

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Chuck Hagel resigns as secretary of defense amid shifting challenges confronting military

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel stepped down Monday, the first Cabinet-level resignation after bruising midterm elections and amid mounting criticism of President Barack Obama's security and foreign policies.

Obama praised Hagel, a former enlisted soldier in the Vietnam War, for his "steady hand" during a period of transition that included budget cuts, the drawdown in Afghanistan and the rise of new challenges like the Islamic State and Ebola.

Hagel took the reins at the DOD in February 2013 after a confirmation fight in the Senate that concluded only when a cloture vote ended a filibuster by his fellow Republicans.



Just days after his confirmation, Hagel faced the first in a series of major challenges that arose during his tenure when huge automatic budget cuts known as sequestration kicked in, which promised to reduce expected Pentagon spending by \$500 billion over the next decade.

The cuts canceled a number of worldwide operations while forcing the services to curtail training and maintenance and begin planning major end

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strength cuts.

This year, the Islamic State takeover of large parts of Syria and Iraq, as well as conflict between Russia and Ukraine, fundamentally recast the administration's national security focus, with troops flowing back into Iraq in an advisory mission and new rotational deployments in Eastern Europe intended to reassure NATO allies.

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Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel listens to a question during a briefing at the Pentagon on Oct. 30.

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Afghanistan lifts ban on night raids

Stars and Stripes

The government of the new Afghan president, Ashraf Ghani, has quietly lifted the ban on night raids by special forces troops that his predecessor had imposed, The New York Times reported Sunday.

Afghan National Army Special Forces units are planning to resume the raids in 2015 and in some cases will include members of American Special Operations units in an advisory role, the Times reported U.S. and Afghan military officials as saying.

That news comes after published accounts of an order by President Barack Obama to allow the American military to continue some limited combat operations in 2015. That order allows for the sort of air support necessary for

successful night raids.

With the night raids banned for the most part in 2013 by then-President Hamid Karzai, their resumption is likely to be controversial among Afghans, for whom any intrusion into private homes is considered offensive.

U.S. military officials have long viewed night raids as the most important tactic in their fight against Taliban insurgents because they can catch leaders where they are most vulnerable, the paper noted. For years, the Americans ignored Karzai's demands that the raids stop.

Maj. Gen. Abdul Hameed, commander of the Afghan National Army's 205th Corps in Kandahar, welcomed a continuation of intelligence sharing, air transportation and close air support from

American forces past the end of the year.

"We need strong backing of foreign forces during night raids, the helicopters and night vision goggles, GPS equipment and better guidance," he told the Times.

"Now we have noticed free movement of the Taliban. They are moving around at night and passing messages and recruiting people for fighting, and the only solution to stop their movement is night raids."

A Western military official, speaking to the Times on the condition of anonymity, said that the Afghan forces would take the lead.

"Night operations are something the Afghans will be doing in a much more targeted way, the way they were trained to do but

officially banned under Karzai," the official said. "We're not going to be doing that, but there are going to be training missions with advisers along. They are not going to go onto the target with the Afghans, but they may go along in some cases and stay back."

There have not as yet been any reports of night raids since Ghani took office in September, although he has already effectively removed any obstacle to them, the Times reported. Under Karzai, the Afghan special forces were still allowed to carry them out, but few took place because those forces generally lacked the necessary air support and other facilities. In February 2013, Karzai forbade the Afghan military from asking for American air support.

Afghan bombings kill 2 NATO troops, 6 civilians

By RAHIM FAIEZ The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Bombings across Afghanistan killed two NATO troops and six civilians Monday, authorities said, as the death toll in the country's deadliest insurgent attack this year rose to at least 50.

The attacks, including Sunday's mass killing by a suicide bomber at a volleyball tournament, come amid a renewed Taliban offensive as foreign troops begin to withdraw from the country.

In a statement, NATO said the troops had been killed by an "enemy attack in eastern Afghanistan." It did not identify the nationalities of the dead, as the coalition waits for their home countries to make the announcement.

A spokesman for Kabul's police chief, Hashim Stanekzai, said the troops were killed when a bomb attached to a bicycle exploded near a foreign military convoy in the eastern part of the capital Monday morning. He said the blast wounded one Afghan civilian.

A total of 63 NATO troops have been killed this year, 46 of them Americans.

Another bomb attached to a motorcycle exploded later Monday in a crowded market in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province, killing six people and wounding at least five, police spokesman Sarwar Hussaini said.

No group claimed responsibility for either attack Monday. Insurgents have stepped up their assaults against Afghan security forces in a bid to undermine the Western-backed Kabul government of President Ashraf Ghani.



ISHANULLAH MAHOOR/AP

Bodies of victims killed in a suicide attack Sunday are laid on the ground Monday in the Yahyakhail district of Paktika province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan.

The insurgents' deadliest attack this year, the volleyball tournament bombing Sunday in Paktika province bordering Pakistan, killed at least 50 people, said Mokhlis Afghan, a spokesman for the provincial governor. He said authorities were still trying to determine an accurate death toll Monday.

The suicide bomber detonated explosives as he mingled with the large crowd there, causing the many casualties. Interior Ministry spokesman Seddiq Seddiqi said the dead

included 11 members of a local police force, including a police commander.

Abdullah Abdullah, the country's chief executive, visited a hospital in Paktika province Monday to see the wounded. He said locals believed the Taliban carried out the attack, as they opposed the insurgents.

"They were saying that the local police should be strengthened," Abdullah said. "I promised them I'd make it a priority."

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MILITARY

With Hagel's resignation, who might lead military?

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration will likely be looking at a few top candidates when considering a replacement for Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, including some former top Pentagon officials and lawmakers with expertise in military affairs.

Current Defense Department Deputy Secretary Bob Work could be in the running, and Michele Flournoy, a former undersecretary of defense, and Ashton Carter, the Pentagon's former chief operations officer, have had their names circulated. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., a former officer who is in line to become the top Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, will likely get consideration.

Hagel's departure comes as the administration searches for a footing in the new war against the Islamic State group in Iraq and adjusts plans for a drawdown in Afghanistan. His successor will

be charged with forming and carrying out United States policy in those wars for years to come, as well as directing the department through a raft of global problems such as the Ebola outbreak and tensions with Russia over Ukraine.

Work is Hagel's No. 2 and was part of President Barack Obama's transition team after his election in 2008.

He has strong experience running the military's day-to-day operations and was undersecretary of the Navy throughout the president's first term. He was appointed to deputy defense secretary earlier this year.

Flournoy, who founded and now runs a Washington think tank, was the top military policy adviser to Hagel's predecessor, Leon Panetta, when she served as policy undersecretary from 2009 until 2012.

Recently, she has backed intervention in Iraq following the start of the Obama administration's air

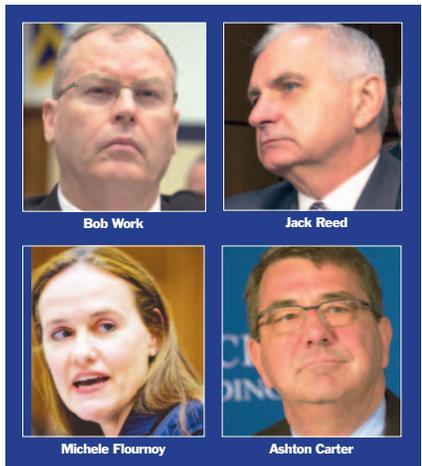
campaign and warned against the upcoming defense budget caps imposed through sequestration.

"The hard truth is that international security abhors a vacuum," Flournoy co-wrote in an August op-ed in the National Interest magazine. "If the United States is seen as abandoning its role as the primary supporter of international order, other powers — or the forces of chaos — will fill the gap."

Carter is a longtime Pentagon hand who was the second in charge, running the day-to-day operations of the nation's largest government agency, until he was passed over for defense secretary when Obama chose Hagel and left in 2013.

Reed may offer some of the active-duty service and political chops that can be useful as the head of the DOD.

A West Point graduate, he served as an infantry platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division, rose to Army captain and



went on to teach at the military academy. Reed also received a master's degree in public policy and a law degree from Harvard.

Reed sits on the Senate Armed Services Committee under chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., who is set to retire at the end of the year.

Before the GOP sweep in midterm elections, Reed was in line to become the armed services chair but now is set to become ranking member under Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

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Command: A different set of skills needed to face Islamic State threat

FROM FRONT PAGE

"This was a mutual decision when looking ahead to the last two years of the Obama administration," a senior defense official said.

Hagel will remain in office until a successor is appointed, Obama said. No nominee has been named.

Hagel and Obama began discussing the departure last month, the president noted.

Hagel, a Republican, is the first Cabinet official to leave since Republicans won a majority in the Senate early this month and increased their House majority, and at a time when national security officials were struggling to set a course amidst an increasingly unstable global situation.

Hagel's resignation under pressure was first reported by The New York Times.

Administration officials told The Times that Obama's decision to remove Hagel was a recognition that the threat from the Islamic State would require a different set of skills than those that Hagel was brought on to the job.

"The next couple of years will demand a different kind of focus," one administration official told The Times, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Hagel's aides at the Pentagon had been saying he expected to serve throughout Obama's term and denying that the cancellation of a scheduled trip to at least one of this month — including a stop in Vietnam, where Hagel earned two Purple Hearts — indicated he was on his way out.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who is slated to take over as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee in January, told The Washington Post — had both lawmakers testified with aspects of the administration's national security policy and decision-making process," citing "excessive micro-management" on the part of the White House.

McCain noted that Hagel's predecessors as defense secretary — Robert M. Gates and Leon Panetta — had both likewise complained in their memoirs about ex-



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Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel listens as President Barack Obama talks about Hagel's resignation at the White House on Monday.

cessive political interference from White House aides.

"Ultimately, the president needs to realize that the real source of his current failures on national security more often lie with his administration's misguided policies and the role played by his White House in devising and implementing them," he said.

Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said Hagel called him Monday morning to inform him of his pending resignation but didn't elaborate on the reasons why.

"He said, 'You know this town, you know the way it is.'"

Among other issues, McKeon cited Obama's push to release prisoners from the prison at Guantanamo Bay, which Hagel

had resisted in some cases.

"I just know that he's being asked to do things that are hard to do," McKeon said.

When Obama nominated Hagel in January 2013, the president was intent on limiting defense spending, winding down the war in Afghanistan and keeping the military out of conflicts in the Middle East. He made clear that he was picking the decorated Vietnam War combat veteran in large part because Hagel understood "that sending young Americans to fight and bleed in the dirt and mud, that's something we only do when it's absolutely necessary."

What critics called a propensity to commit gaffes was highlighted this year when Hagel characterized the Islamic State group as perhaps the greatest terrorist

threat the United States has seen, not long after Obama's had sought to downplay the domestic threat of the group.

In October, Hagel reportedly wrote a two-page memo sharply criticizing White House policy on Syria for not focusing sufficiently

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anonymous

on how the United States will deal with Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Obama previously said Assad "must go," but is now apparently being regarded as the lesser of two evils, compared to the Islamic State group.

Hagel said, and praised the former Nebraska senator and Vietnam combat veteran for what he said was a tight bond with U.S. troops.

"He understands our men and women like few others because he's stood where they stood," Obama said. "He's been in the dirt and he's been in the mud."

In a statement to DOD personnel, Hagel said he was deeply proud the department had kept America safe and helped around the world during his tenure.

"We have prepared ourselves, our Allies and the Afghan National Security Forces for a successful transition in Afghanistan," he said in a written statement. "We have taken the fight to ISIL and, with our Iraqi and coalition partners, have blunted the momentum of this barbaric enemy. We have come to the aid of millions of people around the world who have suffered the ravages of natural disaster and of disease."

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MILITARY

Senate delay slows Navy command changes

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NAPLES, Italy — The nominee to lead the Navy's fleet in Europe and Africa continues to await Senate confirmation, resulting in a backlog in command changes at several top military billets.

Rear Adm. James G. Foggo III was nominated by President Barack Obama in September to pin on another star and assume command of the U.S. 6th Fleet, based out of Naples, Italy. His nomination hasn't moved since, forcing a delay in turnovers up the ladder.

His command change ceremony Monday because its incoming leader, 6th Fleet commander Vice Adm. Phil Davidson, awaits relief by Foggo. Davidson, in turn, is set to relieve Adm. William Gortney at Fleet Forces Command, who will assume the lead of U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Gortney was nominated in June and confirmed a month later. Davidson's nomination came in August, he was confirmed in September.

The Navy has asked the FFC deputy commander, Vice Adm. Nora W. Tyson,

to serve as acting commander while Davidson awaits Foggo's confirmation, the command said in a statement last week. Gortney is scheduled to assume command at NORTHCOM in early December.

The Senate Armed Services Committee takes up flag and general officer nominations before sending them to the Senate floor for a vote. Congressional work slowed to a standstill in the weeks before the midterm elections on Nov. 4.

Nominations are scheduled to begin again when Congress returns to session between Thanksgiving and Christmas. New leadership will take over the Senate

Armed Services Committee in January as a result of the Republicans winning control of the chamber.

Foggo is currently working as assistant deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans and strategy in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington. His previous tour in Naples was as submarine group commander and deputy fleet commander. In this position he served as operations officer for the U.S. joint task force that conducted airstrikes against Libya in 2011.

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More extensive drills follow USS Miami fire

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PORTLAND, Maine — Firefighters at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard train regularly for industrial blazes, but mandates after a huge submarine fire call for an annual drill that's more extensive than anything done before.

An investigation that followed the USS Miami blaze in May 2012 found that federal firefighters didn't practice for complex and lengthy fires requiring assistance from community firefighters, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press under a Freedom of Information Act request.

That's no longer the case at Navy shipyards.

The first of the new annual drills at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard was held in January. It involved a complicated scenario that tested the ability of sailors, shipyard firefighters and firefighters from four municipal departments to communicate during a simulation for a long fire aboard a submarine, said Lt. Tim Hawkins, a Navy spokesman at the Pentagon.

The Navy wasn't surprised to learn that the shipyard in Kittery, Maine, was capable of bringing together multiple departments successfully to battle a large fire, Hawkins said.

"We were happy that the shipyard demonstrated the ability to handle a major shipyard fire," he said. "But they already demonstrated this with the USS Miami. Their actions were pretty

heroic."

It took 12 hours and help from firefighters from as far away as Connecticut to save the Miami after a worker who wanted to go home set a small fire that quickly spread while the submarine was in dry dock for a 20-month overhaul. Seven people were hurt.

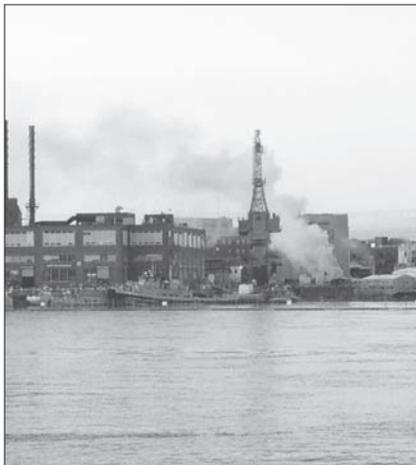
The fire severely damaged living quarters, the command and control center and a torpedo room but did not reach the nuclear propulsion components at the other end of the 362-foot-long submarine.

The worker who started the fire with a lighter and a box of rags is serving a 17-year sentence in federal prison. Ultimately, the Navy decided to scrap the submarine when the repair bill grew to \$700 million.

During its investigation, a fire panel convened by U.S. Fleet Forces concluded the Navy had become complacent about ship fires during repairs and overhauls because of the rarity of such incidents, the success of fire prevention programs and a false sense of security created by the presence of federal firefighters.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, of Connecticut, where the Miami was based, has called for a congressional inquiry, something that's supported by all four unions at the shipyard, said Michael Crouse, director of the Professional Firefighters of Maine.

Firefighters are concerned about budget cuts and a regionalized command structure that takes decisions away from the local shipyard commander, among other things, he said. Fire-



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A fire burns on the USS Miami at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, on May 23, 2012. An investigation that faulted the response to the fire has led to more extensive training.

fighters warned Navy Secretary Ray Mabus of the dangers of budget cuts three weeks before the Miami fire, he added.

Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Kelly Ayotte in New Hampshire and Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King in Maine have declined to say publicly whether they support such an inquiry.

The Navy blamed itself for failing to incorporate lessons from past fires into training. It also noted there was no required certification for firefighters to be trained in shipboard fires and that firefighters who battled the

blaze weren't as familiar with the submarine layout as they wanted to be.

Federal firefighters say they conducted walk-throughs and trained aboard submarines, but the January drill allowed local firefighters to familiarize themselves with the sub layout as well.

"It definitely will help, God forbid if it happens again, to have mutual aid companies have a better idea of what they're coming into," said Mike Melhorn, president of the International Association of Fire Fighters F-123 at the shipyard.

General: US troops in Baltic through 2015

VILNIUS, Lithuania — A top U.S. military commander in Europe says U.S. troops will remain in the three Baltic countries and Poland through next year or longer to "deter Russian aggression."

In an interview published Monday, Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commander of the U.S. Army in Europe, told the Baltic News Service that Russia was trying to intimidate its neighbors with military exercises near their borders and air space.

The U.S. has temporarily deployed hundreds of troops in NATO members Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland in the wake of the Russian intervention in Ukraine.

Hodges said U.S. forces had rotations planned through next year and would "be here for as long as necessary to assure all of our allies and to deter Russian aggression."

Student held after driving onto Texas base

SAN ANTONIO — A college student has been detained after driving onto Fort Sam Houston over the weekend, causing a nearly four-hour lockdown.

Officials at the military installation in San Antonio said Monday they were investigating how the private vehicle got through security late Sunday afternoon.

Squad Air Base Wing spokesman Alex Delgado said the male student is not in the service, and the vehicle did not contain any explosives or weapons.

The driver was stopped by post officials. He is in military custody. No charges have been filed.

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MILITARY

Admiral denies making casino chips

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WASHINGTON — An admiral linked by Navy investigators to counterfeit casino chips has denied he played any role in making them.

Investigation records say his DNA was found on the underside of an adhesive sticker used to alter one of the phony chips, but previously undisclosed emails indicate that the presence of his DNA is not conclusive evidence that he was involved in the fakery.

Rear Adm. Timothy M. Giardina, who was fired last year as No. 2 commander of U.S. nuclear forces at an early stage of a Navy criminal investigation into the counterfeit chips, acknowledged to The Associated Press that he played the fake chips at a poker table in the Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in June 2013.

But on Sunday, he denied any involvement in the counterfeiting or even knowing the chips were fakes at the time he used them.

The three chips in question were altered with paint and stickers to make genuine \$1 casino chips look like \$500 chips.

Giardina declined to discuss details. He said he stands behind a detailed written statement he submitted in April 2014 to Adm. Bill Gortney, who at the time was determining disciplinary action against Giardina in light of the monthslong probe by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

The AP on Sunday obtained a copy of that statement, which has not been publicly released and was not included in NCIS records of the Giardina case that the AP obtained last week under the Freedom of Information Act.

In the statement, Giardina said he deeply regretted having not immediately surrendered to security officers the four chips which he said he found in a toilet stall at the Horseshoe. He said it was an "error of judgment" that he put three of the chips in play at a poker table, and said he was sorry that he subsequently lied in say-

ing he had purchased them from a man in the bathroom.

"I should have either told the truth or remained silent instead of lying about the events when questioned" by an Iowa state investigator on June 18, 2013, he wrote. That was two days after he played the fake chips and casino officials determined they were counterfeit.

He added, "This lapse in judgment does not make me a thief and a criminal."

