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A Pakistani soldier helps his colleague put on a bomb suit for a training session at the Counter IED, Explosives and Munitions School in Raisalpur, Pakistan, in early January.

ANWAR NAVEED/AP

## Suicides in the Army declined sharply in 2013

BY GREGG ZOROVA  
USA Today

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Suicides in the Army fell by 19 percent in 2013, dramatically reversing a rising trend plaguing the Army for almost 10 years.

There were 150 suicides among soldiers on active-duty status last year, down from a record 185 in 2012, according to Army data. The numbers include both confirmed and suspected suicides.

Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, chief of Army personnel, said he

is cautiously optimistic in seeing success in Army programs to avert suicides by giving soldiers coping strategies for keeping a positive or optimistic outlook.

"I'm not declaring any kind of victory here," Bromberg said. "It's looking more promising."

Within the ranks, it has meant that people such as Levertis Jackson, an Afghanistan War veteran whose despair led him several times to try to kill himself, have chosen life.

"It was like before, all my doors were closed, and I'm in a dark

room," said Jackson, 41, married and father of four. "(Now) I look for reasons why I need to continue to live."

He left the Army last year after completing an experimental treatment plan at Fort Carson that helps soldiers cope with deadly, self-destructive impulses. Research results slated to be published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* show a promising 60 percent reduction in suicide attempts by 30 soldiers who participated in the program.

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185

The number of suicides among active-duty soldiers in 2012.

150

The number of suicides among active-duty soldiers in 2013. The number reflects a 19 percent decline.

### MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE

## Hagel, Kerry say US remains engaged around world

BY JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

MUNICH — As NATO winds down its long war in Afghanistan, the U.S. and its allies can't afford to disengage because new

threats and tensions — stretching from the South China Sea and Syria — will demand a "trans-Atlantic renaissance," top U.S. officials said on Saturday.

U.S. Secretary of Defense

Chuck Hagel and Secretary of State John Kerry both energetically refuted concerns by some that the U.S. is "withdrawing" not only from Afghanistan, but into isolationism.

"I would venture to say, the

United States is more present, doing more things in more places today than maybe ever before," Hagel said during a panel discussion at the Munich Security Conference.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I won't give up my mission to ultimately achieve a tastefully great butt enhancement."**

—Karima Gordon, who later died of a botched procedure to inject silicon into her buttocks

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# MILITARY



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Above: U.S. Army Col. Wallace Steinbrecher, garrison commander for Camp Marmal Regional Command North, drinks tea with a Mongolian soldier.

Left: Two soldiers with the Mongolian military contingent based at Camp Marmal in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, wrestle in a Lunar New Year tournament on Friday.

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# Mongolians, GIs mark Lunar New Year

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MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan — U.S. and coalition forces based at Camp Marmal in Mazar-e-Sharif celebrated New Year's twice this year: once on Dec. 31, and again on Jan. 31, with the Mongolian contingent based here.

It was the Lunar New Year, widely celebrated across Asia, and the Mongolian armed forces based in Camp Marmal rolled out the welcome mat for their coalition counterparts to join them in celebration.

"This will be to show our coalition force our tradition. For us it's really important to cooperate with coalition force," said Lt. Zerkhembayar, the Mongolian liaison officer at Camp Marmal.

U.S., German and Croatian officers were invited into a Mongolian yurt, or ger, a circular tent made of wood and felt. Zerkhembayar explained that, in Mongolia, a large part of the population is still nomadic.

He served traditional tea and a popular lamb dish that is shared among families on the Lunar New Year.

Coalition troops clapped and cheered along as they took in the event, which included a wrestling tournament.

"It builds unit cohesion," U.S. Marine Capt. Gabriel Sanchez, the coalition support chief for Regional Command North, said of the joint celebration. "It also strengthens our relationship with them. We get to know about their culture, which makes it easy for us to understand how they think and how they solve their problems here."

The Mongolian soldiers are part of a 17-na-



Two Mongolian soldiers dressed in traditional garb smell incense that was prepared for the Lunar New Year celebration at Camp Marmal.

tion coalition in northern Afghanistan. Camp Marmal, run by the Germans, is the most international base in all of Afghanistan.

The Mongolians have about 40 troops supporting the NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan, according to the International Security Assistance Force website. "They are a non-member of NATO, and they provide force protection for the base under sponsorship for

Germany and the United States," Sanchez said. "They guard the perimeter. They guard the entry checkpoint, as well as the runways and the base in general."

The base is located in the comparatively safe north of Afghanistan, where the Taliban have never had a strong hold.

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Critics doubt value of International Space Station science

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MILITARY

# EUCOM chief: US ready to help if needed in Sochi

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

MUNICH — The U.S. will be prepared to conduct military medical operations if required during the Olympic Games in Sochi, but any assistance would require Russian approval, the U.S. military's top commander in Europe said on Saturday.

"We have offered our assistance with Russia," said U.S. European Command chief Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, speaking with reporters at the Munich Security Conference. "We are in the process now of establishing a direct line of communication between me and my command and the Russians and their command."

In recent months, fears over the safety of athletes and spectators has been mounting in the wake of threats from Islamic militants to attack during the games, which

are scheduled from Feb. 7-23.

Two U.S. Navy ships, one for command and control and another small destroyer, are now en route to the Black Sea to be used as needed, Breedlove said. The Associated Press, citing U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the ships were the USS Mount Whitney, the flagship of the U.S. 6th Fleet, and the Navy frigate USS Taylor.

In connection with sending in two ships, the U.S. military will have assets that can be deployed for medical operations in Sochi, should there be a demand for such support, Breedlove said.

"We will have the capability to respond medically with airlift if it is required," Breedlove said. "We will require cooperation with Russia to be able to land those aircraft."

Breedlove, who was in Munich to meet with defense officials,



Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The USS Mount Whitney, seen in 2011 at the Viktor Lenac shipyard in Rijeka, Croatia, is reported to be one of two Navy ships that will provide support if needed during the Olympic Games in Sochi.

said much of his focus during the security conference was on ensuring NATO remains ready to respond to crises, even as the war in Afghanistan winds down.

In Afghanistan, NATO forces plan to be near post-2014 troop levels by the fall, Breedlove said.

While Afghan security forces have made steady progress, they still need international support when the war effort turns into a train and advisory mission, as planned for next year. However, the U.S. and NATO say Afghan President Hamid Karzai must first sign a

bilateral security agreement with the United States.

"There will be more challenges post-2014 and that is the raison d'être for the Resolute Support mission after 2014," Breedlove said.

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# NATO chief, Russian minister at odds over missile defense

By JOHN VANDIVER  
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MUNICH — NATO's secretary-general on Saturday said increasingly belated rhetoric out of Russia is hindering chances for more cooperation between the alliance and its old Cold War foe.

"We must refrain from threats against each other," NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen said

during the Munich Security Conference. "The deployment of new offensive weapons has no place in a true strategic partnership."

While noting that Russia and NATO continue to cooperate on some security matters, such as counterterrorism and narcotics trafficking, Rasmussen chided Russia on a range of issues, such as the recent deployment of ballistic missiles in the country's west.

Rasmussen also scolded Russia for describing NATO missile defense plans as an "offensive" system, which NATO says is defensive in design. Russia has long complained about the U.S.-led missile defense plans as a threat to its own nuclear missiles.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov countered that NATO's missile defense plans are an act of hostility at a time when

"military confrontation in Europe is unthinkable."

"The military people realize missile defense is part of the strategic arsenal of the United States," Lavrov said. "When a nuclear shield is added to a nuclear sword, it is very tempting to use this offensive, defense capability."

NATO insists the missile defense program is aimed at countering potential threats from

"rogue states," such as Iran.

Lavrov also criticized recent NATO exercises such as last year's Steadfast Jazz war game held in Poland and Baltic states near the Russian border, which he called an unnecessary provocation.

"We are not moving away from dialogue, but we don't see any change in our counterparts' position," Lavrov said.

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# Munich: Kerry says US and Europe must partner in fight against extremism

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"How we're doing it is different," Hagel said. "If that narrative is not getting out there, then maybe that's our fault."

Added Kerry: "I can't think of a place in the world that we are retreating, not one."

In presentations to the conference, before answering questions, both Hagel and Kerry emphasized the need to reinvigorate the U.S.-European alliance in the face of enormous challenges.

"We are facing threats of terrorism and untamed growth in radical sectarianism and religious extremism," challenges that are more complex than in the past, Kerry said. "America needs a strong Europe and Europe needs a committed and engaged America. And that means, turning inward is not an option for any of us."

Hagel said, today, the "most

persistent and pressing security challenges to Europe and the United States are global," emanating from political instability, violent extremism, cyber warfare and economic disparity among others.

"As we confront these threats, nations such as China and Russia are rapidly modernizing their militaries and global defense industries, challenging our technological edge and defense partnerships around the world," Hagel said.

"The U.S. sees Europe as its indispensable partner in addressing these threats and challenges, as well as addressing new opportunities," he said.

Faced with budget constraints on both sides of the Atlantic, the U.S. and Europe must build more joint capacity, and invest more strategically in capability and readiness, Hagel said. "The question is not just how much we spend,

but how we spend together."

Kerry said what's needed is a trans-Atlantic Renaissance, "a new burst of energy and commitment and investment in the three roots of our strength: our economic prosperity, our shared security and the common values that sustain us."

"(It) requires that we defend our democratic values and freedoms," Kerry said. European leaders at the conference echoed the urgency of re-invigorating the trans-Atlantic alliance and finding the political will to adapt as necessary to meet the new post-war challenges.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier echoed Hagel in saying the trans-Atlantic alliance is "indispensable." But, he said through a translator, "partnership does not only live from continuity alone. It needs renewal. It needs expansion."

Both U.S. and European offi-

cial emphasized that they need to devote even limited resources to helping other countries combat extremism.

Kerry said the U.S. and Europe must show leadership, which means "committing resources, even in a difficult time, to make certain that we are helping countries to fight back against the complex, vexing challenges of our day."

In the wake of the economic downturn that strapped defense budgets in Europe as well as the U.S., American officials have criticized European partners in NATO for not investing enough in defense capabilities.

When asked whether he was as angry as former Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who blasted Europe for investing too little in defense and freeloading on U.S. power, Hagel offered a diplomatic reply.

"Partnership means partner-

ship," Hagel said, urging allies to make the necessary investments in their defense. "Everybody has to participate. Everyone has to contribute."

The U.S. military has been reorganizing to deal with the new threats, Hagel said, and assisting with diplomatic efforts, noting the creation of rapid response U.S. Marine teams in Europe as an example.

The crisis in South Sudan, where U.S. forces helped evacuate citizens and bolster embassy security is the type of flexible force the military needs, Hagel said.

"The rapid availability of nearby forces allowed diplomats to remain on the ground and help broker a cease-fire," Hagel said. "As our force structure draws down, there will be, there must be, adjustments in our posture to meet new challenges."

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MILITARY

# Army tries to replenish chaplain corps

By **HAMIL R. HARRIS**  
*The Washington Post*

For decades, the Catholic Church has struggled with a shortage of priests. But the problem is particularly acute in the U.S. military, where the overall shortfall has led to a shortage of Catholic chaplains within the Defense Department.

What makes the problem particularly difficult for the military is that Catholic doctrine holds that only Catholic priests are allowed to perform the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, ordination, confession, Holy Communion and marriage. In addition, only Catholic priests are allowed to conduct last rites for their ranks.

Now, the Army is stepping up its recruitment efforts for Catholic chaplains. The Army has increased its outreach to Catholic

**‘[Chaplains] are being shuffled around because there is a shortage on each base.’**

**Col. Gary Studniewski**  
command chaplain, U.S. Army North (Fifth Army)

seminary students and clergy, while also sending representatives to major Catholic conferences. Indeed, Catholics make up 20 percent of all Army troops but only 6 percent of the chaplain corps.

Two Army chaplains, Col. Gary Studniewski, command chaplain of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), and Lt. Col. Jose Herrera, who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., talked about the effort to add to their ranks of chaplains.

“We are stretched pretty thin, especially when you are talking about a deployed setting,” said

Col. Gary Studniewski, a command chaplain of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army). Chaplains “are being shuffled around because there is a shortage on each base. Many times, priests become a circuit rider, and it doesn’t allow them to form the relationships that you would like to have if they were in a more stable setting,” he said.

“The fun side is you get to lead many lay men and women who not only love their country, but love their church,” Studniewski added.

When asked how much pressure is on the military to recruit

priests, Herrera said many who would like to serve in the military haven’t been able to get into active duty because they are needed as civilian clergy.

“In my particular case, I come from a small diocese where we had 18 priests in our diocese: St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, but we have four priests, three on active duty and one in the National Guard,” he said.

As for his personal message to others, Herrera said: “We as Catholic priests have to let people know about how valuable the ministry is and how enjoyable the ministry is. We have to take that message to other priests and to seminarians.

“We have to get out the good news to people of how important it is to have Army Catholic priests to serve the need of our soldiers and our family members,” he said.

# Say what?

A sample of reader comments from [stripes.com](http://stripes.com)



## Standards and differences

A year after the Pentagon opened combat jobs to female servicemembers, plans for integrating women into these jobs remain problematic, women's advocates said last week.

## Readers respond:

If bullets are whistling by, if mortars are incoming, if mines/IED's are going off, if bombs are falling, and RPG's are incoming AND if the suicide bomber is a WOMAN...I'd define that as combat....

— tiredofpc

Being in a combat zone and doing combat operations is two different things. That is why combat courses are tougher than PT tests.

— Parkers61

This is starting to look like what many people feared from the beginning: loosening standards in order to accommodate more women. I'm all for female advancement and equality, but do we care more about winning wars here or do we care more about female opportunity for promotion?

— Ken

Guess desk soldiers can then argue why they can't pass a current PT test either - just so long they can fit behind the desk.

— mikengermayn

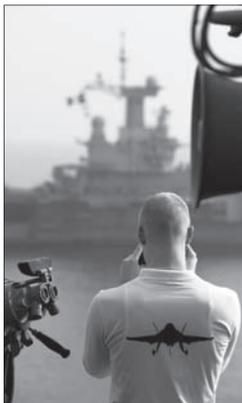
Equality, equality, equality, that's all you hear every day. Well if that's the case then I think men should be allowed to get pregnant and give birth and take six weeks or more after birth, oh that's right, men physically cannot give birth. So much for equality, if you can't meet the physical aspects of it, it shouldn't be allowed.

— James Campbell

So how are we doing with the integration of women in the NFL? On second thought, in football we're still concerned about winning so it will probably remain males only.

— OldNavy207

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## Training in tandem

Left: A French military plane lands on the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier Thursday in the Gulf of Oman. The Truman Strike Group of military ships carried out combined operations with a French navy task force led by the aircraft carrier FS Charles de Gaulle. Ships from the two navies worked together on maritime security operations and training exercises. Right: Standing on the Truman, a U.S. Navy sailor looks out at the Charles de Gaulle.

# Suicides: Deaths among those on inactive status hits record

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Efforts such as this one conducted by the National Center for Veterans Studies at the University of Utah and the University of Memphis are part of a complex effort by the Army to reduce suicides. Larger initiatives include years of expanding behavioral health counseling.

“I think we’ve hit the turning point where people are really, really talking about behavioral health and the fact that it’s OK to have problems. It’s what you do with those problems that’s important,” Bromberg said.

The Army has spent tens of millions of dollars on a long-term study of suicide, teaming with the National Institutes of Health, and has developed a comprehensive program of instilling emotional resilience in soldiers.

Suicide researchers say the decline may be the inevitable result of the nation ending involvement in one war in Iraq and winding down its role in another in Afghanistan.

“I get the sense when I work with military people now, they just don’t seem as burned out as they used to be,” said Craig Bryan, associate director of the National Cen-

ter for Veterans Studies. “I mean, there was a while there, they were just driven into the ground, even if they’d not been deployed, it was just keep going more, more, more, more.”

Scientists may never know precisely what led to a steep rise in suicides that Defense Secretary Leon Panetta described as an epidemic.

But even as deaths among active-duty soldiers declined last year, deaths among those on inactive status — members of the National Guard or Reserve who were not called into active duty — re-

mained at record levels.

The Army reported a record 151 suicides among these “citizens soldiers,” whose only contact with the Army are drills one weekend a month and two weeks of training each year. That’s an increase from 140 suicides in this group of soldiers in 2012.

The figures raised questions about whether the Army is doing enough to help reservists. Many reservists have done repeated deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan but have less access to military counseling and other suicide-prevention measures when not on active duty.

MILITARY

# Troops battling back with IED education

Bomb school trains Pakistan soldiers in explosives detection

By REBECCA SANTANA  
The Associated Press

RISALPUR, Pakistan — Militants in Pakistan have found clever ways to hide homemade bombs. They've been strapped to children's bicycles, hidden inside water jugs and even hung in tree branches.

But the most shocking place that Brig. Basim Saeed has heard of such a device being planted was inside a hollowed-out book made to look like a Quran, Islam's holy book.

A soldier who went to pick up the book from the floor was killed when it exploded.

"Normally, if that book is lying somewhere on the floor, you tend to pick it up immediately just for respect," said Saeed, the chief instructor at a school training Pakistani forces how to detect improvised explosive devices, which have become increasingly popular in wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and the insurgency in Pakistan's northwest, near the Afghan border.

The Associated Press was the first foreign media outlet to be allowed access to the facility, according to the Pakistani military.

Saeed and other instructors at the military's Counter IED, Explosives and Munitions School say it is important to constantly come up with new ways to prevent such homemade bombs because that's exactly what the militants are doing.

"Terrorists are also very brainy," Saeed said. "They are using different techniques to defeat our efforts also. So we need to be very proactive."

The Pakistani military has sharply ramped up efforts to deal with such devices in recent years as they have emerged as the militants' preferred weapon.

So far, 4,042 soldiers from the army and Frontier Corps have been killed and more than 13,000 wounded in the war on militants in the country's northwest since 2002, according to the Pakistani military. The homemade bombs account for most of the casualties.

The U.S. military, which in the past has said Pakistan hasn't done enough to restrict the use of certain fertilizers used in bombs in Pakistan and to target foreign and government troops in Afghanistan, welcomed the bomb squad school, which formally opened in 2012 on a military base in the northwestern city of Risalpur.

"We're very encouraged by the efforts that we understand the Pakistanis are taking there," said the head of the Pentagon's Joint IED Defeat Organization, Lt. Gen. John D. Johnson.



PHOTOS BY ANJUM NAVEED/AP

Left: Pakistani soldiers scan an area with metal detectors during a training session at the Counter IED, Explosives and Munitions School in Risalpur, Pakistan. Right: Soldiers use a remote-controlled vehicle to approach possible explosive devices during one of the sessions.

The Pakistani military also has moved to restrict the availability of calcium ammonium nitrate-based fertilizers frequently used in Pakistan and to develop a fertilizer dubbed CAN+ that would work on Pakistan's soil but not detonate. Also, it signed an agreement with the U.S. last year designed to help the two countries work together to fight the roadside bombs by sharing information in areas such as militant tactics and funding.

U.S. experts are to travel to Pakistan to supply it with hard-won knowledge earned in Iraq and Afghanistan. Separately, the British military has provided instruction. The school's goal is to teach security forces where bombs can be hidden, how to look for them and their components and how to gather intelligence from them such as fingerprints so that authorities can track down militants.

"The success lies in identifying the network and busting them," said Lt. Col. Mohammed Anees Khan, an instructor. "We need to go after those people who are making and planting those IEDs."

During a recent visit, students were practicing using equipment to search for devices planted in the ground or using remote-controlled vehicles to approach possible explosive devices. Others cleared a path to a suspected militant house and marked the path with yellow flags so that troops coming behind them would know where to walk.

The school is designed to mimic scenarios the security forces might find in real life in classes that last from three to eight weeks. It includes a mock urban environment with a market, a gas station and other buildings, and explosive devices are even hidden in a pond and a graveyard.

Troops practicing a search of a residential compound may accidentally open a cupboard, setting off a loud buzzing that signals an explosion. An escape tunnel leading from one of the houses is rigged with trip wires.

"We face it whenever we travel or if there is a compound, a path or some other place, it is always in our mind that there could be some IED," said one soldier at the school, Noor ul Ameen, who has served in the northwest and in insurgency-plagued Baluchistan province.

Most of the students have been from the military, but officials are trying to include police and other security agencies because they are often the first on the scene when a bomb goes off or an unexploded device has been found.

Pakistan's police often lack the training and equipment to deal with such explosives. Even the more equipped army doesn't usually have armored vehicles to move troops.

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## MILITARY

# Armor industry finds itself at turning point

## Manufacturing shrinking amid changes in war needs, finances

By MARJORIE CENSER  
The Washington Post

YORK, Pa. — When an armored vehicle pulled down the statue of Saddam Hussein in an iconic moment of the Iraq War, it triggered a wave of pride here at the BAE Systems plant where that rig was built. The Marines who rolled to glory in it even showed up to pay their regards to the factory workers.

That bond between the machinists and tradesmen supporting the war effort at home and those fighting on the front lines has held tight for generations — as long as the tank has served as a symbol of military might.

Now that representation of U.S. power is rolling into another sort of morass: the emotional debates playing out as Congress, the military and the defense industry adapt to stark, new realities in modern warfare and in the nation's finances.

As its orders dwindle, the BAE Systems plant is shrinking, too. The company is slowly trimming workers and closing buildings.

In York, there's "sadness that somebody that has worked here 35 years and is close to retirement is getting laid off," said Alice Conner, a manufacturing executive at the factory. "There's also some frustration from management and my engineering staff as we see the skills erode, because we know one day we're going to be asked to bring these back, and it's going to be very difficult."

