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## New grenade on target even when enemy is concealed

By JON HARPER  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Enemy fighters ducking behind walls or trees might soon wish they hadn't.

The U.S. military is creating a new high-tech grenade programmed to detect a barrier and explode just after passing it, inflicting at least some damage on a concealed enemy.

With the Small Arms Grenade Munition, U.S. troops could take out fighters behind a wall or trench — or a natural obstacle — who, in military parlance, are “in defilade.”

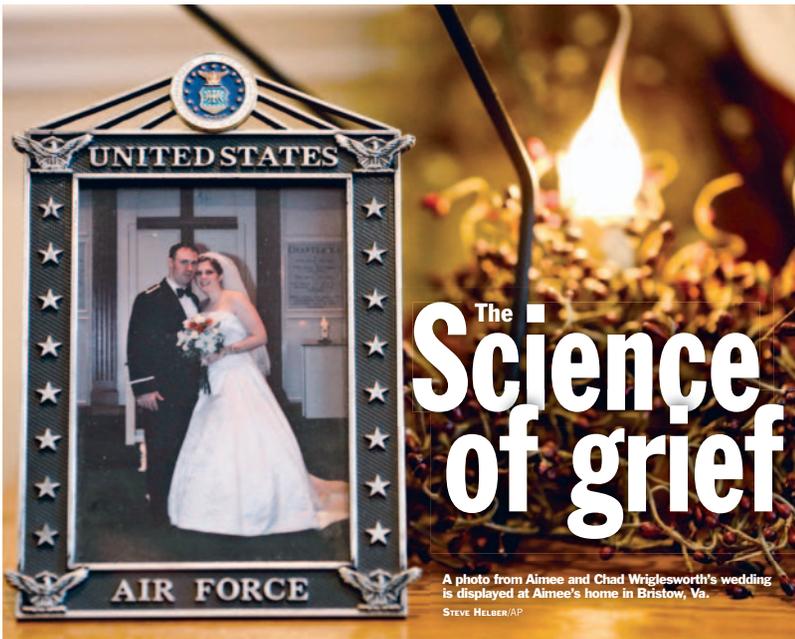
The SAGM is being developed by the Joint Service Small Arms Program at the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, in Picatinny, N.J.

The technology “provides the small unit grenadier with a higher probability of achieving a first-shot kill against enemy personnel ... in defilade positions,” SAGM project officer Steven Gilbert said in a Picatinny Arsenal news release.

Another advantage the SAGM could offer over conventional 40mm grenades is greater accuracy over longer distances.

“Warfighters currently lack the ability to achieve desired accuracy and incapacitating effects against personnel targets in defilade at ranges from 51 to 500 meters,” Gilbert said.

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## The Science of grief

A photo from Aimee and Chad Wriglesworth's wedding is displayed at Aimee's home in Bristow, Va.

STEVE HELBER/AP

## Major study underway of America's bereaved military families

By DAVID CRARY ■ *The Associated Press*

With his wife and child close at hand, Army Maj. Chad Wriglesworth battled skin cancer for more than a year before dying at age 37.

“It was long and painful and awful,” said Aimee Wriglesworth, who believes the cancer resulted from exposure to toxic fumes in Iraq. Yet the 28-year-old widow from Bristow, Va., seized a chance to recount the ordeal and its aftermath to a researcher, hoping that input from her and her 6-year-old daughter might be useful to other grieving military families.

“To be able to study what we felt and what we're going through — maybe this will help people down the line,” Wriglesworth said.

By the hundreds, other widows, widowers, parents, siblings and children are sharing accounts of their grief as part of the largest

study ever of America's military families as they go through bereavement. About 2,000 people have participated during the last three years, and one-on-one interviews will continue through February.

