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## MAN'S BEST COMRADE

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**Corky, an Army bomb-sniffing dog, shows affection for his handler, Sgt. Eric Goldenthal, on Monday at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Corky and Goldenthal both received gunshot wounds to the leg while deployed to Afghanistan and were reunited Monday after each underwent surgery. The cast Corky received at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, and a bullet fragment from his surgery at the Army's Dog Center Europe are shown at left.**



## DOD opposes benefits cut, but warns of more ahead

BY LEO SHANE III  
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WASHINGTON — Pentagon leaders support dramatic changes to military retirement. Just not right now. And not for existing retirees. And maybe not the plan Congress has already passed.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, defense officials pushed for a repeal of the military retirement changes passed by Congress

last month as part of a comprehensive budget deal.

They called the move unexpected and unfair, saying that any large changes in military compensation should not include current

troops and retirees, who have been promised specific benefits and retirement payouts already.

But Christine Fox, acting deputy secretary of defense, also noted that changes to compensation such as troops' pay, health care benefits and retirement payouts will be needed soon to keep personnel costs from overwhelming the rest of the military budget.

"We cannot afford to sustain the rate of growth in military compensation that we've experienced over the last decade," she said. "We must find ways to slow it down ... if the department is going to maintain the current force."

Fox said officials want to wait until later this year when the military compensation and retirement authorization commission will issue its report before making any further pay and benefits changes.

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**'We cannot afford to sustain the rate of growth in military compensation. ... We must find ways to slow it down.'**

**Christine Fox**  
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secretary of defense

## NATO, Europe's security role to be considered in Munich

BY JOHN VANDIVER  
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STUTTGART, Germany — Is it a linchpin for global security or a relic of the Cold War that is becoming increasingly irrelevant?

NATO, at once described by observers as the greatest military alliance in history and a coalition that is shirking its responsibilities, is ever at a crossroads. Even the staunchest supporters of the trans-Atlantic

military alliance seem at times conflicted over what to say about the 28-nation union, which was established after World War II.

"It remains a force for stability in the world," **ANALYSIS** Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said during a think-tank discussion Monday about NATO's future. "It still remains one of the most remarkable and enduring phenomena of the 20th and now the 21st century."

Seconds later, McCain aired his frustrations with the alliance and NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

"Frankly, our secretary general seems to be compelled every morning to get up and tell the world that NATO won't be involved in anything," McCain said, speaking at the Center for Strategic and International Studies' session on the trans-Atlantic alliance. "I don't know where he got that idea. It does

worry me about the viability of NATO and whether they ever will intervene."

McCain's comments, which come on the eve of the Munich Security Conference, echo what will likely be a key issue when global leaders gather in Bavaria for three days of talks: What is Europe's role on the global security scene at a time when the continent itself faces no external threats?

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**QUOTE**  
OF THE DAY

**"It's horrible. They do it for fun; it's like a game for entertainment."**

— Loretta Ann Rosales, chairwoman of the Commission on Human Rights, on reports that Philippines police played a "wheel of torture" game to have fun and punish criminal suspects

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**Report: Afghan literacy program failing**

By **HEATH DRUZIN**  
Stars and Stripes

**KABUL**—A \$200 million literacy program has had "limited impact" on reading levels within the Afghan security forces, and more than half of Afghanistan's soldiers and police officers may still be unable to read, according to a report from the top U.S. watchdog in Afghanistan.

The report from the Special Inspector General for Reconstruction in Afghanistan found a lack of oversight in the program put taxpayer money at risk of fraud and that military officials said the program's goal of 100 percent literacy for the Afghan National Security Forces may be "unattainable."

"The command's ability to measure the effectiveness of its literacy training program and determine the extent to which overall literacy of the ANSF has improved

is limited," the report said. "None of the three literacy training contracts requires independent verification of testing for proficiency or identifies recruits in a way that permits accurate tracking as the recruits move on to army and police units."

In response to the report, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force released a statement saying it had issued new literacy and language contracts to "improve delivery and oversight."

"These measures will not only improve fiscal oversight," Maj. Gen. Dean Milner, commander, NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan, said in the statement. "They will ensure that we build upon the gains we have achieved in providing formal literacy training to more than 382,500 Afghan soldiers and police. Literacy is a powerful capability that contributes not only to the professionalism of

the ANSF, but to the strengthening of Afghan society."

Illiteracy is rife in Afghanistan, with just 28 percent of the population able to read, although literacy rates among males, who make up almost the entire Afghan security forces, are roughly 43 percent, according to the CIA World Factbook.

While ISAF says 224,826 soldiers have attained a basic reading level over the course of the program, which began in 2009, it's unclear what that actually means for literacy rates in the current ranks of the security forces due to an attrition rate of 30 to 50 percent, according to the inspector general report.

Further, the report found that between July 2012 and February 2013, 45 percent of Afghan National Police were sent to the field without receiving any literacy training.

Among the recommendations laid out in the SIGAR report were making program goals more realistic, implementing independent verification of students' language capabilities and better defining requirements for achieving literacy standards.

According to its statement, ISAF said new oversight has saved the program over to full Afghan control by December.

"The initiative will ensure the transition is viable from a human resource and a fiscal stewardship perspective as teaching resources will be provided from within the ANSF itself, at little to no additional salary cost," the ISAF statement said.

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**Munich: Leaders to weigh NATO's role in post-Afghan War world**

FROM FRONT PAGE

For 50 years, leaders have met annually in the Bavarian capital, where politicians, military leaders and academics have pondered the great security threats of the day. NATO's first secretary-general, Lord Ismay, described the purpose of the alliance as being "to keep the Americans in, the Russians out, and the Germans down."

Beginning Friday and continuing through Sunday, officials, analysts and politicians will assemble to focus on Afghanistan, Syria, spying and surveillance, and a host of other challenges. Also front and center will be the role of NATO, which despite coming off its busiest decade in history, must carve out a new identity as the war in Afghanistan winds down. NATO is at a defining moment, when it will either invest to confront future threats or fade into irrelevancy, experts say.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is among those expected to attend the Munich conference.

During the past 10 years, the alliance has been busy. The war in Afghanistan has been its largest mission ever. In 2011, NATO air power also enabled rebel fighters in Libya to topple strongman Moammar Gadhafi. NATO vessels

off the coast of Somalia have been instrumental in curbing piracy around the Horn of Africa.

At the same time, critics, including U.S. lawmakers and top defense officials, have been calling out European allies for underinvesting in defense and free-loading off American military might.

Other than the U.S. and a couple of other nations, most members consistently miss the alliance's defense spending benchmark of 2 percent of gross national product. The U.S. accounts for nearly 75 percent of defense spending within NATO. By contrast, Germany consistently falls short on spending while also demonstrating a reluctance to send troops to global hot spots. Berlin declined to participate in NATO's mission in Libya, as did most member states.

With so many internal divisions and competing national interests, some question whether an alliance like NATO can continue to be relevant. As the war in Afghanistan winds down, NATO and Europe's role in the world could re-emerge as an area of focus and scrutiny, despite Washington's pivot toward the Pacific, experts say.

"America has been kind of asleep for the last several years on NATO," John Hamre, president

of CSIS, said during the group's forum Monday. "This alliance is the most fundamental resource we have."

At the conference in Munich, Europe-focused sessions will look at the future of European defense and whether there is a trans-Atlantic "renaissance" on the horizon.

While critics may question whether NATO retains a viable military role, when there is a crisis, the U.S. tends to rely on its allies in Europe.

"When there is trouble around the world the first place we turn is NATO allies," Sen. Christopher Murphy, D-Conn., said during the panel talk at CSIS.

Some officials have called out NATO for a reluctance to debate the merits of an intervention in Syria or engage in crises in Africa, but France has emerged as a key player in places such as Mali and the Central Africa Republic. Indeed, France has developed into something of the face of Western intervention on the continent, with ground troops taking on al-Qaida-linked fighters in Mali. With new plans for counterterrorism outposts in Africa, France's actions could be a harbinger of more European focus on threats emanating from outside Europe.

Gernany, for instance, says it has pledged to increase its support by providing logistical assistance in CAR and will send more troops for a training mission in Mali. Such developments could ease the burden on the U.S.'s Africa Command, which has expanded its activities in recent years and has provided substantial intelligence and airlift support to the French.

"We're going to have to look at Africa," said McCain, a regular attendee at the Munich Security Conference. "I would like to see much more NATO involvement, particularly in the area of training and equipping."

For the U.S., which faces a shrinking military presence in Europe and potential consolidation of more overseas bases in the years ahead, a more active European military establishment would likely be welcomed after more than a decade of conflict abroad.

As the U.S. military faces steep budget cuts in the years ahead, a more engaged Europe will be important, McCain said.

"With sequestration and reductions across the board... it will put a strain on our ability to bear as much of a burden as we do financially," McCain said.

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MIDEAST

# US ambassador still hopeful on Kabul deal

By **HEATH DRUZIN**  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan painted a picture of an increasingly fraught relationship with Afghan President Hamid Karzai during a media roundtable, but said the U.S. remains hopeful a security agreement allowing foreign troops to stay past the end of the year can be finalized.

The president (Karzai) has legitimate concerns that he position his country in the best way possible going forward, and I understand and accept that," Ambassador James Cunningham told journalists in Kabul on Monday.

"I don't think he's going about it in the right way, but he has to make these decisions, and we'll try to adapt to them as we can."

In some ways the long-troubled relationship between Karzai and the American government has never been more frayed.

Concerns that troops set to leave Afghanistan by Dec. 31, negotiations over a bilateral security agreement the United States says is necessary to keep a residual force in the country past the end of 2014 have become an acrimonious public dispute.

Karzai's accusations that a recent NATO airstrike caused mass civilian casualties — and subsequent revelations that Afghan authorities used old photos of unrelated events to bolster their case — and the government's decision to release photos of U.S. soldiers in the U.S. accuses of being dangerous insurgents have further strained relations.

A story from The Washington Post on Tuesday that quotes unidentified Afghan officials as saying Karzai has a list of insurgent-style attacks — including a recent restaurant massacre in Kabul that left 21 people dead — that he suspects were orchestrated by the U.S. is sure to deepen the rift.

Cunningham said he is dismayed by what he sees as an increasingly negative tone from Karzai, especially with respect to Kabul's harsh rhetoric over the airstrike that killed civilians and his muted response to the restaurant massacre, in which a Lebanese bistro popular with foreigners was targeted.

"More care for fact and more care for civility in our dialogue in public would be a good thing," Cunningham said.

Karzai spokesmen said not immediately return calls for comment.

Karzai has refused to sign the bilateral security agreement with the U.S., making additional demands after the agreement was negotiated and approved by his largely hand-picked national council of elders, who overwhelmingly urged him to sign it in November.

While Cunningham said the U.S. is committed to supporting a peace process between the Afghan government and the Taliban, he said Karzai's demand that the U.S. deliver peace talks before he signs the agreement is unrealistic.

The Taliban, who have denounced Karzai as a "foreign

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**James Cunningham**  
U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan

puppet," have vowed to continue fighting until all coalition troops are out of the country. The U.S. and NATO want to leave behind a force of about 10,000 — consisting mainly of military advisers and counterterrorism units — to help train Afghanistan's army and police to provide security and stability.

Diplomatic efforts to launch peace talks with the guerrilla movement have floundered several times in the past over that and other issues.

"One of [Karzai's] stated objectives is to have the beginning of peace negotiations with the Taliban," Cunningham said. "Well, that's not something that's in our power to deliver."

Asked if the U.S. was simply waiting out Karzai's term, set to expire after presidential elections in April, to negotiate with his successor, Cunningham said stopping negotiations now would only further the uncertainty building in the country over the future of U.S.-Afghan relations.

U.S. officials have said they



Department of State

**U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan James Cunningham, left, presents his diplomatic credentials to Afghan President Hamid Karzai during a ceremony at the Presidential Palace on Aug. 13 in Kabul.**

need the agreement to be signed as soon as possible so they can plan for a follow-on force, but have stopped short of setting a deadline.

"As far as what for his successor, that's something that we would prefer not to do because of the public and political implications of deferring the — essentially the fate of the agreement — until some time in an unpredictable future," he said. "We don't know when a new government will be in place."

Despite the tensions, Cunningham sounded an optimistic note about the possibility of repairing relations with Karzai.

"We've been through numer-

ous cycles of ups and downs in our relations with President Karzai over the years, and I've been here now over two and a half years, so I've seen several iterations of this," he said. "He himself freely acknowledges that he can be a difficult interlocutor, and I freely acknowledge that it's not always very easy dealing with Americans."

"We've always found a way to, when we've had strong disagreements, we've always found a way to deal with them and move forward, and I'm hopeful that will be the case this time."

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# Pakistan: Afghanistan instability weighing on country

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WASHINGTON — Pakistan's national security adviser warned U.S. officials on Monday that his country "will have to face the brunt of any instability that may engulf Afghanistan" as the 12-year war there winds down at the end of the year.

At the start of top-level meetings at the State Department, Pakistani National Security and Foreign Affairs Adviser Sartaj Aziz did not specifically mention U.S. efforts to potentially keep as many as 10,000 troops in Afghanistan after the combat mission ends in December.

The Obama administration has not decided how large a military force — if any at all — it might want to remain but U.S. officials have been frustrated by Afghan President Hamid Karzai's refusal to sign a security agreement permitting it.

Across the border, Pakistan fears that an abrupt U.S. troop departure from Afghanistan will bolster militant traffic and instability between the two nations.

"In pursuing this goal of the responsible end to the long war in Afghanistan, we have to ensure that Afghanistan successfully



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**Secretary of State John Kerry, right, and Pakistani National Security and Foreign Affairs Adviser Sartaj Aziz arrive for talks at the State Department on Monday.**

transitions into a period of stability, and that past mistakes are not repeated," Aziz told a crowd of diplomats, including Secretary of

State John Kerry.

He added: "Although the war in Afghanistan may be winding down, just as in the past, Pakistan

will have to face the brunt of any instability that may engulf Afghanistan after 2014. The people of Pakistan have continued to

sacrifice in this war against extremist elements, and despite this heavy toll on our people, Pakistan has supported the international community — because a stable and peaceful Afghanistan is in the interest of the region and Pakistan."

Aziz said Pakistan also supports an Afghan-led peace process with the Taliban.

The meeting marked rejuvenated efforts between Washington and Islamabad to foster better diplomacy after setbacks following the May 2011 raid by U.S. Special Forces that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in northeast Pakistan.

Both Aziz and Kerry highlighted efforts to improve energy, education and economic systems in Pakistan.

Kerry avoided discussion of U.S. troops remaining in Afghanistan. He called Pakistan "a vital partner in supporting a secure Afghanistan."

"We know how closely Pakistan's own security is linked to Afghanistan's success," Kerry said. "That's why addressing the threats posed to both Pakistan and Afghanistan by cross-border militancy is a key aspect of our conversations."

## MILITARY

# Pentagon to review all military medals

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WASHINGTON — With the politically dicey issue of how to recognize service by drone pilots and cyber warriors still awaiting an answer, the Pentagon announced on Tuesday a broad-ranging review to not only settle that question but to examine the full range of medals and awards.

Officials said the review, ordered by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, would likely kick off within a month or so and be complete by late 2014 or early 2015.

Beyond determining how new warfare technologies would fit into the medal picture, the parameters of the review are being worked out, Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said.

"As the wars are ending ... rather than looking piecemeal at any specific one, he wants to do a comprehensive review of them all," Kirby said.

Hagel's soldiering background — he was awarded two Purple Hearts in Vietnam — drives his desire to make sure the system for awarding medals and decorations is functioning as it should, Kirby told Foreign Policy, which first reported the review. "Having seen combat himself, Secretary Hagel fully understands and respects the traditions that come with awards and decorations," he said. "This is a process that will take time and care, but he believes it's important it's done right."

Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced the Distinguished Warfare Medal for drone pilots and cyber operators last February, igniting strong criticism from veterans, politicians and others who objected to it being ranked above the Purple Heart and other decorations earned in direct combat. Some joked the physical award should be a gold-plated Xbox controller.

Hagel canceled the medal in

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Pentagon press secretary

April, soon after he took office, saying it would be replaced by a new device to affix to existing medals. But, he said, "I agree with my predecessor Leon Panetta that such recognition is justly warranted for these men and women."

Hagel ordered the award criteria and design be delivered within 90 days. More than nine months later, no design has been made public.

A spokesman for Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., who introduced legislation last year to rank the proposed medal below the Purple Heart, said the congressman strongly supports Hagel's review. Hunter, a veteran of both the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns, believes combat veterans of those wars have yet to receive proper recognition for many of their heroic acts.

"You have all these valor awards that have been downgraded over the course of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Joe Kasper, Hunter's deputy chief of staff. "There seemed to be a deliberate effort to downplay these acts of valor and, meanwhile, there was the push to highlight drone operations."