Giardina also wrote that he does not have a gambling problem. At the time of the casino incident, Giardina was deputy commander of U.S. Strategic Command, which has responsibility for the nation's

entire nuclear weapons force and is based near Omaha, Neb.

Giardina wrote that in discussing his case with the commander of Strategic Command at the time, Air Force Gen. Robert Kehler, as well as Navy officers and law enforcement officials in Iowa, "the common opinion is that I have a 'gambling problem' and that this gambling problem was my motive" in the counterfeiting. He added that Kehler, who has since retired from the military, felt Giardina had an "obvious gambling problem."

Giardina wrote that he does not have a gambling problem and does not consider poker a form of gambling.

"Regardless of anyone's opinion on the matter, disapproval of the legal manner in which I spent portions of my off-duty time is not adequate grounds to allege criminal misconduct," Giardina wrote.

Giardina had been at risk of being prosecuted by the Navy for counterfeiting the chips, but Gortney chose instead to give him what



Rear Adm. Timothy M. Giardina

the military calls nonjudicial punishment — in this case, a letter of reprimand and the loss of \$4,000 in salary. Navy officials have said no court-martial was sought because the available DNA evidence against Giardina might not hold up in court.

In his April 2014 statement to Gortney, Giardina wrote that he suspects the chip counterfeiter left them in the bathroom stall "for a reason," possibly to observe casino security's reaction when the finder either turned them in or put them in play.

"I do not believe I was singled out to find them, but believe that I was a patsy for someone who wanted the chips to be found," he wrote.

Navy advises storing guns of sailors at risk of suicide

'Reducing access to lethal means has been proven to save lives.'

By CORINNE REILLY
The (Norfolk) Virginian-Pilot

In hopes of stemming suicides, the Navy last week formally advised commanders to ask sailors thought to be at risk of harming themselves to voluntarily turn over personal firearms for temporary safekeeping.

The Navy stressed that no one will be required to give up a personal weapon, and the guidance shouldn't be seen as an attempt to infringe on sailors' rights.

Rather, officials said, the advice is a common-sense response to a three-year trend: More than half of Navy suicides involve guns.

The guidance follows an Octo-

ber report by the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center. It found that across the military from 2010 to 2012, firearms were the leading method of suicide in the United States and in combat zones, but that they accounted for only 5.4 percent of suicides among those stationed in Europe and Asia, where access to guns is more limited.

"Reducing access to lethal means has been proven to save lives," Capt. Mike Smith, head of the Navy Suicide Prevention Branch, said in a statement. "Just as a person should be willing to turn over the car keys when not fit to drive, one should be willing to turn over their firearm for

safekeeping until he or she feels fit again."

Like the military's other branches, the Navy in recent years has made reducing suicide deaths a top priority. It has added prevention programs and mental health specialists, and it is taking steps to reduce sailors' stress, especially among those who deploy.

Capt. Mike Smith
Navy Suicide Prevention Branch

Navy health care workers should identify sailors at risk and "provide all available assistance while maintaining sailors' rights."

The new guidance states that commanders "may inquire about, collect and record information about a servicemember's privately-owned firearms, ammunition or other weapons."

Sailors shouldn't be coerced into handing over guns, it says, and they can ask for them back at any time.

If a sailor doesn't want to relinquish a personal weapon, commanders can ask to store critical pieces or the key to a gun safety lock.



An F-35 Global Hawk from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, lands at Misawa Air Base, Japan, in May.

Japan plans to buy 3 Global Hawk drones

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

Yokota AIR BASE, Japan — Japan will buy three Global Hawk drones and may fly them out of Misawa Air Base, according to Japanese media.

State Broadcaster NHK and the Kyodo news agency reported Monday on plans to buy the Northrop Grumman-built Global Hawks along with four E-2D Advanced Hawkeye early warning aircraft.

Defense Ministry officials have asked for funds to buy the drones in the draft of next fiscal year's budget. They plan to start using them in fiscal 2019 and may base the aircraft at Misawa, in Aomori prefecture, according to the media reports.

Japan's government has signaled that it wants to increase its surveillance capabilities as it seeks to respond to Chinese aggression in disputed maritime

territories and North Korea's development of nuclear weapons and long-range missiles.

A U.S. Air Force Global Hawk first flew over Japan during relief efforts following the earthquake and tsunami that struck the country's east coast in 2011. Several Guam-based U.S. Global Hawks deployed to Misawa for the first time last summer.

Northrop Grumman welcomed the sales in a statement issued Monday.

"Once Japan formally announces its budget later this year, we will begin contract negotiations with our U.S. customers in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy, respectively," the statement said.

U.S. Forces Japan spokesman Kenneth Hoffman said in an email that American officials are aware of Japan's decision to buy the drones.

"The Global Hawk system can be used to cooperatively address common regional challenges

such as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, piracy, terrorism and other issues affecting the region," he said, citing the use of the aircraft in Operation Tomodachi — the earthquake and tsunami relief effort in Japan in 2011 — and Operation Damayan — the response to last year's Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

2 towns
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by Iraq

By SAMEER N. YACOUB
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi troops backed by Shiite militiamen and Kurdish security forces have recaptured two eastern towns from Islamic State militants after fierce clashes, officials said Monday.

Police officials in Diyala province said Iraqi forces entered the towns of Saadiya and Jalula late Sunday after heavy fighting with the Sunni extremist group, which controls much of northwestern Iraq and northeastern Syria.

The fighting is still continuing, with some pockets of resistance outside the two towns, the police officials said, adding that teams are working to defuse roadside bombs.

Some families that fled the area have already started to return, they said.

The communally mixed Diyala province saw heavy fighting between Sunni and Shiite militants at the height of Iraq's sectarian bloodletting in 2006 and 2007. It also has a sizable Kurdish population.

Islamic State militants seized Jalula and Saadiya in August after a stunning blitz across northern and western Iraq.

Also on Monday, a car bomb near a crowded Baghdad marketplace in the mainly Sunni Shaab neighborhood killed nine people and wounded 20, police said. No one immediately claimed responsibility.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke anonymously as they were not authorized to brief the media.

Baghdad has endured nearly-daily bombings for months, most of which have targeted Shiite areas and been blamed on the Islamic State group and other Sunni extremists.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi met with Gen. Lloyd Austin, the head of U.S. Central Command, on Monday, according to a statement issued by the premier's office.

Al-Abadi said Iraqi security forces are pressing ahead with efforts to "liberate" all the territories seized by the Islamic State group.

"We are working hard to bring life back to the cities that have been liberated, and we are working on postliberation plans," he said.

CENTCOM, meanwhile, said coalition aircraft have carried out 15 airstrikes in Iraq and nine in Syria over the past four days targeting the Islamic State group.



Militants patrol during clashes with Iraqi security forces in Fallujah, Iraq, in January. Abu Shahr, a former Islamic State commander who was arrested in late 2013 and now gives Iraqi security officials guidance on the extremists' tactics, was assigned to Fallujah in 2012.

From Islamic State militant to Iraq informant

By VIVIAN SALAMA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The former Islamic State group commander walked into the visitors' room of his Baghdad prison without the usual yellow jumpsuit and shackles his fellow inmates wear. In slippers and a track suit, he greeted guards with a big smile, kissing them on the cheeks.

The scene testifies to the strange path of Abu Shahr, 36, who joined al-Qaida out of anger over treatment of Iraq's Sunnis and rose in the group as it transformed into the extremist juggernaut now called the Islamic State. Finally, he became an informant against the group after his capture.

Arrested in late 2013, he was presented a choice by Iraqi security officials: Help them against the extremists and in return he would get jailhouse perks. Now with relatively free rein inside the confines of a maximum security prison complex, Abu Shahr can play with his five children, enjoy supervised visits and buddy up with the guards.

Security officials say he has given them guidance on the extremists' tactics and helped them find, capture and interrogate suspected militants. In Salahuddin province, a key front line north of Baghdad, he helped the military win back key areas last week, including the town of Beji, where troops secured Iraq's largest oil refinery.

He clearly has been willing to act against his former group in return for access to his family — and perhaps, implicitly, to prevent any government action against them. But his personal sentiment toward the militants is hard to gauge. Speaking to The Associated Press, he didn't express any remorse for his involvement in the group or directly denounce its actions or talk of any ideological conversion.

"We can't stop this thing, but we can limit it," he said of the Sunni militant group. "Daesh has nothing to lose," he added, using its Arabic acronym.

He spoke to the AP with various prison guards coming in and out of the room and with an intelligence official — with whom he

works closely — present for part of the time. He spoke on condition he be identified only by his nom de guerre to protect his family.

Abu Shahr's drive to wage jihad was twofold. He said he was enraged by the U.S.-led occupation in Iraq that overthrew Saddam Hussein in 2003 and bitter toward the new Shiite-led government that Sunnis feel discriminates against them.

A graduate of Baghdad University, he joined al-Qaida's branch in Iraq in 2007. His reasoning,

‘We can't stop this thing, but we can limit it.’

Abu Shahr
former Islamic
State commander

he said, "If I didn't invade America, what would be the reaction? The American people ... would resist, of course."

He said he climbed al-Qaida's ranks, starting as a foot soldier, moving from his native Diyala province to Baghdad, then to Salahuddin and finally stationed in the western city of Fallujah.

During that time, al-Qaida in Iraq's leaders — Abu Ayub al-Masri and Abu Omar al-Baghdadi — were killed by a 2010 U.S. airstrike. They were replaced by the ambitious Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who would transform the group. In 2012, he began sending fighters into Syria, barging into that country's civil war. There, the group garnered battlefield prowess, resources and more fighters.

Abu Shahr was assigned to Fallujah in 2012. His task was to oversee security for al-Qaida's operations there. That meant, in part, organizing safe houses and movement between Iraq and Syria.

Fallujah fell completely to the militants in January, two months after Abu Shahr's arrest. But even at the time he deployed there, he said, much of the city was under the group's sway.

They gradually drew support from Sunni tribes across Anbar province, resentful of the government.

"The tribes feel the issue of op-

pression. For example, they didn't get a percentage of contracts ... or someone to represent them in the government," he said.

Al-Baghdadi accelerated the group's transformation. In early 2013, the group renamed itself the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. It began seizing territory in Syria, leading to bloody frictions with Syrian rebels. Al-Qaida's central leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, began to criticize the network's Iraqi branch.

Under al-Baghdadi, "the operation changed," Abu Shahr said. Policies became "random," he said. Frictions with al-Qaida Central deepened. For example, "Al-Zawahiri objected to the policy of beheading. He told them, 'Don't get carried away with this publicity. It is not acceptable,'" Abu Shahr said.

By the end of 2013, al-Qaida formally ejected al-Baghdadi's

group. Al-Baghdadi burst forth only more powerful, first overturning Fallujah and parts of Anbar. Then his fighters captured Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, in the north in June. The group now controls around a third of Iraq and Syria.

By that point, Abu Shahr had been caught.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said Abu Shahr has not yet been sentenced for his collaboration with the radical group and the case is ongoing.

During the interview, Abu Shahr's 2-year-old daughter entered the visitor's room, her hair styled in a short bob. Abu Shahr says he considers the government his family's protector now.

"I may be in prison for the rest of my life, and I'm sorry for that," he said. "But I see now that it was my arrest that saved my family."

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Operation name for Islamic State fight criticized

By W.J. HENNIGAN
Los Angeles Times

During World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged military leaders to come up with variant names for battles so no mother of a fallen soldier need say her son was killed "in an operation called 'Bunnyhug' or 'Ballyhoo.'"

More than 70 years later, Pentagon officials faced a similar problem when they struggled to choose an operational name for the widening campaign of airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria.

The branding effort took weeks and involved a classified Pentagon computer system called NICKA, consultations with military officers in Baghdad and Washington, approval by two dozen partner nations and the endorsement of top Pentagon brass.

Thus was born Operation Inherent Resolve, a moniker so inherently bland it sparked jokes on late-night TV.

Until 25 years ago, the U.S. military issued random code names for exercises, landing beaches, headquarters, attack plans and other operations, from Albatross (an Allied objective in Burma in World War II) to Zipper (another World War II plan). The point was to protect secrecy, to confuse the enemy and to simplify communications.

A few were poetic, in a military sort of way.

The Pentagon called its heavy bombing of North Vietnam from 1965 to 1968 Operation Rolling Thunder, a name that proved so popular it was adopted by a veterans' advocacy group, a 1977 movie, an annual motorcycle rally and a Bob Dylan concert tour. But for every U.S.-led combat operation in Vietnam named Inferno, Gladiator or Dragon Fire, U.S. troops also were sent on lethal missions named Flip Flop, Hopsotch and Jingle Bells.

The practice of naming military operations is believed to have begun during World War I. Germany branded missions with religious and mythological titles, including Valkyrie and Archangel.

Churchill appreciated those examples. In 1943, he dictated a note that said, in part, that "operations in which large numbers of men may lose their lives" should not be given names that are too boastful, too despondent or "of a frivolous character."

He urged commanders to use heroes of antiquity, figures from Greek and Roman mythology, the constellations and stars, famous racehorses or names of British and American war heroes.

Churchill personally chose Operation Overlord for the Allied

invasion of German-occupied France in June 1944. The crucial phase of that operation, the D-day landings, was called Operation Neptune.

So it went until 1989, when President George H.W. Bush ordered an invasion of Panama that deposed dictator Manuel Noriega. The Pentagon had prepared contingency military plans for Panama under the code name Blue Spoon.

According to Lt. Col. Gregory C. Steminski's "The Art of Naming Operations," published in a military journal in 1995, Gen. James Lindsay, then head of Special Operations Command, called the Joint Chiefs to complain, asking, "Do you want your grandchildren to say you were in Blue Spoon?"

The name was changed to Just Cause, and a treaty was born — even if some soldiers mocked that war as Just Because.

Ever since, high-profile U.S. combat campaigns get rousing names that are not only used for funding requests to Congress and bestowing medals and ribbons. They also attempt to shape public perceptions. That's a polite way of calling them a form of propaganda.

The 1991 war in the Persian Gulf? Desert Storm. The 1993 mission in Somalia? Restore Hope. The 2003 invasion of Iraq? Iraqi Freedom.

The Pentagon spent more than two months before it branded the mission against Islamic State as Inherent Resolve.

Administration officials repeatedly were prodded about the lack of a name, especially after the U.S. effort to fight the Ebola epidemic in West Africa was dubbed United Assistance days after it began.

Precisely who came up with Inherent Resolve is a secret. Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had to give his OK. So did Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

In a statement, Command said the name was "intended to reflect the unwavering resolve and deep commitment" to degrade and destroy the Islamic State militants and the threat they pose.

Rear Adm. John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman, denied reports that Inherent Resolve was initially rejected as uninspiring.

"I understand that some anonymous sources said that the name was rejected," Kirby told reporters on Oct. 15, when the report was unveiled. "I'm not aware of any overt decision made by leadership here in the Pentagon to reject the name. But that's the name. It's out there, and that's what we're calling it. And now we're moving forward."

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More than 30 horses die in fire

By MICHAEL TARM
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — More than 30 horses died in a stable fire in suburban Chicago over the weekend, with distraught owners of the animals arriving Sunday to lay flowers at the site, a fire department official said.

The fire Saturday occurred 50 miles northwest of Chicago at Valley View Acres, a boarding facility that also breeds and trains thoroughbreds and show-jumping horses and offers riding lessons to children.

As firefighters arrived before midnight Saturday, the stable's owners were running around the burning complex looking for ways to lead horses to safety as the two-story structure collapsed, Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Chief Paul Deraedt said in a phone interview.

"They were frantic," he said about the stable's owners, Tyson and Amber Bauman. "But nothing could have survived the conditions inside. ... They are devastated."

TV footage of the scene Sunday morning showed blackened remains of the stable piled against a white fence and a damaged horse trailer, with firefighters still spraying water on smoldering wreckage.

One woman crying and bearing flowers said she'd owned horses for 30 years. Firefighters tried to determine where her horse died and laid the flowers for her in the rubble near it, Deraedt said.

The Baumans were at an Illinois Hunter Jumper Association awards banquet Saturday and returned home after the blaze began. The Northwest Herald in Crystal Lake reported two of their children were at home but weren't injured.



CORY SCHAFER, THE (CLEVELAND) PLAIN DEALER/AP

This BB gun was taken from a 12-year old boy shot by Cleveland police.

Ohio police probe shooting of boy holding replica gun

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A 12-year-old boy was fatally shot by police Saturday in Cleveland after brandishing what turned out to be a BB gun, triggering an investigation into his death and a legislator's call for such weapons to be brightly colored or bear special markings.

The boy, Tamir Rice, died from his wounds Sunday, a day after officers responded to a call about someone waving a "probably fake" gun at a playground.

Deputy Chief Ed Tomba said one officer fired twice after the boy pulled the weapon — which was lacking the orange safety indicator usually found on the muzzle — from his waistband but had not pointed it at police. The boy

did not make any verbal threats but grabbed the "airsoft" handgun after being told to raise his hands, Tomba said.

"That's when the officer fired," he said.

Police said the weapon resembled a semi-automatic handgun.

The two officers involved in the shooting have been placed on administrative leave, which is standard procedure. The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported that the officers are a first-year rookie and a 10-year department veteran.



Tamir

The police department has collected surveillance video and other evidence and will present it to the county prosecutor's office, the newspaper said without citing a source. It said that after reviewing the evidence prosecutors will present the case to a grand jury, which will decide whether the officer was justified in using force against the boy.

An attorney for the boy's family, Timothy Kucharski, said Tamir went to the park with friends Saturday afternoon, but he did not know the details of what led to his shooting.

A man who called police told dispatchers the boy was on a swing set and pointing a pistol that was "probably fake" and scaring everyone.

Japanese man's boat lost in tsunami returned

HONOLULU — A Japanese man says he's grateful for the return of his boat three years after it disappeared in the 2011 tsunami.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported that Tomomune Matsunaga, of the Fukushima prefecture, lost his home and personal watercraft to the earthquake and tsunami that killed 16,000 people. A Hawaii volunteer found the small boat on Johnston Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

A student training vessel carried the watercraft from Honolulu to Japan, and Matsunaga got it back on Nov. 10, his birthday.

In a letter thanking people who returned the boat, Matsunaga said he holds memories of working on the craft in his garage and of his children playing on it.

He said he looks forward to using it again when it's repaired in a few years.

Buffalo residents ready for possible evacuation

BUFFALO, N.Y. — People in storm-affected areas around Buffalo began returning to work on Monday as fast-melting mounds of snow fed into creeks that were starting to swell.

It was not clear how widespread flooding would be almost a week after western New York was pummeled by epic snowfall. Thermometer readings were approaching 60 degrees by mid-morning, and some residents of the Buffalo area were out and out in T-shirts riding bicycles while others focused on the tasks at hand.

Families rushed to pack up their valuables and schools closed in advance — not because of snow but due to possible flooding.

The NWS has issued a flood warning for Monday and cautioned that trees weakened by heavy snowfall and saturated soil could come crashing down.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Sunday warned residents in flood-prone areas around Buffalo to move valuables up from the basement, pack a bag and prepare for the possibility of evacuation.

Calif. bus crash kills 1 in 2nd wreck in a day

The Associated Press

REDDING, Calif. — A tour bus dived off a Northern California interstate and crashed onto its roof, killing a 33-year-old man and injuring 30 others in the vehicle's second wreck in a day, authorities said.

The bus was en route from Los Angeles to Pasco, Wash., when it drifted off the right shoulder of Interstate 5 about 7:30 a.m. Sunday about 100 miles south of the Oregon border, said California Highway Patrol Officer Jeff Borgen.

The bus went down an embankment and overturned, coming to rest on its roof on an interstate frontage road.

property damage was minor, Red Bluff police Sgt. Matt Hansen said.

