grape constantly
- 5 Piece of work
- 6 Snake poison
- 7 It can make your head spin
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- 9 Peculiar
- 10 Young fellow
- 12 Initial success
- 19 Lingerie's deg.
- 21 "A box upon thee!"
- 23 Task
- 25 Fever and chills
- 26 Fender bender
- 27 Table scraps
- 28 Pokes
- 29 Blind as —
- 30 Just adorable
- 31 Gist
- 35 Deify
- 38 Slitch
- 40 Present
- 42 1950s song, e.g.
- 45 Ailing
- 47 Scrabble piece
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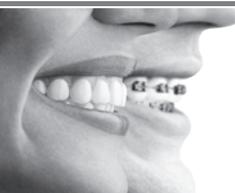
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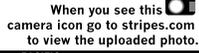
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 5 Duke wins Round 2 with No. 1 Syracuse

Boeheim ejected over late call as Blue Devils hand Orange their second straight loss

By JOEY MCCREARY
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DURHAM, N.C. — They'll remember the OT from the first Syracuse-Duke game — and the Ts that decided Round 2.

The rematch of one of college basketball's best games of the season ended with Hall of Fame coach Jim Boeheim ejected after he charged onto the court to argue a block/charge call.

Rodney Hood scored 13 points and drew that game-changing charging call, which helped No. 5 Duke beat No. 1 Syracuse 66-60 on Saturday night.

"I just thought that was the worst call of the year, that's all," Boeheim said. "I hated to see the game decided on that call."

Freshman Jabari Parker had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Blue Devils (22-6, 11-4 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Jerami Grant had 17 points and C.J. Fair, the player who was called for the charge, finished with 13 for the Orange (25-2, 12-2).

The first meeting between these teams was an overtime game considered an instant classic and won by Syracuse 91-89 in overtime after Duke's Rasheed Sulaimon hit a buzzer-beating, tying three-pointer at the end of regulation before 35,446 fans at the Carrier Dome. The rematch was just as close, but it will be remembered more for Boeheim's exit with only 10 seconds to play.

"Both teams were worthy of winning this game, and both teams were worthy of winning up there," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "So going 1-1 was probably the way it should be."



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Syracuse head coach

Syracuse had the ball down 60-58 when Fair drove for an apparent tying layup.

But official Tony Greene whistled Fair for charging — and Boeheim shot onto the court to argue. Greene slapped him with two technical fouls and ejected him. "People will remember this one for 30 years because the old coach went out there and got a little excited," Boeheim said. "I think the fans will remember Jim Boeheim down here. Two great games."

Quinn Cook iced it by hitting three free throws with 10.4 seconds left to make it 63-58.

Meanwhile, the Orange — whose 25-0 start was spoiled three nights earlier by an overtime loss at home to sub-.500 Boston College — are the first top-ranked team to lose twice in a week since Texas in 2010.

"I don't think we'll probably play anymore," Boeheim said, his words laced with sarcasm. "I think we'll just give up."

Star freshman Tyler Ennis finished with nine points on 2-for-13

shooting and he and fellow starting guard Trevor Cooney combined to miss all five of their three-point attempts for the Orange.

Three times in the final 90 seconds, they had the ball down by three or fewer points, but all anyone will remember is Fair's drive.

He blew past Tyler Thornton along the left baseline and — as Hood slid over to cut him off — he flipped up a shot that banked in. Greene blew his whistle and waved it off to call Fair for charging.

"Regardless of whether they called a block or a charge, I was going to be there and help Tyler out," Hood said. "I honestly didn't know [what the call would be]. ... I thought I was there the whole time, but you never know."

That brought an incensed Boeheim off the bench and onto the court to argue. Once he was tossed, the game was effectively over.

"I think maybe [if] we didn't get the techs, we probably still had a chance to win," Fair said.

This one always seemed destined for a tight finish, even after Duke appeared to take control down the stretch.



GERRY BROOM/AP

Duke's Rodney Hood (5) draws a charge from Syracuse's C.J. Fair as Syracuse's Jerami Grant and Duke's Tyler Thornton look for a rebound late in the second half of Saturday's game in Durham, N.C. No. 5 Duke beat No. 1 Syracuse 66-60.

Roundup

No. 2 Florida rallies in final 8 minutes to beat Ole Miss

The Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — Scottie Wilbekin scored 18 points, Michael Prazier II added 17 and No. 2 Florida rallied to beat Mississippi 75-71 on Saturday.

The Gators (25-2, 14-0 Southeastern Conference) extended their school-record winning streak to 19 games. Ole Miss (16-11, 7-7) has lost four in a row.

No. 3 Wichita St. 83, Drake 54: Drake's Cotton had 21 points, Darius Carter came off the bench to score 15 and host Wichita State (29-0, 16-0 Missouri Valley Conference) beat Drake (14-14, 5-11).

No. 4 Arizona 88, Colorado 61: Freshman Aaron Gordon scored 21 of his season-best 23 points in the second half and Nick Johnson added 20 points as visiting Arizona (25-2, 12-2 Pac-12) beat Colorado (20-8, 9-6).

New Mexico 58, No. 6 San Diego St. 44: Cameron Bairstow scored 26 points, including 10 during a second-half run that led host New Mexico (21-5, 12-2 Mountain West) to an upset win

over San Diego State (23-3, 12-2).

No. 8 Kansas 85, No. 19 Texas 54: Andrew Wiggins scored 21 points, Joel Embiid briefly flirted with a triple-double and host Kansas (21-6, 12-2) trounced Texas (20-7, 9-5).

No. 11 Louisville 58, No. 7 Cincinnati 57: Russ Smith's 18-foot jumper with 2.2 seconds left lifted visiting Louisville (23-4, 12-2 American Athletic Conference) over Cincinnati (24-4, 13-2) for its 10th win in 11 games.

No. 9 Villanova 57, St. John's 54: Darrun Hilliard scored 18 points and Ryan Arcidiacono had 12 for host Villanova (24-3, 12-2 Big East) to beat St. John's (18-10, 8-7).

No. 10 Saint Louis 66, George Washington 59: Jordan Jett scored 16 points, Rob Loe added 12 and host Saint Louis (25-2, 12-0 Atlantic 10) earned its 19th straight win by holding off George Washington (20-7, 8-5).

No. 14 Virginia 70, Notre Dame 49: Aki Mitchell and Anthony Gill both scored 15 points



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Mississippi guard Marshall Henderson, right, tries to steal the ball away from Florida center Patric Young in Saturday's game in Oxford, Miss.

and host Virginia (23-5, 14-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) used a 30-2 second-half run to blow open

a close game with Notre Dame (14-14, 5-10).

No. 16 Wisconsin 79, No. 15 Iowa 74: Frank Kaminsky had 21 points and a crucial late steal as Wisconsin (22-5, 9-5 Big Ten) beat host Iowa (19-7, 8-5) for its fifth straight victory.

No. 17 Iowa St. 71, TCU 60: DeAndre Kane scored 20 points and Georges Niang had 19 points and eight rebounds as visiting Iowa State (21-5, 9-5 Big 12) pounded TCU (9-17, 0-14).

No. 18 Kentucky 77, LSU 76 (OT): Julius Randle scored in the lane with 3.9 seconds remaining in overtime to give host Kentucky (21-6, 11-3 Southeastern Conference) a win over LSU (16-10, 7-7).

reer-high seven three-pointers and scored 26 points to help host Stanford (18-8, 9-5 Pac-12) beat UCLA (21-6, 10-4).