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### ABOUT THE STUDY

The federally funded **National Military Family Bereavement Study** is being conducted by the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress at the Maryland-based Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The study is open to families of the more than 19,000 servicemembers from all branches of the military who have died on active duty since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, regardless of whether the death resulted from combat, accident, illness, suicide or other causes. Learn more at [militarysurvivorstudy.org](http://militarysurvivorstudy.org).



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

The Small Arms Grenade Munition prototype is a 40mm counterdefilade, air-bursting grenade designed for both the M203 and M320 launchers.

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"I needed it, our team needed it, especially guys like Peyton [Manning], who's been playing since I came out the womb."

— Denver Broncos safety Rahim Moore, on getting an extra week of rest before Saturday's playoff game against the Colts

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# MILITARY

## Overseas bases see increase in flu cases

By MATT MILLHAM Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Military doctors, anticipating a possible swell in the number of seasonal flu cases in Europe, are advising troops to practice good hygiene and not rely solely on this year's flu vaccine.

The flu outbreak gripping the U.S. is a strain not targeted by this year's batch of vaccine, which is also being administered to American troops. Still, doctors recommend getting the vaccine because it provides protection against some flu strains.

The number of flu cases being treated by the military in Europe is rising, said Dr. (Col.) Eric Shuping, chief of primary care at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the U.S. military's largest overseas hospital, but the numbers are still small compared with the outbreak in the U.S.

That's not unusual, he said. "Traditionally, years past, we tend to lag behind the States" he

said. "The States starts getting it in December and we tend to get it in January."

Knowing that a flu wave may be coming, "We're planning on what we can do," he said. "There's other ways to prevent the flu other than just the vaccine."

Military health professionals are promoting hand washing and sneezing into arms rather than hands, as well as staying home if you're sick "so you don't pass it on to other people," Shuping said.

The vaccine administered in Europe is similar to that produced in the U.S., so troops would get little benefit from trying to get a second vaccination at a hospital or clinic off base in Europe, Shuping said.

Another option could be to obtain and administer the flu vaccine that's being produced for the next flu season in the southern hemisphere, which is six months out of sync with the north.

That vaccine, Shuping said, is tuned to the strain striking the U.S.



GUSTAVO CASTILLO/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Air Force Staff Sgt. Dan Jackson receives a flu mist vaccine in October at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

"There's been some rumor of trying to procure the southern hemisphere vaccine," he said, "but that's kind of a [Department

of Defense]-level sort of decision to procure" and administer it.

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## Epidemic follows same track as 2013 strain

By MIKE STOBBE The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The flu is now widespread in all but seven states, and hospitalization rates match the dismal season two years ago.

While health officials fear this will be an unusually bad year, it's too soon to say.

The latest figures released Monday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show the flu hitting hard in most of the 43 states where the illness was widespread.

But the flu was not yet rampant in populous states like California and New York. The report is for the week of Christmas, and it shows the flu season following a similar track as the last two, when flu activity peaked no later than mid-January. Perhaps that will happen this winter, too, the CDC's Dr. Michael Jung said.

How bad is this flu season? It's not clear yet. Experts are worried because the nasty bug that's making most people sick isn't included in this year's vaccine. Preliminary data on how well the vaccine is working is still weeks away.

Among infectious diseases, flu is considered one of the nation's leading causes of death, killing roughly 24,000 a year, on average.

How unusual is flu this year? The different flu strain makes predictions more difficult. The current season hit hard in December — earlier than usual. But the last two flu seasons hit early, too. So far, flu hospitalization rates are similar to the harsh season two years ago, which was dominated by a similar virus. Especially this year, health officials are urging doctors to treat flu patients promptly with antiviral medications.

Has flu become epidemic? Yes, but that's not unusual. "It's safe to say we have a flu epidemic every year," Jung said Monday.

According to one CDC definition, flu is epidemic when a certain percentage of deaths in

a given week are due to flu and pneumonia. By that measure, flu epidemics occurred in nine of the last dozen winters, including this one.