The manufacturing of armored vehicles — powerful but cumbersome — is no longer essential, the military says. In modern warfare, forces must deploy quickly and "project power over great distances." Submarines and long-range bombers are needed. Weapons such as drones — nimble and tactical — are the future.

There are some settings of a relic. The Army has about 5,000 of them sitting idle or awaiting upgrades.

For the BAE Systems employees in York, keeping the armored vehicle in service means keeping a job. And jobs, after all, are what the military contractors in Congress are working to protect in their home districts.

The Army is just one party to this decision. While the military sets its strategic priorities, it's Congress that allocates money for the contractors in the top defense industry, which ultimately produces the weapons, seeks to influence both the military and Congress.

"The Army's responsibility is to do what's best for the taxpayer," said Ed Hill, chief of the Army buying official. "The CEO



Production of an Abrams tank proceeds in Lima, Ohio.

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of the corporation's responsibility) is to do what's best in terms of shareholders."

The Army is pushing ahead on a path that could result in at least partial closure of the two U.S. facilities producing these vehicles — buoyed by a new study on the state of the combat vehicle industry due for release next month.

But its plans could be derailed by a Congress unwilling to yield and an industry with a powerful lobby. They argue that letting these lines idle or close would mean letting skills and technology honed over decades go to waste.

The Pentagon has "really made a turn in that they are now trying to solve million-dollar problems without billion-dollar solutions, but Congress keeps redirecting them," said Brett Lambert, who oversaw the Pentagon's industrial base policy until last year. "This isn't a zero-sum game. For every dollar the Pentagon spends on something we don't need ... it is a dollar we can't spend on something we do need."

For decades, BAE Systems' facility in York has cranked out the Hercules, the Paladin and — most notably and most recently — the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, a 75,000-pound mainstay of the military's traditional weapons, a kind of armored vehicle that can hold up to 10 men, move at nearly 40 mph and fire a cannon, a machine gun and missiles.

(Although the Bradley looks like a tank, it is not technically considered one by the military.)

The factory got its start in the early 1960s, when Bowen McLaughlin York bought a local farm. The construction contractor's new business was military vehicle overhaul.

Business boomed for a time — but slowed in the mid-1980s. Eventually, BMY combined with another defense outfit to form United Defense, which consolidated its business into the York site. In 1997, private-equity firm



ANDREW HARRER/Bloomberg News

An employee completes final processing of the M88 Hercules heavy recovery vehicle on the assembly line in May 2013 at the BAE Systems factory in York, Pa.

the Carlyle Group bought United Defense and eventually took it public. In 2005, the company was sold to BAE for just shy of \$4 billion.

In recent years, the contractor hasn't built new Bradleys but is running old versions through a refurbishment program. In 2008, 2,500 BAE workers at the York plant were pushing out about seven upgraded Bradley Fighting Vehicles per day.

The plant also was planning production of the next generation of fighting vehicle. BAE had been tasked with building some of the combat vehicles included in the Army's expansive Future Combat Systems program, envisioned as a sprawling arsenal of drones, vehicles and robots all connected by a powerful network.

The York facility was readying for the boost, even installing — at an \$8 million price tag — a hulking, high-speed, high-precision machine able to mill, cut and thread almost any material, from steel to aluminum to alloys. The company had hired younger employees, bringing the age of its

average plant employee down to 44, seeking to build a workforce to take over once older employees retired.

BAE — and the York facility — suffered a major blow when the Army canceled the Future Combat Systems program. The vehicles portion of the program, which was to be shared between BAE and General Dynamics, would have cost more than \$87 billion, according to Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

Since then, the military has backed off vehicle refurbishment, too. The York operation has cut about half of its employees, the average age of plant workers has surged to 54 and lines are sitting idle at the facility, tucked into a swath of farmland. In December, BAE started another round of layoffs.

If BAE does not get any new Bradley funding — or win new work from commercial firms or foreign governments, it will close the line in 2015.

General Dynamics, which runs its tank-building program out of small-town Lima, Ohio, is facing

a similar dilemma.

Just like the Bradley plant, the Abrams factory busted during the past decade. At its peak in early 2009, the plant, which is owned by the government but is operated by General Dynamics, was pushing 2½ refurbished tanks out the door each day.

For the first time in its history, it diversified, producing not just upgraded Abrams tanks but also Stryker vehicles and a prototype of an expeditionary fighting vehicle (able to travel by sea and by land) that was built for the Marine Corps but later was canceled.

In 2004, the plant started spending millions of dollars to upgrade its systems, bracing to build not only the Marine Corps vehicle but also the ones planned for the Army's Future Combat Systems effort.

But today the facility is down to about 500 employees from a peak of 1,220. Following union rules, it has laid off the newest employees and has worked its way back to those hired in 2005, said Keith Deters, director of plant operations.

Military officials say they've given careful thought to their strategy and they simply can't afford to pay for more upgraded tanks.

The Army has been emboldened by the new study, which considered whether suppliers who are key to building combat vehicles could be replaced.

The study, which was run by consulting firm A.T. Kearney and took more than five months, found only a small number of companies that are vulnerable to closure and could not be replaced easily.

But the Army has run up against congressional opposition. To keep these lines running, Congress has allocated well more than the Army requested for the programs — an extra \$181 million for Abrams in fiscal 2013 and about \$140 million more for Bradley.

Legislators say they don't want the money they've invested in building up the country's vehicle-making capability to go to waste. The several hundred million dollars it would cost seems to them a small amount relative to the billions spent on defense annually.

The industry, too, has pushed Congress to support its work. Last year, BAE convened its suppliers — it has 586 across 44 states — in Washington to storm the Hill, chatting up congressmen about the jobs they provide and pushing for Congress to help the Bradley program.

Critics say the companies are trying to fight off what should be inevitable: a wind-down of a product that the country doesn't need. "It looks like they're protecting profits and using scare tactics about jobs," said Angela Canterbury of the Project on Government Oversight. "It is really making us less safe when we're throwing money that's hard to come by at programs that don't make sense out of our current national security strategy."

NATION

# Immigration impact on elections concerns GOP

By DONNA CASSATA  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's new declaration that he's open to legal status for many immigrants short of citizenship sounds a lot like House Speaker John Boehner and other GOP leaders, an election-year compromise that numerous Republicans as well as Democrats crave.

But the drive for the first overhaul in three decades still faces major resistance from many Republicans who are wary that the divisive issue could derail what they see as a smooth glide path to winning November's congressional elections. And they deeply distrust the Democratic president to enforce the law.

Just hours after Boehner pitched immigration to the GOP at a Maryland retreat, Obama suddenly pivoted to be open to legal status for many of the 11 million living here illegally, dropping his once-ironclad insistence on a special path to citizenship.

Democrats, including Obama, and other immigration proponents have warned repeatedly about the creation of a two-tier class system.

"If the speaker proposes something that says right away, folks aren't being deported, families aren't being separated, we're able to attract top young students to provide the skills or start businesses here, and then there's a regular process of citizenship, I'm not sure how wide the divide ends up being," Obama said in a CNN interview that was recorded Thursday and aired Friday.

Obama's flexibility is a clear in-

dications of the president's desire to secure an elusive legislative achievement before voters decide whether to hand him even more opposition in Congress. Republicans are expected to maintain their grip on the House and have a legitimate shot at grabbing the majority in the Senate.

Boehner, for his part, tried to sell his reluctant broader caucus on tackling immigration this year by casting it as critical to job creation, economic growth and national security. The speaker, along with Reps. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Jeff Denham, R-Calif., argued for action in a closed-door session with other House Republicans Thursday at their annual retreat in Cambridge, Md.

Boehner rejected the idea of a special path to citizenship. "If Democrats insist on that, then we are not going to get anywhere this year," he said.

The House leaders' "standards for immigration reform" call for increased border security, better law enforcement within the U.S., a pathway to legal status but not citizenship for millions of adults who live in America unlawfully — after they pay back taxes and fines — and a chance for legal residence and citizenship for children brought to the country illegally.

But several Republicans questioned the strategy of pushing a contentious issue that divides the caucus and angers conservative GOP voters especially since the party has been capitalizing on Obama's abysmal approval ratings and on Democrats' troubles in defending the national health care overhaul.

# Unions 'disappointed' with Obama over health overhaul

By STEVEN MUFSON  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Labor leaders who have spent months lobbying unsuccessfully for special protections as part of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul warned last week that the administration's refusal to help is dampening union support for Democratic candidates in this year's midterm elections.

Leaders of two major unions, including the first to endorse Obama in 2008, said they have been betrayed by an administration that wooed their support for the 2009 legislation with promises to later address the peculiar needs of union-negotiated insurance plans that cover millions of workers.

Their complaints reflect a broad sense of disappointment among many labor leaders, who say the Affordable Care Act has subjected union health plans to new taxes and mandates while not allowing them to share in the subsidies now gone to private insurance companies competing on

the newly created exchanges. After dozens of frustrating meetings with White House officials during the past year, including one with Obama, himself, a number of angry labor officials say their members are far less likely to campaign and turn out for Democratic candidates in the midterm elections.

"We want to hold the president to his word. If you like your health care coverage, you can keep it, and that just hasn't been the case," said Donald Taylor, president of Unite Here, the union that represents about 400,000 hotel and restaurant workers and provided a crucial boost to Obama by endorsing him just after his rival Hillary Rodham Clinton had won the New Hampshire primary.

Taylor and Terry O'Sullivan, president of the Laborers' International Union of North America, laid out their grievances last week in a terse letter to House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., saying they are "bitterly disappointed" in the administration.



SARAH A. MILLER, THE TYLER (TEXAS) MORNING TELEGRAM/AP  
Crews work on the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline east of Winona, Texas, in December 2012. The Obama administration Friday said it had no major environmental objections to the proposed pipeline.

# Pipeline report gives hope to backers, upsets foes

By JULIET EILPERIN  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The State Department concluded in its final environmental assessment issued Friday that the proposed Keystone XL pipeline would be unlikely to alter global greenhouse gas emissions, but officials cautioned that the assessment also said that they were still weighing whether or not the project would meet the test of President Barack Obama's broader climate strategy.

Though the report acknowledged that tapping the Canadian oil sands for the pipeline would produce more greenhouse gases, the assessment also said that blocking the project would not prevent development of those resources.

The report "is not a decision document," said Kerry-Ann Jones, assistant secretary of state for oceans and international environmental and scientific affairs. "This document is only one factor that will be coming into the review process for this permit" sought by TransCanada, an energy giant based in Calgary, Alberta.

The \$5.4 billion pipeline, which would transport heavy crude from Canadian oil sands in Alberta into the heart of the U.S. pipeline network, has become the focus of intense controversy. Foes say it will contribute to climate change; supporters say it will secure U.S. oil supplies from a friendly neighbor and create U.S. construction jobs.

The release of the long-awaited Final Environmental Impact Statement is certain to trigger



NATH HARNIK/AP  
The proposed Keystone XL pipeline will run through this field near Bradshaw, Neb., where opponents expressed views via a sign reading "Stop the TransCanada Pipeline" in March.

an avalanche of lobbying aimed at Secretary of State John Kerry, who has made climate change a central focus of his career and now will begin preparing a decision.

Obama said in June that he would sign off on the proposal only if it "does not significantly exacerbate the climate problem." The State Department report "includes a range of estimates of the project's climate impacts, and that information will now need to be closely evaluated by Secretary Kerry and other relevant agency heads in the weeks ahead," White House spokesman Matt LeHrich said in a statement Friday.

The decision remains politically fraught for Democrats. Environmental activists fiercely oppose it, arguing the pipeline could leak, would accelerate development of the greenhouse gas-intensive oil sands in Alberta and would increase America's dependence on fossil fuels.

Wendy Abrams, founder of the Chicago-based nonprofit group Cool Globes and a major Democratic campaign contributor, said she felt a "gut-wrenching pain for my kids" when she read the report. She said it made her question her past support for Obama and Kerry. "If they can't get it done, what am I hoping for?"

The State Department's report includes 11 volumes of analysis on how the proposed pipeline would affect heavy-crude extraction in Canada's oil sands and reaches the same conclusion as its draft report did in March: No single infrastructure project will alter the course of oil development in Alberta.

The report said that "the proposed Project is unlikely to significantly affect the rate of extraction in oil sands areas (based on expected oil prices, oil-sands supply costs, transport costs, and supply-demand scenarios)."

## NATION

## Experts call Detroit's debt plan 'complicated'

By COREY WILLIAMS  
The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — A proposed plan to restructure Detroit's debt calls for retirees and pensioners to receive \$4.3 billion in payments and bondholders about \$1.1 billion during the next 40 years, leaving the bankrupt city with a surplus of nearly \$336 million.

The figures were obtained Friday by The Associated Press, along with state-appointed emergency manager Kevyn Orr's 99-page plan of adjustment to Detroit creditors.

The plan, given earlier this week to city unions, retirees, two pension systems, banks, bondholders and other creditors, has been touted as the blueprint for Detroit's future and key in the city's sojourn through the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Orr wants Detroit's creditors to give their blessing. But it isn't clear on how creditors shake out in terms of the percentage of what they're actually owed. And bankruptcy experts interviewed by the AP on Friday said even they could not decipher who stands to get the best deal.

"It's complicated," bankruptcy attorney Michael Sweet, with

Fox-Rothschild's San Francisco office, said of Orr's plan. "There are clearly a lot of moving parts and there's a lot of thought that has gone into this."

The plan includes the possible spinoff of the city's Water and Sewerage Department to a regional authority. The city would receive \$47 million annually under a lease deal.

Also included in the plan is millions of dollars promised by foundations, the state and the Detroit Institute of Arts to prevent any possible sale of city-owned pieces in the museum to bolster at-risk pensions.

The city also would establish a voluntary employees' beneficiary association that would provide health care benefits to retirees.

Orr's office would not comment Friday on the plan, but earlier said the emergency manager wants the creditors to sign off on it before submitting it to U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes in about two weeks. Rhodes has set a March 1 deadline for the plan of adjustment.

Orr has said the city's debt is at least \$18 billion. About \$6 billion is Detroit Water and Sewerage Department debt, which is secured by water bill payments. An additional \$12 billion is unsecured, meaning it's not covered by a revenue stream. That includes about \$2 billion in general obligation bond debt, \$5.7 billion in unfunded retiree health care obligations and \$3.5 billion in unfunded pension liabilities.

## Campaign committees collect almost \$500M

By PHILIP ELLIOTT  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The major campaign committees collected almost a half-billion dollars in 2013 — a year when just two states chose governors, two had special Senate elections and six House districts had unexplained runs — and spent most of it.

That eye-popping sum doesn't capture the millions raised and spent by the candidates, themselves, or the outside groups and advocacy organizations that plan to play a major role in 2014's federal elections, which could tilt the balance of power in the Senate and perhaps the House, and races for governor in 36 states. Friday's reports to the Federal Election Commission hint that November's elections will be awash with cash.

The two political parties' federal campaign committees raised \$371 million for federal races and spent just shy of \$300 million. Add in the governors, and the total haul grows to almost \$450 million.

Friday's top-line numbers put Democrats slightly ahead of Re-

publicans, but not by a margin that would decide the fate of candidates in 2014. Taken with the Democratic National Committee's almost \$16 million debt and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee's \$3.75 million in red ink, they are roughly even.

The DNC started 2013 with \$20 million in debt. The DSCC started its year with \$15.7 million in debt.

Heading into this year, the reports suggest heavy spending will be the norm. The Republican National Committee alone spent \$76 million last year, largely on rebuilding its campaign technology and hiring operatives to work alongside state parties.

"The reason we did pretty well raising money in 2013 is that we were selling a plan to the people that were going to invest in the RNC," party chairman Reince Priebus has said.

The Republican National Committee said it raised almost \$81 million last year and has \$9 million in hand to keep working on a technology gap that, in part, cost it the two presidential races. The RNC said it's debt-free.



Traffic passes through the toll booths at the George Washington Bridge, in Fort Lee, N.J., in January.

## Christie critics seize on former loyalist's claims

By GEOFF MULVHILL  
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The Associated Press

**TRENTON, N.J.** — As New Jersey lawmakers last year began investigating lane closures that caused four days of brutal traffic jams near the George Washington Bridge, Gov. Chris Christie was insistent about one thing: He did not know about the tie-ups until they were over.

His critics had doubts but not proof, even as emails made public in January showed that one of Christie's aides called for "some traffic problems in Fort Lee," apparently as political retribution against the Democratic mayor of the town for not supporting Christie's re-election campaign.

Friday, the lawyer for a former Christie loyalist said in a letter that "evidence exists" that Christie knew about the closures as they were happening, although he did not accuse the Republican governor and possible 2016 presidential candidate of knowing about it beforehand. In a statement, Christie's office denied the allegation made on behalf of former Port Authority of New York and New Jersey executive David Wildstein.

But even without detailing any evidence, the claim gave Christie's critics something new to seize on as they bashed the governor as he appeared at events leading up to Sunday's Super Bowl in his state.

"I know it's Super Bowl weekend and Chris Christie doesn't want to talk about anything but

the game, but it looks like he's going to need to change his plans," Democratic National Committee spokesman Michael Czinn said in a statement.

Attorney Alan Zegas laid out Wildstein's claim that Christie was not being truthful in a letter Friday asking the Port Authority, the entity that runs the bridge, to pay his legal fees. He also says in the letter that Wildstein "contests the accuracy of various statements that the governor made about him and he can prove the inaccuracy of some."

Documents released Jan. 8 showed that Wildstein, as Christie's No. 2 man at the Port Authority, ordered the lane closures starting Sept. 9, about a month after getting a text message from a Christie administration aide calling for the "traffic problems."

By then, Wildstein, who attended Livingston High School with Christie, already had resigned amid the growing scandal.

On Jan. 9, Christie held a nearly two-hour news conference in which he apologized and denied involvement in and knowledge of the plot. He was asked if he understood why people would have a hard time believing he didn't know about it.

"I don't know what else to say

except to tell them that I had no knowledge of this — of the planning, the execution or anything about it — and that I first found out about it after it was over."

"And even then, what I was told was that it was a traffic study," he said.

Like he did when asked in December, he said he first learned of the closures from media accounts after the lanes had been reopened.

Wildstein supplied hundreds of pages of documents, some heavily redacted, to a legislative committee investigating the closures. He also appeared before the lawmakers under subpoena on the same day as Christie's news conference, but refused to answer questions.

Wildstein, who previously was a political blogger, said Zegas advised him to remain silent for fear of being prosecuted. Zegas has said Wildstein would be willing to talk if he is granted immunity from criminal investigators. The U.S. Attorney's Office is also investigating.

The committee found him to be in contempt and referred the case to a prosecutor.

Christie had adamantly denied staff members were involved until private emails that were subpoenaed and released showed otherwise. Besides Wildstein, three others connected to Christie have been fired or resigned.

No subpoenas target Christie, himself, who has just begun a yearlong chairmanship of the Republican Governors Association.



Wildstein

NATION



Nick Ut/AP

Sriracha chili sauce is produced at the Huy Fong Foods factory in Irwindale, Calif.

## Town adds to suit against hot-sauce maker

The Associated Press

IRWINDALE, Calif. — A Los Angeles suburb is spicing up its lawsuit against a hot-sauce manufacturer it claims polluted the air with pungent smells.

Stephen Onstot, an attorney representing Irwindale, told City News Service that the small in-

dustrial city east of Los Angeles will add a breach-of-contract claim to its existing nuisance suit against the Sriracha plant.

Onstot said the city will allege that owner Huy Fong Foods failed to comply with certain operating conditions, including not emitting foul odors.

Defense Attorney John Tate

told a judge Friday that he didn't object to the modification.

Irwindale sued the company in October after nearby residents alleged that plant odors were causing asthma and other health problems.

A judge has ordered the company to stop any operations that might be causing the odors.

## FBI seeks 3 in daytime robbery at bank in NYC

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Federal investigators are searching for three men they say held up an armored truck guard at a Queens bank in broad daylight.

Authorities didn't disclose how much was taken in the robbery that occurred inside an ATM lobby at around noon Friday at a HSBC bank branch in the Elmhurst neighborhood of Queens.

They say the guard was sprayed with a chemical after making a regularly scheduled pickup at the bank.

Security photos show one of the men wearing all black pointing a handgun in the guard's face.

Authorities say the men fled in a blue or black Ford Explorer.

Armored truck company GardaWorld has offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

## 2 in custody in \$700K Cartier store robbery

NEW YORK — Two suspects are in custody following a brazen broad-daylight robbery at the Cartier store in midtown Manhattan.

Police said Friday that Allen Williams, 35, and Roberto Grant, 33, both of Brooklyn, were arrested

on robbery charges. It wasn't clear if they had lawyers.

Five suspects with hammers entered the store at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 52nd Street at about 12:30 p.m. Thursday and smashed open a glass display case.

Police said they made off with 16 watches worth more than \$700,000.

Police Commissioner William

Bratton said some of the stolen property has since been recovered. Police believe the bandits were involved in other similar robberies.

The heist occurred as football fans were flocking to midtown Manhattan for festivities related to the Super Bowl in New Jersey on Sunday.

From The Associated Press



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This image from surveillance video shows a suspect in the robbery of a GardaWorld armored truck guard entering the HSBC bank on Broadway in the Queens borough of New York City on Friday.

# Perspectives in Knox case fuel global debate

By GENE JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — To some Americans, especially those in her hometown of Seattle, Amanda Knox seems a victim, unfairly hounded by a capricious legal system in Italy that convicted her this week in the death of a young British woman.

But in Europe, some see her as a privileged American who is getting away with murder, embroiled in a case that continues to make global headlines and reinforces a negative image of U.S. citizens behaving badly — even criminally — abroad without any punishment.

As she remains free in the U.S., the perceptions will likely fuel not only the debate about who killed Meredith Kercher, 21, in 2007 and what role, if any, Knox played in her death but will complicate how the U.S. and Italian governments resolve whether she should be sent to Italy to face prison.