No. 24 Ohio St. 64, Minnesota 46: Sam Thompson scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half, leading host Ohio State (24-6, 9-6 Big Ten) back from a 12-point deficit to beat Minnesota (17-11, 6-9).

San Diego 63, No. 25 Gonzaga 66: Duda Sanadze scored 15 points, including three free throws in the final 2.9 seconds, and San Diego (16-14, 7-10 West Coast Conference) upset Gonzaga (23-6, 13-3), which lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

American 58, Army 54: Jesse Reed scored 21 points as host American (16-11, 12-4 Patriot League) withstood a late push by Army (13-14, 9-7) to win.

Nevada 75, Air Force 56: Deonte Burton scored 21 points on 6-of-7 shooting and Jerry Evans Jr. finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds as Nevada (13-15, 8-7 Mountain West) surged past host Air Force (10-15, 4-10).

DODDS EUROPE BASKETBALL



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Javughn Harrison of Brussels goes to the basket against Incirlik's Patrick Ostrand, left, and Ryan Packard in the Division III final at the DODDS Europe championships.

'Jazzed' by girls win, Brussels tops Incirlik

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Brussels completed its sweep of small-school basketball Saturday as the Brigands boys beat Incirlik 41-33 to win the DODDS Europe Division III championship.

The game tipped off just moments after the Brussels girls claimed the title with a thrilling overtime defeat of Sigonella. But the Brigands, who bounced anxiously in the corner of the gym as their classmates claimed a crown, subdued their excitement and took the court with an air of calm proficiency.

"Seeing the girls win, it was pretty exciting," senior Javughn Harrison said. "I just tried to keep my cool and go out and play."

That's precisely what the Brigands did. The top-seeded squad gleamed quality shots from nearly all of their first-quarter possessions. Harrison made a driving layup, drained a mid-range jumper and converted an offensive putback. Forward Matt Proulx established deep position in the paint, drew two fouls and sank three free throws. Harrison found Michael DeFazio for a corner three-pointer, his second deep ball of the early going.

Brussels coach Chris Vahrenhorst said watching the girls win helped his team avoid its propensity for slow starts.

"I think it jazzed them up," Vahrenhorst said. "Sometimes they come out flat."

The Hodjas, whose remote Turkey campus prevents them from playing a proper DODDS schedule, didn't fare as well under the brightened lights, losing scoring opportunities to bobbled passes, traveling violations on fast breaks, off-ball fouls and missed free throws. The cumulative total: a

15-5 Brussels lead through eight minutes.

But while nerves were a problem for Incirlik, determination and heart were not.

The Hodjas battled back to within five points at halftime, and trimmed the lead to a single point midway through the third quarter.

When the Brigands led grew to eight near the end of the third quarter, Hodja sophomore guard Adrian Robinson banked in a buzzer-beating three-pointer to slice it back to five entering the final eight minutes.

Incirlik hung around close enough to send the Brigands on a parade to the free-throw line in the final minute. But Harrison coolly knocked down two free throws with 30 seconds to play that pushed the lead to six and iced the game.

"We had a lot of turnovers to start the game. It certainly looked like we had some nervousness," Hodjas coach Kevin Lehde said. "I'm proud of them. They played hard, they never gave up."

Proulx wasn't surprised at the Hodjas' refusal to concede. A similar script played out when the teams met in pool play Thursday, with Brussels eking out a 34-29 victory.

"We knew what we had to do. We played them before, we beat them before," the senior forward said. "They're a really good team. I'm not surprised they stayed in it."

DeFazio led all scorers with 15 points, including four three-pointers. Harrison had a 12-point, 14-rebound double-double along with four assists and three blocks. Proulx added eight points and nine rebounds. Cameron Little led Incirlik with 14 points, while Jonathan Catchings had 10.

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Brigands' sister act too much for Jaguars

Brussels girls hold Sigonella scoreless in OT for D-III title

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WIESBADEN, Germany — After giving up a five-point halftime advantage to defending champion Brussels, Sigonella hung in to force overtime and make Saturday's Division III girls' basketball title game a thriller.

But the Jaguars, after fighting back to a tie, faded in the four-minute overtime period, and failed to put a point on the board. Sigonella couldn't stop the Brigands' double threat at post, Ana-Marija Vasileva and Teodora Vasileva, and fell 38-31 in the finals of the DODDS-Europe Division III basketball championships final.

The sister duo scored a combined seven points in extra time. They provided most of the offense for the Brigands, together scoring 26 points.

Point guard Ali DeFazio, nursing a hamstring injury, played the entire game and directed the team's offense. At times, she appeared to be limping and missed some shots early on, but came through with seven points.

DeFazio said her hamstring — which she pulled about two weeks ago going up for a layup during a game against St. John's — hurt, but she was determined to gut it out. "Four of our starters our seniors," she said, herself included. "It was so important that we could win this for all four of us."

Brussels head coach Tim Como said he gave DeFazio the option whether to play.

"She said 'Coach, I want to try.' I didn't think she would last five minutes," he said. "I'd have to give her this victory. I don't know if we could have done it without her. She brings chemistry to the team; she runs the show."

In the third quarter, Brussels outplayed Sigonella on both ends of the court, outscoring the Jaguars 13-4 and jumping out front 25-21.

But Brussels couldn't put it way — just yet. The Brigands' offense fell flat in the fourth, giving the Jaguars the chance to stay in the game. They capitalized on the opportunity.

With about four minutes to play, junior forward Sydney Moore grabbed a basket and converted two points on free throws, after drawing several fouls, to tie up the score at 25-25.

As regulation wound down, both Sigonella and Brussels missed several scoring opportunities and possession flip-flopped back and forth with each team making unforced errors.

Sigonella regained the lead when Moore grabbed a rebound, after two Sigonella tries at the net, and put it in for two. Ana-Marija Vasileva came through for Brussels



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Teodora Vasileva of Brussels scores the go-ahead basket in a 38-31 overtime victory over Sigonella in the Division III girls title game on Saturday.

again with a short jumper with under 45 seconds to play, tying the score at 31 and sending the game into overtime.

After that, it was all Brussels. "It feels amazing," Ana-Marija Vasileva said. The game was tough, she said, with the players not getting much time, if any, on the bench to rest.

Vasileva and her sister played as freshmen and sophomores, but she said they sat out last year to focus on academics. "It was worth it to come back this year."

For Sigonella, the loss was emotional after coming so close to upending the reigning champion.

"I just know that I wanted it really bad," said Moore, who's played for Sigonella since her freshman year. "It was disappointing that we didn't win, but I'm happy how our team played. We fought to the end."

Sigonella coach David Graham said with only two returning players, his team's inexperience in clutch situations made the difference.

"Being there for the first time (in a championship), the pressure kind of got to us in overtime," he said.

But after not even placing in last year's basketball tournament, Graham said "he couldn't be prouder of our girls. They left everything on the floor; emotionally, physically — everything."

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Wiesbaden swarms Patch in D-I girls final

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — A year after losing by two points to Kaiserslautern in the Division I championship game, the Wiesbaden girls prevailed Saturday with a decisive 40-17 win over Patch before a rowdy home crowd.

The victory was especially sweet for five players who were part of last year's heart-breaking defeat: seniors Dominique Baldwin and Phylécia Faublas, juniors Cierra Martin and Rebecca Russell, and sophomore Crisheena Rolack.

"Cool, it feels amazing," said a beaming Martin, who was named the D-I tournament's Most Valuable Player. "We came out for vengeance and we got it."