Investigators said evidence at both crash sites show that driver fatigue may have been a factor. They did not say whether drugs or alcohol may have been involved or whether any citations or charges were forthcoming.

The man who died in the later crash was from the Fresno-area city of Parlier. His name was not released pending notification of his family.

Three people were in critical condition, including one who was flown by helicopter to Mercy Medical Center in Mount Shasta with severe head injuries, hospital spokeswoman Joyce Zwanziger told the Sacramento Bee.

Three people were in serious condition at the same hospital's



ALAYNA SHULMAN, THE (REDDING, CALIF.) RECORD SEARCHLIGHT/AP

Emergency personnel check a tour bus that crashed Sunday north of Lake Shasta in Northern California, killing one person.

Redding location, spokeswoman Heather Nichols said.

Two dozen others who were injured were treated at hospitals for mostly minor injuries and released.

Jose Victor Garcilazo, 67, of Los Angeles, drove the bus, a

1996 Vanhool, and it was not clear Monday if he was injured.

The bus operator, Yellow Arrow LLC, is based in Othello, Wash. It has a current license and had no reported crashes in the past two years before Sunday, according to federal records.

Budweiser gives horses holiday pink slip

NEW YORK — Budweiser is putting its Clydesdales out to pasture for the holidays.

The country's No. 3 beer brand says the horses will not appear in its holiday advertising this year. A spokesman for owner Anheuser-Busch InBev was unable to say Monday if the Clydesdales would be featured in ads during the Super Bowl.

The decision not to feature the Clydesdales in holiday ads was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

The change comes as Budweiser's share of the U.S. beer market has declined since hitting its peak in 1988. According to Nielsen Marketing's Insights, Budweiser had 7.6 percent of the market last year, down from 14.4 percent a decade ago.

From The Associated Press

NATION

Ease, issues drive states' voter turnout

By **TERRENCE PETTY**
AND **JONATHAN J. COOPER**
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — It's nearly as certain as Oregon's rainy season: When there's an election, voters in the state respond with an enthusiasm that's rare in most other places in America.

They did it again this year. Oregon's voter turnout across the country was horrible during this year's midterms. About a third of those eligible to cast ballots did so, according to an Associated Press tabulation of preliminary data from local officials and state election authorities. That's the lowest turnout in at least five decades.

But turnout surpassed 50 percent in a handful of states: Maine, Wisconsin, Colorado, Alaska, Minnesota and Oregon. During each election over the past 10 years, those states have often been among the top performers.

Trying to explain the phenomenon can be elusive. Each state is different — some lean Republican, some lean Democrat, for example — and experts say there's no precise equation that results in higher voter turnout. A few things, though, tie Oregon to its fellow high voter turnout states: A century-old tradition of civic-mindedness that dates to the Progressive Era, convenient voting procedures and especially contentious races or ballot issues.

"There is something about our civic culture in this state that re-



Election workers process ballots in Portland, Ore., on Nov. 3. Oregon was one state in which voter turnout surpassed 50 percent.

wards civic participation of all kinds," said Minnesota's recently elected secretary of state, Steve Simon. "We are doers and joiners and voters in Minnesota."

The states with consistently high turnout tend to make it easy to cast ballots. Maine, Minnesota and Wisconsin allow voters to register on Election Day. Colorado, Oregon and Washington state hold elections exclusively by mail. Washington often has high turnout but was closer to the middle of the pack this year at 41 percent.

Though experts say convenience alone doesn't necessarily mean higher turnout, in Oregon residents like voting by mail. Ballots are sent by mail to registered voters three weeks before the election, and voters can take time making their election choices. Filling in ballots at the dining

room table has become an Oregon tradition.

An especially contentious race or ballot issue also drives voters to weigh in, and this year several of the top voter-turnout states had closely watched races.

Wisconsin has long been a battleground state in presidential elections, and most recently, it's had a string of hotly contested campaigns following Republican Gov. Scott Walker's push to weaken bargaining rights for public employee unions.

"People see their votes as making a difference," said Kevin Kennedy, Wisconsin's chief elections official. "The fact that it's had a very sharp partisan divide the past few years probably focuses to engage voters."

Maine's turnout this month was boosted by contested races for

governor and U.S. House, Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap said. It also got a bruin boost. A ballot question that sought to ban the use of dogs, bait and traps to hunt bears drew out residents in rural parts of the state in large numbers to vote it down.

Oregon voters also turned out in droves to vote on a ballot measure asking whether they wanted to legalize recreational marijuana. It drew 40,000 more votes than the hotly contested race for governor. Oregon has a long history of contentious ballot-measure fights over taxes, property rights, crime, abortion and a host of other topics. They have been used to enact many a law that has given Oregon a reputation for having no fear of going its own way, such as a statute

allowing terminally ill people to hasten their lives through the use of doctor-provided medication.

The fervor for ballot measures and the enthusiasm for voting is a legacy of the state's embrace of the Progressive movement in the early 20th century, which was also active in other states with high voter turnout, said Jim Moore, director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation at Pacific University outside Portland.

Oregon was among the first states to let women own businesses and keep their money. The state allowed women to vote before the 19th Amendment extended the right nationwide. And it gave citizens the ability to go around their elected leaders and take a direct role in making laws.

GOP hopefuls are mostly vague in countering Obama on immigration

By **DAVID ESPO**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The rhetoric is barbed, but Republican presidential hopefuls generally fell in line behind the voices of restraint in the wake of President Barack Obama's order blocking deportation for millions of immigrants in the country unlawfully.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum, a tea party favorite in the 2012 race, urged the Republican leadership in Congress to "use any means available to stop this unconstitutional attack on our liberty."

Sen. Rand Paul, of Kentucky, who once filibustered the nomination of John Brennan as CIA director in a dispute over surveillance of U.S. citizens, said, "I will not sit idly by and let the president bypass Congress and our Constitution."

Sen. Marco Rubio, of Florida, who voted for the bipartisan bill that cleared the Senate in 2013, said the Congress should try to unravel Obama's actions, and he called for Republicans to call a vote early next year on a strict immigration enforcement bill.

Yet he, like nearly all other potential presidential contenders,

offered no specifics on what sort of response they favor to try and force a presidential retreat.

Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas, has been the exception. He said the new Republican-controlled Senate that takes office in January should refuse to confirm any of Obama's nominees except for vital national security positions as long as the president's order remains in effect.

Interviewed on Fox on Sunday, he also said Republicans should "use the power of the purse" to attach conditions to funding, but offered no details. He disputed the suggestion that the government shutdown of a year ago inflicted long-lasting damage on the party, noting its sweeping mid-term election victories.

Republican leaders in Congress have vowed to take action in response to Obama, but have yet to say precisely how. An attempt to block his actions by restricting the use of federal funds is among the possibilities, although the president could veto that. So, too, is incorporating the issue into a lawsuit the House filed on Friday against the administration's moves to implement the health care act.

Another possible response, triggering a government shutdown in hopes of turning back Obama's order, is viewed by incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Speaker John Boehner as a nonstarter, particularly at the outset of a new era of Republican control of Congress. Even more so is starting impeachment proceedings.

The general reticence among presidential hopefuls comes at a time on the political calendar when jockeying for support among party activists routinely increases. With mid-term elections in the past, the field will inevitably turn quickly toward the first caucuses and primaries now little more than a year away.

Public polls suggest immigration is an issue that divides conservatives who form the core of the Republican party from the rest of the electorate.

In exit polls from the Nov. 4 elections, 59 percent of those surveyed said they favored allowing immigrants to remain in the country and work even if they are here illegally, and only 39 percent said they favored deportation.

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Julie Lemaire protests outside the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts before a Bill Cosby performance in Melbourne, Fla., on Friday.

Shifting attitudes at play in Cosby rape allegations

By JOCELYN NOVECK
The Associated Press

Tamra Wade struggled mightily over whether to go to the police more than a decade ago when, she says, a trusted professor forced himself on her in an empty classroom. Ultimately, she couldn't bring herself to do it.

But if it happened now, she says, she'd be a lot bolder — not just because she's older but because she feels there's less of a stigma connected to being a victim of sexual assault.

That, say advocates for sexual assault victims, may be one reason why the allegations against Bill Cosby have exploded into public consciousness now so much more than they did when they emerged a decade ago: an evolving cultural understanding of the crime of sexual assault and increased empathy toward those claiming to be victims.

"I think our society really has changed," said Wade, a data analyst who now mentors young assault victims. "Ten years ago, it was much harder for a victim to

get an audience listening to her. Now there's less of a stigma, and that gives people more confidence to come forward."

A key element in the cultural shift, say some advocates, have been a series of high-profile cases in the Penn State molestation scandal, stories of abuse in the military or the Catholic Church and cases of date rape at university campuses. Particularly when a number of people come forward, it's harder for the public to ignore, they say.

"People may have an easy time rationalizing away only one victim, but not when there are a number of them," said Scott Berkowitz, president of Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, or RAINN, in Washington.

In recent weeks, at least seven women have publicly accused Cosby, 77, of sexual assault years ago. Cosby has not been charged in connection with any of the allegations. Only one woman has filed suit — Andrea Constand, who sued in 2005 and settled for an undisclosed amount before the case went to trial.

Cosby's attorney, Martin Singer, has criticized previous "decades-old discredited allegations" and denied some others. He suggested in a Friday statement that Cosby's accusers may have another agenda.

"There has never been a shortage of lawyers willing to represent people with claims against rich, powerful men, so it makes no sense that not one of these new women who just came forward for the first time now ever asserted a legal claim back at the time they allege they had been sexually assaulted."

Berkowitz recalls when RAINN, back in 1994, approached TV networks to air public service announcements for its sex assault hotline. The networks resisted, he said, fearing the mere word "rape" would lead to complaints. Finally, NBC agreed, and there were no complaints, Berkowitz said — in fact, there were thank-yous. Other

networks followed suit.

"In the last decade, we've all been developing a greater awareness of just how common these crimes are," Berkowitz said.

Recent media coverage of the widening allegations against Cosby led to what RAINN said was a "significant increase" in calls to its National Sexual Assault Hotline — something that also happened after the Penn State case. But there is a measurable increase underway for several years, said Jen Marsh, who oversees the hotline, which includes a phone and online version.

"Our online hotline has seen a 25 percent increase every year," said Marsh, vice president of Victims Services at RAINN.

Supreme Court case examines limits on social media speech

By ROBERT BARNES
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — About a week after Tara Elonis convinced a judge to issue a protective order against her estranged husband, Anthony, her soon-to-be ex had this to say:

"Fold up your PFA (protection from abuse order) and put it in your pocket. Is it thick enough to stop a bullet?"

Anthony Elonis didn't deliver the message in person, by phone or in a note. Instead, he posted it on his Facebook page, for all to see, in a prose style reminiscent of the violent, misogynistic lyrics of rap artists he admired.

In its first examination of the limits of free speech on social media, the Supreme Court will consider next week whether, as a jury concluded, Elonis' postings constituted a "true threat" to his wife and others.

The issue is whether Elonis should be prosecuted for what he says was simply blowing off steam — "therapeutic efforts to address traumatic events," as his brief to the court says — because what matters is not his intent but whether any reasonable person targeted in the rants would regard them as menacing warnings.

Parties on both sides of the groundbreaking case are asking the court to consider the unique qualities of social media. In this rapidly evolving realm of communication, only the occasional emotion may signal whether a writer is engaging in satire or black humor, exercising poetic license or delivering the kind of

grim warnings that have presaged school shootings and other acts of mass violence.

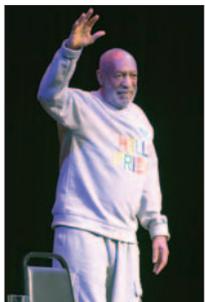
Elonis, who has already served prison time for his Facebook posts, and some of his supporters say the court must look beyond incendiary content to discern the writer's intent.

"Internet users may give vent to emotions on which they have no intention of acting, memorializing expressions of momentary anger or exasperation that once were communicated face-to-face among friends and dissipated harmlessly," said a brief filed on Elonis' behalf by the Student Press Law Center, the Electronic Frontier Foundation and the writers organization PEN.

Domestic violence experts, on the other hand, say social media has become a powerful tool for dispensing threats.

"Victims of domestic abuse, according to a brief filed by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, "have experienced real-life terror caused by increasingly graphic and public posts to Facebook and other social media sites — terror that is exacerbated precisely because abusers now harness the power of technology, 'enabling them to reach their victims' everyday lives at the click of a mouse or the touch of a screen."

The case carries wide First Amendment implications for free-speech rights and artistic expression. Briefs laden with curse words and vulgar references to the female anatomy attempt to provide a crash course on Eminem and Wu-Tang Clan for the justices and illuminate what some scholars say are the misunderstood storytelling attributes of rap.



Comedian Bill Cosby waves to the crowd as he walks onto the stage at the beginning of his Florida performance.

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By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia further tightened its control over Georgia's breakaway province of Abkhazia on Monday with a new treaty envisaging closer military and economic ties, a move that has drawn outrage in Georgia.

Under the treaty signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Abkhazia's leader, Russian and Abkhazian forces will come under joint command.

While the Russian troops have been deployed in Abkhazia for more than two decades since it broke away from Georgia in a separatist war in the early 1990s, the agreement reflected an attempt by Moscow to further expand its presence in the lush Black Sea region of 240,000.

Coming amid a chill in Russia-West ties over the Ukrainian crisis, the deal raises further suspicions about Moscow's intentions. The Georgian Foreign Ministry has denounced the new agreement as a "step toward annexation" of Abkhazia and warned it jeopardize efforts to normalize ties with Russia.

Russian-Georgian relations were ruptured in the August 2008 war that erupted when former Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili attempted to restore control over another breakaway province of South Ossetia. The Russian military routed the Georgian forces in five days of fighting and Moscow recognized both rebel provinces as independent states.

The Georgian Dream bloc led by Russia-friendly billionaire Bidzina Ivanishvili, which unseated Saakashvili's party in the 2012 parliamentary vote and formed the new government, has sought to repair ties with Moscow. But while economic relations have improved, political ties have remained frozen because of Moscow's staunch refusal to compromise on the status of separatist regions.

The importance of the Black Sea for Russia has been evident during the Ukraine crisis. Putin justified the annexation of the Crimean Peninsula by saying it would guarantee that NATO warships would never be welcome on the peninsula, the home base of the Russian Black Sea Fleet.



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Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and Raul Khadzhimba, leader of Georgia's breakaway province of Abkhazia, shake hands at a signing ceremony Monday in the Bocharov Ruchei residence in Sochi, Russia.



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From left, Secretary of State John Kerry, British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, former European Union foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi gather on Monday in Vienna.

Iran nuclear negotiations to be extended until July

By MATTHEW LEE AND GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA — Facing significant differences still between the United States and Iran, negotiators gave up on last-minute efforts to get a nuclear deal by the Monday deadline and extended their talks for another seven months.

The move gives both sides breathing space to work out an agreement but may be badly received by domestic sceptics, since it extends more than a decade of diplomatic efforts to curb Iran's nuclear prowess.

International negotiators are worried that Iran is using its nuclear development program as a cover for developing nuclear weapons and they have imposed economic sanctions on Tehran. Iran denies the charge, saying it is only interested in peaceful nuclear programs like producing power.

After a frenetic six days of diplomacy in Vienna, negotiators agreed Monday to narrow by March 1 what needs to be done by Iran and the six world powers is negotiating with and by when. A final agreement is meant to fol-

low four months later. Comments by key players in the talks suggested not much was agreed on in Vienna beyond the decision to keep talking. The next negotiating round was set for December but the venue is unclear.

The decision appears to benefit Iran. Its nuclear program is left frozen but intact, without any of the cuts sought by the U.S. And while negotiations continue, so will dole-outs of monthly \$700 million in frozen funds that began under the temporary nuclear deal agreed on late last year that led to the present talks.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said the sides were giving themselves until March to agree on a text "that sets out in layman's language what we have agreed to do." Experts then will be given another four months to "translate that into precise definitions of what will happen on the ground," he told reporters.

Even the new deadline for a final deal was not immediately clear, with negotiators saying it was July 1, and Hammond fixing it at June 30.

Hammond and other foreign ministers of the six powers

sought to put a good face on what was achieved. Hammond spoke of "significant progress," while German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said only differences about "technical details" remained.

But the length of the extension suggested that both sides felt plenty of time was needed to overcome the disputes on how much Iran needed to restrict nuclear activities that could be used to make weapons in exchange for relief from sanctions imposed over its nuclear program.

"All the people involved here feel that there really is a chance to find out a way to each other and we are going to take that chance," Steinmeier said about the decision to extend.

Members of the new Republican-controlled U.S. Congress that will be sworn in in January have already threatened to impose additional sanctions on Iran and may well have enough votes to overturn an expected veto of such legislation by President Barack Obama. New sanctions could very well derail the talks, as Iran has signaled they would be a deal-breaker.

Turkish leader Erdogan: Women are not equal to men

The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan set off a new controversy on Monday, declaring that women are not equal to men and accusing feminists of not understanding the special status that Islam attributes to motherhood.

Addressing a meeting in Istanbul on women and justice, Er-

dogan said men and women are created differently, that women cannot be expected to undertake the same work as men, and that mothers enjoy a high position that only they can reach.

"You cannot put women and men on an equal footing," Erdogan said. "It is against nature. They were created differently. Their nature is different. Their constitution is different."

Erdogan added: "Motherhood is the highest position... You cannot explain this to feminists. They don't accept motherhood. They have no such concern."

Lawyer and women's rights activist Hulya Gulbahar said Erdogan's comments were in violation of Turkey's constitution, Turkish laws and international conventions on gender equality and didn't help efforts to stem high

incidences of violence against women in Turkey.

"Such comments by state officials which disregard equality between men and women play an important role in the rise of violence against women," Gulbahar said.

"Such comments aim to make women's presence in public life — from politics to arts, from science to sports — debatable."

Erdogan, a devout Muslim, often courts controversy with divisive public comments. He has previously angered women's groups by stating that women should bear at least three children and by attempting to outlaw abortion and adultery.

He raised eyebrows this month by declaring that Muslims had discovered the Americas before Christopher Columbus.

WORLD

South China Sea land reclamation defended

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Defying a U.S. call to halt the project, China defended its land reclamation in the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea on Monday, saying the work is for public service use, although a London-based security group says the new island could host a military airfield to intimidate neighbors.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said the construction on some reefs in the archipelago was to enable Chinese citizens

working there to "better perform international obligations in terms of search, rescue and other public services."

In a recent report, IHS Jane's said satellite images taken in August and November showed that Chinese dredgers had created a land mass almost the entire length of Harry Cross Reef, which was previously under water. The security group said it is China's largest construction project in the island chain.

IHS Jane's said the new island — at least 9,840 feet long — could

be China's first military airstrip in the Spratly Islands and might be aimed at helping Beijing impose its sovereignty claims over neighboring countries that also claim the territory.

"This facility appears purpose-built to coerce other claimants into relinquishing their claims and possessions, or at least provide China with a much stronger negotiating position if talks over the dispute were ever held," the report said.

Tensions have been rising as Beijing has grown more assertive

about its claim over the resource-rich South China Sea, which is also crisscrossed by shipping routes. Its deployment of an oil rig near the Parcel Islands triggered a bitter standoff with Vietnam, where a wave of anti-China riots broke out in May, killing at least one Chinese worker.

In August, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry proposed that all countries with competing claims halt any provocative actions, such as land reclamation, but China rejected the suggestion and said the tensions were being

overblown.

Over the weekend, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Jeffrey Pool urged China to cease the land reclamation project and engage in diplomatic talks.