Flu-related deaths surpassed the epidemic threshold three weeks ago, then dropped below that level the next week. But other measures indicate flu still is epidemic.

Is it too late to get a flu shot? CDC officials say no. Even if the flu season peaks soon, it will still be around for months. Despite the new flu strain, the vaccine has been well matched in roughly a third of the flu cases seen so far. And it is considered to be effective against some other flu viruses that could surge in the late winter or spring.

About 40 percent of the public was vaccinated against flu as of November, which is about normal in recent years, Jung said.

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PHOTOS BY STEVE HELBER/AP

Army widow Aimee Wriglesworth poses for a photo next to a display of some of her late husband's awards and artifacts in her home in **Bristow, Va., on Dec. 16.** Wriglesworth lost her husband, an Army major, to cancer in 2013.

## Families: Widow hopes study will lead to help for others who are grieving

### FROM FRONT PAGE

"We've been impressed by how many people who've had this experience really want to let us know about it," said the leader of the study, Dr. Stephen Cozza. "They want to talk about what happened — to provide information that will help them and people like them in the future."

Aimee Wriglesworth hopes the study will provide new insight on how best to support young families such as hers.

"A lot of things that are helping us now come from Vietnam, Korea, World War II," she said of existing assistance programs. "But now it's a whole new world of military losses. Studying us is really important."

About half of the participants are providing saliva samples that will be used for genetic research, aimed at determining if certain genetic makeups correlate with the duration of the grieving process and the levels of stress and depression experienced as it unfolds. Some previous research has suggested that a certain gene variation is associated with greater risk of "complicated grief," especially in women.

Cozza said a final report isn't expected until 2017, and he is encouraging more survivors to sign up for interviews before the cutoff date in late February.

### Recognizing families' needs

"Our interest is understanding what these families need," he said. "Recognizing the need will allow us to make better policy recommendations as to what sort of services would be appropriate for them."

The questionnaires and face-to-face interviews are being handled by eight field researchers based in regions spanning the country.

Jill Harrington, the senior field researcher, said the team members are experienced in dealing with grief and well-



A stuffed animal wearing the dog tags of **Chad Wriglesworth is placed on the chair where he died of cancer.**

versed in military culture.

"For the families of the fallen, whoever they talk to, they want to be able to trust," Harrington said. "We have a highly trained group of folks who know how to listen and how to be patient."

While bereaved military families share much in common with other grieving families, there are distinctive aspects to many military deaths. Whether in combat, or by accident or suicide, they often occur suddenly, and many of the deceased are in their 20s or 30s.

"These are young families — a lot of single parents raising kids alone," Harrington said. "When someone dies young, there's a loss of the future. How do you live with that loss in your life?"

Some insight on that question will be provided by the roughly 100 children, ages 6 to 18, who are participating in the study. Most are the sons or daughters of deceased servicemembers; a few are younger siblings.

"Many of these children, when their par-

ent died, were very young and didn't know their well," Cozza said. According to preliminary findings, he said, a factor helping them weather the loss was having pride in their departed parent's military service.

The website for the study encourages bereaved parents to let their children participate while acknowledging that the one-on-one interviews, lasting 90 minutes to three hours, cover sensitive matters.

"The field researchers are trained to recognize when a child is upset and will periodically ask your child if he/she is okay to continue," the website says. "If your child becomes upset, he/she can decide to stop the interview at any time."

### 'Burn pit' exposure?

Among the children taking part is Aimee Wriglesworth's daughter, Savannah, who was 5 when her father died at home on Nov. 20, 2013. Family photos from the preceding days show Savannah cuddling up with him as he lay stricken in bed.

Chad Wriglesworth initially joined the Air Force and was deployed to Iraq in 2008. He transferred to the Army in 2009, and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011.

According to his wife, he began reporting lumps on various parts of his body starting in 2011 and was diagnosed in 2012 with Stage 4 melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. The military, without being more specific, ruled that the major's death occurred in the line of duty; his wife believes the cancer was caused by his exposure to toxic fumes from open-air "burn pits" in Iraq that were used to destroy waste at U.S. bases.