Though the Warriors' offensive output was an impressive mix of perimeter and inside shots, players said the game — and the Warriors' undefeated run in this year's tournament — was decided on defense.

"Our defense killed everything," Martin said. "Rebounds, free throws; sometimes they just didn't fall."

But usually they did. Wiesbaden head coach Jim Campbell said the Warriors, coming into this season, adjusted their defensive strategy to aggressive man-to-man coverage.

"They brought into the defensive plan," he said of his players. "I told them we may not hit all of our shots, but if we can keep them from scoring, we can win."

And that's precisely what the Warriors did. They limited Patch to only six points in the second half — and none at all in the

third quarter — all but sealing the victory after only three quarters of play.

Early on, however, Patch looked as if it might hang on to challenge.

Patch never had the lead, but it was still very much a game through two quarters of play, at which point Wiesbaden had built an 18-11 advantage.

But the Warriors owned the rest of the game. Less than three minutes into the third quarter, they went up 22-11, on field goals by Baldwin and Faublas. Junior Sydney Hill added a three-pointer, making it 25-11 at the end of three.

The Warriors scored the first 15 points of the fourth quarter for a 40-11 lead, so by the time Patch senior Rebecca Hess hit two free throws with 1:36 left to end its scoring drought, the game was already out of hand. The Panthers added two field goals before time expired but it was too little, too late. "We didn't shoot well," Patch coach Bill Ratcliff said. "We shot 12 percent. You can't win a championship game" making such a low percentage.

The Panthers also turned over the ball 25 times, he said, with Wiesbaden converting many of those turnovers into points.

"It just wasn't in the cards today," Ratcliff said.

Patch senior Breanna Rodriguez said the Panthers "hung in there, but I guess we just lost focus toward the end. Wiesbaden is a really good team."

Catherine Klein led all scorers with 14, while Faublas had eight, and Rolack added six. Martin had 11 rebounds, five steals and four blocks; sophomore Klein added 12 rebounds and five steals.



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Wiesbaden's Catherine Klein shoots against Patch's Breanna Rodriguez-Jeff in the Division I title game at the DODDS Europe basketball championships in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Saturday. Wiesbaden beat Patch 40-17.

The Warriors were without junior point guard and team captain Rebecca Russell, who was injured in the team's last regular season game and looked on from the bench

with crutches.

"She is a huge part of our team," Campbell said. "We rallied around her."

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Trapping defense leads BFA to D-II girls crown

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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WIESBADEN, Germany — Black Forest Academy employed a relentless, swarming defense to get by AFNORTH 19-13 Saturday and secure its first-ever DODDS Europe girls basketball championship.

Unlike the teams' meeting Wednesday in pool play, the outcome of the Division II title game hung uneasily in the balance until the final minutes.

"It was stressful, but the girls stuck it out," BFA head coach Luke Welbourn said moments after the win. "It was one of those games where we had to tough it out. Our shots weren't falling in as much as they were in the last few games."

Both teams struggled on offense. BFA's one-three-one zone — a smothering, double-team, in-your-face defense — was more than the Lions could handle.

But AFNORTH, playing stingy defense itself, made just enough shots to stay within striking distance, while the Falcons missed open shots and turned the ball over on unforced errors.

The Falcons led 6-4 after the first quarter, and scoring didn't pick up much in the second quarter.

Senior point guard Emily Campbell gave the Falcons an extra



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Black Forest Academy's Elyssa Brauer, right, and Hannah Harrop trap AFNORTH's Grace Phillips in the Division II championship game.

cushion going into halftime when she scored as time expired, putting BFA ahead 13-8.

The Falcons, however, wouldn't score again for another 12½ minutes, as AFNORTH chipped away at the lead, closing to 13-11, at the end of the third.

In the fourth quarter, both teams continued to struggle on offense.

With 3:30 left to play, the Falcons broke through the offensive stalemate when junior wing/guard Hannah Harrop scored.

About 40 seconds later, senior Brienne Riffe scored again for BFA as the game started to get away from the Lions.

AFNORTH managed two more points on free throws from senior Eliska Volencova and freshman

Grace Phillips, but that was it.

Campbell sealed the victory for the Falcons with two points at the buzzer, as BFA fans, decked in blue party hats, stood and cheered from the bleachers.

"I'm so excited," Hannah Harrop said afterward. "Our team really deserves it. I think we worked really hard."

"This is a really special moment for our school," said Welbourn, in his first season as head coach. "This is going to be hard to beat."

The elation of BFA's players and fans mirrored the disappointment of AFNORTH players.

"I told them I know how much this hurts," AFNORTH head coach D.C. McDonald said. "But let it hurt. If you don't hurt right now, you didn't care."

With a squad of rookies and only three returning players, "no one expected us to be here," he said. "I told them to cherish the memory of this."

AFNORTH senior Jena Solorzano said despite the loss, the Lions were happy to play so tough against BFA.

"I think as a team, we held them pretty well," he said.

The title game was the only one this week that BFA didn't win by double digits. The team's defense has been nothing short of

dominant.

"The goal is to put pressure on the ball and be very intense," Welbourn said. "At this level we have found that to be pretty effective."

Phillips said her team never played against a defense like BFA. "It's really hard, once you get trapped, to see a player. They have long arms. It was hard to see around them, to see where to pass."

To counter BFA's trapping defense, McDonald switched Phillips, a 5-foot-10 post player with Solorzano, a 5-1 point guard, so she "could bring the ball down the court and see to make passes," he said.

"They made some adjustments after our last game," Welbourn said of the Lions. "Good for them. They're a good, young basketball team."

For BFA, Campbell had seven points and 10 rebounds, and senior Abby Zuecker had four points, 14 rebounds and four steals.

The leading scorer for AFNORTH was Volencova with four points. She also had five rebounds and nine blocked shots. Phillips contributed 11 rebounds and five blocked shots. Solorzano had three assists, three blocks and five steals.

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Vicenza runs past a familiar D-II foe

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — The Vicenza Cougars owned their regional competition all season.

When they found their fiercest local rival waiting in the championship game of the DODDS Europe Division II championship game, that fact didn't change.

A dominant Vicenza squad finished off its undefeated season Saturday with a rollicking 75-43 victory over Naples.

"It didn't matter who we were playing," Vicenza coach Eric Wakefield said. "The guys were focused and ready to go."

The game devolved into a rout early as Vicenza applied intense full-court pressure, forced a string of Naples turnovers and converted those mistakes into easy layups.

The Cougars, led by the whirlwind two-way brilliance of senior guard Derrick Schaefer, set an early scoring pace approaching triple digits with a 24-9 opening-quarter effort.

The Naples backcourt duo of Johnny Bray and Jayontray Grogan did their best to keep up with the Cougars in the first half.

Grogan made a steal near half-court as the final seconds of the first half ticked away, was knocked over by a Cougars defender and tossed up an underhanded scoop shot in mid-stumble. The shot bounced around the basket but rimmed out, and what might have been an acrobatic highlight and halftime momentum swing became a microcosm of the Wildcats' frustrating evening.

Grogan redoubled his efforts at sparking a rally in the second half, but even the Wildcats' highlights were quickly followed by disappointment. Grogan hit a three-pointer that cut the Vicenza advantage to 11 with about two minutes to play in the third

quarter. But Vicenza responded immediately on a Tyess Chatman three-pointer.

Another series of Vicenza runs put the Cougars up 64-44 with five minutes to play.

"We took care of business," Schaefer said. "We played defense and played our game."

After losing two December games to Vicenza, Wildcats coach Craig Lord said his team hoped for another shot at the Cougars. They got it months later, but still didn't have an answer for Vicenza's frenzied full-court attack.