Hua told a regular news briefing on Monday that no country has "a right to make irresponsible remarks" about the reclamation.

She said China has "indisputable sovereignty" over the Spratly Islands, which are also claimed by Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Brunei.

Swiss museum gets huge art trove from Germany

BY KIRSTEN GRIESHABER

The Associated Press

BERLIN — A Swiss museum accepted a massive, priceless trove of long-hidden art from the late German collector Cornelius Gurlitt on Monday, promising to work with Germany to make sure that any Nazi-looted pieces in it are returned to Jewish heirs.

Three works in the collection donated to Switzerland's Kunst-museum Bern will be returned immediately because they have already been identified as looted art, German Culture Minister Monika Grütters said at a joint news conference with the museum. The pieces are by Henri Matisse, Max Liebermann and Carl Spitzweg.

Germany, meanwhile, published online the business ledgers of Gurlitt's father, Hildebrand, an art dealer who had worked closely with the Nazi regime. Many potential heirs and art experts had demanded the move to help their searches for possible looted art. The ledgers covered the years from 1937-45, detailing in neat fountain pen the purchases and

sales of various paintings.

Monday's press conference was the latest twist in a saga that has captivated the art world.

In 2012, German authorities seized 1,280 pieces of art from Cornelius Gurlitt's Munich apartment while investigating a tax case, including works by Pablo Picasso and Marc Chagall. The development shocked the art world, since many of the works had not been seen for decades, and experts feared they had been lost or destroyed.

Gurlitt said he had inherited much of the art from his father, who in the 1930s helped the Nazis sell art they considered "degenerate" to buyers outside of Germany for cash. Some of the works — including Impressionist and modern masterpieces — had been seized by the Nazis from museums, while others were stolen or bought for a pittance from Jewish collectors who were forced to sell.

Gurlitt died in May at age 81, designating Switzerland's Kunst-museum Bern as his sole heir.

A special German government



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German Minister of State for Culture and Media Monika Grütters, left, and Bern's Kunstmuseum President Christoph Schaublin sign an agreement on the inheritance of late German art collector Cornelius Gurlitt in Berlin on Monday.

task force that was already looking into the provenance of the Gurlitt art will now work closely with the Kunst-museum Bern to return any looted art as quickly as possible, Grütters said. The agency is checking about 240 art works in the Munich trove that may have been looted by the Nazis.

"As part of our special German responsibility toward the victims of the Nazi dictatorship, we want

to ensure justice is done not only in the legal framing of the agreement but also morally," Grütters said.

In addition to art in Munich, more than 200 artworks were found at Gurlitt's house in Salzburg, Austria. Details on the Salzburg art have been scarce — it's not even clear where the art is now stored. Grütters said it will be checked to see if it, too, contains Nazi-looted art.

Kenya assaults militants, kills 100

BY MICHAEL BURNETT AND JOSEPH URTE

Bloomberg News

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenya's army says it killed more than 100 fighters of the Islamist group al-Shabaab in assaults on its camps in neighboring Somalia after the militants claimed responsibility for a bus attack in northeastern Kenya that left 28 people dead.

Fighter jets targeted two camps near Gooloway in Somalia, killing 95 militants, Kenya's Defence Ministry said late Sunday in an emailed statement. Ground troops and helicopter gunships killed another 20 members of the al-Qaida-linked group as they fled to the Arabia Hills along the Kenya-Somalia border, it said. Al-Shabaab, in a statement broadcast on Radio Andalus, denied they lost fighters in Kenya attacks.

"This rapid action is itself a huge victory against regional terrorist networks," Kenya Deputy President William Ruto said in a statement. "It emboldens us to ultimately deliver our promise to secure our citizens against internal and external aggression."

Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the Nov. 22 attack on a bus while it was traveling between the towns of Mandera and Bulla Araba, about 50 miles northeast of the Kenyan capital, Nairobi. Non-Muslims were separated from other passengers before being killed by gunmen, according to Mandera Deputy County Commissioner Elvin Korir.

Kenya has faced increasing attacks by Islamist militants since sending its troops into neighboring Somalia in October 2011 to fight al-Shabaab, which has waged an insurgency against that country's government since 2006.

The group claimed responsibility for an assault on the Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi in September 2013 in which at least 67 people died, along with other attacks on Kenya's coast this year.

Duchess of Alba, wealthy Spain aristocrat, dies at 88

BY CIARAN GILES AND HAROLD HECKLE

The Associated Press

MADRID — The Duchess of Alba, one of Spain's wealthiest and most colorful aristocrats and recognized as the world's most titled noble, has died. She was 88.

Maria del Rosario Cayetana Fitz-James Stuart y Silva was related to Winston Churchill and shared toys with the future Queen Elizabeth — they were born less than a month apart — while living in England as a girl.

Twice-widowed, the fabulously wealthy noble had an outspoken nature and a predilection for extravagantly colorful, almost hippy-style clothing even late in life. Known simply as Cayetana, she was for decades a mainstay of the gossip press.

She died at her Duenas Palace residence in Seville on Wednesday from pneumonia, a palace spokesman said. He declined to be identified, in line with palace policy.

"Cayetana always had Seville in her heart and for this reason she will always remain in Seville's heart. May she rest in peace," Seville mayor Juan Ignacio Zoido said in a message on



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The Duchess of Alba, arrives for a movie preview in Seville, Spain, in June 2010.

his official Twitter account.

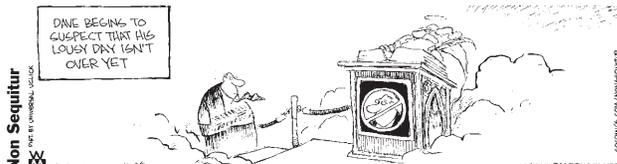
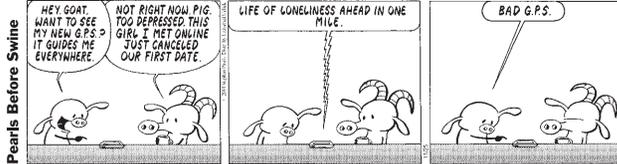
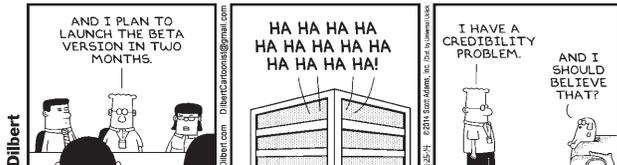
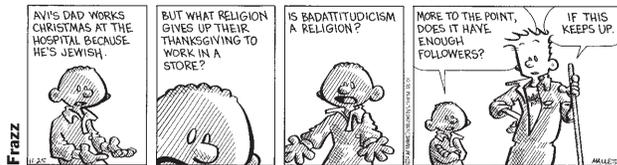
The duchess, known for her frizzy white hair and squeaky voice, raised eyebrows nationwide and outraged her six children in 2011 when at the age of 85 she wed, for a third time, marrying civil servant Alfredo Diez, who was 25 years her junior.

At the wedding, she thrilled a crowd of several hundred when she hiked up her dress and did some flamenco dance steps on a red carpet at the palace, a 15th-century residence in the cobblestone old quarter of Seville.

Her children feared a potential gold-digger, although Diez renounced any claim to the family fortune. The duchess moved to appease her heirs by dividing up most of her vast estate among them a few months before the nuptials, handing out palaces and mansions to all.

With estates dotted across mainland Spain and on some of its islands, she was known for being able to crisscross the country without having to spend the night in a property that wasn't hers. She also had one of Spain's most dazzling art collections, including works by grand masters Goya, Rembrandt and Velazquez.

Forbes recently estimated her wealth to be \$3.5 billion.



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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 - 18 Adversary
 - 19 Cheap
 - 21 Who says?
 - 24 Laugh-a-minute type
 - 25 Wheeled
 - 26 Variety of orange
 - 30 Plant bristle
 - 31 Forbidden
 - 32 Rhyming tribute
 - 33 Pear-shaped instrument
 - 35 Cobbler's item
 - 36 "The 40 Year-Old Virgin" actor Paul
 - 37 Chose
 - 38 Road Runner's pursuer
 - 41 Common
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 - 43 Comic-strip magician
 - 48 Solidifies
 - 49 Braggart's problem

- DOWN**
- 51 Look-alike
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SHIFTING GEARS



Hot Ferrari marks 60 years in the US

By Terry Box

The Dallas Morning News

Ferraris don't emit fumes. They blast Le Mans-inspired symphonies from their oversize exhaust pipes — flat, hard growls that swell to shrieking 8,000-rpm whines under throttle.

"Nothing else sounds like a Ferrari — nothing," said Bruce Meyer, a well-known Southern California collector, hot-rodder and Ferrari owner.

The exotic Italian's distinctive song will echo loudly around the world this year as the company marks its 60th anniversary of officially entering the United States.

A month ago, as part of the celebration, an estimated 30,000 people jammed the streets of Beverly Hills, Calif., to pay homage to scores of rare and significant Ferraris.

"People just go nuts looking at Ferraris," said Craig Jackson, CEO of Barrett-Jackson Auction Co. and a Ferrari owner.

Although profitable, Ferrari faces lots of challenges these days, such as whether to expand its extremely limited production. Yet it reigns as the most powerful automotive brand in the world.

"Everyone lusts after a Ferrari," said Dallas attorney Keith Verges, an enthusiast who until recently owned a legendary Ferrari F40.

The brand's first dealer in the U.S. in 1954 was, appropriately, Luigi Chinetti, a three-time winner of Le Mans for Ferrari who opened a storefront dealership in New York.

Ferrari builds just 7,000 or so cars for the world market — all largely hand-assembled — and people wait a year or more to buy one at a minimum price of about \$200,000.

Though the Italian company struggled somewhat in the '80s and '90s, it found solid financial ground about 20 years ago.



PHOTOS BY ANDY JACOBSON, DALLAS MORNING NEWS/TNS

Top: A 2012 Ferrari California sits inside the showroom at Boardwalk Ferrari in Plano, Texas. **Left:** A detail of a wheel on a 2013 Ferrari California. **Right:** Boutique manager Sara Marques arranges a piece of custom Ferrari artwork by Plano artist Anthony Atkins inside the showroom boutique at Boardwalk Ferrari.

In the first half of this year, Ferrari reported revenue of \$1.73 billion and profit of \$163.3 million — both records, according to its six-month report.

The automaker's latest special model, the stunning 950-horsepower, 218-mph LaFerrari, sells for around \$1.4 million — if you can find one.

On the day Ferrari announced that it would build 499 LaFerraris, all had already been pre-sold to collectors or favored Ferrari owners.

"I couldn't get one if I tried," said Scott Ginsburg, owner of Boardwalk Ferrari in Plano, the only Ferrari dealership in north Texas.

Would more be less?

That exclusivity is divisive. As the company rakes in profits, it also debates a possible — and controversial — increase in production.

In September, longtime Ferrari chairman Luca Cordero di Montezemolo — largely credited with Ferrari's 21st-century business successes — was forced out partly because of Ferrari's poor

performance this year in Formula One racing.

However, Montezemolo also disagreed with his boss, the hard-charging Sergio Marchionne, about the future of Ferrari.

For decades, Fiat has owned a majority of Ferrari and now holds 90 percent of the company.

Marchionne, the CEO of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, believes that Ferrari's profitable production could — and maybe should — be increased beyond 7,000 vehicles a year.

Montezemolo wanted to cap it at 7,000, maintaining the brand's enviable exclusivity.

Predictably, Marchionne won in what some purists see as a battle for Ferrari's soul.

Allure of mystique

Regardless of what happens with production, Ferraris are likely to maintain their mystique — an allure that can be measured in passion as well as dollars.

In August, a 1962 Ferrari GTO sold for \$38 million at Bonham's Auction in Carmel, Calif., becoming the most valuable car in the world.

"In the late '90s, only buyers in the U.S., Europe and Japan competed for the very high-end collector cars like those Ferraris," said Jackson, of Barrett-Jackson. "Now, they're everywhere — China, Russia, India, you name it."

Will Ferrari's unique race-bred howl still evoke shivers, though, in an era increasingly obsessed with fuel economy, safety and self-driving vehicles?

Arizona writer-photographer Winston Goodfellow, who says he

has driven more Ferraris than he can recall, thinks that old Ferraris will just become more desirable.

"These high-tech, modern-era supercars — including the LaFerrari — are really like being in a computerized driving simulator," said Goodfellow, author of Ferrari Hyper Cars. "But when you look at these guys who go out and buy these things, they always keep their old cars because they can't get their sensory bombardment in anything but the old ones."

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WORLD

Monumental mess

Rome mayor fails to bring order to chaos

By FRANCES D'EMILIO
The Associated Press

Pigs root through garbage piling up in a working class neighborhood. City buses improvise routes on streets clogged with triple-parked cars. On rainy days, muck-choked sewers make crossing the road a Herculean labor.

Ignazio Marino promised to bring order to Rome's chaos when he was elected mayor in a landslide last year. Instead, critics say the liver transplant surgeon is the affliction,

not the cure, and are pressuring him to resign.

The biggest challenge Marino faced upon winning office was tackling Rome's notorious traffic gridlock. His first major move? Banning cars on the boulevard flanking the Roman Forum so tourists have a more pleasant stroll, strangling Rome's center even more. The ban enraged residents and shopkeepers, whose streets became bottlenecked traffic.

Then Marino increased parking meter fees, an unpopular move among Romans who have abandoned the capital's strike-prone mass transit system in droves. But what has really poisoned the Roman mood is that after enforcing his big idea on park-

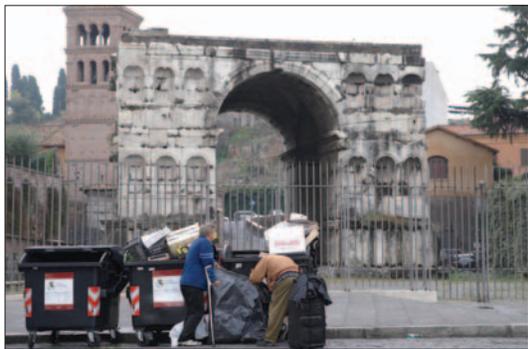


ing fees, Marino was himself repeatedly caught in traffic violations with his bright red Fiat Panda — and allowed fines to pile up unpaid.

Ordinary Romans can drive into the historic center only with an annual permit that costs hundreds of euros. Marino last summer drove his Fiat into the heart of Rome after his own permit had expired. Tickets, eight of them, accumulated — as Marino blamed careless aides for failing to renew the permit. Anger only increased when a national TV program caught the Panda parked in a no-parking zone near the Senate.

Even members of Marino's own Democratic Party have begun to give him the thumbs down, worried that he could damage Premier Matteo Renzi, who heads the party. Marino's office turned down interview requests for this story.

"Resign, resign!" Romans hooted recently when Marino stepped into Julius



PHOTOS BY GREGORIO BERGIA/AP

Above: People search through rubbish in front of the Arco di Giano in downtown Rome. **Left:** Rubbish is seen on a lawn of the Campidoglio, or Capitoline Hill, overlooking the Theatre of Marcellus.

Caesar Hall atop the ancient Capitoline Hill for a city council hearing about the Panda debacle.

"Buffoon! Buffoon!" they heckled, some protesters wearing bright red clown noses.

Struggling to be heard, Marino struck a defiant tone. "I read about my resignation," he told the hearing packed with spectators, "and to tell you the truth, I smiled." He scoffed at what he called a "morbid fixation with my car" and vowed that instead of quitting he would forge ahead with healing Rome after "years of neglect."

Marino revealed during the raucous hearing that he eventually paid the fines, even producing receipts for more than \$1,250 to prove it. But as the catcalls continued, he struck a more contrite note — apologizing to Romans and pleading, "I hope you stop calling for my resignation."

The people do not appear to be in a forgiving mood. An opinion poll found only 20 percent of Romans support Marino. Perhaps more embarrassing: The person who commissioned the survey was the head of Marino's own local Democratic Party, who then made public what were supposed to be in-house findings.

Recently, Marino was blasted for being

slow to visit the working-class neighborhood of Tor Sapienza, which had seen several days and nights of violence by residents opposed to a refugee center. Marino at the time was in London trying, he later explained, to "put Rome on the world's map." When he did show up days later, locals angrily surrounded him. He sought to defuse tensions by sitting down with neighborhood representatives, but anti-Marino protests have sporadically hit the city outskirts.

"He doesn't really smell the mood of the city," said Franco Pavoncello, a political science professor who is president of John Cabot University in Rome. That may be an understatement; some commentators have nicknamed Marino "the Martian."

To the mayor's dismay, the Panda flap has overshadowed some real accomplishments. This fall, he inaugurated several stations in a subway construction project that had been years behind schedule. He also shut down a trash dump that locals, worried about their health, had long wanted closed.

Also, Romans play a role in their city's mess. They have a habit of dumping large items like old mattresses and broken TVs by the curb instead of calling the municipal sanitation service for free pickup.



'I read about my resignation, and to tell you the truth, I smiled.'

Ignazio Marino
mayor of Rome

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man accused of punching a police horse

AZ TEMPE — A Phoenix man was arrested on suspicion of punching a police horse in Tempe.

Tempe police said Bryson Albert, 20, was taken into custody for harming a service animal, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police said an officer tried to break up a fight on Mill Avenue and Albert punched the officer's horse.

Officers also reported finding marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Albert's pants pocket. He reportedly told police that the pants belonged to his brother.

Agency: Don't salvage road killed animals

WY GREEN RIVER — The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is reminding people not to pick up any road-killed animals or wildlife parts along the highways.

The game department says it's both illegal and unsafe to take wildlife or any parts including antlers from along any roadway.

Office managers at the Green River Game and Fish Office have received multiple reports of motorists who stop alongside roadways to remove meat from dead big-game animals and in some cases cut the antlers off.

Game and Fish officials said stopping along any roadway is dangerous for the motorist and anyone else who might pass by the stopped vehicle. Also, they say meat from road-killed wildlife carcasses is not fit for human consumption.

Burglars take money, video system from bar

PA WINDBER — State police have been trying to figure out who broke into a western Pennsylvania bar, but they weren't able to check its video surveillance system for clues.

That's because thieves took the surveillance system along with the saloon near the Timbucto Bar in Ogle, a tiny village near Windber, about 60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Troopers from the Somerset barracks said the burglars broke in sometime between 12:45 and 7:15 a.m. Friday.

The surveillance system is worth about \$1,000. The burglars also caused about \$180 in damage.

Conservationists release 140K salmon

ME EAST MACHIAS — A Maine conservation organization says its effort to restore more than 140,000 juvenile Atlantic salmon will help reverse the fish's run to the East Machias River.

The Downeast Salmon Federation released the juvenile salmon into the river and many streams throughout the East Machias River watershed. The organization says the fish were raised at an East Machias hatchery. A sci-

THE CENSUS

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The number of combat helmets a former Pennsylvania state worker facing federal charges has been accused of stealing. Marietta resident Michael Garitz, 43, was an acquisition officer at a federal surplus property warehouse. Charges filed Friday allege that between July 2009 and January 2010, he stole helmets worth \$5,000 provided for distribution to state and local law enforcement officers.



Riding 'n smiling

Above: Bertha Rodriguez smiles Saturday after riding in a Daytona prototype race car at the Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. For the seventh straight year, the Southern Automotive Media Association hosted their Rides 'n Smiles Event. Cancer patients from two children's hospitals were given rides around a 1.5-mile oval by SAMA members in more than 15 different exotic cars, including a Porsche, a Jaguar, a Viper, a Corvette and a Ferrari.

Left: John Webster plays in a military police jeep during the event.

check at work, then lost it all at the casino at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

McDonough told police he drove around for hours thinking of ways to get more money before robbing the bank. He then told police he used that money to gamble at Mount Airy Casino.