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Corky, a bomb-sniffing golden Labrador, wears a cone collar in the kennels at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where he's awaiting transport to the United States. Corky is recovering from a gunshot wound he received in northeastern Afghanistan's Kapisa province on Jan. 19.

## Pup, GI reunited after being injured

By MATT MILLHAM  
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LANDSTUHL, Germany — When they arrived in Afghanistan at the end of September, Sgt. Eric Goldenthal and his bomb-sniffing dog, Corky, were already pretty close.

At Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., they were members of an engineer battalion. In Afghanistan, though, they were assigned to augment an already tight-knit Special Forces "Alpha" team in a remote part of the country's east. There, away from people they knew, their bond grew stronger.

"I think he was probably my best friend down there," Goldenthal said of Corky. "I saw him every day. He slept in my room every day, woke up with me every day."

Then, on Jan. 19, they were both shot.

Goldenthal, Corky and the Green Berets were four days into a 10-day mission to rout out Taliban militants in Kapisa province, an area of the country where few coalition forces are based.

The team had spent days pushing up a valley that had just one way in and one way out, Golden-

thal said. They'd gotten into numerous firefights along the way.

Goldenthal and Corky led the way, looking for buried bombs as Special Forces soldiers on foot and in vehicles scanned the hills. The first ambush came about a half-hour after they set out that day.

An hour later, they were in another skirmish, Goldenthal said. They had four trucks with heavy machine guns, and all were close to running out of ammunition. They needed to get out of the valley to their resupply point before that happened.

Then the third ambush came, Goldenthal said, bigger than the first two. "We had to push through it."

He kept alongside the lead vehicle to keep from exposing himself and Corky to the machine-gun rounds and rocket-propelled grenades raining on the convoy from at least two directions.

Then, the Taliban opened up on the convoy from a third direction.

"And that's when me and him got hit, pretty much the exact same time," Goldenthal said. "I just felt it hit the back of my leg and then I heard him crying."

Goldenthal threw a tourniquet

on his own leg and a team medic attended to Corky, who was shot in the foot.

After pushing to the valley's mouth, dog and handler were whisked away to Bagram Air Field on a medical helicopter.

Two days later, they both underwent surgery in Germany — Goldenthal at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Corky at the Army's Dog Center Europe, about a 20-minute drive away.

They got to visit on Monday at Landstuhl, where Corky jumped up on his handler to bathe his face in wet dog kisses.

"It's only been a couple days," Goldenthal said, laughing.

Their injuries led to an impromptu family reunion of sorts for Goldenthal, whose wife, Lisa, was in Germany visiting her parents when she got news of his having been wounded.

Her nerves have settled since the initial shock, she said, which left her speechless.

"But I'm glad that they are doing OK and that they only got shot in the leg," she said. "It could have been worse."

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## Benefits: Many bills to restore benefits pending, but none has widespread support

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She stopped short of demanding an immediate repeal of the retirement change — a 1 percent reduction in the annual cost-of-living calculation for working-age retirees.

That rankled the lawmakers before her and veterans groups sitting behind the witness table, both who are incensed over the retirement reduction vote.

The cost-of-living change will save the government about \$5.7 billion over the next decade, according to Congressional Budget Office estimates. Lawmakers on the budget committee argued in December the savings were needed to finalize the larger budget deal and remove mandatory sequestration budget cuts which have haunted Pentagon planners for two years.

Since the retirement changes were ad-

opted, dozens of lawmakers have rallied against the decision. Democratic senators on the committee took turns attacking the measure while also defending their vote for the plan as a necessary evil that needs to be amended.

Congress has already passed one large correction, restoring those cost-of-living cuts for most medically retired veterans.

SASC Chairman Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., argued a repeal is needed "because (the change) targets a single group — military retirees — to help address the budget problems of the federal government as a whole."

Veterans groups have offered similar complaints, and said the move breaks promises made to troops who have made many sacrifices on behalf of their country, Paul Rieckhoff, chief executive officer of

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, called the move "a betrayal" which has hurt morale and compromised recruiting.

The Military Officers Association of America estimates the retirement change will cost a typical enlisted member who retires at 40 about \$83,000 over 20 years and cost a typical retired officer more than \$124,000 over 20 years. That's based on an estimated retirement package totaling about \$1 million over that span.

The Senate is expected to take up a measure this week repealing the retirement change as part of a veterans legislative package dealing with dozens of benefits and health care changes. That measure faces an uncertain future in the House — Senate leaders haven't specified how they'll pay for the measure, and House leaders have demanded clear offsets for all

new spending.

Meanwhile, more than a dozen repeal bills are pending in Congress, but none with broad bipartisan support. Veterans advocates have loudly complained that if a repeal doesn't happen soon, focus on the retirement reduction might fade, making it even more difficult to remove.

In a press conference with veterans before the hearing, committee member Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, said he is confident a fix can be found soon.

"We have just completed several appropriations bills that many in the media didn't think we'd even get done," he said. "There's a different tone now ... and I think it's clear a lot of people want to correct this."

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# MILITARY

**Japan Ministry of Defense workers remove a drum Tuesday from a soccer field next to Amelia Earhart Intermediate School on Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, where 22 dioxin- and herbicide-laced drums were unearthed last summer.**

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## New soil tests ordered for land near US school on Okinawa

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
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Stars and Stripes

OKINAWA CITY, Okinawa — The Japan Ministry of Defense on Tuesday began unearthing at least 11 more containers from a soccer field adjacent to Kadena Air Base schools where 22 buried dioxin- and herbicide-tainted drums were discovered last summer.

The ministry will test to determine whether the additional drums also contain traces of pollutants.

Ministry officials also said they hope to confirm the origin of the herbicide of the original drums following public speculation that it could be proof of Agent Orange, an infamous Vietnam-era tactical defoliant the United States has repeatedly said was never present on Okinawa.

The ministry, as well as Okinawa City and the prefectural government, have said the off-base area poses no health risks and that pollutants found on the drums have not spread to the soccer field or surrounding soil and water.

The Air Force said Saturday that air and soil tests at the base schools found no pollution danger.

Still, the discovery of dioxin in the drums already unearthed within sight of Amelia Earhart Intermediate School and its playground shocked hundreds of military parents.

The 18th Wing announced Tuesday evening at a public town hall meeting that it will commission a new round of soil testing

at the school that will be performed by an independent lab in the U.S.

During the morning, Japanese workers in white hazmat suits dug into the soccer field and pulled badly rusted, crushed barrels from the ground.

The recovery team carefully bagged and moved the containers to an enclosed tent to examine them and collect soil samples.

The ministry said it plans to finish up tests on the newly unearthed drums and a survey of the soccer field by March.

The 22 empty Dow Chemical Co. barrels already recovered were found to contain traces of dioxin, a common pollutant linked to cancer, reproductive and developmental problems, immune system damage and hormone imbalances.

Testing also found the herbicide 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid, which was an ingredient in a variety of U.S. commercial defoliants but was discontinued in 1985 because of concerns over dioxin contamination, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The soccer field land was used by the Air Force until 1986, when it was returned to Okinawan control. The ministry said a beverage bottle, car tire and other materials recovered along with the Dow Chemical drums were dated and traced to the 1980s.

Standard Department of Defense practice until 1988 was to bury spent chemical drums, though the Air Force said it has no records of disposal in that area.

DOD consultant and Agent Orange expert Alvin Young said last year that the 30-gallon Dow drums likely contained maintenance shop and hospital waste and that the dioxin had been created by burnt plastics. Dow, which was a producer of Agent Orange, said it did not use that type of drum for the military defoliant but was unsure what was in the recovered barrels.

The presence of herbicide and dioxin has sparked suspicions that the barrels might have contained Agent Orange, which used the 2,4,5-T herbicide as an ingredient and was known to be contaminated with dioxin.

The military discontinued use of Agent Orange in the early 1970s. Exposure has been blamed for a wide range of serious ailments among veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs recognized a wide variety of illnesses associated with Agent Orange and has granted medical benefits to those who served in Vietnam and Thailand.

Some veterans who served on Okinawa during the Vietnam War have claimed they witnessed the use and burial of Agent Orange on the island. But they have been mostly unable to convince the VA to approve medical claims for exposure.

The United States has said the defoliant was never stored, shipped through or used on Okinawa. A study commissioned by the DOD last year backed the claim.

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# Non-Asia issues threaten pivot, lawmakers told

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Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress and senior defense officials see problems in the Obama administration's ongoing rebalance of military forces toward the Asia-Pacific.

"I welcome the focus on the Asia-Pacific. However, time will tell whether words and promises are followed by action," House Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., said during a hearing Tuesday. "When the president had rebalance, he discussed how we could now safely turn our attention to Asia because the war in Afghanistan was receding and al-Qaida was on the path to defeat. I'm concerned these conditions haven't panned out."

McKeon said national security challenges elsewhere combined with budget cuts threaten the rebalance.

"Violence and instability rage in the Middle East and Africa. Preserving forces' readiness and capabilities in PACOM means less elsewhere. Can we afford to take risk in CENTCOM or AFRICOM?" he said. "Budget cuts only exacerbate the problem. ... As we look forward, defense funding is basically flat out into the future. We're back to sequestration levels. And military leaders are left with no choice but to cut end strength, readiness and capabilities. And that has consequences for our security and military commitments in PACOM and across the globe unless we adequately resource defense."

Senior Pentagon officials also believe that budget constraints are jeopardizing the rebalance. "On the perspective of technological superiority, the Department of Defense is being challenged in ways that I have not seen for decades, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region," Frank Kendall, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, told lawmakers. "As we go through our budget cycles, we're looking very carefully at Pacific Command's requirements

and what they need for the operations in that area, what potential future concerns [Adm. Samuel Locklear, commander of U.S. Pacific Command] might have, and we are prioritizing those investments. So we are responding, but ... declining budgets alone make it more difficult for us to do that."

Kendall said the budget situation could have a negative impact on the military balance between the U.S. and China, a major concern and a key impetus for the rebalance strategy.

"The trajectory for our relationship with China is uncertain today, where we're going to go in the future. One of the reasons we're focused on the Asia-Pacific is we want to do our best to influence that trajectory to go in a positive way," he said. "There is a range of things that deserve greater investment than we may be able to afford with the current levels."

Michael Lumpkin, acting undersecretary of defense for policy, said the speed of the rebalance may have to be slowed down due to turmoil in other regions, including the Middle East.

"The commitment to the Asia-Pacific rebalance is steadfast. However, I think what we will see as we have requirements in other theaters that our timing and the pace of the rebalance may be subject to adjustments as we move forward depending on what the rest of the world has," he said.

Lumpkin said America's Asian allies harbor doubts about whether the rebalance will go on as planned.

"We're two years into a kind of a multidecade rebalance ... We're kind of in the early stages right now. So arguably, our partners and allies are waiting to see us come through. And I would also argue that they are probably hedging their bets somewhat just to make sure that they can, you know, have the ability to self-defend on their own," he said.

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## Suit alleges US ignored science in sonar ruling

The National Marine Fisheries Service violated federal law when it authorized the Navy's use of sonar in training exercises off Hawaii and California through 2018, an environmental group said in a lawsuit filed Monday.

"In order to authorize these impacts on marine mammals, the

service had to turn its back on the best available science," said Zak Smith, an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The lawsuit accuses the service of violating the Marine Mammal Protection Act. It also challenges the Navy's determination that the exercises were consistent with California's Coastal Management Program.

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## MILITARY

# Cape Ray on its way to neutralize Syria's weapons

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The MV Cape Ray left Portsmouth, Va., on Monday on a mission to neutralize Syria's stockpile of chemical weapons and their precursor materials at sea.

The Cape Ray houses the Field Deployable Hydrolysis System, which was developed by the U.S. military as the crisis in Syria escalated. The engineers who built the FDHS took existing chemical weapons neutralization technology and made it mobile.

This mission is the first of its kind. The U.S. and other countries have years of experience destroying chemical weapons on land, but this will mark the first time anyone has attempted to perform

the task on a seagoing vessel. The ability to neutralize the dangerous materials in international waters made the disarmament effort led by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations politically possible because none of the countries involved wanted the chemicals on their soil.

Norwegian and Danish ships are transporting the chemicals from the Syrian port of Latakia to the Italian port of Gioia Tauro, some 180 miles south of Naples, where they will be transferred to the Cape Ray. After the stockpile is onboarded, the Cape Ray will sail into international waters and begin neutralizing it.

It will take the Cape Ray two to three weeks to reach Gioia Tauro, depending on weather and sea



STEVE HELBER/AP

The MV Cape Ray, shown alongside a barge earlier this month in Portsmouth, Va., departed Monday on a mission to destroy dozens of containers of deadly chemical weapons being removed from Syria as part of international efforts to dismantle that country's poison gas and nerve agent program.

conditions during the journey, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said.

There will be 135 U.S. personnel involved in the operation onboard the Cape Ray once the neutralization effort is underway, including commercial mariners manning the ship, chemical engineers operating the FDHS, a Navy security team and other support personnel. In addition,

about a dozen U.S. Navy ships will provide security for the Cape Ray to ward off any potential sea-borne attacks, Warren said.

On Sunday, Rick Jordan, the captain of the Cape Ray, read a letter to his crew from Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel prior to their deployment.

"You are about to accomplish something no one has tried," Hagel said. "Your task will not be

easy. Your days will be long and rigorous. But your hard work, preparation and dedication will make the difference."

After the chemicals are rendered inert, the resulting effluent will be disposed of at a German government facility as well as at commercial processing plants in other countries.

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## Camp Pendleton Marine faces retrial in Iraq killing

By JULIE WATSON  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A Marine sergeant said he is devastated to learn that the corps will retry him on a twice-returned murder conviction — the latest twist in a nearly decade-old Iraq war crime case.

Lawrence Hutchins III is scheduled for arraignment Wednesday at Camp Pendleton in northern San Diego County, where he is now stationed.

"I will continue to hope and pray that this

ordeal is over soon, and my family is spared any more harm," Hutchins said Monday.

Hutchins led an eight-man squad that was charged with kidnapping a retired Iraq policeman in the village of Hamdania in 2006 and shooting him to death in a ditch.

Hutchins has said he thought retired policeman Hashim Ibrahim Awad was an insurgent leader. Prosecutors accused the squad of planting a shovel and AK-47 to make it appear he was an insurgent.

The Marine Corps determined that the seriousness of the crime warranted a retrial,

and prosecutors have sworn statements and other evidence to support the charge, Lt. Col. Joseph Kloppel, a corps spokesman, said Monday.

Hutchins said he said "devastated" by the announcement. He said that since his release last year from military prison, he has "done everything I can to be the perfect Marine."

He was working in a marksmanship training unit at Pendleton but was removed two weeks ago, Hutchins said.

Former Marine Corps attorney Chad

Coakley said the courts have thrown out the convictions for procedural errors rather than the merits of the murder charge, so it's important the prosecution exhaust every avenue.

"If we're perceived to have ignored this because it happened in war, or whitewashed it because of procedural errors or to have not taken it seriously, then we are discrediting ourselves," he said. "This is not only about past conflicts but future conflicts and the way we hold other nations and ourselves to standards of conduct."

## More implicated in nuke cheating probe

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Air Force servicemembers implicated in a nuclear force cheating scandal has roughly doubled from the 34 initially cited by the Air Force, officials said Tuesday.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the additional 30-plus airmen suspected of being involved in cheating on proficiency tests for missile launch operations are alleged to have participated in the cheating directly or were involved indirectly.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose the information by name while the investigation is ongoing.

The Air Force announced on Jan. 15 that while it was investigating possible criminal drug use by some airmen, it discovered that one missile officer at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.,

had shared test questions with 17 other officers. It said another 17 admitted to knowing about the cheating but did not report it.

The 34 officers had their security clearances suspended, and they were taken off missile launch duty. It was not clear Tuesday whether the additional people implicated in the investigation since then also were taken off launch duty.

An Air Force spokesman, Lt. Col. Brett Ashworth, said the Air Force would not discuss details of the cheating investigation, including any change in the number of suspects, until the probe is completed.

A "profoundly disappointed" Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, the service's top civilian official, told a Pentagon news conference last week that the alleged cheating at Malmstrom was discovered during a previously announced probe of drug possession by 11 officers at several Air Force bases, including at least

two who also are in the nuclear force and suspected of participating in the cheating ring.

The Air Force's top general, Mark Welsh, has said the removal of 34 missile launch officers at one time appeared to be the largest such action in the history of the missile force. He said there is "absolutely no excuse" for cheating.

Malmstrom is home to the 341st Missile Wing, which operates, maintains and provides security for 150 nuclear-armed Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missiles. That represents one-third of the entire ICBM force.