"It's been a polarizing case, and that polarization will remain," said Anne Bremner, a Seattle attorney and Knox supporter.

The divergent views on who killed Kercher are rooted not just in the typical dynamics of a legal case in which the two sides hold opposing narratives but also in the differences between the justice systems in the U.S. and Italy — and examples of Americans avoiding Italian justice.

After being first convicted and then acquitted, Knox and her one-time boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, were convicted again Thursday following their third trial.

Knox was sentenced to 28½ years, Sollecito to 25 years. The court's reasoning isn't expected to be released for three months.

The tone of some British newspaper coverage reflected skepticism about Knox's protestations of innocence.

"Shameless in Seattle" was the front page headline on Saturday's Daily Mail, which referred to Knox's "brazen TV charm offensive to escape extradition."

Any decision on whether to return Knox to Italy will ultimately be made by the U.S. State Department.

There have been other high-

profile cases in which Italians hoped in vain to have Americans face justice there, notably the case of a U.S. Marine jet that sliced a gondola cable in the Italian Alps in 1998, killing 20 people.

Under NATO rules, the U.S. military retained jurisdiction, and the pilot was acquitted of manslaughter.

More recently, in 2009 Italian courts convicted — in absentia — 26 CIA and U.S. government employees in the kidnapping of an Egyptian cleric suspected of recruiting terrorists in Milan.

Some lawyers familiar with the process say Knox has little hope of avoiding extradition under the terms of the U.S.-Italy treaty, but that won't stop her supporters from mounting a campaign to keep her in the U.S.

They're appealing to American principles about trying someone multiple times for the same crime,

even though under Italian law her earlier conviction and subsequent acquittal were never finalized, and even her third trial was considered part of the first prosecution against her.

They're also asking how one appellate court could find her innocent while another court convicts her beyond a reasonable doubt.

Kercher, 21, was found dead in the bedroom of the apartment she and Knox shared in the town of Perugia, where they were studying. Kercher had been sexually assaulted and her throat slashed.

Investigators claimed it had been a drug-fueled sex game gone awry — an accusation that made the case a tabloid sensation.

Knox, now 26, and Sollecito, now 29, denied any involvement. After initially giving confused alibis, they insisted they were at Sollecito's apartment that night, smoking marijuana, watching a movie and having sex.

As Knox awaits her fate, the questions over who killed Kercher will continue.



Knox

**"It's been a polarizing case, and that polarization will remain."**

Anne Bremner  
Seattle attorney

## NATION

# District apologizes for taking students' lunches

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Erica Lukes and other Utah parents were outraged when their children had their deep dish pizzas and other food taken and thrown away at their elementary school after a cashier said they owed money on their lunch accounts.

Lukes said taking the \$2 meals from about 30 students was "humiliating and demoralizing."

"People are upset, obviously, by the way this has been handled because it's really needless and quite mean," she said. "Regardless if it's \$2, \$5, you don't go about rectifying a situation with a balance by having a child go through that."

The Salt Lake City School District apologized on Thursday and said it was investigating what happened at Uintah Elementary and working to make sure it doesn't happen again.



Olsen

On Friday, Olsen said a school cafeteria manager and a district supervisor have

been placed on leave during the investigation. He said he could not identify or offer further details on the workers because of personnel privacy issues.

The students whose lunches were thrown out were given milk and fruit, a standard practice when students don't have lunch money.

The school is located in a middle-class neighborhood, and the district qualifies for federal reimbursement on lunches when students select certain offerings that are within nutritional guidelines.

Olsen said officials started notifying parents on Monday that many children were behind on the lunch payments. It

appears one district employee decided to start taking lunches the next day, he said, even though district policy requires that parents be given time to respond to account shortfalls.

Lukes said she was never notified about an outstanding balance and later called a school cafeteria worker who said her 11-year-old daughter's account wasn't overdue and a mistake had been made when her meal was taken.

She said her daughter reported children were upset and confused and some shared food with each other.

Olsen said the school principal has set up an account to cover lunch for students without money in their accounts.

## Woman found guilty in buttocks-injection death

By HOLBROOK MOHR

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — To hear Natasha Stewart tell it, she was just trying to help an insecure woman when she helped arrange for her to get silicone injections in her buttocks, shots that prosecutors say were deadly. A jury disagreed, convicting Stewart on Friday of culpable negligence manslaughter.

Stewart, of suburban Memphis, Tenn., was found guilty Friday in Jackson, Miss., in the death of Karima Gordon, 37, of Atlanta. Authorities say Stewart, an adult entertainer also known as Pebbelz Da Model, took \$200 for a referral to the alleged injector and falsely represented that the injector was a nurse.

Stewart testified Friday that Gordon was "insecure" about her body and wanted help fixing previously botched buttocks enhancements. Stewart said she connected Gordon with the woman performing the injections to help her out, not for money, but she said Gordon insisted on paying her.

Stewart had been charged with "depraved-heart" murder, defined as a "callous disregard for human life" resulting in death, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. She also had been charged with conspiracy to commit depraved-heart murder.

Jurors decided to go with the

option they had been given to convict Stewart of the lesser charge. They also found her guilty of conspiracy to commit culpable negligence manslaughter. She faces up to 20 years in prison for each charge. A sentencing date has not yet been set.

Stewart, wearing what appeared to be an orange wig, showed little emotion immediately after the verdict was read. She was found not guilty on the charges of wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Stewart had testified that she thought the woman performing the injections at a Jackson house was indeed a registered nurse and had gotten the injections herself more than 20 times over seven years.

"She told me that she was an RN," Stewart testified.

But Patrick Beasley, a prosecutor with the Mississippi attorney general's office, said someone would have to be "dumb" not to know Garner wasn't a nurse when she used veterinary syringes and sealed the injection sites with cotton balls and glue.

Prosecutors say Gordon died from silicone embolism in her lungs about a week after getting the shots in March 2012.

Tracey Lynn Garner, the one suspect of administering the injections, is charged with depraved-heart murder in the deaths of Gordon and another woman, Marilyn Hale of Selma,



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

Natasha Stewart sits with Jared Tomlinson, one of her attorneys, in county court in Jackson, Miss., on Friday. Stewart was being tried for her role in the 2012 death of a woman who sought out her help to enhance her buttocks with silicone injections.

Ala. She has pleaded not guilty. Her trial is scheduled for March.

Emails introduced Friday in Stewart's case showed that Gordon was a fan of Stewart and was persistent in asking for help to get

buttocks injections beginning in 2010.

"I won't give up my mission to ultimately achieve a tastefully great butt enhancement," Gordon wrote in one of the messages.

## Porn film maker fined for unsafe workplace

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A San Francisco porn company was fined more than \$78,000 this week by state safety officials for maintaining dangerous workplace conditions, among them allowing performers to have sex on camera without using condoms.

The company, Cybernet Entertainment, argued that many of its performers prefer not to use condoms and that the fine announced Friday is the result of a long-running campaign by those who oppose the adult film industry.

"The fines are excessive and, we believe, politically motivated," Cybernet founder Peter Acworth said in a statement. "The complaints which prompted the inspection were not made by actual employees, but by outside groups with a long history of opposition to adult film. We'll be appealing the decision."

The California Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Cybernet for a number of violations after an inspection last August. The largest part of the fine — \$75,000 — targeted Cybernet's policy allowing its performers to choose whether or not to use condoms.

CalOSHA spokesman Peter Mellon said he had seen two Cybernet performers who were romantically involved testing HIV-positive last year.

Cybernet said testing determined that the performers contracted the infection in their private lives rather than on set.

For the AIDS foundation, which the performers contracted HIV on set or in their private lives is of little consequence. "That's neither here nor there," spokesman Ged Kenesia said, "because OSHA requires that condoms be used."

## FDA reviewing safety of testosterone therapy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration said Friday it is reviewing the safety of popular testosterone drugs for men in light of recent studies suggesting they can increase the risk of heart attack, stroke and death.

A study published earlier this week suggested testosterone therapy could double the risk of those problems in men older than 65. Another study published in November found that the hormone

increased the risk by 30 percent.

The FDA said it is evaluating information from those studies and others but hasn't yet reached any conclusion.

The investigation comes amid an advertising blitz for testosterone gels, patches and injections marketed for low sex drive, fatigue and other age-related ailments in men.

U.S. prescriptions for testosterone have increased more than five-fold in recent years, with sales over \$1.6 billion.

Testosterone injections have long been used for men with hypogonadism, a disorder defined by low testosterone caused by injury or infection to the reproductive organs.

But the latest marketing push by drugmakers is for easy-to-use gels and patches that are aimed at a much broader population of otherwise healthy older men with low levels of testosterone, the male hormone that begins to decline in the body after age 40.

Drugmakers and many doctors

claim testosterone therapy can reverse some unpleasant of the signs of aging — ranging from insomnia to erectile dysfunction. Those claims are mostly based on short-term studies.

The National Institute on Aging is currently conducting a long-term, 800-man trial to definitively answer whether testosterone therapy improves walking ability, sexual function, energy, memory and blood cell count in men 65 years and older.

WORLD

# UN chief pushes for speedy return to Syria peace talks

By GER MOULSON  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — The United Nations' secretary-general pressed the U.S. and Russia to help ensure that peace talks aimed at stemming Syria's civil war can soon resume, while Russia's foreign minister said Saturday that it is "very difficult" to push Syrian President Bashar Assad's government to make concessions.

A week of peace talks ended in Geneva on Friday with no concrete progress and no immediate commitment from Assad's envoys to return on Feb. 10 for more meetings with the Western-backed opposition as suggested by mediator Lakhdar Brahimi.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told a conference of global security officials in Munich that he urged Russian Foreign

Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry at a meeting on the sidelines "to use their influence to ensure the talks proceed as scheduled on Feb. 10."

The U.S. has insisted that Assad cannot be part of a transitional government and has lost his legitimacy to lead, while Russia has been a key ally of Assad's government.

Ban urged the warring parties to "come back with more sense of earnestness as well as seriousness and urgency." Specifically, he called on "both sides and the government in particular to allow the unfettered access required under international humanitarian law."

An agreement to allow aid convoys into the central Syrian city of Homs has remained stalled, with the government and opposition accusing each other of holding up the aid delivery into the

city, which has been under siege for nearly two years.

Lavrov insisted that "Russia can do nothing alone" and urged the U.S. and others to exert their influence on the Syrian opposition.

Lavrov said the humanitarian situation in Syria is "outrageous" but insisted that "we've got to be realistic," arguing that the Syrian government is willing to deliver aid to Homs and deliveries to other cities, such as Aleppo and suburbs of Damascus, should also be an issue.

"I can assure you that we are putting daily pressure on the Syrian government," Lavrov said during a panel discussion at the conference. "It is a very difficult situation and to try to convince the government, which is waging a war, to make some gestures — this is a very difficult task."

# Determination strong in Kiev's protest camp

By JIM HEINTZ  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — The clock over Kiev's protest encampment showed 4:40 a.m. and minus-19 Celsius (minus-2 Fahrenheit). Despite the brutal conditions, Alexander Kravchuk laughed lightly about how he'd ended up standing guard at a first-aid point thrown together with tents and rough planks.

"I came here for a couple of days, and now it's two months," he said, his chin tucked into his thick coat's collar on Maidan Nezalezhnosti, or Independence Square, the focal point and symbol of Ukraine's opposition protests.

The 20-something Kravchuk was one of hundreds of true believers manning the tent camp in the dead of night, both committed to keeping the anti-government protest going until their demands are met and gripped by a larger sense of belonging they can't quite articulate.

"It's like a drug," said Lolita Avetsiyan, who travels an hour from her home on Kiev's fringes every night to help out at a field kitchen.

Their firmness in the face of discomfort and constant worry of a violent police sweep have kept the protests going longer than many expected. Despite authorities' nominal concessions during the past week, the core protesters are unmoved.

Although the protests are rooted in the same issues as when they started in December, the mood is both darker and more determined.

In the early weeks, thousands came to the square nightly for a spirited, round-the-clock show of stirring political speeches, performances by the country's best rock bands that rattled windows into the wee hours and a chance to see friends, to flirt and to hang

out. When squadrons of riot police streamed to the edge of the square about 1 a.m. one night, apparently preparing to break up the camp, there were so many demonstrators still out that they stood firm en masse and the police backed off a few hours later.

The crowds started dwindling, though the square — the center of Ukraine's Orange Revolution in 2004-2005 — could still draw tens of thousands on weekends. President Viktor Yanukovich, either impatient with the demonstration's persistence or sensing that the resolve was eroding, rammed through harsh anti-protest laws in mid-January. Days later, demonstrators launched clashes with police, pelting them with firebombs and stones. Three demonstrators died, two of them from gunshots.

The violence may have scared some away and a fierce cold spell surely caused others to stay away. But the core protesters, the ones who work the camp during the night, found their resolve hardened.

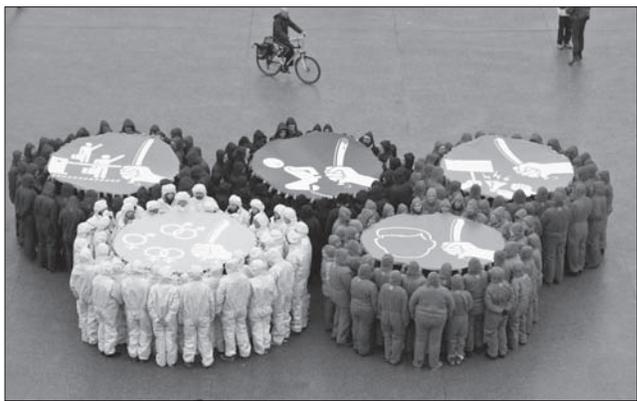
"Those guys who were killed, they were killed for something," Avetsiyan said. "It's our one chance. If we give up now, we'll be slaves for the rest of our lives."

It's a true community, said Mykhailo Havriyluk, a protester seen in online video last week being stripped naked and abused by police in clashes.

"People here in Maidan meet more new people, make new friends, get together. Get married, and sleep around, so to speak," he said. "Life goes on, even here in these conditions."

Kravchuk, the security guard at the first-aid station, wants to return to his hometown 120 miles southwest of Kiev.

"But only when there's victory," he said, shivering. "Maybe it can come today."



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## Protesting Russia's rights record

Activists form the Olympic rings Saturday in Paris during a demonstration against the lack of human rights in Russia ahead of the Olympic Winter Games 2014 in Sochi. The games begin Friday.

## Serbia: 1,000 freed from vehicles in snow

By JOVANA GEC  
The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia — Rescuers have evacuated about 1,000 people from cars and buses stranded in deep snow in northern Serbia, but several hundred people still remain stuck, the government said Saturday.

Authorities have closed down snowbound roads and have banned river traffic on the Danube river because of strong winds, said the government statement.

"The Serbian government is urging citizens not to travel until all danger is fully removed," the

statement added.

Winter so far in Serbia had been exceptionally mild, but during the past week, a cold spell and snowstorms have swept across parts of central and eastern Europe. Heavy snow in Bulgaria left dozens of villages without electricity and water and Romanian authorities declared a "code red" weather warning on Wednesday.

Emergency officials in Serbia reported that dozens of cars and two passenger trains remain stranded in the country's north, flat area where strong winds have been piling up snow drifts, cutting off villages and roads.

Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic toured the area with other government ministers. Vucic said there are about a dozen columns of cars still stranded.

Vlatko Jovicivic, one of the stranded travelers, told B92 Television and Radio Station that he has been stuck for more than 20 hours.

"I walked for two kilometers (miles) to get more fuel and some water," he said. "We are running out of fuel."

Snow drifts in places are 11.5 feet high, prompting authorities to close the main border crossing with Hungary.

## Reptile consignment intercepted in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG — A large shipment of reptiles smuggled from Madagascar and destined for the exotic pet trade in the United States was confiscated in South Africa, said animal protection activists.

An estimated 1,600 reptiles and amphibians were discovered during a routine inspection at Johannesburg's international airport, said South Africa's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said in a statement Friday.

Geckos, frogs, chameleons, skinks, lizards and toads, many of which are endangered species, were tied up in small muslin bags, or crammed into overcrowded plastic tubs for approximately 5 days before they were discovered. Many of the animals already had died.

The animals, bound for the U.S. from Madagascar, were left unattended in the cargo area when flights to the U.S. were cancelled. The surviving reptiles were taken to the Johannesburg Zoo for treatment, according to local news reports.

From The Associated Press

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP



AP

## Some serious sailing

Marit Bouwester, of the Netherlands, sails in the laser radial class Thursday in Miami during the ISAF Sailing World Cup races. More than 2,000 of the world's leading sailors representing 75 nations compete in the cup, which is a world-class annual series for Olympic sailing.

## Stradivarius stolen from concertmaster

**WI** MILWAUKEE — A 300-year-old “priceless” Stradivarius violin was stolen from the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra’s concertmaster during an armed robbery after a performance at a local Lutheran college, police said Tuesday.

The rare violin was on loan to concertmaster Frank Almond. The robber used a stun gun on Almond and took the instrument from him shortly before 10:30 p.m. Monday in a parking lot in the rear of Wisconsin Lutheran College, where Almond had just performed, Police Chief Edward Flynn said.

Flynn said the violin was valued in the “high seven figures,” the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported. Investigators believe the instrument, known in musical circles as the “Lipinski” Stradivarius, was the primary target, the chief said.

The instrument, crafted in 1715, was on an indefinite loan to Almond from its anonymous owners.

## Man who threatened Obama gets prison time

**OH** COLUMBUS — A federal judge has sentenced a central Ohio man to 16 months in prison for making Twitter threats to kill President Barack Obama.

Daniel Temple, 37, of Columbus, had confessed to U.S. Secret Service agents to making the threats and pleaded guilty in May.

The Columbus Dispatch reported that he was sentenced by U.S. District Judge George C. Smith on Wednesday.

According to the Secret Service complaint, threatening tweets by

## THE CENSUS

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The value of 220 bales of hay that have been stolen in southwest Idaho. The Ada County Sheriff’s Office told the Idaho Statesman that the owner discovered the hay missing from a haystack on his property. Police said each bale weighs about 90 pounds, so whoever took the hay likely used a truck and trailer. Police said the theft occurred sometime between Jan. 12 and Jan. 26.



Temple from March included the president’s name and phrases such as “coming to kill you” and “killing you soon.”

## Museum gets relics from doomed 9/11 crew

**TX** DALLAS — To look at them, one might not guess the grim provenance of two pins soon to be on display at the American Airlines Flight Academy museum in Fort Worth.

The flight attendant’s wings and a flight attendant’s union pin were retrieved from the thousands of tons of debris after terrorists flew a packed American Airlines jet into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

The pins show none of the damage from the crash — in which the Boeing 757 went full throttle into the Defense Department headquarters — The Dallas Morning News reported.

American Airlines will put the pins on display at the company’s C.R. Smith Museum.

They had been at the military mortuary at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Del., until USO official Joan Cote spotted them in 2012. She pushed to have the items returned to American, finally succeeding in October.

## Survivor of skydiving accident leaves hospital

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — A Texas girl who

survived a fall of more than 3,000 feet in a skydiving accident last weekend was discharged from an Oklahoma City hospital on Friday, a hospital spokesman said.

Makenzie Wethington, 16, was flown to the OU Medical Center in Chickasha. She will be transferred to a Dallas-area rehabilitation facility, OU Medical Center spokesman Scott Copenbarger said.

When Wethington jumped, her canopy opened but with a malfunction, and she did not deploy a reserve parachute as she had been taught to do. Her father, Joe Wethington, has said she told him she bled out as she plummeted to the ground. She landed on the grass.

## Couple face child abuse charges, \$200K bond

**TN** COVINGTON — A West Tennessee couple is facing abuse charges for locking their adopted daughters in their bedroom and keeping their brother in a backyard storage shed, authorities said Friday.

Will Earnest Carter, 53, and his wife, Wylie Sue Cater, 43, were arrested Tuesday in Covington and charged with false imprisonment and child abuse, the Tipton County Sheriff’s Office said. They were being held Friday on \$100,000 bond each, pending their arraignment Feb. 11. Court records do not show if they have a lawyer.

Authorities said the children were living in those conditions for six months as punishment. The children have been removed from the custody of the Caters and placed in foster care.

The Caters were arrested during a traffic stop. The couple acknowledged confining the children, the sheriff’s office said.

## 37 deaths from heroin, fentanyl overdoses

**MD** BALTIMORE — Maryland’s medical examiner said there have been at least 37 deaths since September in the state from a batch of heroin that is tainted with fentanyl.

Dr. David Fowler said Friday that the 37 deaths represent about 12 percent of the 318 overdose deaths during that period.

Ten of the deaths occurred in Baltimore, but Fowler said the deaths appear to be widespread in the state and not limited to any specific area.

Fentanyl is a synthetic morphine substitute that is roughly 100 times more powerful than morphine. It resembles heroin, though it is much more potent, and it has been blamed for dozens of deaths around the U.S.

## Police find meth ‘wash lab’; 2 men arrested

PHOENIX — Two men have been arrested after Phoenix police found a methamphetamine

“wash lab” at a home.

Police say a “wash lab” is where meth is mixed with solvents and filtered to remove some of the contaminants to give the drug the appearance of glass or ice shards.

They say Angel Miguel Angulo-Garcia, 35, and Manuel Gerardo Trazon-Dominguez, 28, both are being held on suspicion of possession of dangerous drugs for sale and various other charges.

Among the items seized Thursday were 24 pounds of meth, nearly 2 pounds of heroin, 2 grams of cocaine, 5 grams of marijuana, a handgun, three vehicles and \$5,500 in cash.

## Small bomb explodes at school; nobody hurt

**HI** HILO — A small bomb exploded Thursday outside an auditorium at a Hawaii high school, prompting a brief campus lockdown but apparently causing no injuries, authorities said.