McDonough faces a preliminary hearing Dec. 3.

Grocery shopping spree winner shares the prize

NE SCOTTSBLUFF — When the CEO of the hospital in Scottsbluff, Neb., won a grocery store shopping spree in a raffle, he decided to pass along the prize to a local charity.

John Mengten never expected to win when he bought the United Way raffle tickets, and he and his wife agreed that someone else could benefit more from the four-minute grocery grab.

So the Mengtens donated their prize to the Pup and Cat Backpack program that provides food to low-income families in Gering and Scottsbluff.

entist with the hatchery said the facility uses dark-colored tanks to give the fish a "darker, more natural color" that allows them to blend in with their surroundings in the river.

The salmon are about 2 to 4 inches in length when released.

This is the third year the salmon federation has under taken the project.

Newspaper donating 1963 JFK photos

TX DALLAS — A museum that chronicles the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas will receive more photos of media coverage of the tragedy.

The Dallas Morning News will donate about 2,000 photos to the Sixth Floor Museum. The announcement came on the eve of Saturday's 51st anniversary of the fatal shooting of JFK.

The archive from The Dallas Morning News includes about 1,500 negatives and nearly 500 prints in black and white. Some of the photos have never been seen

by the public. The museum on Wednesday announced images are being donated from two photographers from other publications, including photos related to assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. Former Dallas Times Herald photographer Eamon Kennedy donated about 1,200 photographs. Ex-Fort Worth Press photographer Gene Gordon donated more than 400 images.

Police: Man loses pay at casino, robs bank

PA AVOCA — A supermarket butcher is behind bars after telling police that he robbed a northeastern Pennsylvania bank after blowing his paycheck at a popular casino.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Michael McDonough, 46, of White Haven.

Police in Avoca, Luzerne County, arrested McDonough on Saturday after a tipster identified him as the suspect who robbed a PNC Bank branch Friday.

Police determined McDonough got paid that morning, cashed his

Of the program's co-directors, Missi Isallo, said she was thrilled to learn about the prize. After plotting out her shopping spree, Isallo grabbed \$716.28 worth of groceries Saturday.

Goats are cleaning up university arboretum

MD TOWSON — Towson University wanted an environmentally safe, reasonably priced method to clean up the English ivy that has choked out native plants and trees in its arboretum.

The college hired 18 goats to do the job.

The goats are from Harmony Church Farm in Harford County.

Ronie Cassily, who owns the herd, said that until Thanksgiving, the goats will eat the invasive English ivy on about a quarter-acre.

The university said that if the goats perform satisfactorily, they'll be asked back to clear eight acres on campus.

From wire reports

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LIONSGATE/AP

Jennifer Lawrence stars in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1." The movie, the third in the series, made \$123 million at the weekend box office, the most all year but still less than some expected.

Mock triumph

'Mockingjay's' \$123M opening still below expectations

By JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

"Mockingjay — Part 1" didn't catch fire like the previous installments of "The Hunger Games," but it still had the biggest opening of the year with \$123 million at the weekend box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Lionsgate's "Mockingjay" opened well below the \$158 million debut of last year's "Hunger Games: Catching Fire" and the \$153 million opening of the 2012 original. But even with a \$30-million-plus slide in the franchise, "Mockingjay" far surpassed the previous top weekend of the year: the \$100 million debut of "Transformers: Age of Extinction."

The result made for some unusual ironies. The biggest opening of the year (and by a wide margin) was seen by some as a disappointment. After initial box office receipts of "Mockingjay" rolled in Nov. 21, forecasting a weekend below expectations, Lions Gate Entertainment's stock dipped 5 percent.

But the decision to stick the final book in Suzanne

Collins' dystopian trilogy into two films was clearly lucrative for Lionsgate. "Mockingjay" did even better overseas, where it made \$152 million over the weekend, accounting altogether for a \$275 million global opening.

"It's the biggest opening of the year, so it really illustrates the strength of the franchise," said David Spitz, head of distribution for Lionsgate, noting the North American opening was the 5th best ever.

Dividing the book pushed much of the big drama of "Mockingjay" to the second film, scheduled for release in November 2015.

The release calendar made way for "Mockingjay," as no other new wide releases hit theaters. In its third week of release, the Disney animated adventure "Big Hero 6" moved into second place with \$20.1 million. Christopher Nolan's space epic "Interstellar" came in third with \$15.1 million, also in its third week.

Last week's top film, the long-incoming sequel "Dumb and Dumber To," slid considerably. The comedy dropped to fourth place with \$13.8 million.

One Direction, Azalea shine at AMAs

By MESFIN FERKADU
The Associated Press

One Direction won three honors at the American Music Awards, including artist of the year over powerhouse acts like Beyonce and Luke Bryan, while break-through newcomer Iggy Azalea beat out heavyweights Eminem and Drake in the rap categories.

Katy Perry, who was absent from Sunday's award show because of her world tour, matched One Direction for most wins with three.

The boy band also won favorite band, duo or group pop/rock and favorite album pop/rock for "Midnight Memories" at the fan-voted show, which took place in Los Angeles at the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live.

"This has been a real perfect day... America feels like a second home to us," Liam Payne said onstage with his band mates when

they won the night's first award. The group released its new album, "Four," last week.

Taylor Swift received the first-ever Dick Clark Award for Excellence, presented by Diana Ross.

"To the fans who went out and bought over a million copies of my last three albums, what you did by going out and investing in music and albums is you're saying you believe in the same thing I believe in — that music is valuable and that music should be consumed in albums and albums should be consumed as art and appreciated," said Swift, who recently removed her music from streaming service Spotify.

Azalea, who was the top nominee with six, won favorite album — rap/hip-hop for "The New Classic" and favorite artist — rap/hip-hop.

"It means so much to me that it is for best hip-hop because that's what inspired me to move to

America and pursue my dreams, and it's what helped me when I was a teenager to escape and to get through my life and to better times," the 24-year-old Australian rapper said.

Sam Smith won favorite male artist — pop/rock.

"Last year I wrote an album about being lonely and tonight, I couldn't feel farther from lonely so thank you so much," he told the crowd after thanking his fans.

Australian boy band 5 Seconds of Summer won artist of the year, beating out Azalea, Smith, Meghan Trainor and Bastille. They also performed a cover of the Romantics' "What I Like About You."

Perry won single of the year for her No. 1 hit "Dark Horse," favorite female artist — pop/rock and favorite artist — adult contemporary. Other absent winners included Carrie Underwood, John Legend and Beyonce.

'Today' crew struggling after tough work week

By DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

It's rarely a good sign when morning television hosts are painfully bantering about whether they are keeping their jobs.

That's where Willie Geist and Natalie Morales found themselves during the most difficult week for NBC's "Today" show in two years. At its end, an NBC News executive was fired after two months on the job and the network was tamping down reports of mutinies, firings and transfers at the lucrative morning franchise.

It was an unwanted reminder of the ugly firing of Ann Curry from "Today" in 2012, which helped ABC's rival "Good Morning America" fly past NBC to the top of the morning heap.

"It's reopening the same wound," said Shelley Ross, a veteran producer who ran morning shows at ABC and CBS.

NBC News News is searching again for an executive to oversee its most important broadcast.

It was considered a coup when NBC lured Jamie Horowitz from ESPN for a newly created job as "Today" brand manager. Horowitz wasn't to concern himself with filling four hours of television a day, but to look at the big picture. "Today" was no longer in a free fall with viewers but hadn't made appreciable progress narrowing ABC's lead.

By all accounts, he was in the midst of studying and creating a plan for the show's future.

The first sign of trouble came with a tabloid report of feuding between Morales and colleague Tamron Hall. That had to anger NBC News President Deborah

Turness, who was burned by how the dismissal of David Gregory from "Meet the Press" played out in an ugly public face-off.

A week ago, Turness announced that Horowitz was out, telling her staff in a memo that she was convinced that it was "not the right fit."

That prompted a flurry of anonymous reports describing sinking morale and backbiting at the show, even an intervention by Matt Lauer when he heard of proposed changes. When it culminated in a story that Geist and Morales were being fired, presumably an idea that predated Horowitz's ouster, Turness issued a strongly worded statement supporting the current "Today" cast.

"In response to the false rumors that have been circulated about our anchor team, NBC wants to be absolutely clear," Turness said. "The rumors are wrong — period. This is the team we are committed to."

On-air personnel issues are particularly touchy on morning television, which creates an illusion of family with viewers. So it felt like an uncomfortable Thanksgiving family dinner table when Hall, Morales and Al Roker gathered around the anchor desk the day after the debunked report appeared. Geist was onscreen from Brooklyn, where he was doing a report.

"What I didn't see you this morning when I walked in, being your usual diva self, I thought you were gone," Hall said to Geist.

"Natalie and I walked in yesterday, looked at each other and said, what are you doing here?" Geist said.

Yuk, yuk.

Katy Perry confirmed as Super Bowl halftime star

The Associated Press

The NFL announced late Sunday — after rumors swirled for weeks — that pop star Katy Perry will headline the Pepsi Super Bowl halftime show on Feb. 1 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Arizona.

Perry, 30, has dominated the charts since releasing her debut in 2008, including nine No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Her surprise effort, 2013's multiplatinum "Teenage Dream," matched the record Michael Jackson set with "Bad" for most songs from a single album to hit No. 1 with five.

Handler calls remark racist, apologizes again

Daniel Handler apologized again for racial comments he made while hosting the Nation-

Book Awards and promised to back up his words with his wallet.

The best-selling author also known as "Lemony Snicket" tweeted Nov. 21 that his remarks two nights earlier, centering on a joke about black author Jacqueline Woodson being allergic to watermelon, were "monstrously inappropriate and yes, racist." Handler pledged \$10,000 to a campaign for diversity in publishing and added that for 24 hours he would match donations up to \$100,000. On Nov. 20, he tweeted that his humor "clearly failed."

Other news

"Glee" actor Chris Colfer is planning many return trips to the Land of Stories. Publisher Little, Brown and Company said Monday the actor best known for "Glee" has a multi-book deal. Colfer has two more "Land of Stories" installments planned, the fourth and fifth of his best-selling middle grade series, coming in July 2015 and July 2016.



Perry

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Pot sellers wooing holiday shoppers

By KRISTEN WYATT
The Associated Press

DENVER — That's not mistletoe.

From new marijuana strains for the holidays to gift sets and pot-and-pumpkin pies, the burgeoning marijuana industry in Colorado is scrambling to get a piece of the holiday shopping dollar. Dispensaries in many states have been offering holiday specials for medical customers for years but this first season of open-to-all-adults marijuana sales in some states means pot shops are using more of the tricks used by traditional retailers to attract holiday shoppers.

Here's a look at how the new recreational marijuana industry is trying to attract holiday shoppers:

■ **Old-fashioned doorbusters.** Traditional retailers sell some items below cost to drive traffic and attract sales. Recreational marijuana retailers are doing the

same. The Grass Station in Denver is selling an ounce of marijuana for \$50 — about a fifth of the cost of the next-cheapest strain at the Colorado dispensary — to the first 16 customers in line Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That works out to less than \$1 per joint for the ambitious early rising pot shopper. Owner Ryan Fox said his Black Friday pot is decent quality, and he's selling below cost to attract attention and to pick up some new customers.

■ **Visions of sugar plums.** Sweets and marijuana seem to go together like hot chocolate and marshmallows. Many dispensaries this time of year resemble a Starbucks at the mall, with holiday spices and festive music in the air. One of the state's largest edible-pot makers, Sweet Grass Kitchen, debuted a new, miniature pumpkin pie that delivers about as much punch as a medium-sized joint. The pie joins holiday-spiced tea, minty pot confections and

cannabis-infused honey oil for those who want to bake their own pot goodies at home.

■ **Holiday strains.** Some shops are angling for high-end holiday shoppers, not an increase in foot traffic. Colorado Harvest and Evergreen Apothecary timed the release of some top-shelf strains of potent pot for the holiday season. Spokeswoman Ann Dickerson said they're "sort of like the best bourbon or scotch that will be competing on quality, rather than price."

■ **Gift wrapping.** What holiday shopper doesn't appreciate free gift wrapping? Or a gift set ready to pop under the tree? The Growing Kitchen is making \$49.99 gift sets for both medical and recreational pot users. The sets include the edible-pot maker's new Mighty Mint cookie, a pot-infused confection set for the holiday shopping season, along with marijuana-infused salves for muscles sore from the ski slopes.

■ **Gift card.** For the shopper

who wants to give pot but doesn't know how the recipient likes to get high, Colorado's 300 or so recreational dispensaries so far have been able to issue only handwritten gift certificates. That's because banking regulations prohibit major credit cards companies from being able to back marijuana-related gift cards the way they do for other retailers.

Just this month, a Colorado company started offering pot shops a branded gift card they can sell just like other retailers.

■ **Cannagifts for the mail.** Just because marijuana can't legally leave Colorado doesn't mean dispensaries don't have items for out-of-state friends and family. Some dispensaries are highlighting some noncannabis gift items — things like T-shirts, rolling papers and lotions made with legal herbs. The sets are for shoppers who want to give a taste of Colorado's new marijuana industry without breaking federal law by mailing it or taking it out of state.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 25)	\$1.1234
Dollar buys (Nov. 25)	€0.7853
British pound (Nov. 25)	\$1.60
Japanese yen (Nov. 25)	¥116.00
South Korean won (Nov. 25)	₩1,084.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.6371
British pound	\$1.5688/0.6374
Canada (dollar)	1.1251
China (Yuan)	6.1417
Denmark (Krone)	5.9883
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.2422/0.8050
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7564
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Norway (Krone)	6.7766
Philippines (Peso)	44.99
Poland (Zloty)	3.3238
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7518
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3046
South Korea (Won)	1,117.15
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9682
Thailand (Baht)	32.83
Turkey (New Lira)	1.2200

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one euro, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.02

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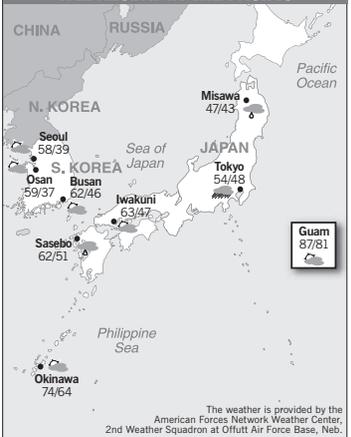
TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



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Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	57	36	Cld	Chatanooga	55	34	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	31	23	Cldy	Louisville	43	28	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	37	25	Cldy	Cheyenne	40	29	Cir	Fresno	64	45	Cir	Lubbock	54	34	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	49	30	Pcldy	Chicago	29	24	Snow	Goodland	52	25	Cldy	Macon	58	41	Cldy
Albuquerque	47	26	Cir	Cincinnati	40	28	Cldy	Grand Junction	37	22	Cldy	Madison	50	25	Snow
Allentown, Pa.	52	34	Pcldy	Cleveland	37	26	Cldy	Grand Rapids	32	25	Snow	Medford	53	39	Pcldy
Anchorage	30	24	Cldy	Colorado Springs	54	30	Cldy	Great Falls	41	25	Cldy	Memphis	51	34	Pcldy
Ashville	52	34	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	60	45	Cldy	Green Bay	29	24	Cldy	Miami Beach	82	73	Cir
Atlanta	56	39	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	57	41	Cldy	Harrisburg	57	35	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	56	34	Pcldy
Atlantic City	60	38	Pcldy	Columbus, Ohio	39	29	Cldy	Hartford	57	35	Pcldy	Milwaukee	28	21	Snow
Austin	63	37	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	54	27	Pcldy	Havana	42	32	Snow	Mpls-St Paul	26	22	Cldy
Baltimore	57	37	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	69	45	Pcldy	Helena	42	32	Snow	Missoula	38	24	Snow
Baton Rouge	60	37	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	63	40	Pcldy	Honolulu	83	68	Cir	Mobile	37	37	Cir
Bilings	40	27	Cldy	Dayton	37	26	Cir	Houston	65	41	Cldy	Montgomery	59	37	Cir
Birmingham	56	37	Pcldy	Daytona Beach	73	59	Rain	Huntsville	54	32	Pcldy	Nashville	50	31	Pcldy
Bismark	40	22	Snow	Denver	48	29	Cldy	Indianapolis	34	24	Cldy	New Orleans	59	42	Gcra
Boise	49	38	Cldy	Des Moines	37	29	Pcldy	Jacksonville	59	35	Pcldy	New York City	54	37	Pcldy
Boston	61	37	Pcldy	Detroit	35	25	Cldy	Jacksonville	65	47	Rain	Newark	56	37	Cir
Bridgport	56	37	Cldy	Duluth	23	15	Cldy	Janeau	39	26	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	41	46	Cir
Brownsville	71	45	Pcldy	El Paso	52	28	Cir	Kansas City	42	31	Cir	North Platte	48	25	Cir
Buffalo	37	30	Rain	Elkins	42	29	Cldy	Key West	73	52	Cir	Oklaahoma City	48	27	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	48	29	Pcldy	Erie	38	31	Cir	Knoxville	52	35	Pcldy	Omaha	40	27	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	47	28	Cldy	Evansville	58	42	Cldy	Lake Charles	61	39	Pcldy	Orlando	63	49	Rain
Charleston, S.C.	64	48	Rain	Fargo	27	12	Cldy	Lansing	32	23	Snow	Paducah	42	26	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	47	32	Cir	Flagstaff	49	35	Cir	Las Vegas	63	44	Cir	Pendleton	58	44	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	58	40	Cldy	Fort Smith	53	33	Cir	Lexington	43	26	Pcldy	Pesca	33	23	Cir
							Lincoln	44	28	Pcldy	Philadelphia	55	40	Pcldy	
							Little Rock	55	35	Cir	Phoenix	68	47	Cir	
							Los Angeles	84	56	Cir	Pittsburgh	40	28	Cldy	
											Pocatello	45	35	Cir	
											Portland, Maine	55	32	Pcldy	
											Portland, Ore.	56	48	Rain	
											Providence	59	37	Cir	
											Pueblo	55	24	Pcldy	
											Raleigh-Durham	63	40	Cldy	
											Rapid City	47	24	Cldy	
											Reno	58	31	Cir	
											Richmond	60	41	Cldy	
											Roanoke	57	36	Pcldy	
											Rochester	40	30	Cir	
											Rockford	27	21	Cir	
											Sacramento	66	42	Cir	
											St Louis	39	29	Cir	
											St Petersburg	76	61	Rain	
											St Thomas	82	81	Cir	
											Salt Lake City	44	34	Snow	
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											San Angelo	59	35	Cir	
											San Antonio	64	39	Pcldy	
											San Diego	78	55	Cir	
											San Francisco	70	52	Cir	
											San Jose	72	48	Rain	
											Santa Fe	42	18	Cir	
											St. St. Marie	27	19	Snow	
											Savannah	64	48	Rain	
											Seattle	56	51	Cir	
											Shreveport	62	37	Cir	

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OPINION

Online erasure: a request to be forgiven

By RICHARD J. PELTZ-STEELE

British media recently reported the outrage of a murdered girl's father upon hearing that Google would erase from some search results the 2007 conviction of her killer, Ronald Castree. The imprisoned man has no "right to be forgotten," the father of the 11-year-old, who was stabbed a dozen times in 1975, told the media.

In fact, Castree will not be forgotten. But how Google has responded to a May ruling by the European Court of Justice has flustered speech advocates on both sides of the Atlantic.