The cheating scandal is the latest in a series of Air Force nuclear stumbles. The Associated Press revealed a number of them, including deliberate violations of safety rules, failures of inspections, breakdowns in training, and evidence that the men and women who operate the missiles from underground command posts are suffering burnout.

## DOD makes plan to sell Apaches to Iraq official

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon formally notified Congress on Monday that it intends to sell and lease attack helicopters to Iraq, deals worth more than \$6 billion that had been raised by concerns U.S. lawmakers snarled about potential misuse of the aircraft.

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., who chairs the Foreign Relations Committee, notified the State Department late Friday that he had

lifted his objection to the deal after administration officials convinced him that U.S. personnel would be able to ensure that the Apache helicopters are not used to target minority populations or political rivals of the government in Baghdad, a Senate aide said Monday.

Iraqi officials hope the Apaches — speedy and versatile aircraft armed with highly precise missiles — will be a game-changer in their fight against al-Qaida-linked militants.

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Traffic creeps along I-55 in north Jackson, Miss., on Tuesday as ice and snow flurries cause difficult driving conditions. A severe winter storm is expected to hit the state, bringing ice and snow.

# US South braces as big winter storm approaches

By JEFF MARTIN  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Across the South, residents stocked up on fuel and groceries, schools and offices closed, and road crews were at the ready as a storm moved in Tuesday from the central U.S., threatening to bring snow, ice and subzero temperatures to a region more accustomed to air conditioners and sunscreen than parkas and shovels.

Even with the timing and severity of the blast of freezing precipitation uncertain, officials from parts of Texas to southeastern Virginia warned motorists to stay off the roads.

Several military installations in the southeast closed in preparation for the extreme winter weather. Non-essential military and civilian workers at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, in North Carolina, were not required to report to work Tuesday, and the schools and non-essential services were closed. The base also will be closed Wednesday and will operate on a three-hour delay Thursday.

Fort Bragg, N.C., released soldiers and civilians early Tuesday and closed schools, childcare centers, recreation centers for children and commissaries early. The

installation will remain closed Wednesday, though essential personnel must still report for duty.

Soldiers, civilians and contractors at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, near Savannah, Ga., also were sent home early Tuesday. The base will remain closed Wednesday, though emergency services will remain operational.

Popular warm-weather tourist destinations — Charleston, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; Pensacola, Fla.; Virginia Beach, Va.; and New Orleans — expected ice and snow over the next two days, rare occurrences in places that seldom even see prolonged sub-freezing temperatures.

At an Ace Hardware store in the north Georgia town of Cumming, snow shovels were in short supply, but manager Tom Maron said feed scoops — often used in barns — could be substituted. Workers expected brisk business, with patrons buying insulation, faucet covers, portable heaters and other cold-weather gear.

Much of Georgia was placed under a winter storm watch for Tuesday and Wednesday, with some areas forecast to see as much as 3 inches of snow. Jason Deese with the National Weather Service said the snow totals would

“matter very little in this situation because of the ice potential.”

“Some parts of the state may end up seeing the greatest impact just because they get more ice than snow,” he said.

In rural Mississippi, amid warnings about snow and ice, four people died when an early morning fire destroyed a mobile home in Itawamba County, near the Alabama border. Investigators believe a space heater was to blame, and local officials said it was bitterly cold overnight, with temperatures dipping to about 20 degrees below zero.

Sheriff Chris Dickinson said nine people were in the mobile home at the time, using the heater for warmth. Officials didn't identify the victims but said they ranged in age from 3 months to 30 years.

Snow began falling before dawn Tuesday in the extreme northwest portion of Alabama. In Montgomery, Bradley Thrift sat in a hotel parking lot letting his truck warm up before heading out with a crew to work on sewers.

“We've got a job to do. We'll just be out in it,” said Thrift, wrapped up in a thick coat. “We'll be safe. When the boss man says that's it, it's too slippery, we'll just come back here and wait.”

# US funds research to protect spying

By STEPHEN BRAUN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the Obama administration considers ending the storage of millions of phone records by the National Security Agency, the government is quietly funding research to prevent eavesdroppers from seeing whom the U.S. is spying on. The Associated Press has learned.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence has paid at least five research teams across the country to develop a system for high-volume, encrypted searches of electronic records kept outside the government's possession. The project is among several ideas that could allow the government to store Americans' phone records with phone companies or a third-party organization but still search them as needed.

Under the research, U.S. data mining would be shielded by secret coding that could conceal identifying details from outsiders and even the owners of the targeted databases, according to documents obtained by The AP.

Under the research, U.S. data mining would be shielded by secret coding that could conceal identifying details from outsiders and even the owners of the targeted databases, according to documents obtained by The AP. The research, which includes testing of new encryption and government officials. The administration has provided only vague descriptions about changes it is considering to the NSA's daily collection and storage of Americans' phone records, which are presently kept in NSA databanks. To resolve legal, privacy and civil liberties concerns, President Barack Obama this month ordered the attorney general and senior intelligence officials to recommend changes by March 28 that would allow the U.S. to identify suspected terrorists' phone calls without the government itself holding the phone records.

One federal review panel urged Obama to order phone companies or an unspecified third party to store the records; another panel said collecting the phone records was illegal and ineffective and urged Obama to abandon the program entirely.

Internal documents describing the National Security and Privacy Assurance Research project do not cite the NSA or its phone surveillance program. But if the project were to prove successful, its encrypted search technology could enable the NSA to conduct secure searches while sifting through phone records from agency data banks to either phone companies or a third-party organization.

A DNI spokesman, Michael

## Angry Birds are NSA allies

LONDON — Documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden suggest spy agencies have a powerful ally in Angry Birds and a host of other apps installed on smartphones across the globe.

The documents, published Monday by The New York Times, the Guardian, and ProPublica, suggest that the mapping, gaming, and social networking apps which are a common feature of the world's estimated 1 billion smartphones can feed America's National Security Agency and Britain's GCHQ with huge amounts of personal data, including location information and details such as political affiliation or sexual orientation.

The size and scope of the program aren't publicly known, but the reports suggest that the U.S. and British intelligence easily get access to data generated by apps such as the Angry Birds game franchise or Google Maps navigation service.

The NSA did not directly comment on the reports but said in a statement Monday that the communications of those who were not “valid foreign intelligence targets” were not of interest to the spy agency.

— The Associated Press

Birmingham, confirmed that the research was relevant to the NSA's phone records program. He cited “interest throughout the intelligence community” but cautioned that it may be some time before the technology is used.

The intelligence director's office is by law exempt from disclosing detailed budget figures, so it's unclear how much money the government has spent on the project, which is overseen by the DNI's Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity office. Birmingham said the research is aimed for use in a “situation where a large sensitive data set is held by one party which another seeks to query, preserving privacy and enforcing access policies.”

# Fla. voters to decide on medical marijuana

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A proposed constitutional amendment to allow the medical use of marijuana will go before Florida voters in November after the state Supreme Court narrowly approved the ballot language Monday.

The 4-3 decision is a victory for personal injury lawyer John Morgan, who spent \$4 million on a medical marijuana petition drive, and a defeat for

Republican Attorney General Pam Bondi, who fought to keep the question off the ballot.

The decision comes three days after Morgan secured enough voter signatures to make the ballot.

He made a massive push in December and January to beat the Feb. 1 deadline instead of waiting for the Supreme Court decision — a gamble that has now paid off.

Bondi said the matter is now up to voters.

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## NATION

# DHS chief supports a path to citizenship

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The new Homeland Security secretary says an earned path to citizenship for the roughly 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally is a matter of national security.

It was the first time Jeh Johnson, who had little experience with immigration policy before he was appointed, had outlined his approach on the subject.

The Defense Department's former top lawyer, who worked on U.S. drone policies and helped end the Pentagon's ban on gays in the military, said offering a path to citizenship would encourage such immigrants "to come out of the shadow, to be accountable, to participate in the American experience." In his speech last week at the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Johnson said the vast majority of immigrants in the U.S. illegally have been there for more than 10 years, and offering a path to citizenship is "a matter [of] who we are as Americans."

Johnson was sworn in as the fourth Homeland Security secretary late last year. While he has been making visits to the Mexican border and meeting with immigration enforcement officials, he had yet to give specifics on his immigration views until this speech.

Johnson was considered well-versed in matters of security, but many questioned his credentials on immigration.

During his Senate confirmation hearing last year, Johnson listed "common-sense immigration reform" among the top priorities of the department but did not provide any details.

Johnson's brief remarks on immigration mirror those of his predecessor, Janet Napolitano, and of President Barack Obama.

Obama and congressional Democrats have long pushed for a sweeping immigration bill that would, among other things, create a path to citizenship for immigrants living in the country illegally who don't pose a threat to national security or public safety. Last year, the Democratic-controlled Senate passed a bill that also included a provision to nearly double the size of the Border Patrol.

Republicans have objected to allowing immigrants to gain citizenship before the border is secured.

Johnson did not address how he planned to direct immigration enforcement efforts.



JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

## Mall shooting memorial

Paul D. Malcolm, a friend of one of the victims of the shooting at The Mall in Columbia, Md., brings flowers to a memorial for the victims after the mall was reopened to the public on Monday. Three people, including the presumed gunman, died Saturday in the incident.

## Attorney accused of coaching inmate on painful execution

By JULIE CARR SMYTH  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An attorney for a condemned Ohio inmate whose slow, gasping execution with a new drug combination renewed questions about the death penalty was temporarily suspended last week while officials investigated whether he had coached the condemned man to fake symptoms of suffocation.

The Office of the Public Defender said Robert Lowe, one of the attorneys representing inmate Dennis McGuire, was back at work Monday after an internal review failed to substantiate the allegation.

State prison records released Monday say McGuire told guards that Lowe counseled him to make a show of his death that would, perhaps, lead to abolition of the death penalty. But three accounts from prison officials indicate McGuire refused to put on a display.

"He wants me to put on this big show in front of my kids, all right, when I'm dying," McGuire is reported as having told one guard. "I ain't gonna do this. It's about me and my kids, not him and his cause."

Amy Borrer, a spokeswoman for the public defender's office, said all accounts from execution eyewitnesses — which did not include Lowe — indicate McGuire was unconscious at the time he struggled to breathe. "We have no

way of knowing, obviously, because we can't interview Mr. McGuire," she said.

Borrer said Lowe was not speaking with the media. He did not immediately return an email message or a phone message left at a number listed under his name. The office's director, Tim Young, told The Columbus Dispatch on Monday that no one in his office encouraged McGuire to fake any symptoms.

Borrer said Lowe walked McGuire through the steps involved in an execution and McGuire's statements may have arisen from an interpretation of those conversations. Borrer said Lowe asked McGuire to give a thumbs-up during the execution as a way of determining when he lost consciousness.

Due to ongoing federal litigation, she said the public defender's office closely monitors the sequence of events during the execution process.

Prisons officials alerted Gov. John Kasich's lawyer the night before the execution that McGuire had been overheard telling family members he'd been "encouraged to feign suffocation when the lethal injection drugs were first administered," according to a statement released by the public defender's office. The investigation was first reported by The Dispatch.

McGuire, 53, was put to death Jan. 16 for raping and killing a pregnant newswoman in 1989.

## Teen sets self on fire at Denver high school

WESTMINSTER, Colo. — A 16-year-old boy was critically injured Monday after he set himself on fire in the cafeteria at a suburban Denver high school in an apparent suicide attempt, authorities said.

Westminster Police Department spokeswoman Cheri Spottke said the boy didn't make any threats before starting the fire at about 7:15 a.m. at Standley Lake High School.

Spottke said a custodian used a fire extinguisher to put out the blaze before it could spread. Several other students were in the cafeteria at the time, but none was injured. She didn't know how the student set the fire.

## Police officer indicted in manslaughter case

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A grand jury has indicted a Charlotte police officer for voluntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of an unarmed former Florida A&M football player.

The indictment came Monday, hours after a judge ruled the North Carolina Attorney General's office could resubmit the case to a grand jury.

Investigators allege that Randall Kerrick shot Jonathan Ferrell, 24, on Sept. 14 as Ferrell looked for help after a car crash.

Last week, a Mecklenburg County grand jury refused to indict Kerrick, 27, a former animal control officer, on a voluntary manslaughter charge. Attorney General Roy Cooper decided to send the case to another grand jury because the first grand jury was missing four members.

## Legals billed mounting as Arias awaits sentencing

PHOENIX — Jodi Arias' legal bills have topped \$2 million, a tab being footed by Arizona taxpayers that will only continue to climb with a new penalty phase set for March, officials said Monday.

Arias, 33, was convicted of murder in May, but the jury couldn't reach a verdict on her sentence. Prosecutors are now pursuing a second penalty phase with a new jury in an effort to get the death penalty. Trial is set for March 17. The former waitress and aspiring photographer has been held in jail in Maricopa County awaiting her fate while her legal bills continue to mount.

Arias admitted she killed her boyfriend, Travis Alexander, in 2008 at his suburban Phoenix home but claimed it was self-defense.

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WORLD

# Filipino cops face claims of torture

By Jim Gomez  
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine police officers played a "wheel of torture" game to have fun and punish criminal suspects during interrogations, including bouts of punching named after boxing star Manny Pacquiao, human rights officials and activists said Tuesday.

"Under the game, detainees — mostly suspected drug traffickers — were punched if the "torture wheel" stopped at "20 seconds Manny Pacman," Pacquiao's nickname, or hung upside down if it stopped at a punishment called "30-second bat," Amnesty International said. The London-based rights group called the practice despicable.

A picture of the multicolored wheel provided by the Commission on Human Rights showed several other tortures, including

"3 minutes zombies" and "30-second duck walk/ferris wheel" but it was not immediately clear how those punishments were carried out.

"It's horrible," commission Chairwoman Loretta Ann Rosales said. "They do it for fun; it's like a game for entertainment. We're trying to correct this mindset based on a human rights approach to policing but obviously it may take a lot of time."

Allegations of torture have particular resonance in the Philippines, which emerged from a brutal era of dictatorship nearly three decades ago. Thousands of victims during dictator Ferdinand Marcos's rule won a class-action suit against his estate for torture and other rights violations in 1992 in Hawaii.

The violations allegedly took place at a police intelligence office in Binan town in Laguna province south of Manila which has



COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS/AP

A "wheel of torture" is placed on the post at an undisclosed police safe house in Laguna province, Philippines, on Jan. 9.

not been accredited as a detention center and was holding crime suspects illegally, Rosales said.

She said her commission investigated after receiving a tip early this month on alleged abuses of more than 40 detainees. The maltreatment allegedly occurred last year and this month.

Rosales said she has urged top police officials to pursue criminal complaints against about 10 officers who were implicated in the abuses.

National police spokesman Senior Superintendent Reuben Theodore Sindac said several officers have been taken into custody and an investigation is underway.

A report by the rights commission cited detainees as saying they were beaten up, electrocuted or hit by steel bars, baseball bats, a chair or a helmet. One detainee said a police officer pointed an assault rifle at him, and another accused the police of threatening his relatives.

# Morsi defiant as 2nd trial gets started

The Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's toppled president, Mohammed Morsi, stood alone in a soundproof cage-encased metal cage at the start of a new trial Tuesday wearing a white prison uniform, pacing and shouting angrily at the judge in apparent disbelief: "Who are you? Tell me!"

Morsi is on trial with 130 others, including Muslim Brotherhood leaders, and militants from the Palestinian Hamas group and Lebanon's Hezbollah, over charges related to the prison breaks at the height of the 18-day 2011 uprising against his predecessor Hosni Mubarak. After five hours, the trial was adjourned to Feb. 22.

The trial coincided with the third anniversary of one of the most violent days of that revolution that plunged the country into prolonged turmoil, and that eventually led to the virtual collapse of the police and their withdrawal from the streets.

Morsi supporters clashed with police Tuesday in central Cairo, and gunmen killed an aide to the country's interior minister in a high-profile drive-by shooting. Security forces also deployed heavily and erected checkpoints in the city as they braced for more violence with protests by Morsi supporters scheduled for later in the afternoon.

The former Islamist president, ousted in a popularly backed July 3 coup, also declared to the judges that he remains Egypt's legitimate leader during an unaired portion of the hearing, a state television reporter inside the courtroom said. In aired edited footage, defendants chanted that their trial was "invalid." Earlier, the defendants turned their back to the court to protest their prosecution, the state television journalist said.

In a half-hour of recorded footage aired on state television, Morsi protested being in a cage for his trial on charges related to prison breaks in 2011.

# Rebels escorted from Central African base

The Associated Press

BANGUI, Central African Republic — Thousands of jubilant residents are celebrating in the Central African Republic's capital after more of the rebels who have ruled the country were escorted from a military base.

Regional peacekeepers and French forces in Bangui escorted the former Seleka fighters from Camp Kasai Tuesday morning, a day after other rebels left another military camp in the capital.