"It's a very good defensive team," Lord said. "We just couldn't get through it."

Schaefer finished with 19 points and six steals to lead the Cougars in both categories. But the team's deep rotation yielded a number of statistical standouts. Joshua Bulgin had seven points and 12 rebounds. Matt Stitzel added 13 points and three steals. Chatman also finished with 13 points. And senior Jerome Farmer turned in a line of four points, three steals and seven rebounds.

But Schaefer was the game's undisputed star. A longtime Vicenza resident and four-year varsity player, the senior ended his high school career in storybook fashion.

"It's a great feeling," a smiling Schaefer said, clutching his Division II tournament MVP plaque.

Wakefield, witness to countless early-morning Schaefer workouts over his tenure at Vicenza, said Schaefer's memorable final act was well-deserved.

"He really wanted it, and we leaned on him," Wakefield said. "He's a great leader and a great player."

Bray had 15 points and Grogan finished with 12 points for the Wildcats.

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Vicenza's Tyess Chatman speeds up the court ahead of Naples' TyRick Riggins in the Division II title game at the DODDS Europe basketball championships in Wiesbaden, Germany, Saturday.



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Patch's Kelvin Brown goes to the basket between Wiesbaden's Kelsey Thomas, left, and Justin Whatley in the Division I title game at the DODDS Europe championships in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Saturday.

Patch overcomes Wiesbaden to repeat as D-I boys champs

By GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Patch won its second straight DODDS Europe Division I boys basketball championship Saturday, knocking off Wiesbaden 60-56 in a classic title-game showdown and denying the hometown crowd the second celebration it craved.

The Panthers' win came immediately after Wiesbaden pounded Patch in the girls final, producing a split in the high-stakes version of the conventional DODDS girls-boys doubleheader.

The teams were tied with a minute to play, and the final minute was played with the same fervor as the preceding 31. Patch's Brendan Jones drove, drew a foul and made two free throws. The Warriors got multiple shots at a go-ahead three-point, missing each but regaining possession and a fresh chance.

Patch point guard CeJay Ferguson finally clinched the title, poking the ball loose and rushing downcourt for a layup and the game's final points just before time expired.

"The participants were immediately aware of the magnitude of the game they'd just played.

"That had to be the most fun I've had in my life," Jones said. "It was just amazing. I'll never have an experience like this again."

Teammate John Robinson agreed. "For a championship game, this was the perfect game," Robinson said. "Down to the wire."

Even the runners-up — it seems unfair to call them losers — appreciated the level of competition.

"They're just a great bunch of guys, you know. And so are we," Wiesbaden center CJ Pridden said. "We tried to do our best. They just came out on top this time."

After an occasionally tedious championship Saturday marked by lopsided or low-scoring games, the two large-school powers stormed the court with a rejuvenating display of offensive aptitude.

Andrew Murray hit a mid-range jumper and Kelsey Thomas assisted a Darren Williams layup for two quick Wiesbaden buckets. Patch wing John Robinson countered with a jumper. Warrior speedster Anthony Little streaked in for a layup and Thomas found Pridden for a close-range hoop, which Panther sharpshooter Brendan Jones answered with a high-arching three-pointer. Another Pridden score

prompted a Patch timeout, just three minutes and 19 seconds into the game, to discuss its 10-5 deficit.

The teams settled into a rhythm after the early rapid-fire exchange, the Warriors striving to stretch their lead and the Panthers trying to chip away. The Warriors tugged harder, taking a 22-16 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 39-29 lead at the half.

The champions wouldn't be put away so easily. The Panthers trimmed the lead to four in less than two minutes of second-half action, and a Jones layup cut the lead to 45-43 with three minutes to play. The Warriors burned a timeout of their own to stall the momentum.

It didn't work, as a quick basket by Ferguson tied the score. Even a botched dunk attempt couldn't slow the suddenly charmed Panthers. Robinson tracked down and stole the ball after missing his breakaway slam attempt and took off again, this time laying it off the glass for a two-point Panthers lead the visitors took into the fourth quarter.

With each team having made its run, the game locked into a stirring, intense duel, with members of both teams sliding after loose balls, challenging and blocking shots at the rim, battling for offensive rebounds and tying up opponents for jump balls. Fittingly, the teams were deadlocked at 56 with two minutes left, and that was still the score with one minute remaining.

Ultimately, the Panthers won again at the dangerous game they'd played several times in the tournament: falling behind at halftime, making clever adjustments and scraping out a win. That habit almost cost them against the deep and dangerous Warriors, the best of what Jones called the "thick competition" attempting to spoil Patch's repeat bid.

"We just kept our heads up and played through it," Jones said. "It's never won in the first half."

Patch coach Brad Rehwald enjoyed every minute of his Panthers' nerve-wracking title run.

"When you're way ahead or way behind, it's no fun at all," Rehwald said. "You do the best you can and hope the kids come through. They sure did today."

Jones scored 17 points to lead the Panthers, while Robinson added 12 and Ferguson 10. Williams matched Jones' game-high with 17 for Wiesbaden; Pridden had 14 and Thomas chipped in 13.

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Ronda Rousey, right, and Sara McMann exchange punches during a UFC 170 bantamweight title fight on Saturday in Las Vegas.

Briefly

Rousey holds on to her UFC title

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Ronda Rousey heard the chorus of boos again. This time it was for a different reason.

Rousey kept her UFC women's bantamweight title, dropping Sara McMann to the mat with a left knee to the area of her liver at 1:06 of the first round at UFC 170 on Saturday night.

Rousey (9-0) was booed by fans during the post-fight interview after the co-main event was quickly stopped by referee Herb Dean, much to the dismay of the fans at Mandalay Bay Events Center. McMann, who seemed hurt after the blow to her right side with her back to the fence, is now 7-1.

"I didn't think it was too soon," Rousey said. "Obviously, that's why we have a referee in there. I just want to that spot."

The 27-year-old from Venice, Calif., is 9-0 after a quick back Saturday and trip back in the octagon after defeating Miesha Tate on Dec. 28.

"I told (UFC President) Dana (White) I will fight on 24 hours' notice," Rousey said. "I know we spent a lot of time training in the clinch. We were focusing on the knees. I'm still learning. I was good the judge when I was kid. I feel I'm more rounded as a martial artist now."

Rousey, who was a 4-1 favorite, was also booed after her last title defense against Miesha Tate. Rousey refused to shake hands with Tate after their bout at UFC 168 in December.

Both fighters started Saturday night's fight with a flourish before Rousey backed McMann, a 33-year-old from Gaffney, S.C., to the fence. After the liver shot, McMann did not fight back and Rousey used a left shot to the same area.

In the other co-main event, Daniel Cormier (13-0) easily defeated Patrick Cummins (4-1) by TKO at 1:19 of the first round of their light

heavyweight co-main event.

Russians sweep men's 50K cross-country race

KRASNAVYA POLYANA, Russia — Alexander Legkov led a Russian sweep of the men's 50-kilometer cross-country race Sunday, giving the host nation its first gold medal in the sport at the Sochi Olympics.

Legkov won a four-way sprint to the finish at the end of the freestyle mass-start race, pulling away from teammates Maxim Vylegzhanin and Ilya Chernousov on the final straight.

On a perfect final day for the hosts, Vylegzhanin was second after beating Chernousov in a photo finish, 07 seconds behind Legkov. Martin Johansson Sundby of Norway was fourth, 1 second behind the winner.