Another study participant is Ryan Manion Borek, whose brother, Marine Lt. Travis Manion, was killed in combat in Iraq in 2007. Borek heads a foundation named after her brother which seeks to as-

sist veterans as well as families of fallen servicemembers.

Borek expressed hope that the study's findings will reflect the wide range of ways in which survivors respond to the deaths of their loved ones.

"We don't all fit into the same box," she said. "That's the beauty of doing a study like this — we can begin to understand all the different ways people are dealing with their loss."

A video produced by the research team conveys the breadth of the study, featuring brief interviews with some of the survivors who decided to participate.

They include a Marine Corps officer, Lisa Doring, whose Marine husband died in a helicopter crash near their base in Iraq; a mother whose only son, an Army private, was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan; and a couple whose son, serving in the Coast Guard, committed suicide after what they described as sustained bullying and harassment.

Of all the active-duty deaths in the period being studied, about 13 percent were suicides. Accidents accounted for 35 percent, combat 30 percent, illness 15 percent and homicide 3 percent, according to Cozza.

One of the major partners for the study is the Arlington, Va.-based support group TAPS — the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. It was founded in 1994 by Bonnie Carroll two years after her husband, a brigadier general, died in an Army plane crash.

Carroll said she was heartened that the study encompassed all types of deaths, even including service members responsible for murder-suicides.

"Regardless of how the person died, at some point in their life they stepped forward to raise their right hand and say 'I will protect this nation,'" Carroll said.

## WAR/MILITARY

Afghanistan has  
an unlikely new hero:

# Bruce Lee look-alike

By SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — In a dark, unfinished basement, Abbas Alizada coiled his body, then exploded into a high kick, his bare feet landing again on the stone floor. Wearing a white tank top and black pants, lips pursed tight, he looked like any 20-year-old passionate about kung fu.

Except, that is, for the policemen outside his house — and for his uncanny resemblance to a late Chinese-American martial arts icon and Hollywood star. “Bruce Lee inspires me,” said Alizada. “I learned all my moves watching Bruce Lee movies. I am very proud that everyone now knows me as Afghan Bruce Lee.”

Afghanistan has an unlikely new hero. In recent weeks, Alizada has become a social media sensation, as well as the target of threats, after friends and relatives posted pictures and videos of him — and his Bruce Lee-like poses — on YouTube and Facebook. Then he opened a Twitter account, and his followers grew as fast as one of his kicks, reaching more than 50,000.

His rags-to-fame story is now inspiring Afghan youths in a nation where poverty, corruption and unemployment have snuffed out many dreams. For many Afghans, he is also a welcome diversion from the bloodshed that has placed the capital on edge and the political squabbling that has prevented the new government from forming a new Cabinet.

“All anyone hears about Afghanistan is the insecurity, the violence, the political problems,” said Ahmed Najat, a businessman. “Abbas is helping to change the image of Afghanistan.”

On another level, Alizada is bringing fresh pride to the country’s long-persecuted ethnic Hazara minority, to which he belongs. Hazaras, who are Shiite Muslims, are reviled by the Taliban and other Sunni extremists as heretics. They have been massacred, driven from their farms and forced to take low-status, unskilled jobs in cities, pulling cargo carts or working construction.

“In Afghanistan’s history, the Hazara people have always faced pressure and were insulted by other ethnic groups,” said Abdul Qayum Naderi, who heads a youth organization. “Abbas’s motivation shows to Hazara youth that if you are also motivated, you will be respected in the country and in the world, too. That’s something new for the Hazara youth.”

The son of a mechanic, Alizada grew up in a predominantly Hazara enclave in Kabul with six brothers and three sisters. When he was 9, Alizada saw his first Bruce Lee film, and soon he saw numerous others. His favorite: “Enter the Dragon.”