The departure of the fighters was greeted with screams of joy from the crowd of hundreds that gathered to watch them leave for a camp in northern Bangui. "We are free! This is our new year!" they shouted.

The rebels became deeply unpopular after they killed and tortured civilians after seizing power in March 2013. Their leader, Michel Djotodia, stepped down as president earlier this month and went into exile in Benin.



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Christian residents celebrate as Seleka Muslim militias evacuate the Kasai camp in Bangui, Central African Republic, on Tuesday to relocate and join other Selekas at the PK11 camp.

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WORLD

**Officials: 2 attacks kill 7 people in Iraq**

BAGHDAD — Authorities in Iraq say two attacks against the country's security forces have killed seven soldiers and police officers.

Police officials said gunmen attacked a joint security checkpoint near Muqaddiyah, 60 miles north of Baghdad, killing five soldiers and wounding four.

Also, police and hospital officials stated al-Qaida militants attacked a police station near Fallujah, killing two police officers. They said the gunmen used explosives to destroy the station after other officers fled.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists.

Violence has escalated in Iraq over the past year, particularly since late last month after authorities dismantled a Sunni anti-government protest camp and arrested a Sunni lawmaker.

**Gassy German cows blamed for explosion**

BERLIN — A herd of dairy cows nearly lifted the roof off their barn in central Germany when methane released by the animals caused an explosion.

Police in Hesse state said in a statement that a static electric charge apparently triggered the detonation, and a spur of flame, Monday at a farm in Rasdorf. The roof was slightly damaged and one cow suffered light burns. No people were hurt.

Police said 90 cows are kept in the shed and it wasn't clear why quantities of methane had built up. Bovine belching and flatulence releases large quantities of the gas.

**Kenya: Chinese man fined \$230K for ivory**

NAIROBI, Kenya — A Kenyan court on Tuesday ordered a Chinese man to pay \$230,000 in fines or be jailed seven years for ivory smuggling in the first of what will likely be many cases as authorities implement a stringent new law to deter illegal trading in wildlife products.

Tang Yong Jian, 40, had pleaded guilty to being in possession of raw ivory valued at \$6,000 after being arrested at the international airport in Nairobi on Jan. 18.

In another courtroom Tuesday, a Kenyan man faced up to five years in jail if he failed to pay nearly \$12,000 in fines for illegal possession of lovebirds. Another Chinese man also was set to be charged Tuesday over alleged ivory smuggling after being arrested Monday night as he flew in from Congo en route to China.

From The Associated Press

**5th day of Syrian peace talks ends early**

By ZEINA KARAM AND JOHN HELLPRIK  
The Associated Press

GENEVA — Tense negotiations between the Syrian government and opposition broke off earlier than planned Tuesday amid demands that President Bashar Assad put forward another proposal for the future of the country.

The fifth day of talks focused on the transfer of power and helping besieged parts of the Syrian city of Homs. There has been little progress toward resolving the key issue of whether Assad should step aside and transfer power to a transitional government.

U.N.-Arab League mediator Lakhdar Brahimi opened the morning session reviewing the principles of the Geneva Communiqué

of June 2012, a broad but ambiguous proposal endorsed by Western powers and Russia to provide a basis for negotiations. Assad's role in any transitional government was a red line during those negotiations and left vague. The United States and Russia disagreed about Assad's role, but they signed the communiqué.

By midafternoon, Muraif Joueijati, a member of the opposition Syrian National Coalition's negotiating team, told reporters the Geneva talks were breaking off for the day to give time for the government to make its proposal about the future of the country within the context of the 2012 accord.

On Monday, the government presented a working paper on Syria's future, which

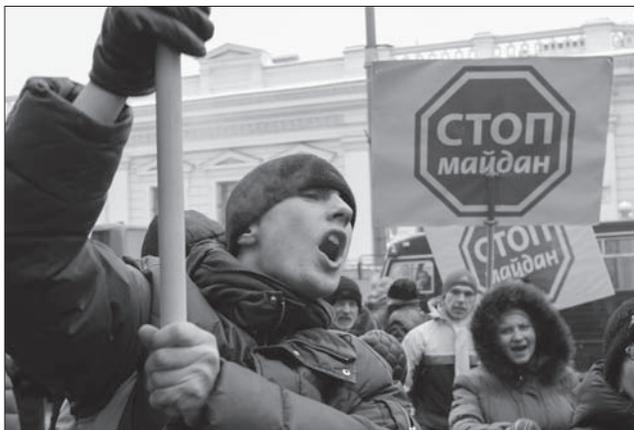
Joueijati said the opposition rejected because it "had nothing to do with a transitional government."

"We do not know what to expect tomorrow. They are going to try to change the subject yet again," he predicted.

He also accused the government of holding up the delivery of aid to Homs.

One complication in doing that and evacuating the city's residents is that the opposition delegation does not control armed groups inside Syria, including al-Qaida-backed militants, who do not feel bound by agreements reached in Geneva.

Those groups gained control of Syria's uprising as it evolved into an insurgency.



SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/AP

Supporters of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich rally in central Kiev, Ukraine, on Tuesday. The prime minister of the protest-torn country submitted his resignation Tuesday, saying he hoped the move would help bring peaceful resolution to the crisis that has gripped the country for two months.

**Ukraine PM resigns amid clashes**

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — In back-to-back moves aimed at defusing Ukraine's political crisis, the prime minister resigned Tuesday and parliament repealed anti-protest laws that had set off violent clashes between protesters and police.

The moves were significant concessions to the anti-government protesters who have fought sporadically with police for the past 10 days after two months of peaceful around-the-clock demonstrations. The protests ignited after President Viktor Yanukovich decided to turn toward Russia for a bailout loan instead of signing a deal with the European Union, but have since morphed into a general plea for more human rights, less corruption and more democracy in this nation of 45 million.

The departure of Mykola Azarov as premier

would remove one of the figures most disliked by opposition forces whose protests have turned parts of the Ukrainian capital into a barricaded maze.

Key issues remain unresolved in the crisis, including the opposition's repeated demands for Yanukovich to resign and a new election to be held.

Yanukovich accepted the prime minister's resignation but asked him to stay on in an acting role until a new government is formed. The president did not say when that government was expected to begin work.

Azarov's announcement came just before the opening of a special parliament session that approved the repeal of anti-protest laws that had set off violent clashes between protesters and police.

This month, the president had pushed through new laws to crack down on protests and raise prison sentences for creating disorder.

**Mladic refuses to testify in 'satanic court'**

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Former Bosnian Serb army commander Gen. Ratko Mladic slammed the United Nations' Yugoslav war crimes tribunal Tuesday as a "satanic court" and refused to testify as a defense witness for his former political master, Radovan Karadzic.

A courtroom reunion of the alleged chief architects of Serb atrocities during Bosnia's 1992-95 war lasted about an hour as Mladic repeatedly told judges he would not answer former Bosnian Serb President Karadzic's questions, citing ill health and an unwillingness to risk incriminating himself.

The hearing marked the first time the men had been seen together publicly since the aftermath of the war, but Mladic's refusal to answer questions beyond sketching a brief history of his military service meant it cast no new light on the war that left 100,000 people dead.

Mladic was to have been one of Karadzic's last defense witnesses. Karadzic's attorney, Peter Robinson, said Karadzic plans to testify in his own defense in February.

Karadzic and Mladic disappeared for years after the war as they attempted to evade capture and extradition to face trial in The Hague. Karadzic was captured in Serbia in 2008, disguised as a busily cleared new-age healer, and Mladic was detained nearly three years later.

The men are on trial separately for crimes including genocide. Both insist they are innocent — arguing that everything they did during the war was intended to defend the Serb people — and face maximum life sentences if convicted.

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OPINION  
Obama's NSA fine-tuning insufficient

By BRUCE ACKERMAN

President Barack Obama's recent speech on government surveillance is dominating the conversation, but he won't be making the key decisions under the National Security Agency's collection of domestic phone data. The statutory provision authorizing those massive sweeps expires June 1, 2015. If Congress simply does nothing, the NSA's domestic spying program will soon come to a screeching halt.

The question is whether Americans will seize this opportunity to gain critical perspective on the crisis responses of the George W. Bush years. Voters elected and re-elected Obama precisely because he promised to engage in this decisive reappraisal. But his speech failed to redeem that promise.

The president simply tried to reassure America that all is well and only some fine-tuning is required. His remarkable opening lines endow the NSA with a formidable pedigree: "At the dawn of our republic, a small, secret surveillance committee ... would patrol the streets, reporting back any signs that the British were preparing a raid against America's early patriots." By his account, the NSA is simply carrying on in this great tradition of espionage.

In contrast, Obama never mentions the Fourth Amendment's demand that "no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause ... describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." This was the Revolutionary generation's serious contribution to America's constitutional legacy, not the precedent set by a "small, secret surveillance committee." What is more, a district court judge recently invoked the amendment to condemn the NSA's indiscriminate data-gathering, providing a vehicle for litigation that will probably reach the Supreme Court.

Obama has no right to sit on the sidelines until the high court tells him what the Con-

stitution means. The president is under an independent obligation to determine that his actions are legitimate. And, as a former professor of constitutional law, he is in a good position to explain why the NSA isn't violating the amendment's demand that the government describe the persons and things involved in its data grabs.

My point has been reinforced further by the federal Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, which issued a majority report Thursday that emphasized the seriousness of the constitutional issues.

Alas, he simply refuses to talk about the Fourth Amendment, asserting that the "challenge ... is getting the details right."

Worse yet, he sets the details wrong. To set the stage for his intervention, the president commissioned a blue-ribbon advisory committee of respected constitutional lawyers and former national security officials. This five-man panel conducted the most searching outside review of intelligence-gathering in 40 years, producing a 100-page report with 46 recommendations.

The president adopted only a few of them, often undermining those he did endorse. For example, he announced that the NSA must henceforth gain the approval of a judge on the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court before gaining access to an individual's telephone records. But this court has served as a notorious rubber stamp because its members are national security conservatives all appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts. To create a more diverse panel, the president's advisory committee called for a statutory revision requiring Roberts to share his appointment power with his eight colleagues. But the president failed to endorse this proposal, transforming his initiative into a largely symbolic gesture.

The same is true on the international front. For the first time, he declared that the privacy concerns of foreigners are of fundamental importance, and this is un-

doubtedly important symbolically. But so long as Americans do not have serious protections, it is small consolation for foreigners to know that they will be treated equally in some, if not all, respects. Similarly, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other allied leaders will be relieved to learn that their phones won't be tapped, except in extraordinary circumstances. But this conditional assurance doesn't apply to other members of their governments.

Obama has forfeited his claim to principled leadership on this issue, and others must take up the slack. Given the notorious impasse on Capitol Hill, Congress is unlikely to move quickly on the president's proposals. But in this case, delay is a good thing. It will allow civil libertarians in both the Democratic and Republican parties to make surveillance a key issue of the 2014 elections, forcing candidates to take clear stands on the renewal of the Patriot Act. Even today, most observers believe that a majority of House members would vote no on an extension, but serious pressure on the campaign trail would create further momentum for principled reappraisal.

Western allies should also press for a formal intergovernmental agreement on key issues. Obama's assurances are valid only until their term ends. A formal agreement, binding his successors, would transform his symbolic breakthrough into an enduring legacy.

Progress on these fronts would create a congenial environment for the Supreme Court, when appropriate cases begin to reach its docket.

It will take a lot of work from a lot of people to vindicate fundamental Western values. We can't count on Obama to do the job for us.

Bruce Ackerman, a professor of law and political science at Yale, is the author of the forthcoming book "We the People: the Civil Rights Revolution." This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

More ill-linked to smoking should spur action

Baltimore Sun editorial

It's been half a century since the first U.S. surgeon general's report appeared linking smoking to lung cancer. In the decades that followed, federal and state health officials waged a vigorous public information and education campaign that persuaded millions of Americans to kick the habit. But as a new surgeon general's report this month warned, smoking remains the leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States, and its health consequences for individuals are even more lethal than previously believed.

Some 20 million Americans have died prematurely from smoking-related illnesses since 1964. The new report found that in addition to lung cancer and heart disease, smoking causes liver and colorectal cancer, Type 2 diabetes, age-related macular degeneration, erectile dysfunction and rheumatoid arthritis. It weakens the

immune system, aggravates asthma and has been linked to cleft lips and palates in fetuses. Merely being exposed to second-hand smoke can cause strokes.

It's surely safe to say that no other product legally on the market is both so addictive and has so great a potential for hurting those who use it. Yet because those who risk accumulate slowly over a period of many years or decades, its victims are often unaware of the irreparable damage they are doing to their bodies until it is too late. And smokers today are at higher risk of developing some illnesses than were smokers of an earlier era because of changes in cigarette manufacture and chemical composition. Tobacco is probably the only consumer product that has actually gotten worse for people's health than it was 50 years ago.

As a result, the social and economic costs of smoking are staggering. The surgeon general's report estimates the direct medical costs of treating smoking-related illnesses come to \$130 billion a year. Additionally, illnesses and deaths caused by tobacco use cost the economy another \$150 billion a year in lost productivity.

The surgeon general's report makes clear that America can no longer remain a nation of smokers. In recent decades, the number of Americans who smoke has declined precipitously as a result of effective anti-smoking advertising campaigns that have raised awareness of the risks associated with tobacco use. In 1965, 42 percent of American adults smoked, but by 2012 that number had dropped to 18.1 percent. The surgeon general estimates

anti-smoking measures have saved some 8 million Americans from premature smoking-related deaths during the last 50 years, but smoking-related illnesses still claim nearly half a million American lives every year.

That is why lawmakers need to strengthen public policies that encourage adult smokers to quit and dissuade nonsmokers from starting the habit. That is especially true for young people, who are particularly vulnerable to the addictive nature of tobacco use and who can't easily appreciate the long-term consequences of taking up the habit. Discouraging smoking among youth is one of the most effective ways of reducing future health costs and lawmakers must look at all options to keep them from lighting up.

Americans have come a long way toward recognizing the grave risks of tobacco use both for the individual and for society as a whole. But there's not been the same commitment to eliminate tobacco-related deaths as there was for eradicating other global killers such as smallpox, polio and malaria.

The surgeon general's report calls on Americans to address smoking deaths with similar urgency by enacting tougher regulations on tobacco products, strengthening laws for smoke-free workplaces and creating more effective tax policies and public information campaigns to help smokers quit and keep nonsmokers from starting. This is a risk that lawmakers urgently need to address, and the time to act is now.

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OPINION

# US forced to navigate riptide in East Asia

By FRED HIATT  
The Washington Post

You can see the danger signs from Richmond, Va., to Harbin, Manchuria. The major powers of East Asia are increasingly angry with each other. That could bring trouble to the region and, while we're not paying much attention, to the United States, too.

The skirmish at the Virginia General Assembly might seem comical to most Americans. Trying to please their Korean-American voters, Northern Virginia legislators introduced a bill requiring Virginia textbooks to note that the Sea of Japan is also known as the East Sea. Japan's government is lobbying to kill the measure.

Honestly, you might say, who cares? But like many long-standing disputes, the argument over place names has taken on new urgency in the context of China's rise, Japan's resurgence and uncertainties in the region about the United States' staying power.

Bitterness spilled out a few days ago when China opened a "memento hall" — really a small museum — honoring a Korean activist at the Harbin railway station where, in 1909, he was assassinated a former Japanese prime minister.

A Japanese official denounced China for glorifying a "terrorist." A South Korean politician, responding to a bill Jung-seun was a terrorist, then Japan was a terrorist state for having mercilessly invaded and plundered countries around it.

The opposing views of history aren't new. Korea, which was annexed by Japan shortly after the assassination, years ago put Alan Chang on a 200-won postage stamp. The assassinated prime minister, Hirobumi Ito, adorned Japan's 1,000-yen notes. South Korea has long urged China to establish a memorial on the site of the killing.

What's changed is China's attitude. After years of politely rebuffing the Korean request, the Chinese government apparently decided it had little to lose in further souring relations with Japan. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe last month made a similar calculation when he visited the shrine to Japan's World War II dead, in-



BO BROWN, RICHMOND (VA.) TIMES-DISPATCH/AP

Members of a large group of out-of-town Korean-Americans wave from the Senate gallery at the State Capitol in Richmond, Va., on Thursday as a bill requiring approved textbooks in Virginia to refer to the Sea of Japan as the East Sea was debated. The bill passed.

cluding its war criminals, knowing the visit would inflame both China and South Korea.

"The competition for leadership in Asia is alive and intensifying," former State Department official Dan Twining recently wrote in Foreign Policy. With roughly \$8 trillion in annual output, China has surpassed Japan to become the world's second-largest economy. But Japan, at about \$6 trillion, is not far behind, and Abe has made clear he does not believe it should cede technological, military or economic primacy to China. (U.S. output is about twice China's.)