Police said two students, both 16-year-old boys, were arrested then released to their parents. It wasn’t clear if the device was meant to hurt anyone or if it was a prank.

The small device exploded at Hilo High School on the Big Island at around 11:15 a.m. and was being described as a “bottle bomb.” Hawaii Department of Education spokesman Alex Da Silva said.

From wire reports

NATION



# Where digital secrets go to die

By JUSTIN GEORGE  
The Baltimore Sun

FREDERICK, Md. — In a 20,000-square-foot warehouse, where visitors are required to trade in a driver's license for a visitor's badge, some of the nation's secrets are torn apart, reduced to sand or demagnetized until they are forever silent.

"We make things go away," said Arleen Chafitz, owner and CEO of e-End Secure Data Sanitization and Electronics Recycling. Her husband, Steve Chafitz, is the company's president.

The company's clients include the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. Its work: destroying hard drives, computers, monitors, phones and other sensitive equipment that governments and corporations don't want in the wrong hands.

In a state that's become a center for federal intelligence organizations and private contractors gathering top-secret information, e-End has carved out a niche by destroying the hardware on which such organizations gathered classified material.

Robert Johnson, CEO of the National Association for Information Destruction, said thousands of firms across the country destroy devices that retain data.

With high-profile information leaks from the National Security Agency and other organizations, and the steady

stream of new laws and regulations to safeguard personal information, the number of companies is expected to increase.

"It is definitely a growing sector," Johnson said.

The Chafitzes said e-End has annual revenues in excess of \$1 million. The 8-year-old company employs 16 people, all of whom Steve Chafitz said have undergone thorough background checks that go back at least seven years.

highest demilitarization standards and NSA guidelines, Steve Chafitz said, and documents every step the data "sanitization" with photographs and paperwork.

"They've done work for us several times, and we'll definitely use them again," said Charles Garvin of the Defense Acquisition University, a Pentagon training agency.

Leaks of classified information — most notably revelations by former CIA employee and NSA contractor Edward Snowden — underscore the government's interest in keeping its secrets protected.

Steve Chafitz described piles of obsolete desktop computers, floppy disks, data CDs and cellphones that may sit around the back rooms and hallways of federal agencies and contractors as "loaded guns."

"Our job is basically to keep our nation safe," he said. "Our goal is to get them to get all this equipment out before they have another Snowden event."

The company has had contracts with the D.C. National Guard and said it works with the Secret Service, L-3 Communications and other corporations, the French Embassy in Washington, and the Frederick County government.

"We have been pleased with the thoroughness of the work done by e-End," said Scott Pearce, chief information security officer for Frederick County government. "They actually shred the drives while you watch and provide a certification sheet after the process."



Need to destroy a rugged Toughbook laptop that might have been used in war? E-End will use a high-powered magnetic process known as degaussing to erase its hard drive of any memory. A computer monitor that might have some top-secret images left on it? Crushed and ground into recyclable glass. Laser sights for weapons? Torn into tiny shards of metal.

E-End adheres to the government's



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**Top: Jermaine Myers tosses a circuit board into a bin before recycling. Myers is a logistic specialist at e-End, a Frederick, Md., company that specializes in the secure disposal of electronic media and data residing on equipment no longer used by government agencies or businesses. Above: CEO Arleen Chafitz and husband Steve Chafitz, president. Left: An intact demilitarized AR-15 assault rifle and the shredded remains of a second one.**

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# No need for limits

Adventure Amputee Camp instructor Rachel Ridder, left, helps participant Neena ski at Wintergreen Resort in Wintergreen, Va.

## Young amputees find fun, new experiences at Va. winter sports camp

By KATHERINE LACAZE  
Nelson County (Va.) Times

WINTERGREEN, Va. — Nothing could stop the 9-year-old girl's determination to try a new sport — neither the frigid air made colder by the billows of white snow spraying from snow machines at Wintergreen Resort, nor a disease that has caused her muscles and bones to be underdeveloped.

With the assistance of two Wintergreen Adaptive Sports instructors and snow sliders, she traveled smoothly down a slope last Monday, the first full day of sports activities as part of Adventure Amputee Camp — the winter edition.

Neena, whom instructors only identified by her first name, was decked out all in purple — her favorite color — except for bright, red ski boots. It was her first time skiing, but despite the chilly conditions, she could say without hesitation she was having fun and hopes to do it again.

The Adventure Amputee Camp, a nonprofit organization, has been holding a summer sports camp in Bryson City, N.C., for 19 years. This is the first time they have held a winter camp.

"We've talked about an additional camp for a long time, so we're very happy to be able to make this happen this year," said Missy Wolff-Burke, the president of AAC, who also has been teaching adaptive skiing at Wintergreen for about five years.

Wolff-Burke said her goal always has been to grow the camp, which is designed for children ages 8 to 17 with amputations or limb differences. She became acquainted with WAS through her job as a professor at the Shenandoah University Division of Physical Therapy.

This year, five kids were hosted for a four-day camp. Originally the cap was eight, but camp director Kelly McGaughey, a physical therapist with Walter Reed Army Medical Center, said having fewer campers worked well because winter sports require more undivided attention from counselors and instructors.

For three of the campers, the overnight camp was the first time they had experienced outdoor sports.

The kids, many of whom came from out of state, arrived Jan. 5. Along with McGaughey, Wolff-Burke and three other counselors from AAC, they stayed in a five-bedroom house on the mountain that the organization rented for the occasion.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the youths tried out several different sports, such as adaptive skiing, adaptive snowboarding, ice-skating and tubing.

They also took advantage of an indoor pool at the resort.

With adaptive equipment to help with strength, balance and speed control, as well as some assistance from instructors, the campers were able to engage in



Adventure Amputee Camp instructors Tori Tremaglio, left, and Chris Stone help Stetson snowboard. Campers also got to try ice-skating and tubing.

activities they or their parents and guardians at one time might have thought unapproachable, which is very empowering, Wolff-Burke said.

"The value (of the camp) is that they and their families recognize that they may have imposed limits that don't need to be there," she said. "And from the kids' perspective, they can see other children with a similar disability doing something that, before this, they might have thought not possible. That's the real beauty of the camp."

"For instance, Neena used snow sliders that made it possible for her to ski, which in turn made her "literally a happy camper," Wolff-

Burke said.

Campers also got to interact with other children and adults who have undergone similar experiences and physical limitations. Two of the counselors had amputations but now do winter sports independently.

"Both of them provide great role-modeling for our campers," Wolff-Burke said.

On Wednesday night, the camp scheduled a closing celebration of sorts, at which the kids were joined by family members for a ski day and a dinner the night before they left. On Thursday, the campers were scheduled to return home.

Other than a \$25 registration

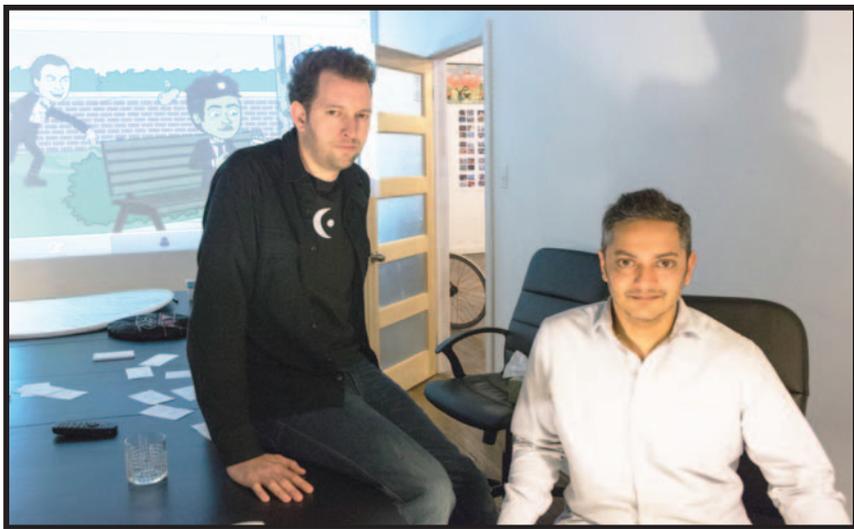
fee and the cost of transportation for campers to and from Wintergreen, the camp was free to attend. Wolff-Burke said they hope to make it an annual event that would join many programs hosted by WAS, a chapter of Disabled Sports USA. The group offers adaptive instruction in alpine skiing, snowboarding, kayaking and canoeing with a mission to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities through outdoor sports and recreation.

The organization, which officially was started in 1995, offers winter and summer programs for people of all ages with cognitive and physical disabilities, such as autism, cerebral palsy, spinal bifida, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, amputations and others. WAS also runs a Wounded Warrior Program that overlaps with the summer and winter lessons.

The winter season brings students the opportunity to learn snow sports, and runs from December to March. The summer sports season, which consists of paddling sports such as canoeing and kayaking, runs from May through September.

Executive Director Dave Shreve said students taking lessons generally have numbered about 35 during the summer season and 150 during the winter season, and they come from all over Virginia and beyond. Scholarships and reduced prices are available to many students.

## ENTERTAINMENT



CHRIS YOUNG, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Jacob Blackstock, left, is the CEO and creative director and Shahan Panth is the co-founder of Bitstrips, a mobile application that helps people turn their lives into comic strips. Its vignettes are all over Facebook and other social networks.

# Drawn-out success

## Bitstrips amuses, annoys as its comics go viral

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE  
The Associated Press

Bitstrips might seem like a sudden sensation now that the app maker's comic vignettes are all over Facebook and other social networks. But the Toronto startup's success was a drawn-out process.

The concept for a mobile application that lets people turn their lives into comic strips took shape as a high school diversion more than 20 years ago. That's when Jacob Blackstock drew a profane spoof of Charlie Brown and Lucy Van Pelt from the "Peanuts" comic strip and passed it to Shahan Panth, who sat behind him in 12th-grade English class. Even though a teacher reprimanded them for boorish behavior, a snickering Panth encouraged Blackstock to continue expressing his irreverent take on life through comics.

The two friends remained in touch after high school, often relying on comics as a way to communicate and needle each other. When Panth landed his first job out of college at an insurance company, Blackstock made it a point to fax a crude comic featuring his friend each day.

"I can't even repeat some of the things that he would say in those comics, but it was as about bad as you can possibly imagine," Panth says.

Goofing off eventually turned into a business. In 2007, Blackstock and Panth decided to start Bitstrips in an attempt to create a comic-strip version of YouTube. Bitstrips remained a novelty service confined to customizing comics within Web browsers until October, when the company released a mobile application for iPhones, iPads and devices running on Android software.

But Blackstock, 38, and Panth, 39, are getting the last laugh as their once-quirky pastime turns into a worldwide phenomenon. More than 30 million people in 90 countries have turned themselves into comic-book characters on Bitstrips' mobile applications. Google, which tracks people's interests through its widely used search engine, rated Bitstrips as the trendiest app of 2013, eclipsing the likes of Twitter's Vine video app, Facebook's Instagram photo app, King.com's Candy Crush game and SnapChat's ephemeral messaging app.

"A ridiculous amount of people have been loving Bitstrips so much that many of

them are sharing their comics to the point that it can be overwhelming to those that aren't into it," said Blackstock, who is Bitstrips' CEO and creative director.

With hopes of preventing a backlash to its application, Bitstrips recently added options that allow users to share their comics with a limited group of people instead of broadcasting through their Facebook networks or other digital hangouts.

Bitstrips' free mobile apps triggered the craze by making it easy for anyone with a smartphone or tablet computer to quickly create and post comics featuring themselves and a friend depicted in different scenarios. The apps provide thousands of comic scenes to choose from, then allows each user to create their own captions.

The overwhelming response surprised Blackstock and Panth, who had to scramble to increase Bitstrips' computing capacity to keep with the intense demand. They now have a staff of 17 workers and have raised \$3 million from Horizons Ventures in Hong Kong.

The seed money will help keep the service running until Blackstock and Panth figure out how to generate revenue from Bitstrips'

rapidly growing audience. One possibility: The company could charge users for extra Bitstrips features that would allow them to do things like insert characters from their favorite TV show or movie.

Horizon Ventures' backing of Bitstrips is notable because it is run by Li Ka-shing, whose track record includes early investments in other now-popular digital services such as Facebook, Spotify, Skype and Waze. Facebook now boasts a \$144 billion market value while Skype sold to Microsoft for \$8.5 billion and Waze sold for nearly \$1 billion to Google. Spotify remains a privately held company that doesn't disclose its finances, but the market value of its music streaming service has been pegged above \$4 billion.

Blackstock, who is nicknamed "BA" in reference to a sound he made as a child, thinks Bitstrips will prove his ideas weren't quite as goofy as they seemed when his high school English teacher caught him drawing cheeky comics a few decades ago.

"We don't see this as a joke engine," Blackstock says. "We see this as a new medium for self-expression."

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— Jacob Blackstock, Bitstrips' CEO and creative director

## MUSIC

# Major player

## British rock wunderkind Jake Bugg off to an impressive career start

By CHRIS RIEMENSCHNEIDER  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

**I**t's the kind of hit song that takes on new life in concert, with rowdy, caution-to-the-wind lyrics that spawn boisterous singalongs. Now if British rock wunderkind Jake Bugg could only teach American audiences the proper hand salute alluded to in his breakout hit "Two Fingers."

"It's great when everybody starts singing along and all that, but over there they always throw up their fingers the wrong way," Bugg explained with a friendly laugh. "That's cool, though. I got nothing against the peace sign."

England's biggest new rock star at a mere 19, Bugg is actually singing about the backwards-turned two-finger gesture that is his country's answer to flipping the bird. You know, the sort of gesture he would want to make to all the British tabloid photographers who stalked the "new Dylan" singer when he was dating "new Kate Moss" model Cara Delevingne last year.

Bugg's thick Nottingham accent and mannerisms offered an equally sharp dose of Britishness in a recent phone interview from London, where he was resting up at a hotel while waiting to shove off for his current U.S. tour.

"It's got PlayStation," he happily reported of his temporary London digs. "I'm basically homeless at this point, but it's all right. I'm getting to see the world instead."

Bugg went from playing a BBC-sponsored new-talent slot at 2011's Glastonbury Festival — back when he was still living with his mum — to an act listed near the top of major festival lineups on both sides of the Atlantic in 2013. In between, his self-titled debut album landed a No. 1 U.K. chart position and earned oodles of critical praise stateside.

While his raw delivery and nasal singing style vaguely recall a young Bob Dylan, Bugg more accurately draws a line from American rock and English skiffle acts of the 1950s-60s, to 1980s-90s Brit-rockers such as the Smiths and Oasis (whose Noel Gallagher has sung the young lad's praise).

One more way he resembles Dylan and early rock 'n' rollers:

Bugg didn't go two to three years between albums, like a lot of today's burgeoning new acts do. His sophomore album, "Shangri La," arrived in November, just a year after the first one, with omnipresent producer Kick Rubin's credit stamped on it.

"I wasn't making a statement. I just wanted to get the record out when it was done," he said flatly.

"Shangri La" is named after the renowned beachside studio/house in Malibu, Calif., which Rubin bought a year or two ago from Beef Chaney of the Suburbs.

In the '70s, Shangri La played host to Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and The Band (the kitchen interview scenes in "The Last Waltz" were filmed there). Kanye West also worked there with Rubin on the "Yezus" album.

"You can't help but think what it was like back in the day when The Band were working there and all that," Bugg said, "but for me, it was really strange and wonderful in a different way."

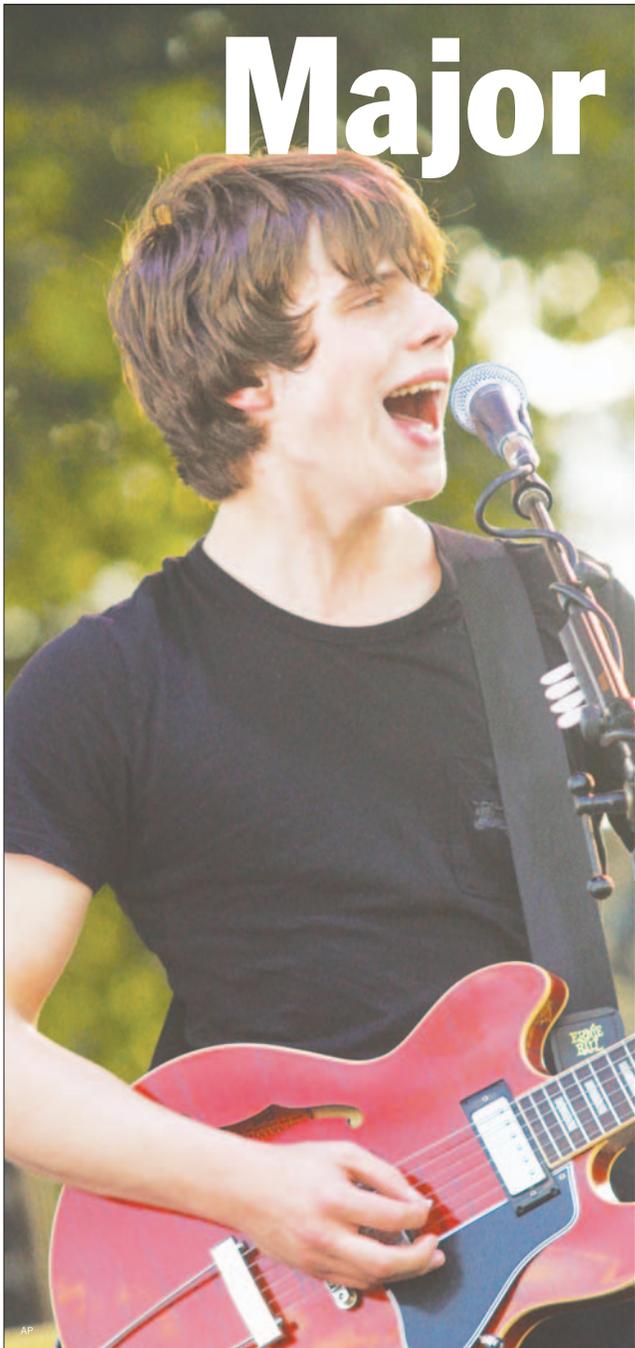
"Going to Los Angeles to record was a wild thing for me, but then (Shangri La) is way out there and sort of cut off from the rest of the world. After traveling around the world for a year, the peaceful setting of it was really a strange feeling for me personally, in a good way."

Aside from a couple of lovely forays into mellow territory — the dramatic "A Song About Love" is especially a keeper — there's little that's peaceful about the songs on the new album. Bugg continues to write in gritty detail about the juvenile-delinquent adventures and crime-filled hardships he experienced in Clifton, a section of Nottingham lined with low-income housing.

Ironically, Bugg said, he's one musician whose life actually is more sedate and wholesome now that he's living the rock-star dream. That's quite an admission from the kid whose breakout song ("Two Fingers") opens with the line, "I drink to remember. I smoke to forget."

"It's harder to misbehave now," he claimed. "The schedule and routine keep you in line, and there are always people around me now who will tell me if I'm doing anything really bad."

At least he still has PlayStation for a vice.



## MUSIC



Universal Music Group

# That GIRL

## Nettles strips down sound on solo debut

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
The Associated Press

Country singer Jennifer Nettles is a bit nervous about starting over. She's spent years drawing fans and accolades as a part of Grammy Award-winning Sugarland, but now that duo is on hiatus while she sets off on her solo career.

"I think any time one takes the risk of reinvention and really puts herself out there in a new way, there are fears," Nettles said. "And for me, people said, 'Are you nervous? Are you scared?' Yeah, I am scared in the way that one gets when something is important."

Her new album, "That Girl," is like the debut of an up-and-coming singer-songwriter that highlights her powerful vocals paired with simple backing music. Although she's wanted to record a solo album for years, the success of Sugarland, which won the Country Music Association's vocal duo category for five years straight, meant that she had to be careful with her timing of this album.

"The more success one has, the more responsibility I think comes with that. ... 'Cause I love Sugarland and what I've done with Sugarland and the music that Kristian (Bush) and I have made, so I wanted to be able to protect that and set myself up as smartly and as prepared as possible," Nettles said.

She wrote many of the songs while pregnant with her first child, Magnus, and then took her family to California to record with producer Rick Rubin, who has worked with artists as different as Jay Z and Johnny Cash.

"He is super diverse," Nettles said of Rubin. "He is very much a song-focused producer. In the sense that he not only wants to serve the song, but that he wants the song to be its best, and he is really good at that."

Although primarily known as a country singer, the album allows her to experiment with her song-



### Jennifer Nettles

That Girl (Mercury Nashville)

As lead singer in the contemporary country duo Sugarland, Jennifer Nettles and partner Kristian Bush kept growing increasingly experimental over four albums. For her first solo album, "That Girl," Nettles takes a different tack, stripping her songs to their basics — both sonically and emotionally.

Nettles is blessed with a voice that features a wide range and a distinct, vinegary tone. But it's her ability to connect with a song's emotional content that makes her stand out most. "That Girl" shows off that quality remarkably well, whether she's singing an open-hearted ballad like "This Angel," a playful yet meaningful popper like "Moneyball" or a complicated confessional like the title cut.

Producer Rick Rubin balances spare acoustic arrangements with inventive rhythms and orchestrations. Even the most dramatic moments shine because of a deft, light touch, from the Latin rhythms of "Jealousy" to the way horns come in on "This One's For You" to how drums and strings are introduced in "Me Without You."

"That Girl" is a 1970s-style creative statement, recalling classic Carole King and Linda Ronstadt rather than any of her country or pop contemporaries. It's a reminder of how powerful music can be when it comes from the heart — and tilts more toward talent than technology.

—Michael McCall  
The Associated Press

writing and style, such as her first single, "That Girl," a sultry, bass-heavy number.