At 14, he took martial arts lessons at a local gym, but he began to train on his own because his father could not afford the expense. For four hours each day in his basement, Alizada repeatedly practiced techniques that he gleaned from Lee’s films. To bulk up his wiry physique, he pumped homemade barbells of cement and iron.

When Alizada was 18, friends started remarking on his resemblance to Lee, and he began to make a

name for himself locally. Recently, he won medals at two martial arts tournaments — a bronze in the first, gold in the second. Still, most people in Afghanistan, even Hazaras, had not heard of him.

Then came the YouTube videos and Facebook posts.

Stunned by the reaction on social media, Alizada saw an opportunity to capitalize on his newfound fame. On his Facebook page, he announced that he wanted to be known as Bruce Hazara, and he created a Twitter handle: @brucehazara.

“My dream, Bruce Lee! He is my childhood hero and my only dream,” he wrote, in broken English, on his Facebook page. “Today with all honor, I choose my name, Bruce Hazara ... Perhaps I can’t be like him but I try.”

Even as he gained thousands of fans, Alizada also received criticism for emphasizing his Hazara ethnicity.

Since the U.S.-led intervention after the 9/11 terrorist attacks ousted the Taliban regime in 2001, more Hazaras have improved their lives by enrolling in universities and working for international agencies. Hazaras have also won “Afghan Star,” the country’s version of “American Idol” — twice.

Yet many Afghans, particularly among the Sunni-majority ethnic Pashtuns and Tajiks, still consider Hazaras inferior. In Afghanistan’s fiercely tribal society, ethnic grudges run deep.

“This is an example of nationalism from Hazaras,” a poster named Lkmvoeir Mosidij wrote on Alizada’s Facebook page on Dec. 14. “We have tons of champions in sports from Afghanistan. They never mention Tajik or Pashtoon etc. But when a Hazara has no achievement except for his face looking like some Chinese star he proudly mentions he’s a Hazara in his social media profile. This should change.”

In recent days, Alizada has decided he wants to be called Afghan Bruce Lee, to demonstrate his desire to represent all Afghans. He even changed his Twitter handle to @afghanbrucelee.

That hasn’t prevented the dark side of Afghanistan from entering his world. Alizada said he has received death threats on his Facebook pages and in phone calls. The police in his neighborhood — also mostly Hazaras — were concerned enough to provide round-the-clock security, including the officer who frisks visitors outside his house for guns and knives.

“Since I became famous, people feel jealous of me,” said Alizada, speaking in his family’s living room, where both of his medals hang on the wall. “Secondly, some of the ethnic groups do not see Hazaras in good eyes. They always show their enmity to us. They should know that Hazaras are human beings and they have the right to live in this country.”

He now travels in different cars, sometimes with police escorts. The recent assassinations of two sports figures in Kabul has made him more concerned.

But it has not stopped him from meeting his fans. Last month, he slipped on a pale blue suit and met scores of Hazara youth at a gathering hosted by a local civil society group.

“He comes from a poor family, and yet he is like a king who’s just been crowned,” gushed Zuhra Naderi. “He inspires us. We feel pride not only as Hazaras, but as Afghans.”

Alizada said he hopes his fame will provide an escape from his violent homeland. His story has run on Chinese and Japanese television networks. His Twitter followers include Americans and Europeans, he said. He dreams that one day someone will contact him — and whisk him away to California, to follow in the footsteps of the man whose identity he has adopted.

“I want to become a very famous actor in Hollywood movies so that I can represent Afghanistan,” said Alizada. “I want to become like Bruce Lee.”



Photos courtesy of Facebook

Abbas Alizada

“Bruce Lee inspires me. I learned all my moves watching Bruce Lee movies. I am very proud that everyone now knows me as Afghan Bruce Lee.”