Earlier this month, Abe and China's foreign minister toured Africa almost simultaneously. In an implicit slap at China, the Japanese leader said, "It is easy to come in, take out natural resources, pay off leaders and leave. We don't want to see a new colonialism."

China's ambassador to Ethiopia retorted, "Abe has become the biggest troublemaker in Asia."

The most perilous flash point is a pile of rocks in the East China Sea that are con-

trolled by Japan, which calls them the Senkakus, and claimed by China, which calls them the Diaoyus. This one is more than an argument over names — fisheries and offshore oil are in play — and it could flare into something very nasty, including for the United States.

Imagine, for example, that a Chinese fishing boat defies the Japanese coast guard and puts in at one of the uninhabited islands. The Japanese take custody of the crew; the Chinese demand their release; shots are fired; Japan invokes the U.S.-Japan security treaty. The resulting choice — face off against China or abandon an ally — is one that no president wants to confront.

For the United States, it's a classic challenge of alliance management: Be firm enough to deter any aggression by a potential foe without being so unequivocal as to encourage reckless behavior by an ally.

In this case, the best way to walk that fine line is to be more, not less, present in the region. If the nations of East and Southeast Asia know they can count on a U.S. presence, they are more likely to band

together to quietly resist Chinese bullying. Neighboring countries are less likely to worry about the Japanese military modernization, which the United States favors. Japan is likelier to respond with forbearance to Chinese provocations, and China and South Korea are likelier to defuse their tensions.

Such calculations were behind a policy, articulated during President Barack Obama's first term by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and her assistant secretary for Asia, Kurt Campbell, of a U.S. pivot to Asia. Unfortunately, many Asian officials now seem unsure how real that pivot is. They see the U.S. defense budget cut while China's grows, a second-term foreign policy team focused on other regions, a mood of withdrawal in the U.S. capital. Their inclination is to hedge their bets — to plan for a world with diminished U.S. leadership.

In such a world, fights over what to call the body of water between South Korea and Japan would be the least of our worries.

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# Privatization of justice further threatens the poor

By GARY A. HAUGEN

If you've been a tourist or business traveler recently in Kenya, India, Guatemala or any other developing country, you probably saw uniformed guards in the police offices you visited or hotels where you slept. The sight of those guards is so common that their presence most likely faded into the background. But they are emblematic of a massive social transformation that is passing unnoticed: Throughout the developing world, public justice systems are being replaced with private systems of security and dispute resolution. The implications for the world's poorest people are devastating.

Businesses and economic elites in developing countries left frustrated by incompetent police, clogged courts and hopelessly overburdened judges and prosecutors are increasingly circumventing these systems and buying their own protection. In India in late 2010 the private security industry already employed more than 5.5 million people — roughly four times the size of the entire Indian police force. A 2009 World Bank report showed roughly the same ratio in Kenya. The largest employer in all of Africa is a private security firm, GroupSecure, and in Guatemala, private security forces outnumber public police 7 to 1.

The repercussions extend far beyond the elites and businesses that buy safety. When protection must be purchased, the poorest are left with nothing to shield them from violence. In many developing countries, if you want to be safe, you pay to be safe. And if you can't pay to be safe — you aren't.

As elites abandon the public justice system, their impoverished neighbors, especially women and girls, are left relying on underpaid, undertrained, undisciplined and frequently corrupt police forces for protection and all-but-paralyzed courts for justice.

This is not a small problem isolated to a single context. It is the terrifying truth of everyday life for billions of our poorest neighbors. As a U.N. commission found in 2008, a stunning 4 billion poor people live outside the protection of law.

When a justice system descends into utter dysfunction, those who exploit and abuse vulnerable people may do so without fear of apprehension or prosecution. As a result, violence is an everyday threat, as much a part of what it means to be poor as being hungry, sick, homeless or jobless. World Bank data suggest that, globally, women and girls ages 15 to 44 are at greater risk of being killed or disabled by gender-based violence than by cancer, traffic accidents, malaria and war combined —

with poor women and girls absorbing the vast majority of the abuse. Appallingly, for many girls in the developing world, school is the most common place where sexual violence occurs.

This result cannot be attributed solely, or even primarily, to the elites' abandonment of the public justice system. For one thing, the colonial-era justice systems that linger in most of the developing world were never designed to protect the poor from common crime, nor were they meaningfully re-engineered to do so after independence. For another, trillions in aid have been provided to the developing world, but virtually nothing has been spent on improving criminal justice systems to meet the basic needs of poor people.

It is perfectly rational for wealthy citizens and businesses to protect themselves and their property. But when elites, including government officials, have no stake in professional and reliable public security, it detours justice to just like libraries and schools do when affluent families opt out of public facilities and pay for such services in the private sector.

In the midst of great and worthy efforts to help the global poor build better lives, donors and development institutions have paid little attention to the painstaking work required to ensure the things that

are indispensable to stopping violence: professional and accountable police; and functioning prosecutors, courts and child welfare agencies.

Even with the widespread recognition that everyday violence undermines health, education and opportunity, it has been assumed that poor communities can move forward without basic law enforcement systems — a notion none of us has been willing to bet on for our own communities.

The United Nations is in the process of revising the 2000 Millennium Development Goals. Although the original eight goals inspired enormous progress toward addressing poverty, the issue of violence against the poor wasn't even mentioned. It's time to add a target for providing the poor basic law enforcement protections from everyday violence.

Identifying the right to safety and justice as a crucial development goal is a first step toward including those marginalized by violence and exploitation in the world's drive to end extreme poverty. For children, women and men plagued by violence as they try to climb out of poverty, it's a change that can't seem soon enough.

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## WIRED WORLD

# Celebrating 30 years of user-friendliness

## Apple's Mac still influences three decades after debut

By ANICK JESDANUN  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Look around. Many of the gadgets you see drew inspiration from the original Mac computer.

Computers at the time typically required people to type in commands. Once the Mac came out 30 years ago this month, people instead could navigate with a graphical user interface. Available options were organized into menus. People clicked icons to run programs and dragged and dropped files to move them.

The Mac introduced real-world metaphors such as using a trash can to delete files. It brought its fonts and other tools once limited to professional printers. Most importantly, it made computing and publishing easy enough for everyday people to learn and use.

Apple sparked a revolution in computing with the Mac. In turn, that sparked a revolution in publishing as people began creating fancy newsletters, brochures and other publications from their desktops.

Those concepts are so fundamental today that it's hard to imagine a time when they existed only in research labs — primarily Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center in California. Apple cofounder Steve Jobs and his team got much of its inspiration from PARC, which they visited while designing the Mac.

The Mac has had "incredible influence on pretty much everybody's lives all over the world since computers are now so ubiquitous," said Brad Myers, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Human-Computer Interaction Institute. "Pretty much all consumer electronics are adopting all of the same kinds of interactions."

Apple didn't invent those tools, nor was the Mac the first to use them. Xerox Corp. sold its own mouse-based Star computer, and Apple's Lisa beat the Mac by months. It's impossible to say what would have happened if those machines hadn't flopped with consumers or whether others would have come along if the Mac hadn't.

But the Mac prevailed and thus influenced generations of gadgets that followed.

The Mac owes much of its success to the way Apple engineers adapted those pioneering concepts. For instance, Xerox Corp. used a three-button mouse in its Alto prototype com-



Steve Jobs, left, and John Sculley present the new Macintosh Desktop Computer in January 1984 in Cupertino, Calif.

puter. Apple settled on one, allowing people to keep their eyes on the screen without worrying about which button to press.

While Lisa had those improvements first, it cost about \$10,000. The Mac was a "low" \$2,495 when it came out on Jan. 24, 1984.

Apple insisted on uniformity, so copying and pasting text and deleting files would work the same way from one application to another. That reduced the time it would take to learn a new program.

And Apple put a premium on design. Early Macs showed a happy face when they started up. Icons and windows had rounded corners. Such details made computers appear friendlier and easier to use — at least subconsciously, Myers said.

One of the first applications enabled by the Mac's interface was desktop publishing.

Early computers generated text the way a typewriter would — character by character, one line at a time. Users had a limited number of characters, with no variation in appearance. The Mac was one of the first to approach displays like a TV. Text gets incorporated into a graphic that the computer projects on the screen pixel by pixel.

With those tools, would-be publishers could change fonts, adjust typeface sizes and add attributes such as italics. They could also mix images with text. The earliest Macs popularized "what you see is what you get," or WYSIWYG, formatting on the screen largely reflected how the page would look in print. Instead of going to a professional printer, anyone could simply design and print newsletters on a Mac.

Of course, the Mac's success was never guaranteed.

Initially, many people "thought it was a waste of time and a gimmick," said Dag Spicer, senior curator of the Computer History Museum in Silicon Valley.

He said long-time computer users already knew how to perform computing tasks "very efficiently with just two or

three keystrokes. It might have been more efficient for them than to use a mouse."

The Mac didn't run software for the company's Apple II computer, so there was little people could do with it until Aldus — now part of Adobe — released PageMaker publishing software in 1985. The original Mac had little memory and a small screen, and it lacked a hard drive. Although the Mac's processor was fast for its time, much of that power went to the graphical interface instead of tasks common for research and commerce.

With the Mac came "the dawn of the notion of we can waste computing power to make it easier for people," said Jim Morris, who worked on the Xerox Alto before joining Carnegie Mellon by the time the Mac came out. "The Macintosh was not a business machine."

Tim Bajarin, a Creative Strategies analyst who has followed Apple for more than three decades, said he was baffled, yet intrigued, when he saw the Mac's unveiling at an Apple shareholders meeting in 1984.

"This really was a complete departure from the computing that we knew," he said. "None of us had any clue what its potential would be."

In fact, despite its radical interface, sales were lukewarm. For

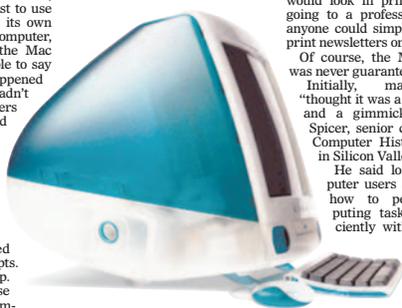
years, it was mostly a niche product for publishers, educators and graphic artists. Corporate users stuck with IBM Corp. and its various clones, especially as Microsoft's Windows operating system grew to look like Mac's software. (There were years of lawsuits, capped by a settlement.)

Now the world's most valuable company, Apple Inc. nearly died in the 1990s as its market share dwindled. After a 12-year exile from Apple, Jobs returned in 1997 to rescue and head the company. A year later, he introduced the iMac, a desktop computer with shapes and colors that departed from beige Windows boxes at the time.

Then came the iPod music player in 2001, the iPhone in 2007 and the iPad tablet in 2010. They weren't Macs, but shared the Mac's knack for ease of use. Elements such as tapping on icons to open apps have roots in the Mac. The popularity of those devices drove many Windows users to buy Macs.

The Mac has aged to the point that it's starting to draw inspiration from iPhones and iPads. Several Mac apps have been refined to look and work more like mobile versions.

Yet without the Mac, we may never have had the iPhone or the iPad, and phones might do little more than make calls and send email.



In 1998, Apple came out with its first iMac. PCs at the time were typically housed in uniform, beige boxes. The first iMacs looked more like TVs and came in a variety of colors over the years.

# FACES

## Macklemore: Lamar was 'robbed'

Everyone felt sorry for Kendrick Lamar after the dazzling young rapper was shut out at the Grammy Awards — even Macklemore, the guy who beat him head-to-head in several categories.

Macklemore sent Lamar an apologetic text after winning in the best rap album category Sunday. That was one of four awards for best new artist Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, and the one that sparked the most grumbling.

"You got robbed," Macklemore wrote in a text to Lamar that he later posted on Instagram. "I wanted you to win. You should have. It's weird and sucks that I robbed you."

Macklemore, whose real name is Ben Haggerty, has made no secret of his opinion in the best rap album category, declaring early on that he felt Lamar's "good kid, m.A.A.d. city" should win best rap album over his own record "The Heist." Drake, Jay Z and Kanye West also were nominated in the category, but the hip-hop community seemed to throw its hopes behind Lamar, a 26-year-old Compton native and Dr. Dre protégé who has deep respect from his peers because of his raw talent, verbal abilities and cinematic vision.

From The Associated Press

## Macklemore



## Feb. 14 arraignment for Bieber DUI arrest

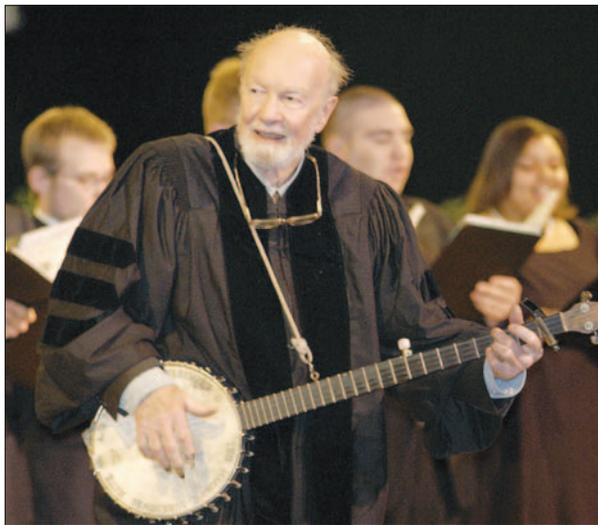
Pop singer Justin Bieber has a Valentine's Day date with a South Florida judge on charges of DUI, resisting arrest and driving with an expired license.

A Miami-Dade County judge on Tuesday set a Feb. 14 arraignment date for Bieber, 19.

Bieber and R&B singer Khalil Amir Sharief were arrested last week in Miami Beach during what police described as an illegal street drag race between a Lamborghini and a Ferrari. Neither has been charged with drag racing.

Police say Bieber admitted to smoking marijuana, drinking and taking a prescription medication.

From The Associated Press



Pete Seeger performs in 2003 during commencement ceremonies for the College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y. The singer, whose career intertwined folk music and activism, died Monday at 94.

# Singer-activist Seeger dies

By MICHAEL HILL AND CHRIS TALBOTT  
The Associated Press

Pete Seeger, the banjo-picking troubadour who sang for migrant workers, college students and star-struck presidents in a career that introduced generations of Americans to their folk music heritage, died Monday at the age of 94. Seeger's grandson, Kitama Cahill-Jackson, said his grandfather died in his sleep around 9:30 p.m. at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, where he had been for six days.

"He was chopping wood 10 days ago," Cahill-Jackson recalled.

With his lanky frame, use-worn banjo and full white beard, Seeger was an iconic figure in folk music who outlived his peers. He performed with the great minstrel Woody Guthrie in his younger days and wrote or co-wrote "If I Had a Hammer," "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone" and "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine." He lent his voice against Hitler and nuclear power. A cheerful warrior, he typically delivered his broadsides with an affable air and his fingers poised over the strings of his banjo.

With The Weavers, a quartet organized in 1948, Seeger helped set the stage for a national

folk revival. The group — Seeger, Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Hellerman — churned out hit recordings of "Goodnight Irene," "Tzena, Tzena" and "On Top of Old Smokey."

Seeger also was credited with popularizing "We Shall Overcome," which he printed in his publication "People's Song" in 1948. He later said his only contribution to the anthem of the civil rights movement was changing the second word from "will" to "shall," which he said "opens up the mouth better."

"Every kid who ever sat around a campfire singing an old song is indebted in some way to Pete Seeger," Arlo Guthrie once said.

His musical career was braided tightly with his activism, in which he advocated for causes ranging from civil rights to the cleanup of his beloved Hudson River. Seeger said he left the Communist Party around 1950 and later renounced it. The association dogged him for years.

Seeger's output included dozens of albums and single records for adults and children.

Seeger was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996 as an early influence. Ten years later, Bruce Springsteen honored him with "We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions," a rollicking reinterpretation of songs sung by Seeger.

# Grammy show a hit with viewers

Los Angeles Times

With big performances, a mass wedding and Pharrell's giant hat getting much of the attention, the Grammy Awards broadcast drew its second-biggest audience in 21 years Sunday night.

The show drew an average of 28.5 million viewers to CBS over 3 hours, 45 minutes, according to Nielsen. That's up slightly from the 28.4 million people last year's awards gala brought in but well below the record of 40 million who watched the 2012 show that aired after Whitney Houston's death.

Sunday's telecast earned a rating of 9.9 in the

advertiser-desired 18-to-49 age group, down about 2 percent from last year.

Just 10 awards were presented during the show, which was dominated by high-profile collaborations, some obvious (Beyoncé with Jay Z) and some less so (Metallica with flashy pianist Lang Lang, and Robin Thicke with Chicago).