"I definitely want my fans to get to see a new side of me," Nettles said. "I want to have them hear a new part of me vocally and a new part of me as a songwriter and to do something ... more intimate and personal to me than a collaboration would be, with anyone, not just Sugarland."



MOVIES

# The monster and the man

In 'I, Frankenstein,' Aaron Eckhart searches for creature's humanity

By ROGER MOORE

McClatchy/Tribune News Service

**A**aron Eckhart has some advice for monster movie and Mary Shelley purists who might quibble with "I, Frankenstein," his futuristic movie version of creature that features Eckhart as the monster almost 100 years in the future.

"Get on Twitter," he chuckles, suggesting the best place to complain. "They already ARE! Believe me."

None of that 19th century piecing together human body parts, harnessing of lightning, and jolting a creature to life in this "Frankenstein." The monster in "I, Frankenstein" is 200 years old and called "Adam." He's survived into a future dystopia where he gets caught up in demon/gargoyle wars.

Sure, it's a genre picture, Eckhart laughs. But he wants to take to Twitter himself to try and sell it, here's his 144-or-so-character tweet:

"It's a monster movie with a human soul. Fans of this genre may care about that, but a lot of people just don't. They care about the action, the effects. If I'm selling this movie on a tweet, it's 'Man in search of his purpose.'"

Eckhart found that something he could relate to. At 45, he's

never broken out as a headliner, a box office attraction who can open a film based on his name alone. His screen presence is formidable, thanks to a deep voice, soulful eyes and a face Seattle Times critic Moira Macdonald once said "looks as if a computer designed it.... His jaw is absurdly square, his nose long and aristocratic, his eyes are small but glitter intelligently." He broke into movies with the help of playwright-director and friend Neil LaBute ("In the Company of Men") and has had scattered success in the 15 years since.

Supporting roles in blockbusters from "Erin Brockovich" to "The Dark Knight" films (as Harvey "Two-Face" Dent), leads in more daring fare such as "Thank You for Smoking," "Towelhead" and "Rabbit Hole" have never added up to an escape from B-movies or action films ("Olympus Has Fallen"). Still, he takes on even the genre pictures with as much good humor as he can muster.

"I've never been an actor who lets himself get shoved into a corner," Eckhart says. "I don't really have a body of work that shows me as who I am and what I believe. I'm not showing that. I've never been one of those actors."

He's serious enough to work out a backstory to his character, even if that character is as iconic as



BY BEN KING, LONSGATE/AP

Two hundred years after his shocking creation, Dr. Frankenstein's creature, Adam, still walks the Earth. But when he finds himself in the middle of a war over the fate of humanity, Adam discovers he holds the key that could destroy humankind in the action thriller 'I, Frankenstein,' starring Aaron Eckhart.

Frankenstein's monster.

"He's been rejected by his father and has to work out his place in the world. He's a survivor, made that way by being cast out by his father to live in the mountains. He basically learned from the animals. In Mary Shelley's novel, he's always on the edge of society, on the periphery looking in. In our movie, he's had 200 years of learning and gaining skills and becoming articulate. I needed to delve into Mary Shelley's version of him, figure out why she created him. What does she want to say? Is that still relevant today? It is. This is an archetypal man's journey through life asking himself those same questions every man must ask — 'Where did I come

from, why am I here, and where am I going?'"

Eckhart is one of those character actors who turns up in several films a year, most years. And "I'm making a lot more movies in 2014. Hey, it's not like I love to work or anything. I just can't afford not to."

There's a sequel to the hit "Olympus Has Fallen" with Gerard Butler, tentatively titled "London Has Fallen." And "I just finished 'Incarnate,' another genre movie. I play a wheelchair-bound alcoholic exorcist! That was a lot of fun."

If he's forced to find a connection, a through-line to a career that takes him from cynical villains ("The Rum Diary") to stoic sol-

diers ("Battle Los Angeles"), sad-eyed romantics ("Love Happens," "Rabbit Hole") to characters-with-a-message ("Towelhead"), it is this — a shared humanity.

"If I'm going to go to all the trouble of making the movie and you're going to go see it, is there a lesson to be learned from the film about how you can become a better person?"

"Movies are about entertaining, first of all, the fantasy that we lose ourselves in. But they're also about storytelling and growing. So I look for the humanity in the character, the lessons we can learn from his journey." Even if the character is covered in makeup, a 200-year-old monster.

## After nearly 200 years, Frankenstein character is still going strong

By BRETT WEISS

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

**T**he Frankenstein monster first lumbered into existence in 1818 in Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein; Or, The Modern Prometheus," which many consider the first science-fiction story.

"Frankenstein" is a gothic horror yarn relating the tale of a mad scientist who discovers the secret of life, fashions a monster out of spare parts and is cursed by his curious, hideous creation.

Shelley's masterpiece has spawned numerous feature films, the latest being "I, Frankenstein."

Like other "Frankenstein" interpretations, "I, Frankenstein" draws inspiration from Shelley's Frankenstein but plays fast and loose with the details.

This got us to thinking about the many ways the Frankenstein monster has appeared in popular culture over the years, from books to TV to film.

**Frankenstein in film**

You can watch the 1910 Edison Studios version of "Frankenstein" on YouTube. After that, pick up (on DVD or Blu-ray) the trio of "Frankenstein" films Universal produced during the 1930s: "Frankenstein" (1931), "The Bride of Frankenstein" (1935)

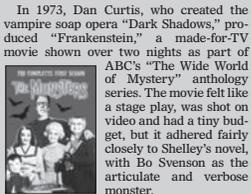
and "Son of Frankenstein" (1939), each starring Boris Karloff in his signature role as the sympathetic creature. Feel free to skip such low-budget turkeys as "Frankenstein 1970" (1958) and "Frankenhooker" (1990), but be sure and check out "The Curse of Frankenstein" (1957), Hammer Film Productions' first delving into the



Frankenstein mythos; "Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man" (1943), another classic from Universal; "The Evil of Frankenstein" (1964), one of the more entertaining Hammer entries; "Young Frankenstein" (1974), Mel Brooks' funniest films, even funnier than "Blazing Saddles"; "Frankenweenie" (2012), Tim Burton's stop-motion animated Disney feature; and "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" (1994), a flawed but compelling adaptation of the novel starring Robert De Niro as the creature.

If you're a B-movie buff with the will to be weird, boot up the 1973 sleazefest "Andy Warhol's Frankenstein," which film critic John Stanley ("Creature Features Strikes Again Movie Guide") calls a "low point in cinema" and a "sickening exercise in black humor."

**Frankenstein on TV**



In 1973, Dan Curtis, who created the vampire soap opera "Dark Shadows," produced "Frankenstein," a made-for-TV movie shown over two nights as part of ABC's "The Wide World of Mystery" anthology series. The movie felt like a stage play, was shot on video and had a tiny budget, but it adhered fairly closely to Shelley's novel, with Bo Svenson as the articulate and verbose monster.

In addition to the obvious — Fred Gwynne's comedic turn as Herman Munster in "The Munsters" — the classic creature has reared his ugly head in "Tales of Tomorrow," "Route 66," "Saturday Night Live," "The X-Files" and countless other programs.

**Frankenstein in print**

Mary Shelley surely had no idea her creepy creation would inspire countless other novels, including "Frankenstein Lives Again" (1981) by Donald F. Glut, "I Am Frankenstein" (1996) by Dean C. Anderson, and the five-volume series collectively known as "Dean Koontz's Frankenstein."

**Frankenstein in song**

If you listen to classic rock radio, you've probably heard the Edgar Winter Group's bass-heavy "Frankenstein" many times. Named after the elaborate, piecemeal recording process used in creating the song, which is one of the few rock instrumentals to become a No. 1 hit, "Frankenstein" is also noteworthy for its early use of a synthesizer as a lead instrument.

Shock rocker Alice Cooper cranked out "Teenage Frankenstein" (1986) for "Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives," and "Feed My Frankenstein" (1992), which features guest appearances by noted rockers Joe Satriani, Nikki Sixx and Steve Vai.

One of the best Frankenstein tunes is "Over at the Frankenstein Place," written and sung by Richard O'Brien for the musical stage play "The Rocky Horror Show" (1973).

Other Frankensongs of note include "Frankie Frankenstein" (1959) by the Crickets, "Monster Mash" (1962) by Bobby "Boris" Pickett, "The Siege and Investiture of Baron von Frankenstein's Castle at Weissler" (1988) by Blue Oyster Cult and "Jumpstart Your Electric Heart" (2005) by Kevin Max (of DC Talk fame).

Ringo Starr's "Back Off Boogaloo" (1972), a single some say was directed at Paul McCartney's solo work, featured the monster on the picture sleeve.

MOVIES

# From Disney to destitute

Hudgens finds her footing in edgier films like 'Gimme Shelter'

By ROGER MOORE

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Writer-director Ron Krauss ran through more than a few Hollywood starlets in trying to cast the homeless, pregnant teen, Apple, in his debut feature film "Gimme Shelter." He'd spent more than a year getting to know such women and those who ran the Several Sources Shelters in New Jersey. The project had become a cause to him, and he had to get this casting right.

"Finally, I sent a video link to some girls staying in a shelter and they looked at several auditions," Krauss recalls. "They didn't know the young women auditioning. The girls didn't know 'High School Musical.' And they picked Vanessa Hudgens."

Hudgens, the former Disney Channel sweetheart, might have seemed an odd choice for the frumpy, pierced and pregnant runaway in search of a father she never knew. "Hollywood people I told went, 'That Disney girl? Are you crazy?'" Krauss says. But Hudgens, at 25, has been putting those Disney years far behind her with films as gritty, edgy and R-rated as "Sucker Punch," "Spring Breakers" and "The Frozen Ground."

"There's nothing cooler than looking into a mirror and not seeing yourself," Hudgens says. "The scripts that you get are always similar to the last project somebody saw me in. But that just means that I won't be anything to do with it. I like variety. I don't like being stagnant, sticking with the same thing."

She won't come right out and say it, but after a few years of "sweet girl" roles after the wildly popular "High School Musical" ended, movies such as "Beastly" and "Bandslam," Hudgens has set her mind to doing more adult roles in films that demolish that old image.

"Sucker Punch" saw her as an inmate in a mental institution whose escape is



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Vanessa Hudgens plays a pregnant teen who runs away from her abusive addict mother in "Gimme Shelter."

envisioning herself (and her fellow inmates) as scantly clad hoodlums avenging themselves on the evil men in their lives. "Spring Breakers" put her in another ensemble of young women behaving badly, cutting loose and committing crimes on spring break. "The Frozen Ground" showcased Hudgens as a teen prostitute who survives a serial killer attack.

For "Gimme Shelter," Hudgens whacked off her hair, gained weight, wore piercings and "lived in a shelter for three weeks," Krauss marvels. "I never thought a Hollywood actress could play this role, that the movie star would show through. But she had swagger to her; she can hide her beauty. She was showing a part of herself she's never shown before."

"Gimme Shelter," which is based on a true story and uses real shelters and girls staying in them, offered the actress the chance to work with James Earl Jones (as a priest) and Ann Dowd as the firm but compassionate operator of the shelter. Apple winds up in it. The sort of indie film where "You get to push yourself out of your comfort zone," Hudgens says. "It's work, but it's work that's fun.

It's the sort of thing you look for in order to grow."

"Gimme Shelter" comes out at a time when poverty is back in the national conversation. It's being embraced as a faith-based film, as the shelters it is set in are Catholic-sponsored and abortion is never a seriously considered option for a pregnant teen with no home, no job and few prospects. Hudgens says she embraces the messages of the movie, "a script that had a lot of courage about it, I think. You've got abortion and child abandonment and homelessness and abuse. Tough subjects."

But after this latest walk on the dark side, Hudgens was ready to mix things up again for her next picture. She knows she might lose her longtime fans, alienating some as she tries to reach that broader audience that leads to career longevity. Her next film, "Kitchen Sink," is about a time "when zombies and vampires and humans are trying to co-exist in peace," Hudgens says, laughing.

"Every role you want, every change in direction you make, is always a hunt and a struggle, and that's the way it should be," she says. "You have to fight for the things you want. We're all trying to create our own path. So you admire what somebody else has done or is doing, but you want to write your own story."



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Writer-director Ron Krauss on casting former Disney star Vanessa Hudgens as a homeless, pregnant teen in his new film, "Gimme Shelter"

## Indie film 'Dear White People': Art imitating life's racism

By JULIE WALKER

The Root

Dear white people: It's not OK to throw a black-themed party where white students wear racist costumes and drink from cups that look like watermelons, especially to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Justin Simien, the writer and director behind the comedy "Dear White People," doesn't have to look far to illustrate how his movie parallels real life.

"Dear White People" premiered this year at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, the same week students at Arizona State University were suspended after throwing that offensive MLK Day party. The movie is set at Winchester University, a fictitious Ivy League school, where some of the white students put on an African-American-themed party complete with

blackface and Afro wigs. The film centers on four African-American students with very different ideas about being black, and experiences to match.

During the Sundance screening I attended, I overheard a white woman say to her friends that she felt "embarrassed" by the actions of the white students in the film. Simien said he's not trying to embarrass but instead is trying to open a dialogue through his humor.

"Whenever I tell people at Sundance that I'm here with 'Dear White People,' they say, 'Oh, well, I'm one of the cool ones,'" she says. "I tell them it's just the name of the movie. It's not an hour-and-a-half indictment of your people," Simien says.

Instead it could be taken as a 108-minute indictment of all people, because the black characters are also prejudiced in their own way. From homophobia to hating on "Tar Perry" movies, Simien is an equal-oppor-

tunity indicter, but by no means in a bad way.

Simien, 30, says that some of the inspiration for the script came from his own feelings while attending the predominantly white Chapman University in California after attending a magnet school in Houston.

Like one of the film's main characters — the gay, gigantic-Afro-wearing Lionel (played by Tyler James Williams) — Simien is trying to fit in. He made his first public announcement about being a gay black man during the Q&A at his Sundance screening, when an audience member applauded how diverse his characters were.

Another of his characters is Sam (Tessa Thompson), the biracial, militant, self-righteous activist who can be heard on her campus radio show saying, "Dear white people, the amount of black friends required not to seem racist has just been

raised to two. Sorry, your weed man Tyron doesn't count." In the film, one white student calls her the pissed-off baby of Spike Lee and Oprah.

Though they have never met, Simien has been compared to Lee, especially because Lee made "School Daze," but it's a comparison that Simien does not want. After the screening, someone asked Simien if he was the next Spike Lee, and he said, "I'm the next Justin Simien." But Simien does credit Lee's "Do the Right Thing" and Robert Townsend's "Hollywood Shuffle" for showing him that it's possible to make these types of black films.

Of Lee he says, "He opened my mind and let me know I could make movies like this ... but in 'Do the Right Thing' he talks about how racism works, and in 'Dear White People' what I wanted to talk about is identity."



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OPINION

Will colonel's feats help him keep seat?

By GEORGE F. WILL

*"There is a certain relief in change, even though it be from bad to worse; as I have found in traveling in a stage coach, that it is often a comfort to shift one's position and be bruised in a new place."*

— Washington Irving

Rep. Chris Gibson has tested Irving's theory. Gibson, whose closely cropped graying hair announces his Army pedigree, believes he should be in the Guinness Book of Records for having moved so swiftly—in 10 months—from membership in America's most admired to its least admired institution. On March 1, 2010, he ended a 24-year military career and on Nov. 2 was elected to Congress. This fall, he will participate in perhaps the year's most interesting congressional contest.

Americans have sorted themselves out politically, so approximately 390 of the 435 House contests will be boring. Just 16 Republicans—Gibson is one—represent districts Barack Obama carried, only nine Democrats represent districts Mitt Romney carried, and perhaps fewer than 45 contests nationwide will be competitive. One will be in the 8,000 square miles of New York's rural 19th district, which runs along the Hudson from about 60 miles north of the Bronx to the Vermont border.

Gibson, 49, was raised in Kinderhook, a few hundred yards from the home of Martin Van Buren, a Jacksonian Democrat who Gibson, a Reagan Republican, considers a kindred spirit. Gibson enlisted the day after he turned 17, but graduated from Ithabor Crane High School—the Hudson Valley also gave the nation Washington



Gibson

Irving—and Siena College served in the Gulf War, Kosovo and Iraq, rose to the rank of colonel with the 82nd Airborne, along the way earning four Bronze Stars and a Cornell Ph.D., and taught political science at West Point.

He entered politics when the tea party impulse was waxing, and he agrees with its adherents about limited government, but favors compromise to get there. "The Constitution," he notes with a colonel's crispness, "was a compromise." And, he adds, Patrick Henry, a tea party pundit, opposed ratification of it.

But Gibson thinks "MVB"—he refers to Van Buren as if he were a neighborhood chum—deserves to be a tea party favorite because he was Andrew Jackson's sidekick in slaying the Bank of the United States, which they considered an instrument for people who practiced the vice nowadays called crony capitalism.

Gibson, who looks forward to teaching and coaching, has pledged to serve no more than four terms representing a district that Obama, like George W. Bush, carried twice—in 2012, by six points. Sean Eldridge hopes to give Gibson an early start on his next career.

Eldridge, 27, is married to Chris Hughes, 30, who bought The New Republic magazine—founded 100 years ago this year as a voice of progressivism—with a portion of the fortune he made as co-founder of Facebook. Eldridge, who wants to bring his own progressivism to Congress by beating Gibson, grew up in Ohio, graduated

from Brown University, attended but did not graduate from Columbia Law School, founded a venture capital firm and went looking for a receptive congressional district outside New York City. The first one where he and his husband bought a residence turned out to be politically problematic, so they kept that residence and bought another (supplementing their Manhattan apartment) in the 19th district.

It was said (by John Randolph) that Van Buren "rowed to his object with muffled oars." Muted, stealthy politics is, however, not the current style. Eldridge's investment firm is located in the district and last summer The New York Times reported that the firm had made at least \$800,000 in loans to local businesses.

Progressives, being situational ethicists regarding the phenomenon of money in politics, are selectively indignant about the rich throwing around the weight of their wallets. But when progressives say there is "too much money in politics," etc., conservatives should remain relaxed. Everyone, including Eldridge, should have the right to do what he or she wants with his or her money. Besides, Eldridge will use his money to disseminate his political speech, which conservatives should be confident will do Gibson much more good than harm.

As David Winchell, a 60-year-old owner of a roadside pizza and BBQ restaurant, told The Times, "This area is becoming too citified. I would fear that this gentleman coming in would be too relaxed in his views." The Times noted, "He added, with a disapproving tone: 'Progressive is the word.'"

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Sandy Hook's horror becoming commonplace

By CRISTINA LAFFERTY HASSINGER

When the detective arrived at my home, he had a folder in his hand. "We just have some paperwork to take care of first," he said. After I signed his forms, he gave me a box with the clothes my mother was wearing when she was murdered. It had been almost a year, but I needed to touch them, to know how many times she was shot, to see where she had been hurt.

My mom, Dawn Hochgraber, was the principal at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Recently, I told a woman that my mother had passed away just over a year ago. I was trying to be polite, but I instantly felt disgusted with myself for using the term "passed away." My mother was shot to death through no fault of her own. That is not "passing away." She was killed, gunned down in what I would normally have called her heaven—her school.

There have been at least 39 school shootings since the massacre in Newtown, Conn., on Dec. 14, 2012. Already this year there have been 10 school shootings, including one Thursday at Eastern Florida State College. Sadly, Americans seem to be getting used to seeing our nation's youth, parents and educators gather outside schools, waiting to hear if their loved ones are safe.

This past December, the holiday season felt wrong. There was an empty place at our table, and traditions didn't seem to matter anymore. My daughter was not yet 6 months old when my mother was killed. I tuck her into bed each night with a stuffed doll that was the first and only Christmas gift she'll ever get from her grandmother. The doll is a nightly reminder that my daughter will never know my mother.

During my mother's wake, my 10-year-old son burst into tears and asked me why, of all the schools in America, this had to happen at Grandma's school. I didn't know how to tell him the truth: that this could happen anywhere, that such shootings might continue to happen.

Immediately after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, discussion of safer gun laws consumed the nation. At the time, I thought it was too soon—26 innocent people had just been slaughtered at the school, and we were mourning.

I realize now that it was wrong: It wasn't too soon—it was already too late.

It was too late for my family and for all the families of Sandy Hook. It was too late for the families of the victims of Columbine, Virginia Tech, Northern Illinois, Tucson, Aurora and Oak Creek.

Early last year it felt like the tragedy in Newtown was an eye-opener to the prob-

lem of gun violence in our country. But since Newtown, more than 12,000 Americans have been killed by gun violence. Last April, a majority of senators voted for a bipartisan bill to expand background checks and keep guns out of the wrong hands—but a minority voted to the gun lobby and was able to block passage.

I thought Congress' failure to pass gun safety legislation would shatter my hopes. But it did the opposite: I and others who make up the 90 percent of Americans who support comprehensive background checks aren't going away. We're here to share our stories and fight for our future.

As the daughter of a shooting victim, I hope no one else ever has to suffer through my experience. As a mother, I am horrified by the thought that this senseless violence could happen again anywhere, at any moment. There have been too many shootings and too many moments of silence. There is a national movement of Americans, from mayors to moms, raising our voices. We demand action—closing the private-sale loophole—from our leaders, and we will win the fight against gun violence.

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OPINION

# Obama's trip to Asia needs a little Seoul

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President Barack Obama has promised to rebalance U.S. foreign policy to the Asia-Pacific region. It did not help that he had to cancel a trip to the region in October so that he could deal with the government shutdown, but the White House made the right move by announcing that he would make up for it with a trip in April.