The victor in the European case was a Spanish man unhappy with 1998 newspaper reports revealing a long-ago debt. A search for the man's name on Google Spain no longer turns up the reports since the court gave teeth to the "right to be forgotten" — a legal process meant to give people a chance to be beyond data in discretions made forever current by electronic search engines. In reaction to the ruling, Google created an online complaint process for E.U. citizens to seek "erasure." The company is now suppressing tens of thousands of results in searches for certain terms, especially names.

In the Castree case, Google explained, the complaint was filed not by the convicted man but someone else identified in the news coverage. Searches for that name on Google UK no longer return links to Castree stories. Other terms, such as "Castree," will find the links, as will searches on other Google home pages, such as the main Google.com. That's far from "erasure."

However, stories that name fewer people or have received little coverage can be much harder to find after they are "de-indexed" by Google. A story may remain on a newspaper server, but a Web surfer has to know where and how to find it. That

Orwellian variability in information access hit U.S. and U.K. journalists crying censorship.

In September in Luxembourg, Google global privacy counsel Peter Fleischer told an audience of European lawyers and data officials that Google is being inundated with a thousand erasure requests a day. The European court gave no guidance for how to handle such cases going forward. Is any crime eligible for erasure? How much time needs to elapse? Should an art dealer, Fleischer pondered, ever be aided in concealing a former fraud?

Fleischer also conceded that Google has not yet applied erasure beyond the national level. So any user in the world can find missing links by switching to U.S.-based Google.com. That disparity has prompted critics to accuse Google of evading the European ruling.

Google's erasures will continue to intensify hand-wringing over Internet censorship. There are legitimate debates to be had over what merits suppression, who should decide and whether de-indexing will lead to search results that vary based on nationality or a searcher's knowing where and how to look.

But in a broader context, the Europeans are not completely wrong. We Americans should not let our allergy to bureaucracy cause us to throw out the baby with the bath water. The right to be forgotten has much to commend it within the libertarian ethos that defines the U.S. legal system.

Describing the "right to be forgotten," at the same program in Luxembourg, Belgian professor Cécile de Terwangne contrasted the "eternal effect" of the Internet with human memory. A Web page locks a person into a past identity. But in the natural course of the human condition, a person grows and matures.

The right to be forgotten, or to erasure,

The Keystone XL, politics and the snail darter

By ANN McFEATHERS
 Tribune News Service

Surprisingly, the snail darter is not extinct.

As you busily prepare for the holidays (you are getting ready, aren't you?), you might wonder why this is an issue, let alone what it has to do with polar bears, mammoth butterflies and, good grief, President Barack Obama and pipeline politics.

But it sort of is all about life itself. A nod from ancient history, circa 1973. The snail darter is a 3-inch fish (the perch family) that lived only in a freshwater river in eastern Tennessee. Only truly desperate fishermen knew it existed until the Tellico Dam was proposed. Building the dam, environmentalists fretted, would propel the little darter into extinction. The scoffers came out in droves: "What? Kill a dam because of a stupid little fish nobody even eats?"

And thus was born the concept of protecting endangered species with multiple federal laws, a zillion regulations and an interesting concept. We do not know what species might ultimately have cured cancer or other diseases if we had not destroyed them. We do not know future consequences of tampering with nature.

But progress demands that we build, create jobs, modify our environment and change.

In the 1970s, before the \$8 billion Trans-Alaska pipeline was built, the issue was great. The population has dropped 90 percent in less than two decades. Scientists are

recent University of Michigan study found the pipeline hasn't bothered them.

Back to the snail darter. In stepped the Supreme Court. The dam was built. The Tennessee Valley Authority went into hyperdrive (well, as much as any bureaucracy can), and the darter successfully was transferred to other Tennessee river systems.

The snail darter is annually monitored and is still threatened. But it is no longer endangered.

And that brings us to today.

The U.S. Geological Survey has been studying polar bears since 1985. It and Environment Canada recently ascertained that polar bears tracked by satellites from 2012 to 2014 in the southern Beaufort Sea have been disappearing at an alarming rate. Cubs are starving to death. From 1,600 in 2004, the area's ursus maritimus population declined to 900. Two of 80 cubs tracked in those six years survived.

Granted, polar bears are not cuddly, sweet animals. They are ferocious beasts, but fascinating barometers of environmental health. Witness the rapt human faces at any polar bear exhibit. They are dying, scientists agree, because of climate change. (And guess what? The most passionate climate change denier in national politics, Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., will soon head the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.)

Which naturally brings us to monarch butterflies, whose delightful, totally infatigable population has dropped 90 percent in less than two decades. Scientists are

frantically trying to prevent the extinction of butterflies and hundreds of other threatened species.

Thus, we arrive at the topic of the day — approving the final stretch of the Keystone XL pipeline supposed to take oil from the tar sands of Canada down through southern United States. Opponents insist it will increase the use of fossil fuels and irreversibly change the environment. Supporters claim it will create jobs and provide energy.

After furious debate, the Democratic-controlled Senate tentatively failed to approve the pipeline, but the new GOP-controlled Congress will quickly approve it. The milquetoast in the White House infamously has failed to say what he thinks (albeit threatening a veto until the State Department "process" — it is an international pipeline — is finished).

Once again, Obama is kicking the can down the road. (Just how often can we do that cliché? To infinity and beyond.)

As is often true, supporters of the pipeline have vastly overstated its advantages while opponents have gone to extremes in condemning it.

The snail darter brings us back to reality. There are acceptable tradeoffs. The dam was built; the darter is not extinct.

Protecting endangered species and the environment is vital; we do not know what we don't know. But we must make tradeoffs — and timely decisions off the fence.

Mr. President, get off the fence.

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OPINION

US must make unhappy choices on Syria

By DENNIS ROSS

It should come as no surprise that the Obama administration continues to wrestle with its approach to Syria. There are no good options in a war that has claimed 200,000 lives and displaced nearly 10 million people. President Barack Obama is right to say that there are no magic solutions, yet he also clearly understands that avoidance is not an alternative if we are to achieve his declared objective of degrading and eventually destroying the Islamic State. Leaving the terrorist group with a haven in Syria ensures it both an ability to wreak havoc in Iraq and an operational space from which to plan, recruit and, in time, carry out attacks worldwide.

Every option, however, also presents us with dilemmas. Already, our bombing of Islamic State targets in Syria has freed the Assad regime to intensify its bombardment of the non-Islamic State opposition. As these forces see our attacks against the Islamic State as a sign of weakness, we are alienating the very groups we hope will replace the Islamic State. But the administration avoids attacking Syrian regime targets at least in part because it fears Iran's response — not so much in Syria but in Iraq. As one senior administration official told me, if we attack Bashar Assad's positions, the Iranians will unleash the Shiite militias against our presence in Iraq.

Surely we must consider the possibility that Iran's stake in Assad could produce a response. But does that stake supersede the more immediate threat the Islamic State poses to Iran and its proxies in Iraq? Are the Iranians fighting the Islamic State in Iraq as a favor to us? It is hard to believe that Iran would seek to weaken the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq to safeguard Assad.

Still, there is no mistaking that the administration has shied away from attacking Syrian regime targets. When Hisham Melhem, of Al Arabiya News, wrote this month that the real reason the administration does not hit Assad's positions is

because it would "negatively impact Iran's posture in the negotiations" on the nuclear issue, he was voicing the views of many in the region.

Here again, we see a dilemma. The reluctance to hit Assad, particularly if motivated by sensitivity to Iranian concerns, feeds the disquiet of our Sunni Arab partners. The Saudis, Emirates and others already ready fear that any nuclear deal will come at their expense, and they are clearly unsettled by talk of a possible U.S. detente with Iran.

To be sure, a detente would be beneficial if it could change Iran's posture in the region. Unfortunately, there is very little sign that the Islamic Republic has any such intention; on the contrary, Iranians seem intent on changing the regional balance of power in their favor, with some openly speaking of their pre-eminent influence in four Arab capitals: Baghdad, Damascus, Beirut and Sana. Such triumphalism deepens Sunni doubts about us — and it is ultimately the Sunnis who matter if the Islamic State is to be defeated.

Put simply, only the Sunnis — the leaders, the tribes, the public — can discredit the Islamic State. We can't. Iran and its Shiite militias can't. And if the Assad regime were to increase its attacks against the non-Islamic State opposition with impunity, and with no meaningful support provided to that opposition, we will not have the Sunnis. Worse, we run the risk that the Islamic State will come to be seen as the protector of the Sunnis.

So we are left with unhappy choices. The administration's announced effort to train and equip 5,000 opposition forces in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere awaits funding by Congress — and even the vetting process has not begun. There are limits to what can be accomplished by dramatically increasing the CIA's training program — and recently the very forces the program had been arming were overrun by the Nusra Front, with their weapons either lost or given to fighters in the al-Qaida affiliate. Our current path in Syria looks largely cynical and clearly risks losing the



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A Syrian Kurd rests his hand on the barbed-wire fence that marks the Turkey-Syria border on the outskirts of Kobani, Syria, seen from the Turkish side of the border. Kobani has been under assault by Islamic State extremists since mid-September.

Sunnis.

Perhaps it is time for the administration to rethink its position on creating a buffer for the Syrian opposition along the Turkish-Syrian border. The buffer could be created by declaring that any Syrian aircraft that flies within 75 miles of the border will be shot down by the Patriot batteries that NATO has deployed along the border.

The buffer area would address a variety of needs. Politically, it would give the opposition an area within Syria to organize, coalesce and overcome their differences; militarily, it would provide a base to train in Syria, providing forces there far greater legitimacy; and from a humanitarian standpoint, it would provide a haven at a time when Syrian refugees are being blocked from entering Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

In return for creating such a buffer zone, we could insist that Turkey begin to actively partner with us against the Islamic State

and allow its bases to be used in the fight. Similarly, we would tell the Saudis, Emiratis and Qataris that they must meet the material needs of the refugees and strictly coordinate with us the military training within the buffer zone.

The Iranians, Russians and Assad will not like this option — and could try to raise the costs of pursuing it. But their options are also not great. Does Assad really want to lose his aircraft? As for the Iranians and the Russians, the possibility of increased costs could finally motivate them to seek a political way out of the Syrian conflict.

No option is cost-free. But our current path offers little on Syria and may actually undermine our objectives against the Islamic State.

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Ukraine: the invasion that dare not say its name

By TRUDEY RUBIN

The Philadelphia Inquirer

It's time for President Barack Obama to start using the I-word when referring to Russia's assault on Ukraine. I mean invasion.

The world is witnessing a Russian invasion of a neighboring country, something that has happened only once since the Soviet Union (except for Russia's 2008 invasion of Georgia).

As U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, NATO's top commander, stated bluntly last week: "Russian tanks, Russian artillery, Russian air defense systems, and Russian combat troops" have been moving into Ukraine. Repeatedly. "What worries me the most," Breedlove told reporters in Bulgaria, is that the Russia-Ukraine border is "completely porous. [Russian] forces, money, support, supplies, weapons are flowing back and forth across this border completely at will."

Yet so many of the president nor his European allies have been willing to call this influx an invasion. (Obama is edging closer but isn't there yet.) U.S. officials fear that using the I-word would provoke Vladimir Putin.

In fact, the opposite is true. Unless the West puts pressure around Putin, the Russian leader will complete his project of

dismembering Ukraine and threaten other European states.

Of course, there's a political reason for the West's word games. "If they say it's an invasion, it would make people ask, 'Why aren't you doing more?'" said the Atlantic Council's John Herbst, a former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, "especially since this is happening in the heart of Europe."

Washington and the European Union have imposed economic sanctions on Moscow, which have hurt a Russian economy reeling from low oil prices but haven't moved Putin. U.S. and European officials have clung to the hope that sanctions will impel Putin to abide by the Minsk accord, a September deal between Kiev and Moscow. The accord was supposed to guarantee the sanctity of Ukraine's borders while ensuring that Russian-speakers in Ukraine's east gain autonomy and language rights — something Kiev was willing to grant.

However, Russia has violated the Minsk accords from the start.

Put in simple terms, troops and hundreds of military trainers across into Ukraine to create a proxy army in the east. Its goal: to separate the Donbass region, including the districts of Donetsk and Luhansk, from the rest of the country and link them to Russia. Many of the fighters are Russian citizens or mercenaries. They wear Russian uniforms in unmarked uniforms and vehicles.

Putin has recognized a fake "elected government" in those two districts — a gross violation of the Minsk accord. He demands that Kiev negotiate with these proxies rather than their handlers in Moscow. Kiev rightly refuses.

All the while, Putin, his officials, and the Russian media lie with straight faces about this, just as they did about the Russian "green men" who invaded and occupied Crimea earlier this year. By refusing to confront Putin about his current invasion of eastern Ukraine, the West helps him sustain the fiction that his proxy war is a spontaneous revolt.

There is a ton of evidence to the contrary, even beyond what the West has collected from satellite photos. A few examples: European monitors, as well as Western and Russian journalists, have seen Russian military convoys cross the border, and convoys of dead Russian soldiers' bodies cross back. Russian journalists and soldiers' rights groups have reported on sectarian violence in the region and have been beaten for doing so, since the government denies to its own people that any of its forces are in Ukraine.

One Moscow contact told me of a friend's son, a Russian contract soldier wounded in Ukraine, who is being forced to accept treatment at a remote regional hospital rather than in Moscow because the gov-

ernment wants to keep the casualties secret. Russian polls show that 68 percent of the public would oppose having a relative sent to fight in Ukraine.

So it's past time that the White House started talking publicly about the Russian invasion of Ukraine — including Vice President Joe Biden when he travels to Kiev this week. And once the I-word is used, it's also time for Obama to rethink his refusal to send defensive weapons to Ukraine. If he won't act, Congress should.

U.S. officials argue that there is no military solution to the Ukraine conflict. But Putin hasn't gotten that message. Russia is building up its forces on the Ukraine border and looks ready to seize a land corridor in southern Ukraine to link Russia to Crimea.

"If you send arms now, it might keep Putin from making the next land grab," said Herbst. "Not giving arms increases the risk, increases the chance of escalation."

In other words, the only thing that may make Putin think twice and return to diplomacy is if the cost of an escalated invasion will be too high, including the risk that his public will learn about casualties.

It's time to stop enabling Putin by refusing to call his invasion by its rightful name.

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11. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 110
12. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 107
13. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 102
14. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 8
15. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 8
16. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 6
17. Jules Bianchi, France, Marussia, 2

Constructors Standings

1. Mercedes, 701 points.
2. Red Bull, 405.
3. Williams, 200.
4. Ferrari, 216.
5. Lotus, 181.
6. Force India, 155.
7. Saubert, 150.
8. Lotus, 10.
9. Marussia, 2.

Deals

Sunday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Acquired 18 Ike Davis and international bonus slug from Pittsburgh for international bonus slug 27. Designated OF Andrew Brown for assignment.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS - Recalled C Stephen Weiss from his conditioning loan to Grand Rapids (AHL).
RENO HATSHEARS - Reassigned F Rocco Grimaldi to San Antonio (AHL).

COLLEGE

CONNECTICUT - Suspended G Omar Calhoun, F Rakin Lubin, G Dan Guest, and F Kevin Lewis from the men's basketball team for the championship game of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off for violating team rules.

College football

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, are ranked through Nov. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1.	Florida St. (37)	11-0	1458	11
2.	Alabama (21)	10-1	1458	10
3.	Oregon (2)	10-1	1393	3
4.	Mississippi St.	10-1	1301	4
5.	Baylor	10-1	1233	5
6.	TCU	9-1	1233	5
7.	Ohio St.	9-2	1002	9
8.	Georgia	9-2	1002	9
9.	UCI	10-1	998	10
10.	Michigan St.	9-2	971	10
11.	Kansas St.	8-2	898	12
12.	Arizona	8-2	807	15
13.	Arizona St.	9-2	790	13
14.	Wisconsin	9-2	790	13
15.	Auburn	8-3	597	16
16.	Georgia Tech	9-2	581	16
17.	Missouri	9-2	525	19
18.	Mississippi	9-3	398	8
19.	Marshall	11-0	384	18
20.	Oklahoma	8-3	363	23
21.	Georgia Tech	9-2	363	23
22.	Minnesota	8-3	322	NR
23.	Clemson	8-3	322	NR
24.	Louisiana	8-3	319	NR
25.	Boise St.	8-2	96	NR

Receiving votes

1. LSU, Nebraska 14, Utah 14, Duke 9, Memphis 9, Wake Forest 9, Texas A&M 9, West Virginia 2, UCF 1.

Coaches Top 25

The Amway Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, is ranked through Nov. 22, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

Rank	Coach	Record	Pts	Pv
1.	Alabama (25)	11-0	1462	11
2.	Florida State (30)	11-0	1462	11
3.	Arizona (1)	10-1	1431	10
4.	Mississippi State (1)	10-1	1323	4
5.	TCU	9-1	1259	5
6.	Georgia Tech	9-2	1052	9
7.	Ohio State	10-1	1011	9
8.	Mississippi State	9-2	974	9
9.	Georgia	9-2	1002	10
10.	Arizona	8-2	911	10
11.	Kansas State	8-2	911	10
12.	Arizona	8-2	911	10
13.	Arizona State	9-2	783	14
14.	Wisconsin	9-2	758	15
15.	Georgia Tech	9-2	581	16
16.	Auburn	8-3	565	17
17.	Missouri	9-2	525	19
18.	Oklahoma	8-3	420	22
19.	Mississippi	11-0	390	18
20.	TCU	11-0	390	18
21.	Colorado State	11-0	304	23
22.	Mississippi State	10-1	238	NR
23.	Louisville	8-2	208	NR
24.	South Carolina	8-3	203	NR
25.	Boise State	8-2	98	NR

Others receiving votes

1. Nebraska 47, Yale 15, Cincinnati 17, Louisiana Tech 17, Stanford 7, Duke 7, Southern California 4, Texas Tech 4, A&M 4, Northern Illinois 3, Iowa 1, Notre Dame 1; Utah State 1.

TSN FCS poll

The TSN FCS poll - The top 25 teams in the 2014 National Football Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, are ranked through Nov. 22, points and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1.	New Hampshire (93)	11-0	386	93
2.	North Dakota State (39)	11-1	347	39
3.	Montana State (10)	10-1	347	10
4.	Eastern Washington (10)	10-2	319	5
5.	North Dakota	11-1	278	2
6.	Illinois State	10-1	278	8
7.	Fordham	10-2	262	7
8.	North Carolina	10-2	262	7
9.	Southwestern Louisiana	9-3	232	10
10.	Harvard	10-0	162	15
11.	South Dakota State	8-4	159	16
12.	Chattanooga	9-3	154	20
13.	Eastern Kentucky	9-3	148	14
14.	Montana State	10-1	148	14
15.	Richmond	8-4	130	21
16.	Sam Houston State	8-4	130	21
17.	Liberty	8-4	68	NR
18.	Youngstown State	7-5	55	20
19.	Bethune-Cookman	7-5	46	22
20.	William & Mary	7-5	46	22
21.	Idaho State	7-5	39	18
22.	Indiana State	7-5	39	18

Others receiving votes

- 350, McNeese State 261, North Carolina 7, Yale 7, Stephen F. Austin 74, Charleston 74, Kutztown 74, Kent State 74, Samford 23, Southern Illinois 22, Western Carolina 22, Alcorn State 21, Poly T, Dartmouth 16, Northern Arizona 16, Washington State 11, Eastern Washington 11, Bucknell 9, South Carolina State 8, Wagner 7, North Carolina Central 6, Jackson State 6, Western Carolina 6, Central Arkansas 1, Albany 3, Sacramento State 3, Central Arkansas 1.