Daft Punk, the masked electronic duo from France, left with the honors for album and record of the year. The night was also notable for a wedding staged during a performance of Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' "Same Love," during which 33 couples were married by Queen Latifah.

# Stars pay tribute to The Beatles

By CHRIS TALBOTT  
The Associated Press

Many of today's top artists gathered in Los Angeles on Monday night to honor The Beatles' legacy, with Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr in attendance and late members John Lennon and George Harrison always in mind, at The Recording Academy's taping of "The Night That Changed America: A Grammy Salute to The Beatles."

John Legend and Alicia Keys sang "Let It Be." Katy Perry performed "Yesterday," while her boyfriend, John Mayer, teamed with Keith Urban on "Don't Let Me Down." Brad Paisley and Pharrell Williams took on "Here Comes the Sun."

The telecast will air in the U.S. on Feb. 9, 50 years after The Fab Four made their first appearance in front of an American television audience on "The Ed Sullivan Show." It was a historic moment with more than 73 million Americans tuning in, changing pop culture in profound ways.

Maroon 5 kicked off Monday's show by re-creating the opening moments of the Feb. 9, 1964, "Sullivan" appearance with "All My Loving" and "Ticket to Ride." Keys and Legend faced each other as they sat at matching baby grand pianos. Mayer and Urban traded guitar licks, as did Gary Clark Jr. and Joe Walsh on "As My Guitar Gently Weeps." Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart of The Eurythmics reunited to play "The Fool on the Hill."

Dave Grohl and Jeff Lynne hammered "Hey, Bulldog," and Harrison's son Dhani joined Lynne and Joe Walsh on his father's classic "Something." Stevie Wonder performed "We Can Work It Out" twice, asking for a retake after a slow start.

When McCartney and Starr took the stage, it turned a fairly sedate affair into an arm-in-arm singalong of hits "Hey, Jude," "Sgt. Pepper" and "Yellow Submarine," prompting movie stars and Grammy Award-winning musicians to sing along like giddy kids.



ZACH CORDERN, INVISION/AP

Keith Urban, above, performed "Don't Let Me Down" with John Mayer during the taping of "The Night That Changed America: A Grammy Salute to The Beatles."

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Man attacked after car becomes stuck in snow

**NJ** BRIDGETON — A Southern New Jersey man said he was beaten unconscious by two men who approached him asking for money after his car got stuck in the snow.

The Press of Atlantic City reported that the Bridgeton man told police he got stuck Sunday morning as he tried to enter the parking lot of a local business.

When he tried to free his vehicle, the man said two men and a woman approached him and asked for money. When the victim told them he had nothing, he said the two males beat him until he was unconscious.

When he came to, the man said his wallet was missing. He then went to a hospital to seek treatment for minor injuries he said he sustained during the attack.

## Woman saves dog from freezing lake in park

**NY** NEW YORK — A dog owner leapt into a freezing lake in New York City's Central Park to rescue her dog from drowning.

The New York Post reported that the woman was walking five dogs on the northern edge of the park Sunday morning when one of the pooches ran away and jumped into the Harlem Meer.

The partially frozen man-made lake is surrounded by signs that warn of dangerous thin ice.

The woman jumped in after the dog and police used a life preserver to pull her and the animal out of the water.

## Police to crack down on city's idling cars

**UT** OGDEN — A wave of preventable car thefts in a Utah city has prompted police to step up enforcement of a state law that prohibits unattended, idling vehicles.

Car thefts are on the increase in part because of residents who go out to warm up their vehicles on cold mornings and leave them unattended, Ogden Police Deputy Dan Hays said.

According to the police department, 36 of 82 vehicle thefts over the previous 90 days involved cars that were left running and unattended. Another 34 thefts involved unlocked cars.

State law prohibits drivers from leaving a vehicle unattended without stopping the engine and removing the keys from the ignition. Officers will begin actively enforcing the law this week, issuing 540 citations to violators.

## Firecracker blast blows off Jeep driver's hand

**WA** SEATTLE — A powerful firecracker detonated inside a moving vehicle in a Seattle neighborhood Sunday, blowing off the driver's hand, with residents rushing to aid the bleeding man, police and neighbors said.

Donald Wilkes, 61, said the blast early Saturday morning rattled his house and woke up everyone when he was outside. He found the street filled with smoke

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The number of pounds of beef ribs that caught fire in a big rig on a Southern California freeway. The San Bernardino Sun reported that the rear wheels of the truck ignited Saturday night on Interstate 40 in Luiford. San Bernardino County Fire Department spokesman Al Franco said that by the time firefighters arrived, the truck was unhooked from the trailer, which became engulfed in flames. He said the fire emanated "a wonderful BBQ rib odor." It also shut down traffic for about two hours.



# \$99,450

The amount paid at auction for a nickel-plated .38 pistol that once belonged to outlaw Bonnie Parker. The Knoxville (Tenn.) News Sentinel reported that the winning bidders for the item asked to remain anonymous. More than 300 people attended the event at Case Auctions and Antiques in Knoxville. Parker was gunned down by police with her lover, Clyde Barrow, in 1934. The gun was found hidden in Parker's dress by a mortician preparing her body for embalming.



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## Bald Eagle Days

Mike Billington shows a gray horned owl as kids make owl ears during Bald Eagle Days at the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center at Gavins Point Dam near Yankton, S.D., on Sunday. Bald Eagle Days is sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service. Billington is from The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

and a Jeep stopped just against his 6-foot-tall cedar fence.

Witnesses saw a flash of light from inside the vehicle, a red Jeep with a gray top, as it drove down a residential street, police said. There was initial concern over the driver's intent.

Wilkes' son, Nicholas, 30, and another neighbor applied a tourniquet to the man's left arm. The man wouldn't answer questions about what he had been doing, Wilkes said.

## Police 'like' Facebook post of wanted suspect

**PA** FREELAND — Police in one Pennsylvania town really "liked" this Facebook post.

The (Wilkes-Barre) Times Leader reported that officers arrested Anthony Lescoiwich, 35, less than two hours after he shared a wanted photo of himself and taunted police for not being able to find him.

Police in Freeland said Lescoiwich shared the wanted bul-

letin minutes after they posted it on the department Facebook page Monday night. He was being sought on assault charges.

An officer pretending to be an attractive woman then messaged Lescoiwich. Police said Lescoiwich refused the offer of a drink but eventually agreed to meet for a cigarette. He was arrested at the agreed-upon location.

## Police: Mom put kids in dangerous conditions

**IA** MARSHALLTOWN — A Marshalltown woman has been accused of letting her two children live within close reach of dangerous items like knives, syringes and dog feces.

The Marshalltown Police Department said officers were recently sent to the home of Shelby L. Peak, 22, to conduct a search warrant on a separate case of alleged stolen property. Capt. Mike Hanken said officers found daggers, glass methamphetamine pipes with residue and other dan-

gerous items within reach of a 1-year-old and a 3-year-old.

Peak was arrested and the children were placed in protective custody. The Marshalltown Times-Republican reported that Peak was charged Wednesday with two counts of child endangerment. She also faces a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Marijuana contests join county fair this summer

**CO** DENVER — Pot at the county fair? Why not?

Colorado's Denver County is adding cannabis-themed contests to its 2014 summer fair. It's the first time pot plants will stand alongside tomato plants and homemade jam in competition for a blue ribbon.

There won't actually be any marijuana at the fairsgrounds. The judging will be done off-site, with photos showing the winning entries.

A live joint-rolling contest will

be done with oregano, not pot.

## 2 men charged with stealing fire chief's SUV

**NY** CENTER MORICHES — Two Long Island men have been arrested on charges they stole a fire chief's SUV.

Suffolk County police said the red 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe was left running outside the Center Moriches Fire Department about 1:15 a.m. Sunday. It belonged to the chief of the neighboring East Moriches department.

Surveillance video captured two men getting in and driving away.

About six hours later, the vehicle was spotted about 25 miles away in Rocky Point. Police began a pursuit that went through various towns before the SUV crashed in a snowbank in Southampton.

Police said Raymond Peruggi and Corey Smith, both 23, of Center Moriches, were awaiting arraignment on grand larceny charges.

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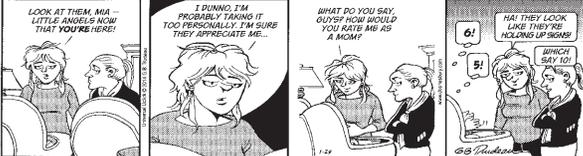
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GOLF

Woods not worried to play at Torrey Pines

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Tiger Woods doesn't sound too worried over matching his worst score in America on a course where he had won eight times.

"I wouldn't read anything into what happened Saturday at Torrey Pines," Woods said Tuesday after an 18-hole exhibition for past winners of the Dubai Desert Classic.

Woods was the defending champion at the Farmers Insurance Open when he sent seven straight holes making bogey or worse — including consecutive double bogeys for the first time in more than two years, on his way to a 79 as he missed the 54-hole cut.

"It was just one of those days that happens, and it was one of the trains I just couldn't get off," said Woods, who was speaking for the first time since the third round in San Diego on Saturday. "There was nothing different with my ball-striking today compared to last Saturday."

Woods had three early birdies in

It's just that I had one bad day, and that happens.

Tiger Woods Pro golfer

Henrik Stenson, who won the FedEx Cup and Race to Dubai last year, and Rafa Cabrera-Bello of Spain, each had 66. They tied for first and each earned \$250,000. Rory McIlroy and Alvaro Quiros tied for third at 68.

Woods said he spent Sunday at home in Florida working on his putting before heading to Dubai.

He is a two-time champion of this event and has finished no worse than fifth all but one time in six appearances. That was in 2011, his worst year as a pro.

"I thought I was back and had a nice

day off," Woods said. "Worked on putting a bit in the backyard and that was it. I am not that far off. It's just that I had one bad day, and that happens."

Woods will play the opening two rounds with McIlroy and defending champion Stephen Gallacher. Woods played the Tuesday exhibition with Gallacher and Fred Couples. He said he hasn't played with Gallacher since the 1995 Walker Cup. Woods and John Harris defeated Gallacher and Gordon Sherry in a four-stroke match.

Woods and McIlroy also played together a year ago in Abu Dhabi, but both of them missed the cut. Woods was one shot inside the cut until being assessed a two-shot penalty for taking what he thought was a free drop from an embedded lie in a sandy area.

McIlroy began his season two weeks ago in Abu Dhabi and finished one shot behind. He was penalized in the third round for not taking full relief from an area marked ground under repair.



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Last weekend at Torrey Pines, Tiger Woods made consecutive double bogeys for the first time in more than two years on his way to missing the cut. But he's not worried about the state of his game.

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# OLYMPICS

## Sochi might be last time NHL breaks

By LARRY LAGE  
The Associated Press

The NHL has not decided whether to let its players participate in the Olympics beyond this year, meaning the Sochi Games could be the finale for dozens of players.

Sweden's Daniel Alfredsson has competed in each of the last four Olympics with players from the league and he said he is looking forward to doing it for a fifth and probably final time next month. The 41-year-old Detroit Red Wings forward said it would be "bad" for the NHL to take the unique experience away from its players.

"It's an unbelievable experience," Alfredsson said.

League officials, though, are not sure freezing their league for two-plus weeks in the middle of the season is good for business — especially when the Olympics are not in the U.S. or Canada.

"The North American experiences have been better than far-away Olympics for a host reasons, including exposure," NHL

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said.

"When you have a North American-based Olympics, you can have a shorter period without NHL games. We're going to have the longest break we've ever had, and that could interrupt momentum for teams and have an affect on their competitiveness based on how

many players they have playing, and how many injuries there is in Sochi."

The NHL had 150 of its players — at least one for each of the 12 countries in the tournament — picked to play in Russia.

The league will not have any games from Feb. 9-24, a 16-day window that is between major American sporting events: the Super Bowl and the NCAA college basketball tournament. Instead of benefiting from the decreased competition for time and money from a national fan base, the league can only hope that allowing its players to be in the Olympics draws more people to the game.

"There are potential negative impacts with participating midseason in the Olympics and that factors into the overall analysis of whether it's a good idea for us to go or not," Daly said.

When the Sidney Crosby-led Canadians beat the Americans for gold four years ago in Vancouver, nearly 35 million people watched on TV.

"It's pretty obvious to say it's good for the game," Chicago Blackhawks and U.S. forward Patrick Kane said.

But even if there's a rematch in the gold-medal game on Feb. 23, the audience will likely be much smaller because the puck is scheduled to drop at 4 p.m. in Sochi and at 7 a.m. or earlier in North America.

Players seemingly want to play in the Winter Olympics for the sixth straight time in 2018 in South Korea — and beyond.

The NHL and NHL Players' Association have been in talks about bringing back the World Cup of Hockey that wouldn't conflict with the league's regular season. Daly said the NHL and NHLPA are both in favor of creating a uniform international calendar. "A World Cup should clearly play a part in that," Daly said.



SERGEI GITS/AP

The ice surface at Shayba Arena, the venue for hockey at next month's Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, will be wider than rinks used in the National Hockey League with a larger neutral zone and more room behind the goal lines.

# US, Canada face big-rink issues

## Larger ice surface is seen as an advantage for European players

By LARRY LAGE  
The Associated Press

Big rink. Big problems.

At least that has been the case for Canada and the U.S. when the Winter Olympics haven't been on home soil — or ice.

The Canadians and Americans have not earned a medal in hockey away from North America since the NHL began letting its players participate in the 1998 Winter Olympics.

In Vancouver and Salt Lake City, the Canadians beat the Americans in both gold-medal games.

"It's not a coincidence," David Poile, general manager of the U.S. team, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "The game is different on bigger ice. The angles are different, the shooting lanes are different and you have to position yourself differently."

Compared to the NHL-sized rinks used in 2010, the ice surface in Sochi will be 15 feet wider, the neutral zone will be 8 feet larger and there will be 2 more feet behind the goal lines.

"It changes the whole game," Team Canada forward Jeff Carter said recently before he and the Los Angeles Kings played the Detroit Red Wings. "On the bigger ice, it'll be a big adjustment for our guys. Skill comes into it a lot and you have to think a lot more. Defensively, you have to be in the right position because if you get caught out of position, you have to go a long way to get back in position."

"European players grew up playing on the bigger ice, so they're used to it."

That showed at the Turin and Nagano Games.

Sweden beat Finland for gold in 2006 in Turin when the Czech Republic beat Russia for bronze. In 1998, the Czechs topped the Russians in the gold-medal game in Nagano after the Finns beat Canada for bronze.

Three-time Olympian Bill Guerin played for

the U.S. in both of those Olympics, and recalls the larger sheet of ice posing problems for him and his teammates.

"I always felt you couldn't maintain the same energy that you can on a smaller rink, where you can get places quicker," Guerin said. "There's a lot of skating on the big ice. When you're chasing a defenseman into the corner, you have to chase him an extra 5 or 10 feet. That's a long way to go. When you have defensive-zone coverage, there's a lot of real estate out there."

The U.S. and Canada have tried to combat the challenges with some tough choices.

Joe Thornton has been among NHL scoring leaders this season — as usual — but his savvy style and soft hands couldn't overcome his slow skates when the Canadians were making their cuts for the 25-man roster.

The Americans didn't put one of their best offensive players, Bobby Ryan, on the team in part because he can't skate as well as T.J. Oshie.

James van Riemsdyk, Blake Wheeler and Max Pacioretty were each picked to play for the U.S. because they had what Poile and other decision-makers for USA Hockey were looking for.

"All three of them have three things: size, skating and scoring," Poile said.

Skaters are not the only ones who will have to make adjustments.

Goalenders will have more room behind them and much more space when they look side to side, but they're hoping to focus on the familiar distance between the faceoff dots.

"The boards are further to your left and right, but the paint's the same," U.S. goalie Ryan Miller said. "You'll feel like you're drifting a bit and giving up too much on the short side."

"You just have to make the adjustment, and we'll only have one day — maybe two — on the ice before we play."

### By the numbers

# 15

Number of feet wider the Olympic ice rink in Sochi will be compared to a standard rink used in NHL competition.

# 8

Number of feet larger the Olympic ice rink's neutral zone will be in Sochi compared to a rink used in NHL competition.

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Number of medals earned by the U.S. and Canada in Games held outside of North America since NHL participation began in 1998.

OLYMPICS

# US parents tripped up by Sochi logistics

## Financial burden, terrorism threats factor into family travel decisions

By Elliott Almond  
San Jose Mercury News

**T**wo-time Olympian Stan Dunklee practically gave up trying to watch his daughter compete at the upcoming Winter Olympics in southern Russia.

First, it cost too much at about \$12,000 per person for four nights. Then, navigating Iron Curtain-like bureaucracy tested the patience of this can-do Vermonter.

Before being issued a Russian visa, Americans must provide proof they have event tickets, spectator passes, hotel rooms and health insurance.