The full itinerary has not been announced, but Obama is expected to visit Japan, the Philippines and Malaysia. Those stops make sense: Japan is the biggest U.S. ally in the region; our ally the Philippines was clobbered by Typhoon Haiyan and needs reassurance in the face of Chinese pressure over territorial disputes; and Malaysia is emerging as a major trade and potential diplomatic partner. The president held a long summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping last summer in California and will travel to Beijing in the fall for a regional summit, so there is no need to go to China this time.

So what about South Korea? Visiting key treaty allies Tokyo and Manila, while skipping another key ally, South Korea, on Obama's first trip to Asia of his second term would be an embarrassment for South Korean President Park Geun-hye, particularly given how prickly relations are between Tokyo and Seoul. If anything, North Korea threats and Chinese muscle-flexing should put a premium on Obama ensuring that our two democratic allies in North Asia not work against each other. We have worked at senior levels in the National Security Council and State Department, and we recognize that one of the most precious commodities in Washington is the president's time. We would not recommend that Obama try to arbitrate the complex historical problems between Japan and South Korea. But this trip is the ideal opportunity to keep the leadership in Tokyo and Seoul focused on what we can and must do together in the future.

Developments on the Korean Peninsula are at a critical juncture. The United States

is to transition wartime operational control of all forces in the South from a U.S. general to a South Korean general next year under an agreement reached by previous South Korean governments. Park's government worries that North Korean uncertainties make this an undesirable time to switch over and that Washington's next move might be to withdraw U.S. forces from the peninsula. The Pentagon worries that Seoul seeks a delay to avoid earlier promises to pay for more of the nation's defense. A new agreement would raise Seoul's annual contributions to the costs of U.S. forces based in South Korea to about \$866 million. But the Korean National Assembly is likely to debate this amount hotly, and Park's government would need to demonstrate the strength of the alliance and the U.S. commitment before the Korean fiscal year ends this spring.

North Korea, China, Japan and Russia are watching. The absence of consensus on these military issues creates strategic uncertainty and requires presidential attention.

Separately, time is running out for the United States and South Korea to negotiate a new civil nuclear cooperation agreement before the current pact expires. The two are at loggerheads over Seoul's demand that it have the right to enrich uranium on the front end of the fuel cycle and to reprocess spent nuclear fuel on the back end. Washington believes that enriched uranium fuel is plentiful enough on the open market for the South to acquire. The international nonproliferation community is also concerned about the precedent that would be established by allowing Seoul to acquire a full nuclear fuel cycle.

April is also critical timing for trade negotiations. Seoul is interested in "docking" the U.S.-South Korea free-trade agreement into the broader Trans-Pacific Partnership being negotiated by the United States and 11 other countries. South Korean participation in the partnership would further cement a future trading order in Asia that would include North America and drive exports for U.S. workers and farmers.

Finally, North Korean activities suggest



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**U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Daniel Russel, left, shakes hands with his South Korean counterpart, Lee Myung-soo, before their meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, on Jan. 26.**

that by the time Obama would arrive in Seoul, the North would have engaged in yet another dangerous provocation. It could be a nuclear test—possibly one revealing that Pyongyang has increased the kilotonnage of its plutonium-based weapons or successfully tested a uranium-based weapon. Or it might be another long-range missile launch or shelling of islands off South Korea's coast. Whatever the provocation, the United States would need to demonstrate solidarity with Seoul and galvanize regional pressure to deter further escalation by Pyongyang.

These sorts of challenges may cause some White House political advisers to tell the president to skip South Korea and lead from behind. But if the administration's heralded rebalance to Asia is to have meaning, Obama must be at the front on dip-

lomacy, trade and security. The U.S. and South Korean governments need the discipline a presidential visit would impose if we are to conclude the unfinished business in our alliance. More important, friends and foes will be watching the president's words and deeds to see whether the United States really has staying power in Asia. A trip without South Korea would send the wrong signal.

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# Time to define foreign policy mission, offer specifics

By BRIAN KATULIS

President Barack Obama's State of the Union address focused mostly on domestic issues. Yet how clearly he articulated his foreign policy agenda underscored a crisis of purpose about U.S. engagement in the world.

To advance his national security agenda in the next three years, Obama should offer a more cohesive strategic argument for global engagement, one that more clearly articulates the values informing his policies. Economic challenges at home, including low job growth, have made many Americans more selective about which global problems they think the United States should take on. A Pew poll released in December found that most Americans think we should mind our own business internationally.

It won't be sufficient for the administration to state how the president intends to approach particular national security questions: He needs to articulate why they matter and what's at stake. Obama has done this before; his 2009 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech made a compelling moral and strategic argument for U.S. engagement in the world.

To be sure, Obama outlined sound and

pragmatic positions Tuesday on most of the leading foreign policy questions of the day. He made a measured case for more time to pursue nuclear talks with Iran without overselling the prospects for success. He also sketched out how his administration is addressing questions about National Security Agency surveillance and drone strikes while being negative about the U.S. threats posed by al-Qaida and its affiliates.

But missing was the connective tissue between the different elements of his foreign policy agenda. It sounded like a "to do" list of chores in search of a broader argument for why these policy proposals matter. The lack of an overarching worldview is partly why Obama made only passing mention of the Syria conflict and said nothing about the complicated changes in Egypt. It is important that Obama used his stirring recognition of Sgt. 1st Class Cory Remsburg to rally support for our veterans—but it's not clear what the president would like to see as the end result of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars in which Remsburg served.

At the start of its sixth year, the Obama administration runs the risk of remaining intellectually stuck, cleaning up the inheritance of the Bush years. Yet major global changes, including the rise of other powers

and widespread social protests for dignity, require a forward-looking moral framework for U.S. engagement. A clearer vision is necessary to rally public support and votes in Congress for key agenda items, such as a possible nuclear deal with Iran and proposed future trade deals with Europe and Asia. It is important for Obama to do this because Republicans are sharply divided on foreign policy and Obama's own party looks for him to lead.

The administration's planned release this year of a new national security strategy offers a chance to make a clearer argument for global engagement with three core elements.

First, it must make a case for how its global economic agenda, including proposed trade agreements with Asia and Europe, would benefit Americans and expand growth while meeting the president's aspirations of reducing domestic inequality.

Second, it must demonstrate how the government will keep Americans safe while protecting our core values. Obama's record here is mixed: He has brought troops home and kept the homeland safe, but threats from terrorist networks have morphed abroad. The principles Obama has outlined for reining in NSA surveillance and drone strikes must be applied

with real actions to rebuild confidence in U.S. leadership.

Third, Obama must tell the world more clearly what we stand for and what costs we are willing to bear to advance the causes of freedom and dignity—and not shy away from the toughest cases. From Ukraine to the Middle East to China, the struggle to advance freedom endures, and many see a growing American reticence to engage on this complicated front. Egypt will present an important test—in the coming weeks, the administration will face calls on whether to certify that Egypt is on a path toward democracy.

Many people in this country and abroad are still looking for U.S. leadership in the world. Vague notions of turning the page on the Bush years, pivoting to new regions of the world and rebalancing to the wider global arena are not sufficient arguments to make a case for global engagement. Obama has a sound set of policies, but if he wants to achieve great things in the world in the next three years, he has to sharpen his argument and answer the question many are asking about his foreign policy: What's the big idea?

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# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

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## Pro football

**NFL playoffs**  
**Wild-card games**  
 Saturday, Jan. 4  
 Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 14  
 New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24  
**Sunday, Jan. 5**  
 San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10  
 San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20

**Divisional playoffs**  
 Saturday, Jan. 11  
 Seattle 23, New Orleans 15  
 New England 43, Indianapolis 22  
 New York Jets 20, Baltimore 17  
 San Francisco 23, Carolina 10  
 Denver 24, San Diego 17

**Conference Championships**  
 Sunday, Jan. 12  
 Denver 26, New England 16  
 Seattle 23, San Francisco 17

**Pro Bowl**  
 Sunday, Jan. 26  
 Tampa Bay 21, San Sanders 21

**Super Bowl**  
 Sunday, Feb. 2  
 At East Rutherford, N.J.  
 Denver vs. Seattle

**NFL injury report**  
 NEW YORK — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league on Tuesday.

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS AT DENVER BRONCOS** SEAHAWKS PROBABLE: WR Doug Baldwin (knee), WR Percy Harvin (concussion), RB Marshawn Lynch (knee), RB Knowshon Moreno (knee), QB Matt Prater (right wrist) (knee), CB Kayvon Webster (thumb).

## College hockey

**Friday's scores**

**EAST**  
 Castleton St. 3, Babson 3, OT  
 Canisius 4, American International 1  
 Bentley 2, Mercyhurst 2, OT  
 Colgate 7, Michigan Tech 1  
 Holy Cross 3, RIT 0, T  
 Union 7, UConn 5, New York Sacred Heart 4, Niagara 3  
 Brown 5, Colgate 2  
 Harvard 9, Cornell 9  
 Quinnipiac 6, Dartmouth 1  
 Vermont 1, UConn 9  
 St. Lawrence 2, Union (NY) 1  
 Boston College 2, Providence 0  
 Boston U. 3, UMass 3, OT  
 UConn 5, UMass Lowell 4, Merrimack 2  
 New Hampshire 4, Notre Dame 2

**MIDWEST**  
 Michigan 3, Wisconsin 1  
 1st 5, Penn St. 5  
 Michigan St. 2, Minnesota 2, MSU wins 2-1 in shootout.  
 St. Cloud St. 5, Nebraska-Omaha 3  
 Michigan Tech 5, Bowler 3  
 N. Michigan 5, Minn. St. (Mankato) 2

**FAR WEST**  
 UConn 5, Air Force 3

## AP spotlight

**Feb. 2**  
 1876 — The National League forms, consisting of teams in Philadelphia, Hartford, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and New York.

1954 — Steve Francis of Rio Grande College scores 35 points in a 149-91 victory over Hillsdale. Francis breaks his own record for small college players with franchises in New York, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Oakland and Anaheim.

1967 — The American Basketball Association is formed with Gene Mikan as commissioner. The league has six teams in two divisions with franchises in New York, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Oakland and Anaheim.

1977 — Toronto's Ian Turnbull scores five goals in a record for defenseman as the Maple Leafs beat the Detroit Red Wings 10-1.

1991 — New Hampshire's men's basketball team snaps its 32-game losing streak at home on Feb. 2, 72-56, over Holy Cross. The NCAA-record streak started on Feb. 9.

2003 — Atlanta Thrashers star Dany Heatley joins hockey greats such as Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux by scoring a record-tying four goals in the NHL's All-Star game. However, his Eastern Conference team loses the first All-Star game shootout, 6-5.

## College basketball

### Friday's men's scores

**EAST**  
 Alfred 95, Utica 93  
 Iona 89, St. John's 66  
 Dartmouth 67, Penn 58  
 Harvard 70, Princeton 76  
 Hunter 72, CUNY 68  
 Iona 89, Castleton St. 64  
 Indiana East 78, Auburn 59  
 Huskies 85, Manhattan 73  
 Rider 82, Hartwick 72  
 Rider 71, St. Peter's 53  
 St. Francis 85, Williams Smith 48  
 Stevens Tech 76, St. John Fisher 59  
 Yale 69, Columbia 59  
 York (NY) 94, John Jay 62

**SOUTH**  
 Florida Gull Coast 71, Stetson 68  
 Mercer 90, ETU 77  
 Miami (Ohio) Austin Peay 88  
 Rhodes 59, Sewanee 52  
 SC-Upstate 65, Kennesaw St. 48  
 VMU 107, Presbyterian 93

**MIDWEST**  
 Augustana (SD) 52, Minn. Duluth 62  
 Cleveland St. 91, SW Minnesota St. 82  
 Baptist Lutheran 95, Crown (Minn.) 94

**NORTHWEST**  
 86, Detroit 78  
 Concordia (SLP) 66, Minot St. 65  
 Minn.-Crookston 66, Mary 67  
 Minn.-Morris 78, Martin Luther 69  
 North Central (Minn.) 80, Northland 56

**WEST**  
 Northwestern (Minn.) 85, Scholastic 65  
 Oakland 86, Youngstown St. 85  
 St. Cloud St. 90, Wayne (Neb.) 63  
 Upper Iowa 109, Minn. (SoD) 58

**FAR WEST**  
 Winona St. 64, Northern St. (Moorhead) 107  
 Coll. of Idaho 64, Concordia (Ore.) 79  
 Oregon 72, Western Pacific 66  
 NW Christian 62, Oregon Tech 55  
 Prairie View 48, Corban 60

### Men's schedule

**Sunday**  
**EAST**  
 Purdue at Penn St.  
 Virginia at Pittsburgh  
 Wake Forest at Sacred Heart

**SOUTH**  
 William & Mary at James Madison

**MIDWEST**  
 South Florida at Cincinnati  
 Michigan at Indiana  
 North Carolina at Wake Forest  
 UCLA at Bowling Green

**FAR WEST**  
 UCLA at Oregon

**Monday**  
 Northeastern at Delaware  
 Wilmington at Drexel  
 St. Peter's at Manhattan  
 Fairleigh at Col. of Idaho  
 LaSalle at Monmouth (NJ)  
 Xavier at Rider  
 Notre Dame at Syracuse  
 Fairfield at Villanova

**Tuesday**  
 SC-UPstate at ETU  
 Delaware at Delaware-Cookman  
 Delaware St. at Coppin St.  
 Savannah St. at Alabama A&M  
 UConn at Morgan St.  
 NC Central at Md.-Eastern Shore  
 Southern at Alabama A&M  
 Grambling St. at MVSU

**SOUTHWEST**  
 Georgetown at DePaul  
 Jackson St. Ark.-Pine Bluff  
 Iowa St. at Oklahoma St.

### FAR WEST

Montana at Eastern St.  
**Tuesday**  
 Stony Brook at Binghamton  
 St. John's at Providence  
 James Madison at Towson  
 Maine at Vermont  
 Holy Cross at Colgate

**SOUTH**  
 Chattanooga at E. Kentucky  
 Belmont College at Virginia Tech  
 Winthrop at Liberty  
 Rutgers at Memphis  
 Georgia Tech at Clemson  
 North Carolina at North Carolina  
 Wake Forest at Duke  
 Missouri at HAWKUST

**MIDWEST**  
 Ohio St. at Iowa  
 Miami (Ohio) at Illinois  
 Peru St. at South Dakota  
 Butler at Marquette  
 Wisconsin at Illinois  
 Baylor at Texas Tech  
 Lyon at Arkansas St.

**SOUTHWEST**  
 Kansas at Baylor  
 Utah at TCU

### Friday's women's scores

**EAST**  
 Alfred 75, Utica 68  
 Castleton St. 62, Husson 55  
 Cornell 80, Brown 70  
 Delaware 78, Princeton 68  
 Hofstra 55, UNC Wilmington 43  
 Iona 69, CUNY 48  
 John Jay 69, York (NY) 38  
 St. Francis 69, Dartmouth 53  
 Stevens Tech 73, St. John Fisher 61  
 Yale 76, Columbia 52

**SOUTH**  
 Asbury 96, Kentucky Christian 77  
 Charleston Southern Coll. of Charleston 77

**MIDWAY**  
 80, Carlow 69  
 Rhodes 81, Sewanee 49

**WEST**  
 Bethany Lutheran 82, Crown (Minn.) 59

**Monday**  
 Concordia (SLP) 68, Minot St. 63  
 Illinois St. 65, Loyola of Chicago 54  
 LaSalle 90, Bryant 67  
 Marantha Baptist 74, Mount Mary 42  
 Martin Luther 18, Minn.-Morris 25  
 Minn. Duluth 84, Augustana (SD) 70  
 North Central (Minn.) 71, Upper Iowa 55

**Tuesday**  
 Missouri St. 87, Evansville 70  
 North Central (Minn.) 54, Northland 44

**Wednesday**  
 Northern St. (SD) 58, Winona St. 44  
 SW Minnesota St. 76, Bemidji St. 64  
 Baptist Lutheran 82, Crown (Minn.) 53  
 Scholastic 84, Northwestern (Ore.) 75  
 Wayne (Neb.) 75, St. Cloud St. 67

**Thursday**  
 Winona St. 74, St. Louis 55

**FAR WEST**  
 Concordia (Ore.) Coll. of Idaho 72  
 E. Oregon 83, Warner Pacific 59  
 Oregon Tech 74, NW Christian 64

**EXHIBITION**  
 Washington 70, UCLA 58  
 Minn. St. (Mankato) 84, Mary 68

### Women's schedule

**Sunday**  
**EAST**  
 Maryland at Syracuse  
 Binghamton at New Hampshire  
 Hofstra at Brockport  
 Stony Brook at Hartford  
 Wake Forest at Towson

**Monday**  
 John Rollins 72-77 -13  
 Brennan De Jong 66-72 -139 -3  
 Graham DeLoach 67-72 -139  
 Ryan Kelly 67-72 -139  
 Kevin Streeman 71-68 -139  
 Scotty Rainsford 71-68 -139  
 Jonas Blitt 68-71 -139  
 Chris Smith 70-69 -139  
 Charles Howell III 67-72 -139  
 Eric Empton 69-71 -139  
 Brennan Steele 66-74 -142  
 Kevin N. 70-70 -142  
 Brian Gay 69-71 -142  
 Ben Curcio 70-70 -142  
 Robert Garrigus 70-70 -142  
 Matt Sweeney 68-68 -142  
 Martin Kaymer 71-60 -142  
 Webb Simpson 68-68 -142  
 Michael Thompson 67-68 -142  
 Sang-Moon Bae 67-73 -142  
 Martin Palmer 67-73 -142  
 Steve Bowditch 71-69 -142  
 Ross Fisher 68-72 -142  
 Geoff Ogilvy 71-70 -141  
 Charles Howell II 69-72 -141  
 Vijay Singh 69-72 -141  
 Derek Ernst 72-69 -141  
 Mark Cavendish 72-69 -141  
 Brad Davis 72-69 -141  
 Brian Stanger 72-68 -141  
 Charlie Hoffman 70-71 -141  
 Camille Villegas 71-70 -141  
 Jhonatan Torres 71-70 -141  
 Kevin N. 71-70 -141  
 J.B. Holmes 73-68 -141  
 Ben Curtis 72-70 -141  
 Jonathan Byrd 68-68 -141  
 Steve Stricker 69-69 -141  
 Luke Guthrie 71-71 -142  
 Matt Kuchar 70-75 -142  
 Charlie Beljan 73-69 -142  
 Daniel Summeryths 70-72 -142  
 Matt Furey 72-70 -142  
 John Xie 73-69 -142  
 John Lee 71-72 -142 +1

### SOUTH

LSU at Kentucky  
 Charlotte at East Carolina  
 Notre Dame at Duke  
 Miami Florida at Louisville  
 Florida at Mississippi  
 Miami at North Carolina  
 Texas A&M at Vanderbilt  
 Clemson at Virginia  
 Boston College at Virginia Tech  
 Florida St. at Wake Forest  
 Wake Forest at Virginia Tech  
 Georgia at Mississippi St.  
 South Carolina at Tennessee  
 Tennessee at Alabama

**MIDWEST**  
 Bowling Green at Toledo  
 Illinois St. at Bradley  
 Purdue at Michigan St.  
 Buffalo at Akron  
 Ohio at Cent. Michigan  
 Miami (Ohio) at E. Michigan  
 Indiana at Illinois  
 Ball St. at Kent St.  
 Ohio St. at Northwestern  
 South Dakota at S. Dakota St.  
 Indiana St. at Loyola of Chicago  
 Drake at U. Iowa  
 Ohio St. at Wisconsin  
 S. Illinois at Missouri St.  
 Evansville at Wichita St.

**WEST**  
 Auburn at Arkansas  
 Oregon St. at Utah  
 Utah at Colorado  
 Washington at Southern Cal  
 Oregon at Arizona St.  
 Washington St. at UCLA  
 Stanford at Oregon

**Monday**  
 St. Francis (Pa.) at Bryant  
 St. Francis (Ind.) at Loyola (Ill.)  
 Coppin Clark at Mount St. Mary's  
 St. Francis (Pa.) at Pittsburgh  
 Fairleigh Dickinson at St. Francis (N.J.)  
 Robert Morris at Wagner

**Tuesday**  
 S.C. State at UConn  
 Cookman Delaware St. at Coppin St.  
 N.C. Central at Howard  
 N.C. Central at Md.-Eastern Shore  
 Furman at Appalachian St.  
 Savannah St. at Florida A&M  
 Belas Souders at Alabama A&M  
 Grambling St. at MVSU  
 Clark Atlanta at North Carolina  
 Hartman at E. Kentucky  
 Chattanooga at Georgia Southern  
 UConn at UConn  
 Tennessee St. at Tennessee Tech

**Wednesday**  
 Austin Peay at St. Missouri  
 N. Carolina at UConn  
 NJIT at SIU Edwardsville

**Thursday**  
 Jackson St. at Ark.-Pine Bluff  
 Baylor at Oklahoma  
 Montana St. at Montana  
 Tulee at Tulee

**FAR WEST**  
 UMass-Lowell at Fairleigh Dickinson  
 Mouthum (N.J.) at N.Y. State  
 Southern at Northwestern  
 S.M.U. at Rutgers  
 Cincinnati at Rutgers  
 Louisville at UCF  
 Sacramento State at William & Mary  
 Oakland at UC Santa Barbara

**MIDWEST**  
 SIU Edwardsville at SIU Carbondale  
 SIU Carbondale at SIU Edwardsville

**SOUTHWEST**  
 Temple at Houston  
 Arizona at Arizona St.

### Friday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE** — Suspended Miami RHP Pedro Martinez for 30 games for a violating the minor league drug program.

**American League**  
**DETROIT TIGERS** — Agreed to terms with Detroit infielder Avilio for one contract.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Crow on a one-year contract.  
**TEXAS RANGERS** — Announced the re-signing of RHP Mitchel Lober for one contract.