FCS playoffs

First Round
Saturday, Dec. 20
 Sacred Heart (9-5) at Eastern Michigan (9-3)
 Morgan St. (7-5) at Richmond (8-4)
 Southeastern Louisiana (9-3) at Sam Houston St. (8-4)
 North Carolina St. (8-4) at Montana St. (8-4)

Second Round
Saturday, Dec. 20
 Missouri Valley (9-2) at Grand View (10-1)
 Linden (10-1) at Carroll (10-1)
 Linden Wilson (Ky.) (10-2) at Saint Xavier (Ill.) (9-5)

Seminals
Saturday, Dec. 6
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Sunday's men's scores

EAST
 Bethune-Cookman 65, CCSU 60
 North 62, Washio 60
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 Fairfield 80, South Dakota 72, OT
 Rutgers 51, Francis (N.Y.) 73
 Holy Cross 101, Nichols 70
 Colgate 64, Fordham 57
 Molloy 71, Chestnut Hill 66
 Penn St. Vincent 61, Penn St.-Altoona 68

MIDWEST
 UAB 85, Jackson St. 50
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 Radford 58, Catawba 26
 Shaw 68, Appalachian 70
 St. Andrews 94, Reinhardt 88
 UMass Lowell 69, UConn 69
 Vanderbilt 78, Tennessee 56
 UCF 76, U.S. Interstate 69

SOUTH
 American U. 51, Morehead St. 46
 Georgia 74, FAU 61
 Kentucky 85, Montana St. 28
 Louisiana Tech 76, Presbyterian 48
 Mississippi 80, Arizona 74
 NC State 68, South Florida 65
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 UMass Lowell 69, UConn 69
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First Round
Saturday, Nov. 22
 West Chester 46, Slippery Rock 20
 Virginia State 28, LIU Post 17
 Angelo State 42, Michigan Tech 41
 West Georgia 20, Tuskegee 17
 Valdosta State 33, North Alabama 31
 Minnesota Duluth 25, Northwest Missouri State 25
 Pittsburg State 59, Harding 42
 Ohio Dominican 34, Colorado Mines 23

Second Round
Saturday, Nov. 29
 West Chester (11-1) at Concord (W.Va.) (10-1)
 Virginia State (9-2) at Bloomsburg (10-1)
 Virginia State (9-2) at Lenoir-Rhyne (11-0)
 Dominican (10-1) at Ferris State (11-0)
 West Georgia (10-2) at Delta St. (9-1)
 Minnesota Duluth (12-0) at Ouachita Baptist (10-0)
 Angelo State (9-2) at Colorado State Pueblo (10-1)
 CS Bakersfield 92, North Dakota 88, 2OT
 Pittsburg State (11-1) at Minnesota State (Mankato) (11-0)

Division III playoffs

First Round
Saturday, Nov. 22
 Washburn 33, Franklin 29
 Widener 36, Muhlenberg 35
 Christendom Newport 29, Delaware Valley 26
 Wesley 52, Hampden-Sydney 16
 St. John's (Md.) 11-0
 Johns Hopkins 24, Rowan 7
 Hobart 22, Ithaca 15
 John Carroll 63, Centre (Ky.) 28
 Washington & Jefferson 41, Wittenberg 25
 Mount Union 63, Adrian 3
 Wisconsin-Whitewater 55, Macalester 25

Sunday, Nov. 23
 Mary Hardin-Baylor 27, Texas Lutheran 20, comp. of susp. game

Second Round

Saturday, Nov. 29
 Widener (11-0) vs. Christopher Newport (11-0)
 MIT (10-1) at Wesley (10-1)
 Johns Hopkins (11-0) at Hobart (11-0)
 Washington & Jefferson (10-1) at Mount Union (11-0)
 Washburn (11-0) at Wisconsin-Whitewater (11-0)
 St. John's (Minn.) (10-1) at Wartburg (11-0)
 Linfield (9-1) at Mary Hardin-Baylor (11-0)
 John Carroll (10-1) at Wheaton (Ill.) (11-0)

NAIA playoffs

First Round
Saturday, Nov. 29
 Carroll (Mont.) 49, Valley City State 0
 Grand View 28, Langston 3
 Saint Xavier 38, Campbellville 35
 Linden Wilson 28, Adirondack 28
 Missouri Valley 20, Northwestern (Iowa) 17, 2OT
 Linden Wilson 20, Faulkner 17
 Marian (Ind.) 34, Georgetown (Ky.) 3
 Southern Oregon 44, MidAmerica Nazarene 26

Quarterfinals

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 Missouri Valley (9-2) at Morningside (Iowa) (10-1)
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USVI Paradise Jam

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 Seton Hall 85, Gardner-Webb 67

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EAST
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 Calicut 76, Bridgewater (Va.) 45
 Dominican 97, Dowling 59
 Lafayette 64, Maryland 67
 Lehman 76, Penn St.-Abington 61
 Lincoln 63, American 50
 Robert Morris 84, UConn 56
 Vermont 65, LMBC 60
 Sacred Heart 59, Saint Vincent 59
 Susquehanna 61, Penn St.-Harrisburg 41

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 UConn 74, Keystone 65
 Virginia Tech 72, Coppin State 69
 Cleveland St. 73, FIU 65
 Duke 83, Marquette 67

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 Cleveland St. 73, FIU 65
 Duke 83, Marquette 67
 East Carolina 71, Bethune-Cookman 41
 FAU 90, W. Illinois 88
 George Mason 71, Coll. of Charleston 67

Georgia
 Georgia 74, Georgia Tech 57
 Georgia Tech 74, Saint-Bernard 49
 James Madison 80, Pittsburgh 64
 Louisiana 50, Ball St. 56
 McNeese 51, Southeast Miss. 55
 Middle Tennessee 71, Mississippi 65
 Memphis 67, Memphis 57
 Oglethorpe 74, Emory & Henry 59
 Jacksonville 67, Jacksonville 47
 South Carolina 89, South Carolina 38
 Virginia 66, Auburn 57
 Wake Forest 65, Wake Forest 54
 Yale 66, Kent St. 59
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL/NHL



RICARDO ARJUNO/AP

West Virginia guard Juwan Staten, left, goes to the basket Sunday against UConn guard Rodney Purvis in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Top 25 roundup

Turnovers doom No. 17 Huskies

The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Defending national champion Connecticut came to the Puerto Rico Tip-Off this week hoping to get an idea of what it needed to work on to be in a position to defend its title.

It left without another trophy, but with a very clear idea that it needs more work to make another deep run in March.

The No. 17 Huskies (3-1) had a season-high 19 turnovers and never led in the game as they fell 78-68 to former Big East Rival West Virginia in the championship game of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off. Ryan Boatright led the Huskies (3-1) with 17 points. Daniel Hamilton added 15 points and 11 rebounds. But Hamilton also led the team with eight turnovers, which Connecticut coach Kevin Ollie said will be a point of focus going forward.

“They did a real good job pressuring us,” Ollie said. “We had some bad turnovers... that we were trying not to have. All of our guys are going to learn from this.”

Juwan Staten had 23 points and West Virginia (5-0) held off several second-half runs by the Huskies.

Jonathan Holton and Daxter Miles, Jr. added 10 points each. “I’ve got my kind of guys again,” Huggins said. “I’ve got guys that are just going to keep swinging, you know? These two freshmen (Jevon Carter and Daxter Miles, Jr.) are special freshmen. You just don’t find freshmen that have the courage to take the shots that those guys take.”

Staten was named the tournament Most Valuable Player. Teammate Devin Williams also joined him on the all-tournament team.

Staten said the team didn’t start working on their full court pressure until a few days prior to the tournament. Huggins said it’s a

little sporadic and in need of fine tuning, but Staten and his teammates like the pace it creates.

“Coaches have us pumped up from the start of the season just letting us know that we’re a special team and that we really have a chance to do something special,” Staten said.

No. 11 Wichita State 105, Newman 57: Ron Baker scored 16 of his 18 points in the first half, leading host Wichita State. Darius Carter scored 15 and Fred VanVleet added 12 for the Shockers (3-0), who led 67-33 at halftime against Newman (2-1).

No. 18 Oklahoma 90, Northwestern State 68: Isaiah Cousins scored 20 points to help host Oklahoma rebound from its first loss of the season. Oklahoma (2-1) came out flat against Northwestern State (2-2) before seizing control of the game during the final 10 minutes of the first half, extending a one-point lead to a 50-30 advantage by halftime.

No. 20 Ohio State 106, Sacred Heart 48: Angelo Russell scored 32 points and Shannon Scott set a school record with 16 assists to lead host Ohio State against overmatched Sacred Heart. Russell’s total tied the second most for a freshman at Ohio State, trailing only Jared Sullinger’s 40 points (along with 13 rebounds) against IUPUI in 2010.

NHL roundup

Rangers shut out Canadiens

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If a drubbing at the hands of the Tampa Bay Lightning was the wakeup call the New York Rangers really needed, they have gotten the message loud and clear.

Since a four-goal home loss to the Lightning last Monday, the Rangers have been suddenly stingy and haven’t allowed a goal in back-to-back wins. Their latest triumph was a 5-0 rout of the NHL-leading Montreal Canadiens on Sunday night.

“You get a chance to play a team that has been giving you very good, you want to see how you stack up,” said Martin St. Louis, who had a goal and assist. “You know it is a fast team, and we have to be sharp. I thought we were.”

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 21 shots for his fourth shutout, following on the heels of backup Cam Talbot’s blanking of Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Lundqvist extended his team record with his 54th career shutout, Dominic Moore scored his first goal, and Derek Stepan added his second in a dominant middle period for the Rangers, who had three days off due to a snow postponement in Buffalo.

“The prior game was also very complete,” Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said. “We knew coming in that we were playing against — at this time — the top team as far as points. We needed another very strong team effort, and that’s what we got from our group on Tuesday.”

They will get another shot at the Lightning on Wednesday.

“If we apply ourselves, if we prepare ourselves, we can play against any team in the league,”

Vigneault said. “We certainly proved that tonight.”

Carl Hagelin scored at 1:40 of the third and Rick Nash made it 5-0 with his 14th goal with 4:36 left in the second matchup between the teams since New York won the Eastern Conference finals.

Montreal (16-6-1) had won eight of nine. The Rangers were 1-8-1 against the Canadiens in the previous 10 regular-season games.

“A game like this leaves you scratching your head,” Montreal defenseman P.K. Subban said. “We will be fine. We’re still a very positive group. We have to generate more. We just didn’t play our game.”

Ducks 2, Coyotes 1: Kyle Palmieri and Patrick Maroon each scored a goal, and Ryan Kesler had two assists in the host Ducks’ victory over the Coyotes.

Frederik Andersen stopped 29 shots for the Ducks, who extend-

ed their unbeaten streak against the Coyotes to seven games. The Western

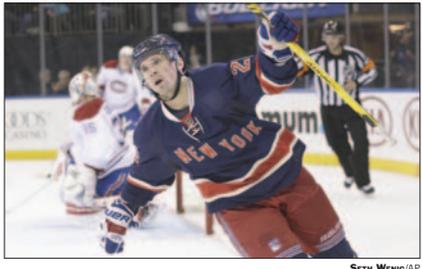
Conference-leading Ducks (13-4-5) also won in regulation for the first time in exactly three weeks.

Blues 4, Jets 2: Ryan Reaves scored the game-winner in his hometown as the visiting Blues beat the Jets.

Reaves scored 2:25 into the third period when he grabbed a loose puck near the side of Winnipeg’s net, spun around and sent a shot by goalie Ondrej Pavelec for the 3-2 lead.

Canucks 4, Blackhawks 1: Janrik Hansen scored the first hat trick of his career for the host Canucks.

Radim Vrba had the other goal for the Canucks and Ryan Miller made 24 saves as Vancouver (14-6-1) celebrated assistant captain Daniel Sedin’s 1,000th NHL game with a hard-fought win.



SETH WENIG/AP

The Rangers’ Martin St. Louis reacts after scoring during the second period Sunday against the Canadiens in New York.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
Team	G	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Montreal	22	14	6	2	30	77/60
Tampa Bay	22	14	6	2	30	77/60
Boston	22	12	9	1	26	57/52
Detroit	20	10	5	5	25	49/54
Florida	21	11	6	4	24	50/47
Ottawa	21	11	6	4	24	52/50
Washington	18	7	5	6	20	40/47
Buffalo	21	6	13	3	14	39/70

Metropolitan Division						
Team	G	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Pittsburgh	20	14	6	0	28	69/44
N.Y. Islanders	20	14	6	0	28	69/57
Carolina	20	11	7	2	24	57/52
Washington	20	9	8	3	21	56/54
New Jersey	21	9	9	3	21	53/61
New York	21	9	9	3	21	53/61
Philadelphia	21	8	10	3	19	50/50
Columbus	20	12	7	1	25	48/62

Western Conference

Central Division						
Team	G	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
St. Louis	21	14	6	1	29	57/43
Chicago	21	14	6	1	29	57/43
San Jose	21	12	8	1	25	63/44
Phoenix	20	10	8	2	22	54/51
Minnesota	21	9	8	4	22	54/51
Dallas	21	8	9	4	20	61/72
Colorado	21	9	8	5	19	53/67

Pacific Division						
Team	G	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Anaheim	21	14	6	1	29	65/61
Vancouver	21	14	6	1	29	65/61
Calgary	21	11	7	3	24	62/64
Los Angeles	21	11	6	4	26	57/64
San Jose	22	10	6	6	22	62/64
Edmonton	21	6	13	2	14	49/74

Notes: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
 St. Louis 4, Winnipeg 2
 N.Y. Rangers 5, Montreal 0
 Anaheim 2, Arizona 2
 Vancouver 4, Chicago 1
Monday’s games
 Pittsburgh at Boston
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders

Tuesday’s games

Winnipeg at Columbus	12:30
Ottawa at Dallas	7:30
Los Angeles at Nashville	7:30
Edmonton at Dallas	7:30
Colorado at Arizona	7:30
New Jersey at Vancouver	7:30
Calgary at Anaheim	7:30

Sunday

Canucks 4, Blackhawks 1

First Period—1, Vancouver, Hansen 6 (Horvat, Dorsett), 13:13.
Second Period—2, Chicago, Versteeg 7 (Kotli, Seabrook), 7:25 (pp).
Third Period—3, Vancouver, Hansen 7 (Dorsett, Horvat), 6:24, 4, Vancouver, Vrba 10 (Tonev, H.Sedin), 17:36, 5, Vancouver, Hansen 8 (Higgins, Horvat), 18:17 (en).
Power-play opportunities—Chicago 1 of 4; Vancouver 0 of 2.
Goals—Chicago, Crawford 9-5-1 (29 shots-26 saves); Vancouver, Miller 13-9-2 (25-24).
A—18,663 (18,910). T—2:23.

Ducks 2, Coyotes 1

Arizona 0 of 1-1
Anaheim 2 of 2-2
Second Period—1, Anaheim, Palmieri 2 (Kesler, Maroon), 14:08, 2, Anaheim, Maroon 1 (Vatner, Kesler), 17:20.
Third Period—3, Arizona, Yandle 3 (Eaton, Maroon), 12:15-15-30.
Shots on goal—Arizona 4-6-17-27.
Power-play opportunities—Arizona 0 of 3; Anaheim 0 of 2.
Goals—Arizona, Smith 4-11-1 (30 shots-28 saves); Anaheim, Andersen 9-2-4 (27-26).

A—15,928 (17,174). T—2:29.

Rangers 5, Canadiens 0

Montreal 0 of 0-0
N.Y. Rangers 1 2 2-5
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, D.Moore 1 (Glass, Fast), 9:44.
Second Period—2, N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 2 (St. Louis, Kreider), 3:35, 3, N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 2 (St. Louis, Kreider), 10:00, 15:33.
Third Period—4, N.Y. Rangers, Hagelin 5 (Duchai, Hayes), 1:40, 5, N.Y. Rangers, Nash 14 (Brassard, Zuccarello), 15:24.
Shots on goal—Montreal 11-5-21, N.Y. Rangers 12-14-8-34.
Power-play opportunities—Montreal 0 of 1; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 2.
Goals—Montreal, Tokarski 3-2-0 (34 shots-29 saves); N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 8-5-1 (21-21).
A—18,006 (18,006). T—2:20.

Blues 4, Jets 2

St. Louis 0 2 2-4
Winnipeg 1 1 0-2
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Little 6 (Ladd, Wheeler), 9:04.
Second Period—2, St. Louis, Schwartz 8 (Steen, Lettner), 5:14 (pp), 3, Winnipeg, Slater 1, 9:53, 4, St. Louis, Backes 6 (Steen, Allen), 17:57 (pp).
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Shots on goal—St. Louis 9-10-10-29.
Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 2 of 5; Winnipeg 0 of 1.
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SPORTS BRIEFS

AP Source: Sandoval, Red Sox reach deal

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A person with knowledge of the deal says free agent third baseman Pablo Sandoval and the Boston Red Sox have agreed to a multiyear contract.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday because the Red Sox had not announced the agreement.

Sandoval, the 2012 World Series MVP with San Francisco, was pondering an offer from the Giants with about \$90 million over five years, two people with knowledge of that offer said, also speaking on condition of anonymity because no deal had been announced.

Sandoval met with the Red Sox last week. After winning his third World Series title in five years with San Francisco, he indicated he wanted to retire with the Giants.

In other baseball news:

■ Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and John Smoltz are among 17 newcomers on baseball's 2015 Hall of Fame ballot.

Craig Biggio, who fell two votes short of the 75 percent needed in the 2014 balloting, tops 17 holdovers on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot announced Monday. That group includes Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mike Piazza, Jeff Bagwell and Tim Lincecum.

Don Mattingly will appear on the ballot for the 15th and final time after receiving 8 percent last year.

■ The Oakland Athletics have filled their second key position in five days, acquiring first baseman Ike Davis and international bonus slot 86 from the Pittsburgh Pirates in exchange for international bonus slot 27.

■ A person with knowledge of the deal says the Seattle Mariners and All-Star third baseman Kyle Seager have agreed to a \$100 million, seven-year contract.

Seager is coming off his first All-Star Game selection and his first Gold Glove. The 27-year-old hit .268 with a career-high 25 homers and 96 RBIs.

Russian hockey coach Tikhonov dead at 84

MOSCOW — The legendary Russian hockey coach Viktor Tikhonov, whose teams won three Olympic gold medals, has died after an undisclosed long illness. He was 84.

Russia's Kontinental Hockey League said early Monday that Tikhonov died overnight. He had been receiving treatment at home for an illness that had left him unable to walk in recent weeks.

Under Tikhonov's leadership, the Soviet "Big Red Machine" was overwhelmingly dominant, although at the 1980 Olympics it could manage only silver after the "Miracle on Ice" defeat to the United States.

Tikhonov's Soviets won Olympic gold in 1984 and 1988, and he led the post-Soviet Unified Team to another gold at the 1992

Games. He also led the Soviet team to eight world championship gold medals.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has "expressed condolences" to Tikhonov's family, the Kremlin said.

In other hockey news:

■ Former NHL player, coach and executive Pat Quinn has died at age 71.

The Western Hockey League's Vancouver Giants said Quinn died Sunday night in Vancouver after a long illness. Quinn was a co-owner of the team.

Quinn played parts of nine seasons in the NHL and went on to enjoy a long coaching career. Quinn also guided Canada to the gold medal at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Sarvas puts Galaxy past Seattle in West opener

CARSON, Calif. — Marcelo Sarvas scored in the 52nd minute, and the LA Galaxy opened the Western Conference championship with a 1-0 victory over the Seattle Sounders on Sunday.

The clubs play their second leg Nov. 30 on Seattle's artificial turf. The Galaxy could advance with a variety of results, since the tiebreaker is away goals.

The winner hosts the MLS Cup on Dec. 7.