Nordqvist ends drought with win in Thailand

CHONBURI, Thailand — Anna Nordqvist of Sweden ended a five-year victory drought when she beat defending champion Inbee Park of South Korea by two strokes to win the LPGA Thailand at the Siam County Club Pattaya Old Course on Sunday.

Nordqvist, who held the lead for the last three days, shot a final-round 68 for 15-under 273, to edge Inbee, who carded a final round 66 for an aggregate 139-275.

Knicks looking to dump World Peace, Udrih

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks are preparing to buy out the contracts of veterans Metta World Peace and Beno Udrih.

Neither veteran has earned a place in Mike Woodson's rotation in his first season in New York.

Olympics scoreboard

Medals count

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	13	11	9	33
United States	9	10	11	30
Norway	11	5	10	26
Canada	9	7	9	24
Netherlands	8	6	5	19
Austria	8	6	5	19
France	4	4	7	15
Sweden	6	6	4	14
Switzerland	3	6	2	11
China	6	4	9	19
South Korea	3	3	2	8
Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
Slovenia	1	3	2	6
Japan	1	4	3	8
Italy	0	2	6	8
Belarus	1	0	2	3
Poland	4	1	6	11
Finland	1	3	1	5
Britain	1	2	4	7
Australia	1	2	3	6
Ukraine	0	1	2	3
Croatia	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1

Saturday's medalists

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
ALPINE SKIING			
Men			
Slalom	GOLD—Mario Matt, Austria	SILVER—Marcel Hirscher, Austria	BRONZE—Henrik Kristoffersen, Norway
BIAHLON			
Men			
47.5km Relay	GOLD—Russia (Alexey Volokov, Evgeny Iyabugov, Dmitry Malyshev, Anton Shipilov)	SILVER—Germany (Erik Lesser, Daniel Boehm, Arnd Peiffer, Simon Schomay)	BRONZE—Austria (Christoph Sumann, Michael Meszitsch, Simon Eder, Dominik Landertinger)
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING			
Women			
30km Mass Start	GOLD—Marit Bjergner, Norway	SILVER—Therese Johaug, Norway	BRONZE—Kristin Størmer Steira, Norway
FINANCE			
Men			
100m	GOLD—Nicola Pietrangeli, Italy	SILVER—Olli Maatta, Ossi Vuoranne, Lasse Kukkonen, Sami Salo, Teemu Selanne, Olli Jokinen, Tuomo Ruutu, Aleksander Barkov, Kalle Sami Lahti, Jari Lehtera, Sakari Salminen, Jarkko Immonen, Petri Kontiola, Lauri Koproski, Antti Niemi, Kari Lehtonen, Jussi Jokinen, Jussi Hietanen, Tuukka Rask, Antti Pietilainen, Kimmo Timonen, Sami Vatanen, Juhamatti Aaltonen, Mikael Granlund, Leo Komarov	
SNOWBOARD			
Parallel Slalom	GOLD—Vig Wilk, Russia	SILVER—Zan Kranjc, Slovenia	BRONZE—Benjamin Karl, Austria
Women			
Slalom	GOLD—Julia Dujmovits, Austria	SILVER—Anke Karstens, Germany	BRONZE—Amelie Kobler, Germany
Men			
Team Pursuit	GOLD—Netherlands (Bob Brukhan, Sven Kramer, Ken Verweij)	SILVER—Canada (Lee Jungwoo, Kim Cheol Min, Lee Seung Hoon)	BRONZE—Poland (Zbigniew Brodka, Konrad Niedzwiedz, Adam Wanyama)
Women			
Team Pursuit	GOLD—Netherlands (Marrit Leenstra, Jorntje ter Mors, Lotte van Beek, Ireen Wust)	SILVER—Poland (Katarzyna Bachleda-Czuga, Natalia Czerwikowa, Katarzyna Wozniak, Luiza Zlotkowska)	BRONZE—Austria (Christine Graf, Yekaterina Lobysheva, Yekaterina Shikhova, Yulija Skokova)

Friday's medalists

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
ALPINE SKIING			
Women			
Slalom	GOLD—Mikaela Shiffrin, United States	SILVER—Marliese Hoerhager, Austria	BRONZE—Kathrin Zettel, Austria
BIAHLON			
Women			
46km Relay	GOLD—Ukraine (Vita Semerenko, Julija Dzhyma, Yuli Semerenko, Olena Pidhukha)	SILVER—Russia (Yana Romanova, Olga Zaitseva, Ekaterina Slusmanova, Olga Vitukhina)	BRONZE—Norway (Fanny Welle-Strand Horn, Tiril Eckhoff, Ann Kristin Aafset, Flatland, Tor Berger)
CURLING			
Men	GOLD—Canada (Brad Jacobs, Ryan Fry, E.J. Harnden, Ryan Harnden, Caleb Lammer)	SILVER—Britain (David Murdoch, Graig Drummond, Scott Andrews, Michael Goodfellow, Tom Brewster)	BRONZE—Sweden (Niclas Edin, Sebastian Kraupp, Fredrik Lindberg, Viktor Kjaell, Oskar Eriksson)
FREESTYLE SKIING			
Women			
Skicross	GOLD—Marielle Thompson, Canada	SILVER—Kerstin Sponberg, Sweden	BRONZE—Anna Holmlund, Sweden
SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING			
Men			
500m	GOLD—Victor An, Russia	SILVER—Wu Dajing, China	BRONZE—Charles Hamelin, Canada
1000m	GOLD—Russia (Rustan Zhdanov, Alexander Kostorniy, Vladislav Zhigunov, Vitaly An)	SILVER—United States (Jordan Malone, J.R. Celski, Eddy Alvarez, Chris Creveling)	BRONZE—China (Shi Jingnan, Wu Dajing, Chen Dequan, Han Tianyu)
1500m	GOLD—Park Seon-Ho, South Korea	SILVER—Fan Xing, China	BRONZE—Shim Suk Hee, South Korea

Friday's US Olympians fared

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
ALPINE SKIING			
Women			
Slalom	(First and second round parentheses)	Mikaela Shiffrin, Eagle-Vail, Colo. (1, 2) 2:26.6, 51.821	GOLD
100m	Shi Jingnan, China (30, 58:88, 24, 53:99) 1:52:87	Wu Dajing, China (30, 58:88, 24, 53:99) 1:52:87	BRONZE
1500m	J.R. Celski, Jackson Hole, Wyo., DNF	Negan MacKinnon, Park City, Utah, DNF	
BIAHLON			
Women			
46km Relay	(Penalties in parentheses)	7. Ukraine (0 penalties, 2:08:00)	Baron, Vt.
1000m	7. Hannah Dreissigacker, Morrisville, Vt.	8. Sarah Sjöström, Sweden, 1:14:12	9. Amelie Coia, Saranac Lake, N.Y.