**National League**  
**CINCINNATI REDS** — Agreed to terms with OF Roger Bernadina on a minor league contract.  
**MIAMI MARLINS** — Agreed to terms with OF Reed Johnson on a minor league contract.  
**NEW YORK METS** — Agreed to terms with INF of Matt Clark on a minor league contract.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**DETROIT PISTONS** — Reassigned G Peyton Siva and F Tony Mitchell to Fort Wayne (INDIA).  
**NEW YORK KNICKS** — Assigned G Toure Murray to Erie (NEBADL).

**Football**  
**National Football League**  
**BUFFALO BILLS** — Named Pepper Johnson defensive line coach and First Place Linebackers coach.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS** — Returned F Tim Erixson to Springfield (FHL).  
**NEW JERSEY DEVILS** — Assigned D Mike Sisko from Albany.  
**PHOENIX COYOTES** — Recalled G Cedrick Desjardins and Kristers Gudjonsson from AHL.

**TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS** — Traded D Mark Fraser to Edmonton for F Cameron Murray and the rights of F Pheon Hartwood-Kainen.

**WASHINGTON CAPITALS** — Recalled D Tyson Strachan from Hershey (AHL) on a one-year contract. Reassigned C Ryan Stoeber to Hershey.

**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
**SEATTLE SOUNDERS** — Acquired MF Marco Pappa from the English League Soccer's allocation process.

**EMPIRE & ATHLETIC CONFERENCE** — Announced Cortland State will join as an affiliate member of the Empire 8 for the 2014 season.

**WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE** — Suspended Texas-Pan American men's basketball coach and first game for violations of the conference's sportsmanship policy.

**AMERICAN ATLANTIC STATE** — Named Harold Watson assistant director of basketball operations and head coach.

**CALDWELL** — Named Jacqueline McBevitt lacrosse coach.

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN** — Named Dell McGee running backs coach.

**LIMESTONE** — Named Zach Siefert men's and women's golf coach.

**RICE** — Named Kevin Yoxall strength and conditioning coach.

**RUTGERS** — Named Ralph Friedgen offensive coordinator. Bob Frasier special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator. Joe Rossi defensive coordinator.

**TENNESSEE** — Announced its rowing program will join the Big 12 conference in 2015.

## Tennis

**Open GDF Suez**  
**Friday**  
 At Stade Pierre de Coubertin  
**Paris**  
 Surface: Hard-Indoor (Premier)

**Quarterfinals**  
 Anastasia Pavlyuchenko, Russia, def. Angelique Kerber, Germany, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (3)  
 Evgeny Sharapova (1), Russia, def. Kirsten Flipkens (8), Belgium, 6-2, 6-2  
 Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, def. Petkovicek, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-7, 6-3  
 Sara Errani (3), Italy, def. Elena Svitolina, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4

**Doubles**  
 Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Ekaterina Makarova (4), Russia, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, and Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2

**Pattaya Women's Open**  
**Saturday**  
 At Des Sport  
**Pattaya, Thailand**  
 Surface: \$25,000 (Intl.)  
 Surface: Hard-Outdoor

**Semifinals**  
 Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Makarova (4), Russia, def. Andrea Panatta, Italy, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, 6-6, 6-4

**Doubles**  
**Semifinals**  
 Peng Shuai and Zhang Shuai (4), China, def. Victoria Azarenka and Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-2, 6-3

SPORTS BRIEFS

# Silver becomes NBA's fifth commissioner

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Adam Silver has become the NBA's fifth commissioner.

The NBA posted a picture on its Twitter account Saturday of Silver holding a basketball and shaking hands with outgoing commissioner David Stern.

"It's official: Adam Silver succeeds David Stern as NBA Commissioner," the caption read.

Stern retired after exactly 30 years in charge, making him the NBA's longest-serving and most successful commissioner.

Silver joined the NBA as his assistant in 1992 and has been the deputy commissioner since 2006.

"It is a source of great satisfaction to me that the NBA will now be led by Commissioner Adam Silver, for whom I have tremendous admiration, respect and expectations as he and his experienced and dedicated team take the NBA to successes that were unimaginable even a short while ago," Stern wrote Friday in a thank you email to media members.

Stern announced he would retire on Oct. 25, 2012, and owners unanimously chose Silver as his successor. The NBA will now begin using balls with Silver's signature in games.

Like Stern, Silver left the legal field to join the NBA. Originally Stern's special assistant, he went on to become NBA Chief of Staff before running NBA Entertainment for about a decade before replacing Russ Granik as deputy commissioner in 2006.

Silver was the league's lead negotiator during the 2011 collective bargaining negotiations and seemed to be more Stern's partner than deputy in recent years.

"It's been David's show. Even up to the last meeting. But there has never been a question whether Adam was involved in every important decision," Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban wrote in an email.

The league's owners unanimously approved longtime league executive Mark Tatum's appoint-



JOHN MINICHELLO/AP

**NBA Commissioner David Stern, center, speaks to the news media alongside Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver on Nov. 10, 2011. Stern retired Saturday after exactly 30 years on the job. Silver was unanimously approved by the league's owners to replace him.**

ment as deputy commissioner this week.

## Mickelson makes cut in Phoenix Open

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** — Phil Mickelson made it to the weekend in the Phoenix Open. Another popular left-hander and a fellow former Arizona State player set the pace.

A week after withdrawing from Torrey Pines because of back pain, Mickelson shot a 4-under 67 in his afternoon round Friday at cool and breezy TPC Scottsdale. The defending champion was eight strokes behind leaders Bubba Watson and Matt Jones.

Indeed, the three-time champion has shot 11-under 60 twice in the event, in the second round in his 2005 victory and last year in

the first round.

Watson, the long-hitting left-hander who won the 2012 Masters, followed his opening 64 with a 66 to reach 12 under. Jones, the Australian who played at Arizona State and lives in Scottsdale, had his second straight 65.

The 43-year-old Mickelson felt soreness in his back two weeks ago in Abu Dhabi, and pulled out at Torrey Pines after making the 36-hole cut. He flew to Georgia to see back specialist Tom Boers and was told his facet joints locked up.

Harris English and Greg Chalmers shot 67 to reach 10 under, and Pat Perez, Kevin Stadler and Hideki Matsuyama were 9 under. Matsuyama had a 67, and Perez and Stadler shot 68.

In other golf news:

■ Defending champion Stephen Gallacher had seven birdies

and an eagle on the back nine Saturday to surge past Rory McIlroy and take a two-shot lead into the final round of the Dubai Desert Classic at Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Gallacher equaled the European Tour record for the lowest nine-hole score with an inward 28 for a 9-under 63. That gave him a 16-under total of 200, with McIlroy in second after 69. Tiger Woods was 11 shots back after a 70.

## Men's downhill canceled because of fog

**ST. MORITZ, Switzerland** — Fog prevented downhill racers from getting their Olympic dress rehearsals.

Poor visibility on the middle section of the course forced

World Cup officials to call off a men's downhill on Saturday, the last speed race before the Sochi Olympics. A women's giant slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, was also canceled because of poor weather.

The start of the race was postponed several times and pushed back more than two hours before officials finally gave up.

A giant slalom is scheduled for Sunday in St. Moritz.

Organizers first delayed the start of the women's GS by half an hour but conditions failed to improve.

## FIBA give 4 wild cards to basketball World Cup

**BARCELONA, Spain** — Finland has received a wild card into the World Cup of Basketball, along with traditional contenders Brazil, Greece and Turkey.

The International Basketball Federation (FIBA) says the quartet completes a 24-nation lineup at the Aug. 30-Sept. 14 tournament hosted by Spain.

The draw will be held Monday for the four-yearly event previously called the world championship.

After 15 countries sought wild cards, FIBA's ruling board chose four based on sporting, economic and governance qualities.

Brazil, Greece and Turkey are all ranked in the top 10 and Finland is No. 39.

China, Qatar and Russia were among losing applicants.

FIBA says its board also cleared Senegal to fulfil its World Cup entry after being barred following age cheating violations at youth tournaments.

In other basketball news:

■ The Pacers are adding size and scoring to the Eastern Conference's best team Saturday, signing free agent center Andrew Bynum for the rest of the season.

Team officials did not release additional details of the contract. He is expected to join the team next week.

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Scoreboard

**Eastern Conference**

**Atlantic Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	54	31	18	5	64	113
Tampa Bay	54	29	20	5	67	106
Toronto	54	29	20	5	64	113
Montreal	54	29	20	5	63	135
Florida	54	25	21	8	58	129
Ottawa	54	24	20	10	58	170
Carolina	54	24	26	7	49	132
Buffalo	53	15	30	8	38	104

**Metropolitan Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	54	28	14	5	78	175
N.Y. Rangers	56	30	23	3	63	145
Los Angeles	54	24	24	8	59	137
Columbus	54	27	23	4	58	159
Philadelphia	54	25	21	9	50	153
New Jersey	56	23	21	12	58	132
Washington	55	24	22	9	57	158
N.Y. Islanders	57	21	28	8	50	159

**Western Conference**

**Central Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	56	30	10	13	79	189
St. Louis	54	28	15	5	63	124
Colorado	53	34	14	5	73	158
Minnesota	56	29	19	9	59	137
Nashville	56	25	23	8	58	139
San Jose	54	24	24	9	57	156
Winnipeg	56	26	25	5	57	159

**Pacific Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	56	19	3	5	85	189
San Jose	55	34	15	6	74	166
Los Angeles	56	30	20	9	64	134
Vancouver	56	27	20	9	63	142
Phoenix	54	25	21	9	60	163
Calgary	54	20	27	7	47	128
Edmonton	56	18	32	6	42	147

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

**Friday's games**  
 Detroit 4, Washington 3, SO  
 N.Y. Rangers 4, N.Y. Islanders 1  
 Carolina 3, St. Louis 1  
 Nashville 3, New Jersey 3, OT  
 Winnipeg 4, Vancouver 3 (SO)

**Saturday's games**  
 Edmonton at Boston  
 Tampa Bay at Montreal  
 Buffalo at Colorado  
 Philadelphia at Los Angeles  
 Ottawa at Toronto  
 Florida at Columbus  
 Nashville at St. Louis  
 Pittsburgh at Phoenix  
 Minnesota at Calgary  
 Dallas at Anaheim  
 Chicago at San Jose

**Sunday's games**  
 Detroit at Washington  
 Winnipeg at Montreal  
 Monday's games  
 Edmonton at Buffalo  
 Ottawa at Florida  
 Vancouver at Detroit  
 Colorado at New Jersey  
 Columbus at Anaheim  
 Chicago at Los Angeles  
 Philadelphia at San Jose

**Friday**

**Rangers 4, Islanders 1**

N.Y. Islanders	0	1	0-1
N.Y. Rangers	1	0	3-4
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 4 (Staal), 3:29.			
Second Period—2, N.Y. Islanders, Oksanen 24 (de Haan, Bialik), 14:28.			
Third Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Brassard 9 (Staal, Zuccarello), 14:4, N.Y. Rangers, Richards 14 (Callahan, Hage, 10), 14:59, N.Y. Rangers, McDonagh 8 (D.Moore), 19:59 (en).			
Shots on goal—N.Y. Islanders 12-19-8, N.Y. Rangers 14-6-17-27.			
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders—N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov 9-10-5 (33 shots-33 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Lundqvist 20-18-3 (39-38).			
A—18,006 (18,006), T—2:30.			

**Hurricanes 3, Blues 1**

St. Louis	1	0	0-1
Carolina	3	1	1-3
First Period—1, Carolina, Gerbe 11 (Geeke, Faulk), 3:46 (pp), 2, St. Louis, Backes 18 (St. Louis), 12:29 (en).			
Second Period—3, Carolina, Skinner 23 (O'Shea), 12:29 (pp).			
Third Period—4, Carolina, Semin 13 (85:56 en).			
Shots on goal—St. Louis 10-11—28, Carolina 12-10-9—31.			
Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 1 of 4; Carolina 1 of 4.			
Goals—St. Louis, Halak 23-8-3 (30 shots-28 saves), Carolina, Knudsen 10-4-0 (26-27).			
A—16,035 (18,680), T—2:25.			

**Red Wings 4, Capitals 3 (SO)**

Washington	1	0	2	0-3
Detroit	1	2	1	6-0
Detroit won shootout 1-0.				
First Period—1, Washington, Chimeria 11 (Backstrom, Carlson), 15:24 (pp).				
Second Period—2, Detroit, Miller 6 (Glendon, Edves), 2:09, 3, Detroit, DeKeyser 3 (Sheahan), 18:21.				
Third Period—4, Washington, Wellman 2 (Ovechkin), 8:09, 5, Detroit, Nyquist 10, 10:15, 6, Washington, Ovechkin 39 (Carlson, Chimeria), 13:53.				
Shootout—Washington 0 (Fehr, Ng, Ovechkin, Ni, Backstrom, Ng, Wellman, Brogner, Ng, Erat, Ng, Beagle NG), Detroit 1 (Alfredsson, NG, Tatar, Ng, Zetterberg, Ng, Helm, Ng, Nyquist, Ng, Sheahan, Ng, Edves G).				
Shots on goal—Washington 5-8-14-2—Detroit 22-9-10-4—25.				
Power-play opportunities—Washington 1 of 2; Detroit 0 of 5.				
Goals—Washington, Neuvirth 3-5-2 (45 shots-42 saves), Detroit, Howard 10-12 (29-35).				
A—20,066 (20,066), T—2:45.				

**Predators 3, Devils 2 (OT)**

New Jersey	0	2	0-2
Nashville	1	0	1-3
First Period—1, Nashville, Weber 14 (Hornqvist), 6:45.			
Second Period—2, New Jersey, Elias 11 (Jaur, Tzafac), 13:00, 3, New Jersey, Jaur 17 (Elias, Tzafac), 18:59.			
Third Period—4, Nashville, Legwand 10 (Josi, Jones), 19:49.			
Time—5, Nashville, Weber 15 (Wilson), 1:29.			
Shots on goal—New Jersey 9-8-11-26, Nashville 13-12-7-31—25.			
Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 9 of 2; Nashville 9 of 2.			
Goals—New Jersey, Schneider 10-10-8 (33 shots-30 saves), Nashville, Hutton 13-8-2 (26-24).			
A—17,207 (17,113), T—2:23.			

**Jets 4, Canucks 3**

Vancouver	1	1	1-3
Winnipeg	2	1	1-4
First Period—1, Winnipeg, 1-1-4 (Enstrom, Ladd), 5:02, 2, Winnipeg, Setoguchi 9 (Byfuglien, Scheifele), 6:07, 3, Vancouver, Edler 4 (Burrows, Kester), 10:27 (en).			
Second Period—4, Vancouver, Kester 19, 4:48, 5, Winnipeg, Frolik 11 (Ladd, Little), 11:29.			
Third Period—6, Vancouver, Garrison 6 (Stanton, Kester), 11:59, 7, Winnipeg, Setoguchi 10 (Trouba), 17:04.			
Shots on goal—Vancouver 7-10-9—26, Winnipeg 15-13-6—34.			
Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 1 of 2; Winnipeg 1 of 2.			
Goals—Vancouver, Lack 8-7-3 (34 shots-33 saves), Winnipeg, Pavelec 17-21-4 (26-23).			
A—15,004 (15,004), T—2:18.			

Roundup

# Rangers down Islanders

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Outside and inside, the New York Rangers got the best of the New York Islanders in a pair of decisive third periods.

Two nights after winning the Battle of New York in the frigid air at Yankee Stadium, the Rangers broke up a tie game in the warm confines of Madison Square Garden and dealt the sliding Islanders another loss, 4-1 on Friday.

Derick Brassard scored the go-ahead goal with 7:46 left. Brad Richards connected moments later, and Ryan McDonagh added an empty net with 1 second left.

"It was exciting to be back and play against this team again," said Henrik Lundqvist, who shined in making 38 saves. "We came out in the third and really made a big push. It's a great feeling when it pays off like that."

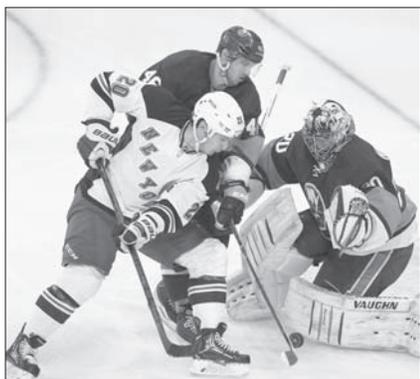
The Rangers played indoors for the first time in eight days, before their back-to-back outdoor wins over the New Jersey Devils and Islanders at Yankee Stadium. Brian Boyle added a first-period goal, and defenseman Marc Staal had two assists for the Rangers (30-23-3), who have won three straight and six of eight.

It didn't take long to get acclimated again to the great outdoors.

"Other than not needing the Long Johns, I can't think of anything," Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said. "It was a lot of fun outside, I hope we have the opportunity to do it again, but playing inside this building in front of our fans ... this is pretty good, too."

The Rangers took the lead for good while the teams skated 4-on-4. During a delayed penalty, Brassard took a cross-zone feed from Staal and fired a short past Evgeni Nabokov to make it 2-1.

Richards provided insurance with 5:01 remaining and McDonagh pushed the lead to 4-1.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

The New York Islanders' Matt Donovan, back, helps goalies Evgeni Nabokov, right, defend the goal as the New York Rangers' Chris Kreider attempts to score during Friday's game in New York.

**Red Wings 4, Capitals 3 (SO)**

Alex Ovechkin tied the game with 7 seconds left in the third period, but Patrick Eaves scored in the seventh round of a shootout to lift host Detroit over Washington.

Gustav Nyquist put the Red Wings ahead midway through the third period, but they couldn't prevent the NHL's goal-scoring leader from sending the game to overtime. Ovechkin has 39 goals this season, his highest total since scoring 50 times during the 2009-10 season.

**Hurricanes 3, Blues 1:** Jeff Skinner scored the go-ahead goal in the second period of host Carolina's victory over St. Louis.

Alexander Semin added an empty-netter with 1:04 left and Nathan Gerbe scored on an early power play. They helped the

Hurricanes remain their fifth in six games to remain in the mix in the crowded Metropolitan Division.

**Predators 3, Devils 2 (OT):** Shea Weber scored his second goal of the game at 1:29 of overtime and host Nashville rallied late in beating New Jersey.

David Legwand scored with 10.8 seconds remaining in regulation with goalie Carter Hutton on the bench to force the extra period. Hutton stopped Michael Ryder on a breakaway 80 seconds into overtime to keep the game tied.

**Jets 4, Canucks 3:** Devin Setoguchi scored two goals, including the tiebreaker with 2:56 remaining, and host Winnipeg edged slumping Vancouver.

Zach Bogosian and Michael Frolik also scored for the Jets. Andrew Ladd had two assists.

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# SUPER BOWL

## SEAHAWKS-BRONCOS MATCHUP

By **BARRY WILNER**  
The Associated Press

Matchups for the Super Bowl on Sunday between the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos at MetLife Stadium:

### When the Seahawks have the ball:

Beast Mode. And big plays.

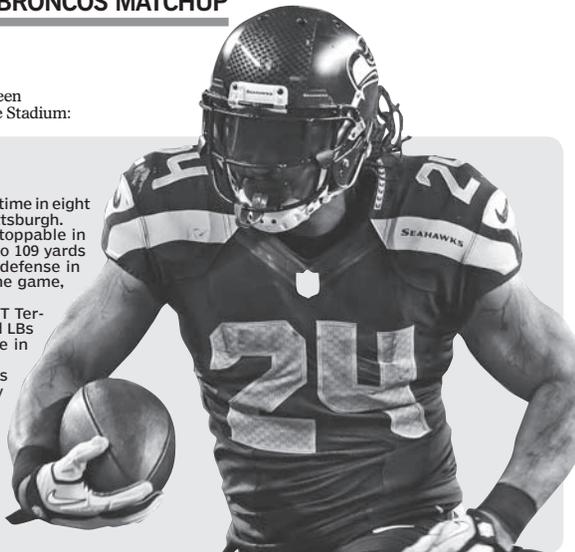
That's what got the Seahawks to the big game for the second time in eight years, although nobody is left from that team which lost to Pittsburgh.

RB **Marshawn Lynch (24), right**, has been pretty much unstoppable in the playoffs after a late-season slump. He powered his way to 109 yards and a 5.0 average per rush against San Francisco's staunch defense in the NFC title game. His 40-yard TD run got Seattle back in the game, and he ran all over New Orleans the previous week.

Denver has stepped up defensively on the ground, led by NT Terrence Knighton (94) — yep, "Pot Roast vs. Beast Mode" — and LBS Danny Trevathan (59) and Wesley Woodyard (52), and will be in excellent shape if it can slow Lynch.

Where the Seahawks sometimes struggle is keeping pass rushers off QB Russell Wilson; he was sacked four times by San Francisco. Phillips led the Broncos with 10 sacks during the season and has two more in the playoffs, while Ayers also has become dangerous.

Denver's battered secondary handled Tom Brady quite well for the AFC championship, so it should ride a wave of confidence into the Meadowlands. Veteran DBs **Champ Bailey (24), below**, Tony Carter (32) and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie (45) will have a tougher time against these receivers than they did against New England.



### Coaching

Seattle's **Pete Carroll, right**, and Denver's John Fox both took over moribund franchises. Now look where they are.

No team is more aggressive, especially on defense, Carroll's specialty, than the Seahawks. He had some success in a previous head coaching stint with the Patriots, then went to USC and won two national titles. Since returning to the pros, Carroll has done a brilliant job turning the Seahawks into a championship contender.

Fox, who missed a month of the schedule after heart surgery, is smart enough to keep the reins very loose on Manning. His background is in defense, where the Broncos struggled until recently. His players and assistants credit his energy and easygoing manner with helping steer them through a season of potholes to get to the Super Bowl.