The most expensive Games in history at a reported \$50 billion have become the most confounding for American parents, the very people who have supplied the funds and emotional support to fuel their children's Olympic passions.

"One thing about the Olympics: It's all about money," said Dunklee, of Barton, Vt. "The rest of it is fluff."

Dunklee, who competed in cross-country skiing at the 1976 and 1980 Winter Olympics, was lucky in one aspect. Daughter Susan Dunklee earned her Olymp-

pic berth in the biathlon last year. The father had enough time to find a reasonably priced eight-room accommodation that he is sharing with parents of other Olympians.

But because many of the U.S. teams are named about three weeks before the Opening Ceremony on Feb. 7, some parents have scrambled to make travel arrangements.

Sharon and Dean Cook of the Eastern Sierra town of Loyalton had to buy airline and event tickets and pay for hotel rooms before they knew daughter Stacey had made the alpine ski team.

"It's crazy with all capitals," said Sharon Cook, who also paid for travel insurance in case her daughter didn't make it.

Here is but one example of how the system has left them frazzled:

Skiers get two complimentary tickets that they can give to their parents. But the Cooks still had to buy event tickets to get a visa to enter the country. They wouldn't have had enough time to process the paperwork through the Russian embassy had they waited until the complimentary tickets arrived after the alpine team was named Sunday.

The parents decided to spend thousands because Stacey Cook, of Mammoth Lakes, was expected to make her third Olympic team. The family made a similar decision before the 2010 Olympics in British Columbia. But the day before the couple departed, Stacey Cook suffered a horrific crash in a training run and had to be airlifted to a hospital. She eventually returned to finish 11th in the downhill.

The issue of money led luger Chris Mazdzer of Saranac Lake, N.Y., to discourage his family from going to Sochi.

"He said, 'Don't come,'" father Edward Mazdzer recalled. "But it's in the parental contract. Your kid goes off to the Olympics, you'd better get yourself there."

Luger Matt Mortenson also worried about his family's budget



Marco Trevisani/AP

**Stacey Cook made her second Olympic team on Sunday, but her parents have been left frazzled by the financial burden and Russian bureaucracy while trying to plan the trip to see their daughter compete.**

just to watch him jet down an icy chute for what seems like a New York minute.

"The first price was \$8,000 without airfare," Mortenson said. "You can get a small-sized used car for that amount."

Travel visas are just one of the added wrinkles for Americans heading to Sochi. Another is securing "validated" spectator passes to gain access to Olympic venues. Russian organizers created the spectator passes as an added level of security in a dangerous part of the world.

Security factored into Monterey bobsledder Nick Cunningham's reason for wanting his parents to stay home.

"You can throw a rock and hit Chechnya," he said of a break-away Russian republic east of Sochi. "I would feel better if they were in Monterey."

Tim and Wendy Cunningham decided not to go although they had arranged their lives to attend almost all of their son's track meets and football games. They rise at 3:30 a.m. to follow his bobsledding races in Europe on the Internet.

But Sochi? "It's in the middle of nowhere," Wendy said.

It has been 20 years since the International Olympic Commit-

tee staged the Games in such a far-flung locale when it was held in Lillehammer, Norway. Sochi is nestled between the Black Sea and Caucasus Mountains in a subtropical zone that borders the Republic of Georgia.

Travel issues led Washington cross-country skier Sadie Bjornsen to insist parents Tom and Mary Bjornsen not to go to Sochi even though her brother Erik also was named to the Olympic team Wednesday. Instead, the parents attended the final World Cup race before the Olympics in Italy.

"They've never left North America yet," Bjornsen said from the Czech Republic. "Sochi would not be the place to start."

Because Sochi developed into a major resort almost overnight, it has limited hotel space compared with the previous three Olympics in Salt Lake City, Turin, Italy, and Vancouver. U.S. Figure Skating official Ramsey Baker told Sports Business Journal last year his group had trouble finding accommodations for athletes' families.

"In Vancouver, people were able to figure it out on their own," Baker said. "In Sochi, they can't figure it out."

That's what has bothered Edward Mazdzer, a neurologist who also attended the Vancouver Games to watch son Chris in the

luge.

"We practically had zero help from the people who every four years trot off to these various venues and go to the Olympics," he said of officials of the respective national governing bodies and the U.S. Olympic Committee. "It's not there. It's find your way and good luck."

The sporting organizations, however, aren't in the travel business so they don't have the mechanism to provide much help other than refer family members to their providers. A recent check for prices through the U.S. Olympic Committee's official hospitality tour agency, CoSport, showed rooms at three-star hotels cost about \$400 a night.

Some enterprising athletes started online fundraising campaigns to offset family expenses in what amounts to a 21st century bake sale. Short track speedskating star Jessica Smith of Melvindale, Mich., created such a site for her parents, a truck driver and a barber. She estimated costs could run as high as \$40,000.

"It's a cruel recognition of what this all about," said Dunklee, the two-time Olympian from Vermont. "Your kid qualifies, and you're put in that limbo land: What's this worth to me?"



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**Luger Chris Mazdzer discouraged his parents from traveling to Sochi because of the expense involved in staying at the remote Russian resort.**

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# OLYMPICS

## Official: ‘Stupid to try to cheat’

By Stephen Wilson  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Go ahead — just try to get away with it. If you're willing to take the risk, you'll pay the price.

That's the challenge laid down to drug cheats thinking they can dope their way to success at the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

International Olympic and anti-doping officials are implementing the toughest drug-testing program in Winter Games history, using intelligence to target athletes and events considered most at risk.

Authorities are focusing their efforts on weeding out dopers through rigorous pre-games and pre-competition tests. Armed with an improved scientific method that can detect drug use going back months rather than days, the International Olympic Committee will conduct a record number of tests.

Urine and blood samples will be stored for eight years for retroactive testing, providing further deterrence to anyone thinking they can avoid being caught.

"I think it would be stupid to try to cheat," IOC medical director Dr. Richard Budget told The Associated Press. "If there are any doping cases in Sochi, some are not my fault because athletes are being stupid."

The Russian doping lab, which had faced possible suspension by the World Anti-Doping Agency for inadequate procedures, has been fully accredited for the Games and will be analyzing samples around the clock.

The Winter Olympics have produced only a small number of positive tests over the years as they involve far fewer athletes than the Summer Games and fewer sports with a record of doping.

Olympic officials hope any cheats will have been screened out already through extensive

out-of-competition testing carried out around the globe in the months, weeks and days leading up to the Games.

Don't think, though, that nobody's cheating or that Sochi will be doping-free.

"You'd be foolish to write off the Winter Games as having any lesser risk," said Andy Parkinson, chief executive of Britain's national anti-doping agency.

The IOC plans to carry out 2,453 tests in Sochi, including 1,269 pre-competition controls. That's a 57 percent increase in pre-Games tests from 2010 in Vancouver.

The majority of the 1,184 in-competition tests will be done in sports such as cross-country skiing and biathlon, endurance events with a history of blood doping and EPO use. About 20 percent of the doping controls will be blood tests.

Much of the testing will be based on intelligence gathered from law-enforcement agencies, whistle-blowers and previous suspicious blood level results.

The testing program begins on Jan. 30, the day the athletes village opens. From then until the close of the Games on Feb. 23, Olympic athletes can be tested any time and at any place, including training sites around the world.

About 2,000 of the 3,000 athletes competing in Sochi are expected to be tested — some of them two, three or even four times. The top five in all medal events are tested, as well as others chosen at random.

Since testing began at the Winter Olympics in 1968, only 20 doping cases have been reported by the IOC. Only one was reported at Vancouver, with Polish cross-country skier Kornelia Marek disqualified after testing positive for EPO. Two hockey players were reprimanded for minor violations after testing positive for stimulants.

## US to bring record 230 athletes to Sochi

The Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado — The United States will bring 230 athletes to the Sochi Olympics, the largest delegation ever for any country at the Winter Games.

The previous record was 216 by the U.S. in 2010 in Vancouver.

Todd Lodwick in Nordic combined will become the first American to compete in six Winter Olympics. Lodwick's teammate Billy Demong and skier Bode Miller are headed to their fifth. Only three U.S. Winter Olympians other than Lodwick had previously accomplished that feat.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said Monday that of the 106 returning Olympians, 49 have won

medals — 13 of them gold.

Miller has won five medals and needs three more to tie short-track speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno as the most decorated U.S. Winter Olympian. Snowboarder Shaun White and speedskater Shani Davis could become the first American men to win gold in the same event in three straight Winter Games.

The women's bobsled push athletes, hurdler Lolo Jones and sprinter Lauryn Williams, become the ninth and 10th Americans to compete at both the Winter and Summer Olympics.

The oldest member of the team is 46-year-old curler Ann Swisshelm while the youngest is 15-year-old freestyle skier Maggie Voisin.



MIKE GROUL/AP

John Napier, shown during competition in 1999, has been to the Olympics and to war, and a little part of him misses both. The former U.S. bobsled Olympian is now a college student in Florida and says moving on after being a slider and a soldier hasn't always been easy.

## Napier content with life after Olympics and war

By Tim Reynolds  
The Associated Press

LAKELAND, Fla. — John Napier used to race for America. And he used to fight for America.

These days, he misses both. The former U.S. bobsled Olympian was once thought of as someone who would be a top contender for a medal at next month's Sochi Olympics. Instead, he's studying biochemistry at Florida Southern College, dabbling with some competitive water skiing on the side, continuing his transition each day from life as a sled slider and a soldier who fought in Afghanistan.

And he's not regretting anything. "I miss going down the hill. I miss going down the hill with my friends," Napier said, sitting outside sipping coffee one recent morning. "But I'm in a really good place and I've been given amazing opportunities right now to succeed in life. So I would say this is most important right now, school, college."

He joined the National Guard in 2007 and became part of the Army's World Class Athlete Program, which meant he got support in exchange for a small time commitment and being a military ambassador through bobsledding. Thing is, Napier didn't want to short-change the arrangement, so he looked for ways to keep doing more with the military.

That led him to make an unusual decision. After the Vancouver Olympics four years ago, here's how he stunned friends inside and outside the Army world: He asked to go to war. Eventually, the Army granted his wish and didn't just deploy him to Afghanistan, but gave him the opportunity — also as he insisted — to see battle.

His first night there, bullets flew his way. "I see the world from a different angle," Napier said. "There were days when you're driving around on roads or on patrol and you know you've got probably a 50 percent chance of getting blown up on this road. There's terrifying moments. I drive bobsleds at 90 mph, I go over water ski jumps, I'll do any sport known to man. And I was scared. Anybody would be. But you get the brotherhood experience, and there's no price you can pay for that."

So he traded his bobsled for an M249 light machine gun, strapped 70 pounds of water and ammunition onto his 180-pound frame, read his Bible in tough moments and did the job. When it was over after nearly 6½ months, he came back to bobsledding. It just wasn't the same, and after two seasons where results just weren't what he wanted, he retired.

"It was my time," Napier said. "I still felt the need to win, but there was something else too. There was a frustration, a thorn, a sadness almost. It was almost depressing for me to be there. I would say it

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John Napier

former Olympic bobsledder and US soldier

was time. I got led out of the sport. One thing led to another, leading me to where I am right now, and I'm happy where I'm at."

He chose biochemistry for a reason: "Because it's hard," he said.

That's pretty much been his reason for choosing almost everything. Bobsledding isn't easy, even for those like him who got started as an 8-year-old. War wasn't easy; Napier speaks openly about friends who were either killed there or committed suicide after coming home. Water skiing competitively isn't easy, as evidenced by how he was immobilized after shredding one of his hamstrings. Biochemistry isn't easy; those who know him say a 10-hour study day isn't uncommon.

And his next chapter won't be easy either, given that Napier is considering becoming a chiropractor. "He's the American dream," said Dr. Dave Gabay, a close friend of Napier's who has a chiropractic practice in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., just north of Napier's hometown of Schenectady. "It's about moving forward in a positive direction, overcoming adversity. The number of his friends who are well-adjusted coming back from over there are a minority, not the majority. This is a kid who has risen above all this. It's a positive story."

Next month, Napier will be on the couch, watching and rooting.

Many members of the U.S. Olympic bobsled team that will compete in Sochi are his close friends. One of them, push athlete Chris Fogg, even served simultaneously in Afghanistan with Napier; the two crossing paths one day in a what became quite a hilarious moment. Seeing his buddy, Napier yelled "Fog!!" instead of "Sir!" because he temporarily forgot that he was addressing an officer.

Even without Napier, the Americans might be in position to collect more bobsled medals in Sochi than any other nation.

"Hoping and praying they make it happen," Napier said.

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS

## AP Top 25 roundup

# Spangler leads Oklahoma to win over Oklahoma St.

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Ryan Spangler's intense play has fueled Oklahoma's growth this season.

The sophomore forward had 15 points and a career-high 17 rebounds to help the 23rd-ranked Sooners defeat No. 8 Oklahoma State 88-76 on Monday night.

Spangler, in his first season playing for Oklahoma after transferring from Gonzaga, has displayed an energy level that has helped change the Sooners from a team that could just score a lot of points into one that held Oklahoma State to 40 percent shooting.

"Ryan's kind of been the cornerstone for our growth in the toughness area," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "I think we're getting tougher. I think we've made big strides in that area."

It was the first time both teams have entered a "Bedlam" rivalry game ranked since 2005.

The Sooners got great efforts from a few unexpected sources. Freshman Jordan Woodard scored 17 of his 18 points in the second half and reserve Tyler Neal added a season-high 15 points for the Sooners (17-4, 6-2 Big 12), who won their fourth straight game and claimed their

third win over a ranked conference opponent this season.

Woodard averaged just 11 points a game and Neal averaged 5.9 coming into the game.

"That's kind of been the trademark of this team all year long—different guys, different nights, stepping up and giving us great support," Kruger said. "We beat a great Oklahoma State team. That makes it even more satisfying."

Oklahoma shot 46 percent from the field and made 8 of 17 three-pointers. The Cowboys committed 29 fouls and were outscored 30-15 at the free throw line. Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford said the poor defense and the foul trouble were related.

"We didn't defend very much," he said. "When you don't defend, you put yourself in position to foul. Give them credit. They beat us off the dribble. Fouling is usually a product of being out of position."

Oklahoma State guard Phil Forte said the team has to handle situations like Monday's better.

"We need to quit worrying about the refs and all that and just play," he said. "Move onto the next play. That's the most important thing."

Marcus Smart had 22 points on 6-of-18 shooting and spent much

of the game in foul trouble. Forte scored 20 points and made all six of his three-point tries and Markel Brown added 18 points for the Cowboys (16-4, 4-3).

OSU's Le'Bryan Nash, who scored a career-high 29 points against West Virginia on Saturday, fouled out with eight points in 17 minutes.

"Give them credit," Ford said. "Every time we would make a semi-run at them, they would make a big shot and we would make a silly play."

**No. 9 Villanova 65, Georgetown 60:** James Bell scored 16 points as visiting Villanova prevailed in a messy, foul-plagued game to hand Georgetown its fifth straight loss.

Daniel Ochefu added 12 points on 5-for-5 shooting for the Wildcats (18-2, 7-1 Big East) as the Wildcats moved into a tie with first-place Creighton atop the Big East.

Markel Starks scored 20 points for the short-handed Hoyas (11-9, 3-6).

**No. 17 Duke 80, No. 18 Pittsburgh 65:** Jabari Parker scored 21 points and reserve guard Andre Dawkins added 20 as visiting Duke beat Pittsburgh.

Amile Jefferson had a season-



BRODY SCHMIDT/AP

Oklahoma forward Ryan Spangler (00) takes a shot between Oklahoma State forward Kamari Murphy (21) and guard Marcus Smart (33) during the second half on Monday in Norman, Okla.

high 14 points for the Blue Devils (17-4, 6-2 ACC), which brought Pitt's hot start in its first Atlantic Coast Conference season to an abrupt halt. Duke made 13 of 25 three-point attempts, includ-

ing four during a 15-3 run midway through the second half that broke open a tight game.

Lamar Patterson had 14 points for the Panthers (18-3, 6-2) who fell to 12-1 at home.

## Briefly

# Ravens hire former Texans coach Kubiak as OC

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Former Houston Texans head coach Gary Kubiak was hired to be the Ravens' offensive coordinator on Monday, replacing Jim Caldwell, who was hired on Jan. 14 to coach the Detroit Lions.

The 52-year-old Kubiak was Houston's coach from 2006 through last month, when he was fired after the Texans got off to a 2-11 start.

Baltimore also announced the hiring of Rick Dennison, the Texans former offensive coordinator, as their quarterbacks coach.

An extensive search for Caldwell's replacement began with 30 candidates, coach John Harbaugh said. The search ended with the Ravens landing Kubiak, who served as Denver's offensive coordinator for three seasons before being hired to guide the Texans in 2006.