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# Report: AF drone force at 'breaking point'

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The head of Air Combat Command recently warned the Air Force chief of staff that troops who conduct unmanned air operations are overstretched and can't meet the Pentagon's growing demand for drones indefinitely, according to a report this week.

In a memo obtained by the Daily Beast, Gen. Herbert "Hawk" Carlisle reportedly told Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh that the Air Force's manning woes — a result of fewer airman coming in and more leaving the program — require it to ask the Pentagon to ease off on a proposal

for 65 unmanned combat air patrols, or CAPs. Each CAP generally includes four Predator or Reaper aircraft.

"ACC believes we are about to see a perfect storm of increased COCOM (Combatant Commander) demand, accession reductions, and outflow increases that will damage the readiness and combat capability of the MQ-19 enterprise for years to come," Carlisle wrote. "I am extremely concerned."

Remotely piloted aircraft, as the Air Force calls them, are at the center of the fight against Islamic State militants in the Middle East, and are important surveillance and strike plat-

forms in battles against extremists in Africa, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Despite the Air Force's proposal to cut the number of CAPs to 62, planners in the Pentagon's Joint Staff continue to want to "circumvent normal processes" and supply 65 patrols, Carlisle wrote. "This simply is not an option for ACC to source indeterminately," he wrote.

The Air Force aims for 10 crew members per combat air patrol, but operational demands have forced the ratio to less than 8-to-1, violating a "red line" for manning, Carlisle said. To help fill the crews, the Air

Force has been pulling instructors out of schools where drone operators and crews are trained, narrowing the pipeline supplying new operators.

As a result, said an official quoted anonymously in the Daily Beast, the drone force is "at the breaking point, and it has been for a long time. What's different now is that the Band-Aid fixes are no longer working."

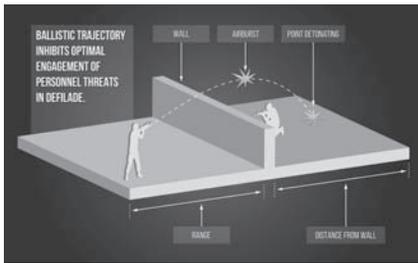
Air Force officials at Air Combat Command and at the Pentagon told Stars and Stripes they could not comment on leaked documents. But a spokesman said the strain of providing enough drones to meet the high demand has long been an issue.

"In order to meet combatant commander requirements, and in response to SECDEF direction, the Air Force surged MQ-19 CAPs nine times in the last eight years, and has successfully sustained those operations to date," Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Karns said in an email to Stars and Stripes.

"We're mindful of the toll this has had on the force and recognize Airmen remain the service's most vital resource. Continued sustainment of surge operations will have potential long-term impacts on training, safety, retention, manning, sustainment, and combat capability."

## Beyond the barrier

The Small Arms Grenade Munition is designed to detect a barrier enemy fighters are behind — a wall or trench, or a natural feature — and explode near the fighter when it has passed it.



SOURCE: U.S. Army

Stars and Stripes

## Grenade: New system can detect barrier, avoid it and explode near hiding enemy

FROM FRONT PAGE

Despite its high-tech components, the SAGM is a relatively simple system to use, developers say. The 40mm, low-velocity round is designed to be fired from M203 or M320 rifle-mounted grenade launchers, which are currently in service.

"All the soldier would need to do is aim the weapon and fire it," Gilbert said in the Army news release.

However, the munition still needs to be headed in the right direction to detect the defile.

"You have to have some sort of accuracy," Gilbert said.

The SAGM has been under development since 2012.

"The biggest challenge has been maturing the SAGM sensor's robustness to ensure proper functionality against the plethora of available defile structures in a battlefield environment," Gilbert

said in the Army news release.

During testing in 2013, the sensor technology was able to detect defiles and airburst the fuse over the target.

The engineering team is now working on improving the sensors and integrating them with a live warhead.

Officials hope to demonstrate the system's effectiveness in July.