FREESTYLE SKIING

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Women			
Skicross	None competed.		
SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING			
Women			
500m	2. J.R. Celski, Federal Way, Wash., 53.178 (0)		
Heat 2			
Semifinals			
Final B	4. J.R. Celski, Federal Way, Wash., 41.152 (8)		
Final A	2. J.R. Celski, Federal Way, Wash., 41.152 (8)		
1000m	2. United States (Eddy Alvarez, Miami; J.R. Celski, Federal Way, Wash.; Chris Creveling, Jackson Hole, Wyo.) 2:12:14	SILVER	

1000m

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Heat 3			
Heat 4			
Final A	1. Jessica Smith, Mendota, Mich., 1:32:08 (0)		
Final B	2. Jessica Smith, Mendota, Mich., 1:32:09 (0)		
Final A	4. Jessica Smith, Mendota, Mich., 1:31:30		

SPEEDSKATING

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men's Team Pursuit	1. (W) Canada (Dimitry Laroque, Lucas Makowski, Denny Morrison) (0)		
Women's Team Pursuit	1. (U) United States (Shani Davis, Chica Go, Brian Hansen, Jordan Malone, Eddy Alvarez, Chris Creveling, J.R. Celski)		
Women's Team Pursuit	1. (W) Canada (Dimitry Laroque, Lucas Makowski, Denny Morrison) (0)		
1000m	4. (W) Netherlands (Irene van der Meer, Lotte van Beek, Ireen Wust) (0) (OR)		
1500m	1. (U) United States (Brittany Bowe, Canada, Fla., Heather Richardson, High Point, N.C., Jilleanne Rokkwood, Woodhaven, Mich.) (0)		

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US officials defend team performance

High-profile disappointments balanced by success in newly-debuted events

By TIM DAHLBERG
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — The speedskaters flopped, and the hockey team was blanked when it mattered most. If it wasn't for some brand new sports, the medal count would be paltry.

Yet U.S. Olympic officials insist this was one of the country's best Olympics ever.

"I couldn't be more proud of our Olympic team," said Larry Probst, chairman of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

A bronze in the four-man bobsled on a day Russia put an exclamation point on its Games gave the U.S. 28 medals in Sochi, putting it behind just the host country in total medals. But Norway won more gold than the U.S. (11-9) and the 28 total medals were nine less than Americans won in a record-setting performance four years ago in Vancouver.

That total — five less than won by Russia — would have been far less if U.S. athletes didn't win nine medals, including five gold, in sports that made their debut in Sochi.

Most disappointing were the biggest U.S. stars going into the Games. Shaun White got shut out in snowboard and Lindsey Vonn didn't even make the trip because of injury.

But one new star was born. Teen skiing sensation Mikaela Shiffrin won gold in the women's slalom and liked it so much that she was already making plans for a record-setting performance four years from now in South Korea.

"Right now, I'm dreaming of the next Olympics (and) winning five gold medals, which sounds really crazy," Shiffrin said the day after her win. "I'm sorry I just admitted that to you all."

Shiffrin's win in her first Olympic competition didn't make up for the collapse of the U.S. speedskating team, which was blanked in old suits and new. Speedskaters were kept off the medal podium for the first time since 1984, despite a switch midway through the games back to their old suits.

"Worst Olympics ever," two-time gold medalist Shani Davis said.

Things weren't much better on the ice for U.S. figure skaters, who won a bronze in the new team event but were shut out individually. Charlie White and Meryl Davis took a bit of the sting out of that performance with a gold medal in ice dancing.

Meanwhile, both the men's and women's hockey teams left disappointed. The women appeared on their way to winning gold be-



PAVEL GOLOVNIK/AP

The U.S. speedskating team of, left to right, Brian Hansen, Shani Davis and Jonathan Kuck were among the American disappointments at the Olympics in Sochi. The U.S. finished second in total medals with 28, five fewer than host Russia, a result that could have been much worse without the nine medals, including five golds, won in sports making their Olympic debut.

fore collapsing in the final minutes against Canada, while the men couldn't score against either Canada or Finland, which handed the U.S. an embarrassing 5-0 loss in the bronze medal game.

On the slopes, Shiffrin and Ted Ligety both win gold and the U.S. took five med-

als, making for a respectable showing. But the U.S. was shut out in the new sport of women's ski jumping where Americans had looked promising, and there were no medals in other cross-country skiing or the biathlon, sports that Norway dominated.

Russia: \$51 billion investment transformed decaying resort

FROM BACK PAGE

The nation's \$51 billion investment — topping even Beijing's estimated \$40 billion layout for the 2008 Summer Games — transformed a decaying resort town on the Black Sea into a household name. All-new facilities, unthinkable in the Soviet era of drab shoddiness, showcased how far Russia has come in the two decades since it turned its back on communism. But the Olympic show didn't win over critics of Russia's backsliding on democracy and human rights under Putin and its institutionalized intolerance of gays.

Despite the bumps along the way, IOC President Thomas Bach was expected to use the closing ceremony to deliver an upbeat verdict on the games, his first as IOC president. One of Sochi's big successes was security. Feared attacks by Islamic militants who had threatened to target the games didn't materialize.

"It's amazing what has happened here," Bach said a few hours before the ceremony. He recalled that Sochi was an "old, Stalinist-style sanatorium city in the 1990s.

"You entered the room and you were looking at the roof so you would not be hit by something falling down," he said.

As dusk fell Sunday, Russians and international visitors streamed into the stadium for the ceremony featuring the extinguishing of the Olympic flame. Day and night, the flame became a favorite backdrop for "Sochi selfies," a buzzword born at these



MARK BAKER/AP

A gigantic mascot blows out the Olympic flame during the closing ceremony of the 2014 Winter Games on Sunday in Sochi, Russia.

games for the fad of athletes and spectators taking DIY souvenir photos of themselves.

Athletes were saying goodbye to rivals-turned-friends from far off places, savoring their achievements or lamenting what might have been — and, for some, looking ahead to 2018.

Winners of Russia's 13 gold medals marched into the stadium carrying the country's white, blue and red flag, which was raised alongside the Olympic flag. Athletes streamed by their hundreds into the stadium, dancing and taking photos of themselves. Earlier, giant screens flashed highlights

of their Olympic exploits. With a 3-0 victory over Sweden in the men's hockey final Sunday, Canada claimed the last gold from the 98 medal events.

Absent were six competitors caught by what was the most extensive anti-doping program in Winter Olympic history, with the IOC conducting a record 2,631 tests — nearly 200 more than originally planned.

Putin smiled as he stood beside Bach, and he had reason to be pleased.

Russia's athletes topped the Sochi medals table, with a record

33 total. It represented a stunning turnaround from the 2010 Vancouver Games. There, a meager 3 golds and 15 total for Russia seemed proof of its gradual decline as a winter sports power since Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. Russia's bag of Sochi gold was the biggest-ever haul by a non-Soviet team.

Russia's golden run started with aging star Evgeni Plushenko leading Russia to victory in team figure skating. Putin was on hand for that, one of multiple times when he popped up at venues across the games.

Russia's last gold came Sunday in four-man bobsled. The games' signature moment for home fans was Adelina Sotnikova, cool as ice at 17, becoming Russia's first gold medalist in women's Olympic figure skating.

"The success of the home team is always an important part of the success of the games overall," Bach said.

Not all of the headlines out of Sochi were about sport. Organizers faced criticism going in about Russia's strict policies toward gays, though once the games were under way, most every athlete chose not to use the Olympic spotlight to campaign for the cause. And an activist musical group and movement, Pussy Riot, appeared in public and was horsewhipped by Cossack militiamen, drawing international scrutiny.

And during the last days of competition, Sochi competed for attention with violence in Ukraine. Russia's neighbor and considered a vital sphere of influence by the Kremlin.

In an Associated Press interview on Saturday, Bach singled out Ukraine's victory in women's biathlon relay as "really an emotional moment" of the games, praising Ukrainian athletes for staying to compete despite the scores dead in protests back home.

"Mourning on the one hand, but knowing what really is going on in your country, seeing your capital burning, and feeling this responsibility, and then winning the gold medal," he said, "this really stands out for me."