In other NFL news:

■ New Cleveland Browns coach Mike Pettine hired Jim O'Neil as his defensive coordinator on Monday, reuniting him with the coach who helped him turn around Buffalo's defense last season.

■ The Philadelphia Eagles hired former Minnesota Vikings offensive coordinator Bill Musgrave on Monday to coach their quarterbacks and Michael Clay as defensive quality control coach. Mike Dawson was promoted to assistant defensive line coach from defensive quality control.

■ Atlanta Falcons coach Mike Smith and general manager Thomas Dimitroff have signed one-year contract extensions through the 2016 season. Also, the Falcons announced President Rich McKay signed a four-year extension through May 2019.

## DL Moss banned from Nebraska campus

Nebraska barred defensive lineman Avery Moss from campus until 2015 on Monday and said he won't be able to play next season after he pleaded no contest to public indecency for a 2012 incident at a residence hall.

University spokesman Steve Smith said Moss had been ordered off the campus through at least Dec. 31. Smith said he could not disclose the reason for the ban because of privacy laws, though



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Gary Kubiak replaces Jim Caldwell as the Baltimore Ravens' offensive coordinator. Caldwell left to become head coach of the Detroit Lions.

a police report said a female student in December 2012 reported that a man exposed himself twice to her at a campus convenience store where she worked. She later identified Moss after looking at a photo.

Moss appeared in Lancaster County Court on Monday and, in addition to pleading no contest to public indecency, pleaded guilty to a charge of failing appear to a previously scheduled court hearing. A charge of disturbing the peace was dropped. He'll be sentenced March 28.

## Huskers dismiss Biggs from basketball team

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska basketball coach Tim Miles has announced that junior guard Deverell Biggs has been dismissed from the team.

Biggs appeared in 15 games and was the Cornhuskers' third-leading scorer at 9.9 points a game.

Miles said he hopes Biggs remains at Nebraska through the spring semester and finds another school where he can play. Biggs declined to comment.

## MLB OKs protective cap for pitchers, fit for camp

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball has approved a protective cap for pitchers, hoping to reduce the effects of being hit in

the head by line drives.

The new hat was introduced Tuesday and will be available for testing during spring training on a voluntary basis. Major leaguers and minor leaguers won't be required to wear it.

The safety plates made by isoBLOX are sewn into the hat and custom fitted. They weigh an extra six to seven ounces — a baseball weighs about five ounces, by comparison — and offer protection to the forehead, temples and sides of the head. They make the hats about a half-inch thicker in the front and around an inch thicker on the sides.

In other baseball news:

■ The Chicago Cubs have asked the city's permission to put a 650-square-foot sign at Wrigley Field that may partially block views of the field from the surrounding rooftop businesses.

The rooftop owners have said they will file a lawsuit if the team puts up anything that cuts into their views. However, at least one city official is calling the application a positive development, even if it forces the courts to get involved in the dispute over renovation of the century-old ball park.

# SUPER BOWL

# Thomas' skills honed on the hardwood

## Basketball player turned Broncos' TE now one of Manning's main targets

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Broncos' three-year tight end Julius Thomas began the season with more NCAA tournament trips (two) on his resume than catches in the NFL (one).

Now, the former power forward at Portland State is the key to Denver's record-shattering offense, freeing up Demaryius Thomas, Eric Decker and Wes Welker, especially in the red zone.

The 6-foot-5, 255-pound late-bloomer is also a bulls-eye for some of Manning's biggest moments, like when he caught his 51st TD throw that broke Tom Brady's single-season record, one

of a dozen touchdowns he caught this year, breaking Hall of Famer Shannon Sharpe's team record for tight ends.

He was Manning's main target in the AFC championship game, too, with eight receptions for 85 yards a week after his two clutch third-down catches helped ice Denver's win over San Diego.

"Sometimes I have to remind myself," Manning said, "that he hasn't played a ton of football."

A giant banner of Thomas hangs outside the media hotel in Times Square, an indication of just how far this relative football toddler has come.

"Is my helmet on?" Thomas



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Denver Broncos' Julius Thomas has become another of Peyton Manning's offensive weapons this season. The third-year tight end has 14 receptions for 161 yards in this season's playoffs.

asked sheepishly Monday while aboard the Cornucopia Majesty ship, docked outside the team hotel across the Hudson River.

Yes. "OK, that's good. So, I won't get recognized too much," Thomas said. "That's a lot of people walking by seeing that thing."

He might want to get used to the spotlight.

Thomas played just one year of football in college after exhausting his eligibility on the hardwood. He tried to line up with the receivers on his first day of practice

but was ushered over to the tight ends group.

"I was like, 'What? Hold on, I don't know about all that,'" Thomas recounted. "But Coach (Nigel) Burton, he sat me down and we talked about it and he told me that he felt if I played tight end I'd be able to create matchup problems."

Sure enough, he caught 29 passes for 453 yards and earned All-Big Sky Conference first-team honors in 2010, and he caught a touchdown pass and the attention of scouts at the East-West Shrine

Game.

"I really thank him for helping me decide to play tight end," Thomas said. "It was a great move on his part to not let me play receiver. I've loved playing tight end ever since."

When Manning picked Denver as his destination that following spring, Thomas was among a handful of guys who gathered on local high school fields for clandestine workouts during the lock-out, but soon he needed surgery and wouldn't catch a single pass in 2012.

### Did you know

Julius Thomas played just one year of college football, earning All-Big Sky Conference honors at Portland State.



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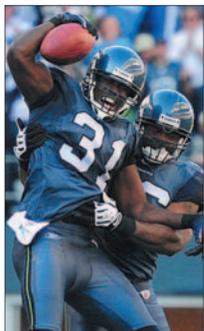
He gained confidence, however, running with the scout team and capitalized on extra time with Manning last offseason when it was Jacob Tamme and Joel Dreesen who were hurt to gain his quarterback's confidence, too.

He was pretty sure only friends and family picked him up in fantasy football leagues before his five-catch, 161-yard, two-touchdown performance against Baltimore in the NFL opener on Sept. 5 — 729 days since his first NFL reception.

He finished with 65 receptions for 778 yards and added 14 receptions for 161 yards in the postseason. All the while, he flashes some of the same moves on the football field that he used to showcase on the basketball floor, where he was a bully on the blocks.

Tight ends with power forward in their DNA are matchup nightmares because they're faster than linebackers and bigger than safeties, said Thomas' position coach, Clancy Barone, who's also tutored the alpha hooper-turned-gridiron great, Antonio Gates.

# Chancellor adjusts to become Seahawks' enforcer



JOHN LOK, SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

Seattle Seahawks strong safety Kam Chancellor, left, celebrates with teammate Leroy Hill, after intercepting a pass in 2011.

By TIM BOOTH  
The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Kam Chancellor is imposing. He's a strong safety that looks like he should be playing linebacker and the hardest hitter in the best secondary in the NFL.

What is setting Chancellor apart is his ability to still be intimidating but do it within the framework of the NFL wanting to protect defenses players.

It's a tricky line and one that Chancellor struggled with earlier in his career. But he's found a way to accomplish the task of being an enforcer minus the penalties, both on the field and in the bank account.

"I don't think it's a matter of adjusting. It's just learning how to tackle, the proper technique to tackle," Chancellor said. "Once you learn the proper technique to tackle you can get your feet under you and you can explode through anybody."

His play is being recognized outside of just Seattle. He was Pro Bowl selection and a second-team All-Pro this season. Chancellor was also the first member of Seattle's secondary to be locked up long term when he signed a four-year extension last April.

"He's been the best player on our defense the whole season I think," teammate Michael Bennett said. "I think he's one of the best players in the NFL. I'm surprised he's not up for defensive player of the year. When he tackles, he's just amazing."

Chancellor's ability to be imposing was evident on two plays in the NFC championship game against the San Francisco 49ers.

In the third quarter, Chancellor leveled tight end Vernon Davis on a short pass that caused an incompleteness. The form was perfect, with Chancellor's helmet at the level of Davis' midsection and his shoulder pads planted on his chest.

Fast forward to the fourth



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quarter and San Francisco's final drive. Facing a third-and-2, Colin Kaepernick threw a pass for Michael Crabtree on a quick slant. As Crabtree cut for the middle, Chancellor was there waiting. Not surprisingly, Crabtree's arms didn't quite fully extend and he

let the pass go incomplete.

"I know if I was coming across the middle about to catch a ball I would be looking for 31," Bennett said.

Chancellor's schooling came from one of the hardest hitters in the NFL. As a rookie, he followed around veteran Lawyer Milloy and attempted to glean every bit of experience the 15-year veteran was trying to pass on to the next generation of strong safeties.

Chancellor has also become better in coverage. He was partly responsible for Seattle shutting down tight ends Davis and Jimmy Graham on multiple occasions this season.

He's likely to get time on yet another athletic tight end on Sunday with Denver's Julius Thomas having become a favorite target of quarterback Peyton Manning. "The best way to deal with a hard hitting safety is to try not to let him hit you. I'm ready for a physical game. I'm anticipating it," Thomas said.

# SUPER BOWL



MICHAEL CIAGLO, COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE/MCT

Broncos defensive tackle Terrence Knighton is coming off an impressive performance in the AFC championship game, where he sacked Patriots quarterback Tom Brady late in the game to help Denver earn a spot in the Super Bowl. Knighton was buried on the depth chart in training camp, but has since risen to become a leader of the team's improving defense.

## Stand: Unknown players drawing attention, respect after early struggles

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defensive tackle coming off a sensational AFC championship game performance.

Knighton could be the poster child for players who graduate from the depths of the NFL — “I did my four years in Jacksonville,” he said — to the top of the pro football ladder. He’s been practically unblockable in the last few weeks, rising from obscurity to recognizability as a leader of an improving defense.

“Well I think that’s naturally going to happen when you’re in the middle of the defense and you’re the anchor of the defense,” the 335-pound Knighton said. “I feel like I’m a natural leader. I think wherever I am, people just gravitate towards me, and with that it requires a responsibility to help other guys and bring them along.”

Coach John Fox praises the work ethic of Knighton, who was buried deep on the depth chart in training camp after being signed as a free agent away from the Jaguars.

“I’ll always put it on players,” Fox said of Knighton’s emergence from a who’s-he to a watch-out-for-him performer. “As a coach, we spend a lot of time trying to define players. Basically, our approach is, ‘Don’t let us define you. You are going to be held accountable. It is going to be based on your performance, where you are on the depth chart, how much you are going to play. All of those things, you earn or don’t earn.”

**“Really, everything Terrence has done, he did [himself].”**

**John Fox**

Broncos coach on TD Terrence Knighton’s emergence

“Really, everything Terrence has done, he did [himself].”

Ditto for Seattle’s Kearsse, who played at the University of Washington but went undrafted in 2012. He made all of three catches that season after catching on with the Seahawks, and his job was anything but secure when Percy Harvin was acquired in a trade, and with Sidney Rice, Golden Tate and Doug Baldwin in the receiving corps for 2013.

All Kearsse did was go from afterthought to touchdown threat, and his 35-yard catch for the winning score against San Francisco keyed Seattle’s NFL title win.

Some credit Kearsse undergoing Lasik eye surgery last winter with his becoming a force, but coach Pete Carroll can’t confirm that. He can confirm that Kearsse’s importance has steadily risen this season.

“I don’t know for a fact that it changed things, but it sure seems like it did,” Carroll said of the surgery. “He has great athleticism, great hand-eye coordination, but he has been over the top since he came back from that. So, subjectively I would say that it had an impact, but he was good anyway.”

“He has been extraordinary for

us in so many ways, but it seems like it gave him confidence. I don’t know what the difference was, but he’s better because of it.”

Broncos linebacker Lenon’s confidence had to be waning at various points in his 12-year career. He was on the 0-16 Lions of 2008, eight years after he was not selected in the draft. He was cut by Carolina in 2000, worked for the post office and then wound up in the NFL — if anybody remembers that short-lived league.

Yet here he is, a backup to middle linebacker Wesley Woodyard who gets snaps in the regular defense, and plays some special teams.

Lenon learned a lot from all that losing with the Lions. By applying those lessons, well, he’s managed another half-decade in the NFL.

“When you’re in a situation like that, you have a certain amount of guys that pack it in,” Lenon said. “That’s difficult for me, because I’m not that type of person. I’m going to compete until the end. That’s the most difficult part of being in a situation like that.”

“Now, it’s a complete reversal.” And a great place to be after you’ve been mired in the other side.

# Robinson thankful for second chance

Health issues prompted team to release FB in preseason, but re-signed after recovery

BY BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — On one of the happiest football days of his life, Michael Robinson broke down and cried.

Imagine how many tears might flow Sunday night if his Seattle Seahawks beat the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl.

Moments after the Seahawks won the NFC title against San Francisco, the eight-year veteran couldn’t hold back the emotions. No, it wasn’t because the 49ers were his former team, a place he spent four seasons. It wasn’t because his role has been diminished in Seattle.

It was because he was even on the field at all.

“I’ve gotten a lot of questions about me crying and all that type of stuff,” Robinson said Monday, “but it was just I had a long year, being cut, being sick, not really realizing the extent of the sickness. I didn’t know that my kidneys were failing and my liver was failing. I had no idea. I just thought I was getting a bug.”

Actually, he was having severe reactions to the anti-inflammatory drug Indocin last August during the preseason. Robinson got so sick the Seahawks sent him to specialists — and soon realized Robinson wouldn’t be healthy for the opening of the regular season. “I had mentioned to the doctors, ‘Look man, I think I’m going to come in next week and get some fluids,’ and stuff like that,” Robinson recalled without emotion — this time. “And it just went all downhill from there: kidney failure, liver failure, all of it.”

“I went to the hospital three



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

**The Seahawks released fullback Michael Robinson on Aug. 31 after health issues left him unable to play by the season opener. He got a second chance when the team brought him back on Oct. 22.**

separate times. Two times they sent me home and just told me to keep getting fluids. I went two weeks without eating, so I lost a lot of weight. Then, once we brought the liver specialist in and the kidney specialist in, they’ve seen these types of reactions before and they were all over it.”

But Robinson’s stint with the Seahawks was over, too — he was released on Aug. 31.

“Mike is a very emotional player and gives everything he’s got, so this instance in particular, when Mike was really sick at the start of the year and was unable to perform, he lost his opportunity,” coach Pete Carroll said. “Probably there were moments when Michael thought he might not ever get another chance.”

Robinson wasn’t sure what kind of chance he would get in the first place, back in 2006 when he left Penn State as a quarterback and went to San Francisco as a running back and special-teamer. But he bulked up — he’s now 240 pounds — and took to being a blocker for Frank Gore, an occasional runner and receiver, and a standout on kick teams.

He landed with the Seahawks in 2010, Carroll’s first year in charge, and the next season was in the Pro Bowl. A team leader and strong presence, Robinson offered guidance to some of the younger players in Seattle.

But his reaction to the anti-inflammatory medicine seemed to end all that.

Except that Robinson recovered and got himself back in shape. And when his replacement, Derrick Coleman, got hurt in late October, the Seahawks reached out to him.

“I wrestled with it,” he said of re-signing on Oct. 22, “but it was easy when I looked at my relationship with the guys on the team. That’s why you play this game, and I feel like a big reason why we’re here is that every man in that locker room thinks the same way. We all play because of the guy next to you. You all perform because the guy next to you is counting on you. Peer accountability, the biggest thing is accountability, so that’s what we try to do.”

Getting Robinson back on the roster was an easy decision for Carroll and general manager John Schneider.

“He is a big factor on our team because we don’t have that many older guys and he really stands for the old guard,” Carroll said of Robinson. “He’s been a big factor on special teams as well.”

“You can see the emotion come out of Michael. Then he comes back to play and he gets to play in the Super Bowl. I totally get it and respect it.”

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## SUPER BOWL

# Looking to stand out

Game's biggest stage gives some players a chance to break out of obscurity

By BARRY WILNER  
*The Associated Press*

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — The names are hardly as familiar as Peyton Manning and Richard Sherman. Yet, for all the megastars and All-Pros in this Super Bowl, there are guys like Jermaine Kearse and Paris Lenon.

Like Michael Robinson and Terrance Knighton. Malcolm Smith and Manny Ramirez.

Players who have gone from pretty much nowhere on the NFL landscape to the doorstep of a championship.

Perhaps no one is more grateful for the opportunity to grab a ring than these men.

Some are veterans who fit the term journeyman. Some are youngsters who went in late rounds of the draft — or were ignored altogether.

All recognize they will play some sort of role in Sunday's championship game. Some might even sneak into a starring part, the way running back Tim Smith did in 1987 or cornerback Larry Brown did in 1996.

"You never know who it might be," said Knighton, the massive  
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Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Jermaine Kearse

JOE BARRENTINE, TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE/MCT

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