If the full-system demonstration is successful this summer, officials plan to integrate SAGM into an official Army program of record by the end of fiscal 2015, a critical step in the acquisition process which must be reached before a weapon system can be fully funded and go into mass production.

Officials did not say when the SAGM is expected to become available to warfighters.

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# AF captain accuses medical tech of post-surgery groping

BY SIG CHRISTENSON  
San Antonio Express-News

An Air Force captain Monday accused an enlistee of groping her while she was coming out of anesthesia at a San Antonio military hospital — a claim that two other women have made as well.

The woman said a medical technician at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center grabbed her breasts after an outpatient procedure. Not long after that, she said, Airman 1st Class Michael Lightsey assaulted her sexually with his fingers, prompting her to twist away from him on the gurney.

At one point, she wanted to scream. "I was very upset and shocked and angered," said the captain, a 14-year veteran who was a day patient at Wilford Hall. "I was thinking I didn't know what to do, but I didn't want him to do it again."

Lightsey is accused of improperly touching three patients in June 2013 while with the 59th Medical Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. A medical technician, he faces four specifications of causing bodily harm for what the Air Force called "self-sexual gratification stemming from incidents that occurred in the summer of 2013."

Lightsey could be given 28 years in prison by the military judge, Lt. Col. Marvin Tubbs II, who will decide the case.

Prosecutors say Lightsey abused the women by groping their breasts and in some cases forcing them to make contact with his private parts. The captain was the only one of the women who testified Monday.

A pair of defense attorneys led by a civilian, Jeffrey King, countered that the captain didn't positively identify their client as the perpetrator. They suggested that she hallucinated the experience and noted that she was unable to positively identify Lightsey as her attacker.

So far, no one has confirmed her account, and much of the battle Monday centered on efforts to ei-

ther debunk the captain's testimony or show that she recalled events well enough to be a reliable witness — despite having been under general anesthesia.

The woman gave a detailed account, saying a medical technician on her left side grazed his hand over one breast, making "a dragging motion" after she was wheeled into a recovery room adjacent to a Wilford Hall OR.

She said he then grabbed the breast and pinched it.

"I was in shock," she said. "How could this happen here?"

The captain went on to testify that the man did the same thing to her other breast. She said that while being rolled along a hallway from the recovery area, where patients are constantly monitored, to another room, the medical technician penetrated her with two fingers.

A surveillance video briefly captured Lightsey rolling a patient down the hallway after her release from the recovery room, a distance that can take more than two minutes to travel. Capt. Maria Jean-Drummond, a registered nurse who was at the hospital that day, identified him on the video.

Trying to show that the woman's memory was faulty, King said she incorrectly saw Lightsey's rank before his name tag.

She recalled seeing "A1C," when he wore a rank insignia instead.

The defense also said her recollection of the assailant as a man about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighing 145 pounds was faulty. Lightsey is far taller and heavier.

Alan Tatum, another registered nurse who was in the hospital that day, sat with the captain in the recovery room monitoring her vital signs after surgery and said he saw nothing improper occur.

**'I was in shock. How could this happen here?'**

**Air Force captain**

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NATION

# As new Congress convenes, GOP crafts its agenda

By ERICA WERNER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Republicans assumed full control of Congress on Tuesday for the first time in eight years in a day of pomp, circumstance and raw politics beneath the Capitol Dome. “We will get to work right away,” pledged House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.

As required by the Constitution, Congress convened at noon. On the Senate floor, newcomers mixed with veterans as, with Vice President Joe Biden presiding, Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, automatically ascended to majority leader following the approval of rank-and-file Republicans last year.

Across the Capitol in the House, a similar scene unfolded as familiar faces and new ones crowded the aisles and lawmakers of both parties recited the Pledge of Allegiance. In the House, there was an element of slight suspense as Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio, faced a tea party-backed effort to unseat him though it looked certain to fall short.