### Intangibles

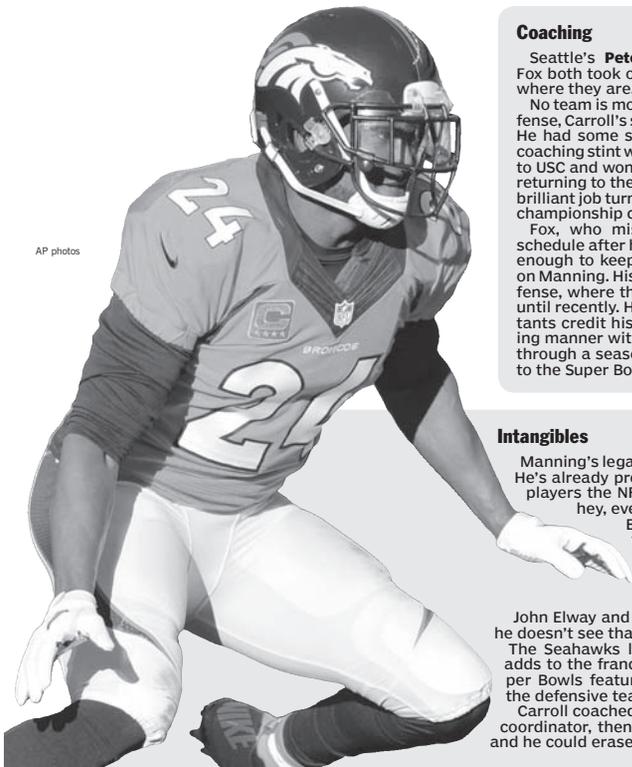
Manning's legacy overrides many other elements of this game. He's already proven to be among the greatest regular-season players the NFL has seen. But he is only 1-1 in Super Bowls; hey, even his younger brother, Eli, is 2-0 in them.

Eli will be on hand in his stadium to root on Peyton, who was in Indianapolis two years ago when his bro beat the Patriots for his second championship.

There's also the possibility, perhaps remote, that Peyton will emulate Broncos boss John Elway and retire should he win a second ring. Elway said he doesn't see that happening.

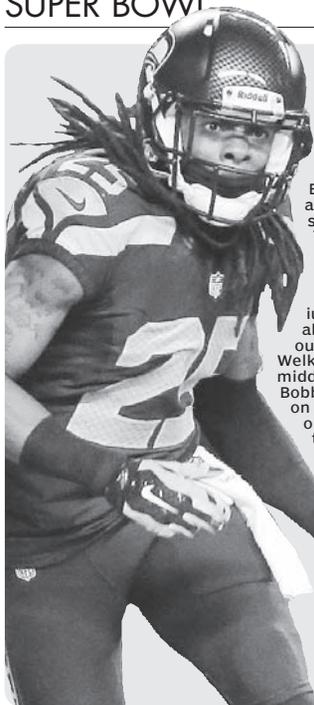
The Seahawks lost in their only previous Super Bowl, which adds to the franchise's hunger. They also recognize that in Super Bowls featuring potent offenses against stingy defenses, the defensive team usually wins.

Carroll coached in the Meadowlands in the 1990s as defensive coordinator, then head coach of the Jets. That didn't end well, and he could erase a few demons with a victory.



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## When the Broncos have the ball:

The Seahawks ranked first in overall defense this year, yielding a league-low 231 points. All Denver did was score 606, shattering the previous NFL mark.

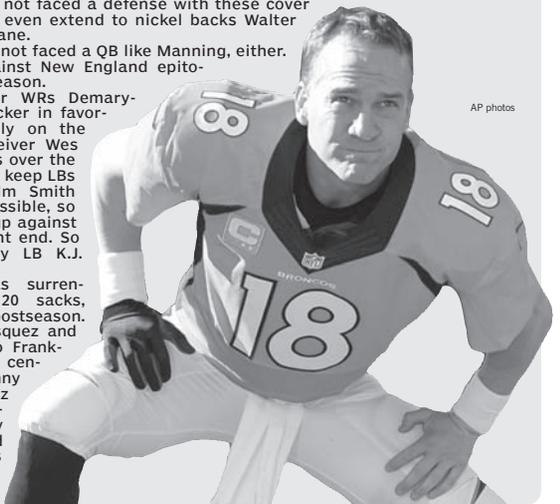
Even juicier for this Super Bowl, Seattle was tops against the pass, which, of course, is **Peyton Manning (18), below**, specialty. This is likely where the game will be decided. If Seattle's unequaled secondary led by All-Pro cornerback **Richard Sherman (25), left**, and safety Earl Thomas, supported by terrific S Kam Chancellor and emerging CB Byron Maxwell can handle Manning's myriad receivers in man coverage, the Seahawks get a huge edge. Denver has not faced a defense with these cover skills, and those talents even extend to nickel backs Walter Thurmond and Jeremy Lane.

Of course, Seattle has not faced a QB like Manning, either. His 400-yard game against New England epitomized his sensational season.

Manning will look for WRs Demaryius Thomas and Eric Decker in favorable matchups, especially on the outside, and for slot receiver Wes Welker and TE Julius Thomas over the middle. The Seahawks like to keep LBs Bobby Wagner and Malcolm Smith on the field as much as possible, so one of them could wind up against the dynamic Denver tight end. So might the now-healthy LB K.J. Wright.

Denver's line has surrendered a mere 20 sacks, none in the postseason.

RG Louis Vasquez and RT Orlando Franklin and center Manny Ramirez are particularly stout, and will need to be against Seattle's deep D-line rotation.



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## Special Teams

Denver PK **Matt Prater, below right**, broke the NFL record with a 64-yard field goal and might have the strongest leg in the league. He shouldn't be bothered much by the swirling winds should they blow through MetLife Stadium.

Seattle's Steven Hauschka also is very reliable, although his range is not like Prater's. But he has made 17 of 18 field goals from 40 yards or longer.

With Denver's offense clicking, Britton Colquitt has punted just once in the playoffs.

Seattle P Jon Ryan excels at putting the ball inside the 10.

If Percy Harvin is healthy, it adds a lot to Seattle's return teams: a game-breaker any time he touches the ball. Golden Tate is a solid punt returner with a penchant for gambling and Doug Baldwin had a 69-yard kickoff runback against the 49ers.

Denver's Trindon Holliday also can break open big returns, but must show he can hang onto the ball.



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## Rosters

### Denver Broncos

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
2	Zac Dystert	QB	6-3	221
4	Britton Colquitt	P	6-3	205
5	Matt Prater	K	5-10	195
11	Trindon Holliday	WR	5-5	170
12	Andre Caldwell	WR	6-0	200
17	Brook Osweiler	QB	6-8	240
18	Peyton Manning	QB	6-5	230
20	Mike Adams	S	5-11	200
21	Ronnie Hillman	RB	5-10	195
18	Peyton Manning	QB	6-5	230
20	Mike Adams	S	5-11	200
24	Champ Bailey	CB	6-0	192
22	C.J. Anderson	RB	5-8	224
23	Quentin Jammer	CB	6-0	204
29	Michael Huff	S	6-1	207
30	David Bruton	S	6-2	217
31	Omar Bolden	S	5-10	195
32	Tony Carter	CB	5-9	175
41	Duke Ihenacho	S	6-1	207
34	Marquise Cole	CB	5-10	195
36	Kayvon Webster	CB	5-11	198
45	D.Rodgers-Cromartie	CB	6-2	193
46	Aaron Brewer	LB	6-5	230
51	Paris Lenon	LB	6-2	240
52	Wesley Woodyard	LB	6-0	233
53	Steven Johnson	LB	6-1	237
54	Brandon Marshall	LB	6-1	238
56	Nate Irving	LB	6-1	245
57	Jeremy Mincey	DE	6-4	265
59	Danny Trevathan	LB	6-1	240
60	Steve Vallos	C	6-5	310
65	Louis Vasquez	G	6-5	335
66	Manny Ramirez	C	6-3	320
68	Zane Beadles	G	6-4	305
70	Vinston Painter	OT	6-6	309
73	Chris Kuper	G	6-4	303
74	Orlando Franklin	T	6-7	320
75	Chris Clark	T	6-5	305
77	Winston Justice	T	6-6	317
80	Julius Thomas	TE	6-5	250
81	Joel Dressen	TE	6-4	245
83	Wes Welker	WR	5-9	185
84	Jacob Tamme	TE	6-3	230
85	Virgil Green	WR	6-2	230
87	Eric Decker	WR	6-3	214
88	Demaryius Thomas	WR	6-3	229
90	Shaun Phillips	DE	6-3	255
91	Robert Ayers	DE	6-3	274
92	Sylvester Williams	DT	6-2	313
94	Terrance Knighton	DT	6-3	335
96	Mitch Unrein	DT	6-4	306
97	Malik Jackson	DE	6-5	293
98	Stone Fua	DT	6-1	310

### Seattle Seahawks

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
3	Russell Wilson	QB	5-11	206
4	Steven Hauschka	K	6-4	210
7	Tavaris Jackson	QB	6-2	225
9	Jon Ryan	P	6-0	217
11	Percy Harvin	WR	5-11	184
15	Jermaine Kearse	WR	6-1	209
19	Bryan Walters	WR	6-0	190
20	Jeremy Lane	CB	6-0	190
25	Kam Chancellor	S	6-3	232
26	Michael Robinson	RB	6-1	240
24	Marshall Lynch	RB	5-11	215
25	Richard Sherman	CB	6-3	195
28	Earl Thomas	S	5-10	202
28	Walter Thurmond	CB	5-11	190
29	Earl Thomas	S	5-10	202
31	Kam Chancellor	S	6-3	232
33	Christine Michael	RB	5-10	221
35	Deshawn Shead	CB	6-2	220
40	Derrick Coleman	RB	6-0	233
41	Byron Maxwell	CB	6-1	207
42	Chris Maragos	S	6-10	200
49	Clint Gresham	C	6-3	240
50	K.J. Wright	LB	6-4	246
51	Bruce Irvin	LB	6-3	248
53	Malcolm Smith	LB	6-0	226
57	Mike Morgan	LB	6-0	241
55	Heath Farwell	LB	6-0	235
56	Cliff Avril	DE	6-3	260
54	Bobby Wagner	LB	6-0	241
60	Max Unger	C	6-5	305
61	Lemuel Jeanpierre	C	6-5	301
64	J.R. Sweezy	WR	6-3	286
67	Paul McQuistan	G	6-6	315
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	318
69	Clinton McDonald	DT	6-2	297
72	Michael Bennett	DE	6-4	274
73	Michael Bowie	T	6-4	332
74	Gaylin Hauptmann	T	6-3	300
76	Russell Okung	T	6-5	310
77	James Carpenter	TE	6-5	321
78	Alvin Bailey	T	6-3	320
79	Red Bryant	DE	6-4	323
81	Golden Tate	WR	5-10	202
82	Luke Willson	TE	6-5	252
83	Ricardo Lockette	WR	6-2	230
86	Zach Miller	TE	6-5	255
87	Kellen Davis	TE	6-7	265
89	Douglas Baldwin	WR	5-10	189
91	Chris Clemons	DE	6-3	254
92	Brandon Mebane	DT	6-1	311
93	O'Brien Schofield	LB	6-3	242
95	Benson Mayowa	DE	6-4	292
97	Jordan Hill	DT	6-1	303
99	Tony McDaniel	DT	6-7	305

## SUPER BOWL

## Future: Manning, Wilson have much in common

## FROM BACK PAGE

It may be a referendum on whether the NFL's showpiece event should ever again be held outdoors in a cold-weather city. But more likely is it being a strong indicator about the future of the quarterback position.

The game will feature the classic pocket passer emblematic of the old guard—Denver's veteran Peyton Manning, who has had an extraordinarily prolific season.

Against him is Seattle's quick-footed, quick-witted scrambler Russell Wilson, who represents the new guard along with the likes of Robert Griffin III, Colin Kaepernick, Cam Newton and Andrew Luck.

Seattle's miserly defense wants to force Manning into uncomfortable territory, which means anywhere outside the passing pocket. Denver's defense will be intent on giving Wilson a taste of claustrophobia by keeping him hemmed in the pocket.

Both QB approaches work for their offenses, or else these two teams wouldn't each be 15-3, top seeds in their conferences and facing off for the championship. The quarterback differences—aside from age, time of service in the pros, or even their height—Manning is about 6 inches taller than Wilson—make this Super Bowl even more intriguing.

There will always be a place in anyone's starting lineup for a Peyton Manning, who deserves strong consideration in the debate about the greatest quarterback in history, regardless of whether he adds a second Super Bowl ring on Sunday. Teams construct their offenses around a talent like that.

Whether most teams will stick with convention or choose mobile, creative and elusive passers such as Wilson won't be decided by who wins at the Meadowlands. But it could play a significant role.

As talent evaluator for college and even free agency, the toughest thing to evaluate is process," Broncos quarterbacks

coach Greg Knapp said. "Can the guy process in the pocket during the heat of battle?"

Everyone knows Manning has had that skill throughout his career, and Wilson has provided strong evidence in his two NFL seasons that he's got it, too.

"Peyton might be one of the best I've ever been around that can process, 'OK, I've got these tools to use, and in 10 seconds I've got to make a decision, and execute in less than four,'" Knapp added.

Wilson's multi-faceted abilities on the field might differ in method to Manning's, but Carroll sees many similarities off the field.

"He's an incredible competitor in every way," Carroll said of his quarterback, who at 25 is 12 years younger than Manning. "In preparation, in game day, he's the epitome of what you want in your competitor. He's got tremendous work habits. He's got extraordinary athleticism. He's got a general all-around savvy that allows him to make great decisions under pressure.

"He's extremely confident, too, so no matter what is going on, he's not going to waver in his focus and ability to handle things."

Manning believes elements of all styles will always be in demand.

"I could describe the perfect quarterback. Take a little piece of everybody," he said. "Take John Elway's arm, Dan Marino's release, maybe Troy Aikman's drop-back, Brett Favre's scrambling ability, Joe Montana's two-minute poise and, naturally, my speed."

After the laughter stopped, Manning continued:

"I could take a piece of everyone, of some of my favorite quarterbacks, and I could take 30 traits from different guys, and put them in that perfect quarterback."

But will that perfect QB in years to come feature more of Manning and his mold or of Wilson and his ilk?

Sunday's game could provide a glimpse into that future.



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Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker says he has moved past his costly drop in the Super Bowl two years ago that could have sealed the New England Patriots' win over the New York Giants. He'll get another chance at Super Bowl glory on Sunday.

# Welker driven by losses

## WR determined not to come up short in big game again

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JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Wes Welker swears he doesn't think on his costly drop in the Super Bowl two years ago that could have sealed New England's win over the New York Giants and made up for losing to them four years earlier.

"You know what? I don't even think about it," Welker said as he prepared for his third Super Bowl, his first with the Denver Broncos. "The past is the past, what happened, happened, and I'm just looking forward to this one and going out there and playing my best game and doing what I can to help my team win."

Welker said getting to the big game and coming up short two times is what drives him.

"I think it's the reason I get up in the morning in the offseason and even now," he said after helping the Broncos beat his old team for the AFC title, securing a showdown with the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday night at MetLife Stadium.

Welker tied a Super Bowl record with 11 receptions for 103 yards six years ago but the Patriots' perfect season ended when Eli Manning threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress with 35 seconds left to give the Giants a 17-14 win.

The teams met again four years later in Indianapolis and Welker caught seven passes for 60 yards and ran twice for 21 more, but it was the catch he didn't make that haunts Patriots fans to this day.

The Patriots led 17-15 with four minutes left and were on the Gi-

### By the numbers

# 778

Yards accumulated by Welker in his first season with the Broncos. Welker missed the final 3½ games due to a concussion.

# 10

Touchdowns Welker caught this season, a career high. Welker has caught 10 passes for 76 yards and one TD this postseason.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

ants' 44 when Tom Brady found Welker wide open 23 yards downfield. The pass, however, was high and slightly behind Welker, who got both hands on the ball but couldn't make the catch.

"The Giants got the ball back and drove for the winning touchdown."

"Sure, I mean it motivates you during the offseason. It motivates you when you're working out, it motivates you through the year," Welker said. "Just that feeling of losing that game, I mean it's heartbreaking. It takes a few weeks just to get over it."

It definitely sticks with you and motivates you for the future and definitely blessed to have this opportunity again."

Welker joined Peyton Manning in Denver in the offseason after six seasons with Brady and was Denver's leading receiver until missing the final 3½ games after sustaining his second concussion in a three-week span. He still ended up with 778 yards on 73 catches and a career-high 10 touchdowns. Wearing a bigger helmet to protect against further head injury, he's caught 10 passes for 76 yards and a TD in the playoffs.

He had four catches for 38 yards against New England in the AFC Championship and his hard hit took out Patriots top cornerback Aqib Talib on a pick play at the line of scrimmage. The next day, Patriots coach Bill Belichick suggested Welker deliberately tried to hurt Talib and complained to the league about it.

The NFL said no infraction had occurred.

Welker's teammates said Belichick was just using Welker as a smoke screen and a scapegoat to hide deficiencies in his team's defense and the fact that Welker's replacement in New England, Danny Amendola, dropped the one pass thrown to him in the title game.

Welker stayed above the fray, saying he was just happy to be back in the Super Bowl.

"I'm very blessed to have this opportunity again and that's all you really ask for," he said. "It's all you work for during the offseason is to get to this point and now you just want to finish it."



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Pedestrians look at a sign for Super Bowl XLVIII at Pier A Park in Hoboken, N.J., on Friday as the Empire State Building in New York City rises in the distance.

SUPER BOWL

# Hazing to be top offseason topic

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**‘Our No. 1 priority has to make sure that we have a workplace environment that’s professional, recognizing that we have some unique circumstances.’**

**Roger Goodell**  
NFL Commissioner

**F**OR a chunk of the regular season, from the moment offensive lineman Jonathan Martin left the Miami Dolphins in late October, locker-room bullying was a toxic topic that rocked the NFL.

There were unseemly allegations and he-said, he-said accusations about what happened in Miami between Martin and suspended teammate Richie Incognito. There were tales told by other players around the league about being forced to pick up \$10,000 dinner tabs.

And now, as the offseason begins when the Super Bowl between the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks ends Sunday night, hazing — and where the line should be drawn between all-in-good-fun hijinks and inappropriate harassment — will once again be part of the conversation about professional football.

“That’s just kind of the culture of football. You have rites of passage. That’s kind of how the veterans see it. If you have veterans that want to take advantage of it, there might be a bad situation. But if you have good veterans, nothing crazy will happen,” said Broncos defensive tackle Sione Fua, who played at Stanford with Martin.

“I’m sure after everything that happened with Jonathan, the NFL will probably come out and maybe be more strict about it or make coaches be more, I guess, accountable, to really make sure their team isn’t doing anything serious,” Fua said. “We’ll see what happens.”

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell insists he’ll be out front on the issue.

“Our No. 1 priority has to make sure that we have a workplace environment that’s professional, recognizing that we have some unique circumstances. But we have to make sure that our players, (and) other

employees, have that kind of professional workplace environment,” Goodell said Friday, indicating it might be time for the league to issue new guidelines.

As things stand, the topic of workplace behavior is discussed with players at the league’s annual rookie symposium, and all 32 teams are supposed to cover it in training camp each year.

The NFL’s player policy manual distributed during training camp outlines the league’s personal conduct policy, which includes language about violent or threatening behavior between employees in or outside of the workplace.

“I’ve already begun discussions with outside parties. I’ve discussed it with the union. I’ve also met with several groups of players, individually and collectively, to talk about the circumstances. What needs to be done? What do we all want? And the No. 1 thing I hear, and the No. 1 (thing) that I believe is: We all have to get back to respect,”

Goodell said.

“It’s respect for each other, respect for the game, respect for your organizations, respect for your opponents, the game officials,” he continued.

In a TV interview this week with former NFL head coach Tony Dungy, who’s now an analyst for NBC, Martin said he was not the only Dolphins player who dealt with hazing. He also said racial, aggressive and sexually charged comments all played a role in his departure from the team.

“I have no problem with the normal hazing that you see in the NFL, get a haircut, stuff like that, little pranks,” Martin said. “But of a personal, attacking nature, I don’t think there’s any place for that.”

Incognito has said he regrets racist and profane language he used with Martin, but said it stemmed from a culture of locker room “brotherhood,” not bullying.

Some players on the Super Bowl teams said they expect the NFL to try to make sure this sort of thing does not arise again, because, as Broncos safety Michael Huff put it, “It was such a big topic, such a big deal.”

“The more information they can give guys, the better. The more you can educate guys, the better,” Seahawks special teamer Chris Maragos said. “I’m sure they’ll take steps to continue to enhance whatever it is that is going on in the NFL and make sure that all the bases are covered.”

AP Pro Football Writer Barry Wilner contributed to this report.



**Miami tackle Jonathan Martin wants to return to the NFL. He said in an interview aired Wednesday that racial, aggressive and sexually charged comments all played a role in his departure from the Dolphins.**

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fourth quarter of blowout | **Page 26**

## SUPER BOWL

# Future Perfect

Big game may be indicator of what's in store for NFL as QB's evolve

By **BARRY WILNER**  
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**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — This Super Bowl has just about everything a fan, a player, a coach — and certainly a league — could ask for.

Denver's record-setting offense versus Seattle's relentlessly stingy defense. Coaches who actually smile and think football should be fun. A wintry setting, and the best two teams in the NFL.

"It's very special to be here," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said of Sunday's big game. "Look at this event that our players are having to take part of. The game, the matchup, the culmination of the season, all of this is just extraordinary."

This Super Bowl could also have a profound effect on the immediate future of pro football.

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Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson, left, and Denver's Peyton Manning, right

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