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Alpine events prove memorable at Sochi

By HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — From Mikaela Shiffrin to Bode Miller, from Mario Matt to Henrik Kristoffersen, Alpine skiing at the Sochi Olympics was one for the ages.

The 18-year-old Shiffrin already was pegged as the sport's face of the future, and she established herself as a star of the present by becoming the youngest slalom champion in Olympic history.

"It's going to be something that I chalk up as one of my favorite experiences for the rest of my life," the precocious Shiffrin said. "But my life's not over yet."

Yes, she seems to be just getting started. Her U.S. teammate Miller, meanwhile, took home a bronze in the super-G, his sixth Olympic medal. At 36, he is the oldest Alpine medalist ever.

Matt, who turns 35 in April, won the schedule-closing men's slalom on Saturday night for Austria to become the sport's oldest gold medalist. Krisofersen, 19, was third in that race, making the Norwegian the youngest man to win an Olympic Alpine medal.

"Guys like Bode and guys like Mario definitely are validating that you can continue on into the later years," said Ted Ligety, the American who won the giant slalom.

"I plan on continuing on," said Ligety, who would be 33 at the 2018 Olympics.

Here are five things to know about the Alpine events on the Rosa Khutor slopes:

1 Austria's back: Four years ago, Austria's skiers left the Vancouver Games with four medals, zero earned by their men. This time, the ski-loving nation led everyone with nine medals, starting off with gold from Matthias Mayer in the opening race, the downhill, and capping things off with a 1-2 finish by Matt and Marcel Hirscher in the slalom. Anna Fenninger won gold in the super-G and silver in the giant slalom.

2 U.S. recovery: Midway through the Alpine schedule, the U.S. had won one of 15 medals, Julia Mancuso's bronze in the super-combined. U.S. Alpine director Patrick Rimm's assessment then? "We probably expected a little more, to be honest," he said, adding that he was certain his skiers would fare better the rest of the way. He was right. Less than 24 hours later, Andrew Weibrecht's stunning silver and Miller's bronze in the super-G got the team going. Then came golds from Ligety and Shiffrin, helping a team missing the injured Lindsey Vonn finish with five medals. "I said halfway through, 'It's not over yet,'" Rimm said. "And the next day, the guys pulled something out."

3 Svinvald's struggles: Aksel Lund Svinvald of Norway arrived with high expectations, having won three medals in 2010. But sking what he called "the worst races I did this year," the two-time overall World Cup champion was fourth in the downhill, eighth in the super-combined, and seventh in the super-G. He



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Women's slalom gold medal winner Mikaela Shiffrin of the United States poses for photographers with the American flag at the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics on Friday.

left early, citing allergies he thought were caused by "the concrete that's in the air."

4 Out of nowhere: Weibrecht never has finished better than 10th in a World Cup race and yet he now owns two Olympic medals, including a bronze in the 2010 super-G. A month later, he hurt his shoulder, and wound up having four operations in the past four years. He wasn't the only surprising medalist this time: Dominique Gisvin of Switzerland shared gold in the women's downhill, the first tie for first in Olympic Alpine skiing. Gisvin has only won three World Cup races, owns zero world championship medals and has had nine knee operations. "It's the story of my career. Up, down, forward, backward," Gisvin said. "Every little tiny thing, I (fought) for, and it makes me proud

that finally I made it to the top."

5 Saying goodbye: The other women's downhill champion was Tina Maze of Slovenia, who also got gold in the giant slalom and finished in the top eight in all five races. Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany left with two medals, too — gold in super-combined and silver in super-G. Maze is 30, Hoefl-Riesch is 29, and both said they won't be at the next Olympics. Ivica Kostelic of Croatia, who earned his fourth silver, and Benjamin Raich of Austria, whose four medals include two golds from Turin in 2006, both indicated their Olympic careers are done, too. Kostelic is 34, Raich turns 36 on Friday. As for how long Miller will keep it at? "You never know about Bode," Rimm said with a laugh.

Big Air could be next step for Winter Olympics

By EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Coming soon to an Olympics near you: Could it be Big Air?

Buoyed by the success of slopestyle and other new action sports at this year's Sochi Games, leaders at the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association are hatching a plan to bring a few more high-flying athletes into the mix.

"We're working on some things," Bill Marolt, the president and CEO of USSA, told The Associated Press. "There's definitely a possibility some new events could be added."

He would not get into specifics, but there have been conversations in international circles about two events: a team snowboardcross race and Big Air.

Team snowboardcross is a relay version of the bang-em-up version of snowboard racing, in which six riders line up and race their way down the hill, side-by-side.

Big Air is essentially a "Best Of" slopestyle contest, in which the rails and kickers are ditched and riders simply do jump after jump off a highly pitched ramp.

From the start of the Sochi Games, the colorful, made-for-TV nature of the new Olympic sports was on full display. American Sage Kotsenburg flew over a massive Russian nest, as he'd pulled off a jump he'd never tried



SERGEI GERTS/AP

Gold medalist Pierre Vaultier of France, left, leads ahead of, from left to right, silver medalist Nikolai Oljumin of Russia, Paul-Henri de Rué of France, and silver medalist Alex Deibold of the United States, in the men's snowboard cross final on Tuesday.

—with 1620 degrees of spin and a fancy grab of his board to capture the second gold of the games.

Slopestyle was added to the Olympic program in both the snowboard and skiing varieties, while a skiing version of halfpipe was introduced, as well.

That meant more medals to go around and the United States and Canada took full advantage.

The Americans won 12 medals

at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park, Canada took 11. The message was clear: These two countries worked hardest to bring these sports into the Olympics. They knew their were medals to be won and they knew the sports would sell to TV networks back home.

Here are five highlights (with a twilight or two sprinkled in) from the 17 days of action at the

Extreme Park:

1 Shaun White: This was the best and the worst. Worst because he pulled out of slopestyle and finished fourth in his signature event, the halfpipe. Best, though, because fans got to see another side of the world's most famous snowboarder — some genuine vulnerability throughout and the moment when he hopped the fence to hug it out with a pair of kids with cancer. And the sport didn't disintegrate without him. The world met the "I-Pod" — Iouri Podladtchikov — and some other rising stars, as well.

2 Sarah Burke: Members of Team Canada spread Burke's ashes on the halfpipe. The IOC banned the wearing of arm bands or any stickers to commemorate the fallen Canadian star, who pushed hard to have her sport included in the games. But that couldn't dampen this tribute. One of Burke's friends, Marie Martinot, came out of retirement to compete at Burke's behest and won a silver medal. Course workers made their last trip down the halfpipe in the formation of a heart. An unforgettable evening.

3 Vic Wild: Russian fans roared for the American-born snowboarder who married a Russian girl and competed for his adopted

country. He won two gold medals in the sport's less-popular racing events, parallel giant slalom and parallel slalom. The latter was introduced this year as a favor to the Russians, who were hoping for some success at the Extreme Park, and found it from the most unlikely of places.

4 Danger: Russian skicross racer Maria Komissarova fractured her spine during a training run on that super-sized course. It led to the delicate question of whether some of these Olympic layouts were too tough for the women. Also, there were lots of complaints, mostly from snowboarders, about conditions around the park. Some of them were legit. Some of them, however, were overwrought and started sounding a bit like whining.

5 Color: These are the sports that gave us tricks called the "Holy Crail," the "Yolo" and the "Scream'n' Seaman." Oh, and Gus Kenworthy, who made it home with the stray dogs just fine, thank you. At times, it was hard to figure out exactly what these athletes were really doing — all the flips and twists can get confusing. But it was quite a show. "I'm still trying to believe this whole crazy thing," said the shocked-but-ebullient American, David Wise, after winning the ski halfpipe gold. He certainly wasn't alone.