Also: ■ At Harrison, N.J., Jermaine Jones finished a counter attack the 85th minute with a tap-in and gave the New England Revolution a 2-1 victory Sunday in the first

leg of the MLS Eastern Conference finals.

The result gives the Revolution a significant advantage heading home for the second leg of the aggregate-goals series on Saturday at Gillette Stadium.

■ Dallas forward Tesho Akindele has been voted Major League Soccer's Rookie of the Year. Philadelphia won the team Fair Play Award, and Columbus defender Michael Parkhurst won the individual Fair Play Award.

South Carolina women No. 1 for first time

South Carolina takes over as the new No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for the first time in school history.

The Gamecocks received 21 first-place votes Monday edging Notre Dame for the top spot.

UConn, which was ranked No. 1 for 22 straight weeks, drops to third after losing in overtime at Stanford last Monday.

Ko gets record haul by winning LPGA final

NAPLES, Fla. — New Zealand teenager Lydia Ko ended a big year on the LPGA Tour with the largest payoff in women's golf.

Ko won the \$1 million bonus from the "Race to CME Globe" even before she began a three-way playoff. The 17-year-old added \$500,000 when she defeated Carlota Ciganda on the fourth extra hole at Tiburon Golf Club.



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NFL

Catch: Patriots extend win streak to seven games

FROM BACK PAGE

In case you missed it, here are the other top topics after the NFL season's 12th Sunday:

Patriots' streak: A week after riding Jonas Gray's 201-yard, four-touchdown rushing performance to their sixth consecutive victory, the Patriots stretched that streak to seven games despite benching Gray. A couple of days after being sent away from practice for showing up late, he did not play at all in New England's 34-9 defeat of Detroit. Shrug. Coach Bill Belichick simply plugs in guys and wins, going with LeGarrette Blount, who was signed last week after getting cut by Pittsburgh. All Blount did was run for 78 yards and score a pair of TDs for the Patriots, who are 9-2 and atop the AFC heading into next Sunday's showdown — expect to hear the words "Super Bowl preview" — at Green Bay, which is 8-3.

All about that action: So after being docked \$100,000 by the league for leaving the locker room last week without speaking to reporters, Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch did stay around after Seattle beat Arizona 19-3, but mostly stuck to one-word answers. More importantly, the reigning Super Bowl champs (7-4) stayed in the playoff race by defeating the NFC West-leading Cardinals (9-2); backup QB Drew Stanton was only 14 of 26 for 149 yards and an interception.

Gordon's return: Browns receiver Josh Gordon was good as ever as he returned from his 10-game suspension — originally a full-year ban — for failing a test for marijuana. Gordon led the league in receiving last season with 1,646 yards in only 14 games and he picked up right where he left off. He caught eight passes for 120 yards, including a 24-yarder on the game-winning drive, helping the Browns improve to 7-4 by edging Atlanta 26-24.

Questioning Smith: Falcons coach Mike Smith opened himself up to second-guessing yet again with his late-game decision-making against the Browns. Right before his team kicked a last-minute field goal, Smith called a timeout while facing third-and-2 — saving some precious seconds for Cleveland's eventual go-ahead drive — and then threw a deep incompletion — saving some more seconds for Cleveland.



BRYAN ANDERSON/AP

Falcons wide receiver Roddy White, bottom, is hit by Cleveland Browns defensive back K'Waun Williams on Sunday in Atlanta.

Browns overcome mistakes in win

Hoyer struggles, leads game-winning drive

By CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press



BRYAN ANDERSON/AP

Cleveland Browns wide receiver Josh Gordon had eight catches for 120 yards in his first game back from suspension this season.

ATLANTA — Brian Hoyer didn't have the demeanor of a quarterback who just led his team to a last-second victory.

Facing reporters after Billy Cundiff's 37-yard field goal as time expired lifted the Cleveland Browns to a 26-24 win over the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday, Hoyer was remorseful.

He couldn't believe he threw an interception that set up Matt Bryant's 53-yard field goal to give Atlanta the lead with 44 seconds remaining. The pass for Josh Gordon was intercepted by Dezem Southward.

"It's great to win but I'm really disappointed in myself," Hoyer said in his opening statement. "I felt I let the team down even though we won."

Hoyer threw three interceptions, two in the fourth quarter. His self-criticism continued throughout his news conference.

"I'm so disappointed in myself right now," he said. "That's not how I play. I don't

throw dumb interceptions."

Fortunately for the Browns, Hoyer had a short memory on the field. He completed four straight passes on the game-winning drive.

"If you're going to be a big-time quarterback in this league, you got to — no matter what happened before," said Browns coach Mike Pettine. "... If it had affected him, we wouldn't have had the result that we ended up with."

Hoyer's final completion to Miles Austin allowed the Browns (7-4) to stop the clock with 5 seconds left. Cundiff's fourth field goal ended the game.

The loss ended a modest two-game winning streak for the Falcons (4-7), who began the day tied with New Orleans atop the woeful NFC South.

"We didn't finish," said Falcons coach Mike Smith. "We didn't get the plays that we needed to make at the end of the game, nor did we make some plays earlier in the game."

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NFL ROUNDUP



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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Game on the line, 80 yards away, three minutes to go and two timeouts.

No problem for Tony Romo and the Cowboys in a game that will be remembered for the Dallas comeback and a catch by New York Giants rookie receiver Odell Beckham Jr. that some are considering the best in NFL history.

Romo capped a game-winning, 80-yard drive with a 13-yard touchdown pass to Dez Bryant with 1:01 to play and the Cowboys set the stage for a NFC East first-place showdown with the Eagles on Thanksgiving Day.

Actually, Romo made it look easy against a Giants defense that has ranked among the worst in the league all season and failed to put any pressure on him in the final drive. On the game-winning throw, Romo stood in the pocket untouched for about 6 or 7 seconds before finding Bryant, who caught two of his four touchdown passes.

The loss was the sixth straight for the Giants (3-8) and ended their hopes of winning the NFC East with five games to go.

The bright spot has been Beckham. No one on either team would stop talking about his one-handed catch of a 43-yard touchdown pass from Eli Manning in the second quarter, which gave New York a 14-3 lead.

Beckham's right hand was fully extended in almost a backstroke motion while his legs were almost perpendicular to the field when he caught ball and fell into the end zone.



34 **9**

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady threw for 349 yards and two touchdowns in a touch-heavy offense against the NFL's stingiest rushing defense as the New England Patriots stretched their winning streak to seven games with a victory over Detroit.

The Patriots led 24-6 at halftime as Brady repeatedly found wide-open receivers while the Lions struggled on offense. For the second straight game, Detroit failed to score a touchdown.

New England (9-2) routed a division leader for the third consecutive game.

LeGarrette Blount rushed for 76 yards and two touchdowns three days after signing with New England after being cut by Pittsburgh. In the win over the Colts, the Patriots stuck with the running game as Jonas Gray rushed 37 times for 201 yards and four touchdowns. After being sent home from Friday's practice for reporting late, he didn't play at all on Sunday.



PATRIC SCHNEIDER/AP

The Texans' Darryl Morris, left, breaks up a pass intended for the Bengals' A.J. Green during the fourth quarter Sunday in Houston.



24 **21** **22** **13** **23** **3** **27** **24**

MINNEAPOLIS — Eddie Lacy rushed for 125 yards on 25 carries, both season highs to help Aaron Rodgers as Green Bay (8-3) hung on against Minnesota.

Lacy scored twice, on a run in the first quarter and a catch in the fourth. Then, he rumbled through the line for two first downs to drain the clock after the Vikings (4-7) cut the lead to three with 3:23 remaining.

Rodgers threw two touchdown passes and avoided a turnover.



43 **24**

PHILADELPHIA — Josh Huff returned the opening kickoff 107 yards and LeSean McCoy ran for 130 yards.

Huff's return was the longest in franchise history and the 10th non-offensive touchdown for Philadelphia this season.

Mark Sanchez threw for 307 yards and one touchdown in his third start for the injured Nick Foles. He has 300 yards passing in three straight games.

HOUSTON — Andy Dalton finally got a win in his hometown.

Dalton lost his first three games against Houston, including twice here in the playoffs, but threw for 233 yards and a touchdown to lead Cincinnati.

It was his second strong game and he again relied on A.J. Green. Green finished with a career-high 12 receptions for 121 yards against a secondary playing without cornerback Kareem Jackson (knee).

The Bengals (7-3-1) led throughout, but Houston (5-6) cut the lead to 3 late in the third quarter before Cincinnati tacked on two field goals in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Rookie Jeremy Hill scored on a 2-yard TD run early in the third quarter after an interception by Ryan Mallett for Cincinnati's only touchdown of the second half.

Mallett struggled in his second career start, finishing with 189 yards passing and often over-throwing open receivers. Houston's only TD came on a 60-yard interception return by Johnathan Joseph in the third quarter.

Rookie Alfred Blue ran for 46 yards filling in for Arian Foster for the second straight game. Foster, who entered the day third in the NFL in yards rushing, has a groin injury.

INDIANAPOLIS — T.Y. Hilton celebrated the birth of his first child with a 73-yard TD catch, spurring a second-half turnaround that allowed Indianapolis to pull away from Jacksonville.

Andrew Luck was 21-for-32 for 253 yards with one score, but his streak of consecutive 300-yard games ended at eight — one short of Drew Brees' NFL record.

The Colts (7-4) have won 11 straight against AFC South foes.



21 **13**

CHICAGO — Matt Forte rushed for two touchdowns in the third quarter as Chicago beat Lovie Smith and Tampa Bay.

Jay Cutler threw a 2-yard TD pass to Aishon Jeffery as the Bears (5-6) scored 21 straight points to erase a 10-0 halftime deficit. Forte had a 13-yard run that put Chicago ahead to stay, and then added a 1-yard plunge that made it 21-10.

Smith coached the Bears to three playoff appearances and a trip to the 2007 Super Bowl.

SAN DIEGO — Marcus Gilchrist intercepted Shaun Hill at the goal line with 56 seconds left to preserve the San Diego victory that helped tighten the AFC West.

Gilchrist jumped the route as Hill tried to force a pass to Kenny Britt, who also was covered by Shareece Wright, on second-and-goal from the 4. Hill had beaten Gilchrist on a 7-yard TD pass to Stedman Bailey with 2:04 left.



17 **13**

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Carlos Hyde ran for a go-ahead 4-yard touchdown with 2:59 remaining as San Francisco barely squeaked by lowly Washington with a win that kept them in the thick of the playoff chase.

A fourth-down conversion in their own territory away from losing, the Niners finally capitalized with a rare touchdown in the final period on the way to their third straight victory.

San Francisco (7-4) overcame three turnovers.

NFL

Broncos find balance, rally past Dolphins

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Broncos' much maligned offensive line broke their silence last week. They made an ear-splitting statement Sunday.

Behind blockers angry over being scapegoated for the team's myriad problems, the Broncos found the balance, ground game and pocket of protection that had eluded them during their recent slide.

Capitalizing on this newfound nastiness, Peyton Manning threw four TD passes, including three to Demaryius Thomas, and C.J. Anderson ran for 167 yards and the go-ahead score in Denver's 39-36 win over Miami on Sunday.

"We'll need to be accountable to our teammates," guard Orlando Franklin said. "We felt we've been letting our teammates down and not taking care of business."

With perfect balance — 35 runs and 35 throws — the Broncos (8-3) overcame an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit to stay atop the highly competitive AFC West.

"They took so much [heat] during the week," Anderson said of the O-line, which is building chemistry on the run after wholesale changes three weeks ago. "They're still human and some of them got feelings. They're not going to tell you, but some of them were hurt."

They put the hurt on the Dolphins to the tune of 201 yards, but the Broncos' first lead didn't come until Anderson's 10-yard run up the middle with 5:01 left put Denver ahead 32-28.



JOE MAHOEY/AP

Broncos running back C.J. Anderson, right, tries to get past Dolphins defensive end Olivier Vernon during the second half Sunday in Denver. Anderson scored the go-ahead touchdown in the 39-36 win.

Then, Ryan Tannehill's pass skipped off Jarvis Landry's left hand to T.J. Ward, whose 37-yard return set up Wes Welker's insurance TD catch.

The Broncos needed it after Tannehill drove the Dolphins (6-5) on another scoring drive, hitting Landry from a yard out with 1:34 left. Lamar Miller's 2-point dive made it a three-point game.

The Dolphins' outside kick was recovered by — who else? — Anderson, who sealed the game with a 26-yard run that could have been longer had he not slid so the Bron-

cos could get in victory formation. "You just have to give it up to the big boys up front. They took so much heat the outside and the media all week," said Anderson, who added 28 yards on four catches.

Manning became the third player in NFL history with touchdown passes in 50 consecutive games, joining Drew Brees (54) and Tom Brady (52). He threw for 257 yards on 28-of-35 passing.

Emmanuel Sanders led the way with nine catches for 125 yards, and Thomas finished with

10 catches for 87 yards, failing to match Calvin "Megatron" Johnson's NFL record of eight straight 100-yard games.

His consolation was three touchdowns.

"Nah," Thomas said he asked if he was disappointed. "I just wanted to win the game. I had a decent game, helped the team. The main thing is we won the game."

Tannehill (26-for-36 for 227 yards with three TDs) kept the Dolphins a step ahead much of the afternoon.

Miami went ahead 28-17 on Tannehill's 5-yard TD toss to Landry after Isaiah Burse fumbled a punt at his own 12.

Manning drove the Broncos downfield and found Thomas from 5 yards out, then hit Sanders with the 2-point pass to pull Denver to 28-25 with 14:09 remaining.

"I thought the best thing our team did was we stayed pretty calm," Manning said. "We just had a real calm demeanor the entire game. Everybody did. And that definitely proved to be a key factor late in the game."

The only time the Broncos lost their cool came when Brandon McManus clanked a 33-yard field goal try off the right upright after Manning had tripped on third-and-1 from the 7 for his only sack.

His teammates could hardly hide their anguish. On the sideline, guard Manny Ramirez ripped his helmet off and hollered as Thomas slammed his helmet to the ground.

"To come away with no points was really disappointing," Manning said, "and once again it could have been that [this is not our day] type of mentality. We just said, 'Hey, it's obviously going to be a dogfight.'"

Ultimately, it was the Dolphins who would lament the loss, the Broncos' balance having thrown them off.

"They're known for throwing the ball all over the place," cornerback Brent Grimes said. "They had a plan to run the ball and control the game like that. They did a good job of it."

Wilson, Seahawks hold off Cardinals

By TIM BOOTH
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — After 10 games, the defending champions needed to ask the difficult questions of each other. Most of all, whether the Seattle Seahawks were willing to put aside egos and get back in the NFC West race.

Led by a stingy Seattle defense reminiscent of a season ago and some more playmaking by Russell Wilson, the Seahawks handed the Arizona Cardinals their second loss of the season, 19-3 on Sunday.

"There was something that was missing," Seattle wide receiver Doug Baldwin said. "There was a subtle difference there and I feel like today we kind of found it. We talked about it throughout the week. Like I said, just trusting each other, respecting each other and going out there and playing for each other."

"I definitely felt it today." Seattle won for the fourth time in five games, putting aside the missed chances from last week's loss in Kansas City and announcing the Seahawks aren't done by knocking off the league-leading Cardinals.

"Hard talks. Arguments. Like a family, and just like a family we came together," Seattle safety Earl Thomas said.

Wilson was sacked a season-high seven times by Arizona's ultra-aggressive defense and the assortment of blitzes they called to confuse and fluster the Seahawks

quarterback. But when Seattle (7-4) needed a scoring drive, after squandering advantageous field position throughout the game, Wilson delivered.

Considering the circumstances, it was probably Seattle's most important drive of the season, capped when Wilson found backup tight end Cooper Helfet on a 20-yard catch-and-run touchdown late in the third quarter. It was a must-win for Seattle if it had any hopes of catching Arizona (9-2) in the NFC West.

"It's a special win because we did it together," Thomas said. "For the first time this year, I think we played for pure reasons, for no motives attached. That's what you love about this team: We can put our egos aside and we can admit when we're wrong. Guys stayed true."

Wilson finished 17-for-22 for 211 yards and added 73 yards rushing. He was at his best on the lone touchdown drive going 6-for-6 for 70 yards as Seattle moved the pocket and made him less vulnerable to the Arizona rush. He escaped the arms of Lorenzo Alexander for a possible sack and found Marshawn Lynch open for 23 yards. Wilson also ran for 15 yards on third-and-11 to get Seattle into the Arizona 20.

"I think we let Russell Wilson be Russell Wilson on too many occasions," Arizona safety Tyrann Mathieu said.

Helping out Wilson was Seattle's defense that was finally healthy with the return of middle linebacker Bobby Wagner.

Arizona was held to a season-low 204 total yards. A week after throwing for a career-high 306 yards, Drew Stanton was 14-for-26 for 149 and one interception.

Stanton was minus a weapon with Larry Fitzgerald inactive due to a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee and wasn't helped when Jaron Brown dropped a touchdown late in the first half.

Fitzgerald sat for the first time in 110 games and for just the fifth time in his career due to the knee injury suffered last week against Detroit. John Brown continued his stellar rookie season with three catches for 61 yards, but Michael Floyd was shut out, defended much of the game by Richard Sherman.

Arizona saw its six-game win streak snapped.

"The second half, we had it right where we wanted it and we messed it up ourselves," Arizona coach Bruce Arians said. "Everything was self-inflicted. Give them credit, that's a good football team, but we self-inflicted a lot of things."

Seattle missed plenty of chances to make the victory even more of a blowout. Wilson had a possible 49-yard touchdown run in the first half brought back on a downfield holding call. Lynch was corralled by Arizona's third-best rush defense and held to 39 yards on 15 carries, making it 21 straight games the Cardinals have not allowed a 100-yard rusher.

Seattle started three first-half drives



STEPHEN BRASHEAR/AP

Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, makes a long run against the Cardinals in the first half Sunday. Wilson finished with 73 yards rushing in the 19-3 victory.

inside Arizona territory, but never found the end zone. Steven Hauschka hit on field goals of 27, 32, 52 in the first half and a 40-yarder in the third quarter after DeShawn Shareed blocked Drew Butler's punt. It wasn't a designed punt block but Sharead noticed the Cardinals had only 10 players on the field and rushed.

"Any way you look at it, it's a big opportunity for us in the division and a really nice performance," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "I loved the way the guys rallied to play together."

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NFL: WEEK 12 TAKEAWAYS

Seeing is believing

Beckham wows with one-handed TD catch

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

If you have not seen the backward-falling, fingers-extended, one-handed grab made by New York Giants rookie Odell Beckham Jr., do yourself a favor and go search for the video on the web. NBC announcer Al Michaels called it “one of the most incredible catches ever seen — by anybody, anywhere, at any level of football.”

And that's not hyperbole.

‘One of the most incredible catches ever seen — by anybody, anywhere, at any level of football.’

Al Michaels
NBC announcer

While being interfered with by a Cowboys defensive back, Beckham jumped at about the 3-yard line, stretched his right arm back overhead to collect the football as it soared past and, using his left hand to brace himself as he landed in the end zone, completed the unforgettable catch for a 43-yard TD in New York's 31-28 loss to Dallas.

“Unbelievable,” Giants quarterback Eli Manning said. “Pretty spectacular.”

While Beckham said he hopes to produce more such plays over the course of his NFL career, it seems safe to say this one will earn a permanent spot in the highlight reel.

Truth is, Beckham works on his one-handed catching frequently — “all the time” in practice, Giants coach Tom Coughlin said.

“I guess,” Beckham said, “I’ve got to thank my mom for the long fingers.”

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New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. makes a one-handed catch for a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys in the second quarter of their game on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

JULIO CORTEZ/AP

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