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Men's hockey

Canada claims gold in shutout of Sweden

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Sidney Crosby skated in alone on Henrik Lundqvist, faking Sweden's goalie to the ice with a textbook-quality deke and sliding a perfect backhand into the net.

Canada did everything by the book at the Sochi Olympics, winning all six games with a ferocious commitment to defense and discipline. When Canada's captain finally got his first goal of the games Sunday, it had none of the dramatics of Crosby's last Olympic goal four years ago in Vancouver.

But it was every bit as golden. Jonathan Toews scored in the first period, Carey Price made 24 saves in his second consecutive shutout, and Canada defended its Olympic men's hockey title with a 3-0 victory over Sweden.

"We're just an amazing team to watch, the way we work together," Toews said. "We were just all over them. It's fun to be a part of."

Chris Kunitz and Jonathan Toews also scored as the Canadians confirmed their worldwide dominance in their national game by winning the gold for the third time in the past four Olympics. No team in the NHL era has controlled a tournament like this group, which allowed just three goals in six games and never trailed at any point in the 12-day tournament on the shores of the Black Sea.

"Not quite as dramatic as the other one," Crosby said. "Just real solid all the way through. We knew the way we wanted to play, and the last couple of games, we were solid. With each game, we seemed to build more and more confidence."

By the final event of the Sochi Olympics, that confidence was unshakable. Canada became the only repeat Olympic champ in the NHL era and the first team to go unbeaten through the Olympic tournament since the Soviet Union in Sarajevo in 1984.

Canada won its record ninth Olympic hockey gold medal — its first outside North America since

Sweden's Backstrom fails doping test

By LARRY LACE
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Sweden center Nicklas Backstrom failed a doping test for a substance found in an allergy medication and was withdrawn from Sunday's hockey gold medal game at the Sochi Olympics.



Backstrom

"I got the message two hours before the game that something was wrong," Sweden coach Par Martz said after his team lost 3-0 to Canada.

Swedish Olympic Committee spokesman Bjorn Folin said the banned substance was in an allergy medication that Backstrom, who plays in the NHL with the Washington Capitals, has taken for the past seven years.

Backstrom is the sixth athlete to fail a doping test at the Games. Five of the six, including Backstrom tested positive for minor stimulants that are often found in food supplements.

1952 — and joined the women's team to complete Canada's second straight Olympic hockey sweep.

The Canadians didn't allow a goal in their final 164-plus minutes at the Bolshoy Ice Dome after the first period of the quarterfinals against Latvia, shutting out the U.S. and Sweden.

The Swedes also were unbeaten until the final, but they couldn't compete with Canada's formidable defense and Price, a first-time gold medalist who played splendidly in Sochi, allowing three goals in five games.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Canada forward Jonathan Toews celebrates after scoring a goal on Sweden's goaltender Henrik Lundqvist in the first period of the men's gold medal hockey game on Sunday in Sochi, Russia. Canada won 3-0 to earn its second straight Olympic gold medal.



NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

The USA-1 team of driver Steven Holcomb, Curtis Tomasevich, Steven Langton and Army captain Christopher Fogt, celebrate after winning the bronze medal during the men's four-man bobsled competition final on Sunday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

Four-man bobsled

Army captain captures bronze

Fogt earns first Olympic medal on USA-1 as Russia wins gold

By TIM REYNOLDS
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KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — A couple of years ago, Army captain Chris Fogt was serving his country in war. On Sunday, the 30-year-old from Alpine, Utah was representing his country on the medal podium at the Olympic Games.

Full circle, indeed. Fogt, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and the U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM)/9th Army Signal Command, won his first Olympic medal helping the USA-1 sled driven by Steven Holcomb win the bronze in four-man bobsledding on the final day of the Sochi Games.

Alexander Zubkov guided Russia to the gold medal in a time of 3 minutes, 40.06 seconds, making him the sixth pilot to sweep the Olympic men's two- and four-man bobsled races.

Oskars Melbardis of Latvia drove to the silver medal, 0.9 behind Russia. The USA-1 sled was .39 seconds off the pace.

Holcomb was entering the day with two Olympic medals in his collection already, and sledmates Curt Tomasevich and Steve Lang-



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Army captain Chris Fogt, right, also competed in the two-man bobsled with pilot Cory Butner in the Sochi Olympics.

ton had one apiece. And while this ride was for the United States, the three other guys in the sled decided it was very much for Fogt as well.

"Chris and I have been teammates since 2007," Langton said. "This was for him. He deserves it. He works his butt off and he's one of the most talented guys on the hill. So to do that for him, I couldn't be more thrilled."

Fogt is one of the most popular guys on the American team, with good reason. He toils in anonymity, as most push athletes do, and never complains. He rarely talks about himself. He served a yearlong tour in Iraq after the

2010 Vancouver Games and remains committed to the military, so much so that later this spring, he returns to Fort Huachuca — even though he probably could lobby his way into remaining in bobsledding.

"I can't be happier, to tell you the truth," Fogt said. "It's my first [medal]. It was big for me. Watching Langton win last week, my teammate in 2010, my training partner, my roommate on tour every single week this year, to watch him win I was obviously very excited for him. And at the same time I was kind of envious, praying to the good Lord that I would get my chance. I'm just very elated to be here."

Fogt competed in 2010 in Vancouver, then deployed to Iraq for a year.

Not long after getting the medal, someone handed Fogt a phone, and his wife was on the other end of the line. They chatted quietly for a few minutes, his eyes reddening.

On March 5, they find out if their expectant child will be a boy or girl. On May 5, he's headed back to the Army. And he's ready for both.

"It's an exciting time," Fogt said. "I'm about as happy as I can be."

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Spectacular send-off



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Fireworks explode over Olympic Park, left, as the Olympic torch burns brightly during the Closing Ceremony of the 2014 Winter Olympics on Sunday in Sochi, Russia.

Russia closes costliest Olympics ever with a flourish

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SOCHI, Russia — Flushed with pride after a spectacular showing at the costliest Olympics ever, Russia celebrated 17 days of sport-driven global unity on Sunday night with a farewell show that hands off the Winter Games to their next host, Pyeongchang in South Korea.

Fireworks and a countdown kicked off the closing ceremony in the Fisht Olympic Stadium, packed with raucous spectators who chanted “Ro-ssi-ya! Ro-ssi-ya!” — “Russia! Russia!” — and were in a party mood after the high-security Games passed off safely without feared terror attacks.

In a charming touch, the Sochi organizers used the ceremony to make a joke at their own expense. Dancers in shimmering silver costumes formed themselves into four rings and a clump in the center of the stadium. That was a wink to a technical glitch in the Feb. 7 Opening

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Ceremony, when one of the five Olympic rings in a wintry opening scene failed to open. The rings were supposed to join together and erupt in fireworks.

This time, it worked: As Russian President Vladimir Putin watched from the stands, the dancers in the clump waited a few seconds and then formed a ring of their own, making five, drawing laughs from the crowd.

The Closing Ceremony, a farewell from Russia with love, pageantry and protocol, started at 20:14 local time — a nod to the year that Putin seized upon to remake Russia’s image with the Olympics’ power to wow and concentrate global attention and massive resources.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin
Charlie Riedel/AP



‘The success of the home team is always an important part of the success of the Games overall.’

Thomas Bach

IOC president, on the Russian’s Sochi medal success. The Russians topped all nations with a record 33 total medals, including 13 gold.

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