Seeking unity despite the internal party dissension, the GOP moved swiftly toward a veto showdown with President Barack Obama over the long-stalled Keystone XL pipeline, a taste of things to come in divided government.

At the White House, Obama planned to meet with the new congressional leadership next week as both sides positioned themselves for two years of clashes and, perhaps, occasional cooperation that will help shape the outcomes of the 2016 presidential and congressional elections.

McConnell replaces Democrat Harry Reid, of Nevada, who was a surprise no-show from the day’s proceedings after he injured himself exercising. Reid, who broke several ribs and bowled in his face when a piece of equipment snapped last week, said his doctor had ordered him to work from home Tuesday. A photo Reid posted to Twitter showed him with his right eye taped over as he met with lawmakers.

Newcomers and veterans alike raised their hands to swear the

oath of office, many with spouses, children and grandchildren looking on to witness the biennial display of pageantry. The spectacle drew political veterans as former Vice President Walter Mondale, a Democrat, and former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a Republican, mixed with lawmakers on the Senate floor.

McConnell and Boehner both were to deliver remarks as they began laying down markers for legislative battles ahead.

First, Boehner had to survive his re-election as speaker — the main event on any opening day’s agenda. Tea party-backed Reps. Louie Gohmert, of Texas, and Ted Yoho, of Florida, put themselves forward as challengers to Boehner, and more than a dozen Republicans announced they would



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Senator-elect Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, talks with a reporter on Tuesday before being sworn in for the 114th Congress. The Senate has more Republicans than Democrats, a reversal from last session.

oppose Boehner. 65. The ranks of the opponents grew in the hours ahead of Tuesday’s vote, but appeared to remain short of the number needed to place Boehner’s election in jeopardy. Many lawmakers dismissed the challenge as a needless distraction at a moment when the party should be celebrating new majorities and

showing voters it can lead. “It’s time to put all this silliness behind and move on,” said Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn. “We’re on probation. If we don’t perform ... [voters] can make a pivot in a heartbeat.”

Nor did any of the rebels predict they would succeed in toppling Boehner. Instead, they said

the current high command wasn’t conservative enough.

For his part, Yoho said the initial goal of the Boehner challenge is to force the leadership contest past one ballot, so there could be a serious discussion about change.

But Boehner’s hand is strong after the Republicans’ sweeping electoral triumph. The party will hold 246 House seats, to 188 for the Democrats, the biggest GOP majority in nearly 70 years.

Coupled with the commanding majority was word of the first retirement — New York Republican Chris Gibson announced he would step down at the end of his term, but signaled he was not finished with politics in his home state.

The intra-party leadership struggle underscored the political perils facing Republicans as they looked ahead to two-house control of Congress. Yet the evident ability to pass the Keystone pipeline legislation showed their potential to advance an agenda.

Votes in a Senate committee and on the House floor were scheduled for later this week on the pipeline, which passed the House but died in a Democratic-led filibuster in the Senate late last year. Now, Republicans appear to have more than enough votes to clear it through the Senate as well, given the Republican pickup of nine seats in the elections.

While Obama has not said if he will reject the measure, White House spokesman Josh Earnest outlined a series of concerns with the pipeline before adding, “I’m not prepared at this point to issue a veto threat related to that specific piece of legislation.”

But Republicans stand ready to cast the measure as a bipartisan jobs bill of the type that should be signed into law.

## Republicans to focus on veteran employment, Obamacare first

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The first bit of business for Republicans in the new session of Congress will be to rekindle efforts to expand veteran employment — while also chipping away at Obamacare.

Lawmakers were expected to reintroduce the Hire More Heroes Act in the House and the Senate on Tuesday after it failed last year. The bill encourages small businesses to hire more vets by exempting those with military experience from being counted toward the Affordable Care Act’s employer mandate, which kicks in this year.

The legislation passed the House and died in the Democrat-controlled Senate during the last session, but its chances may improve now that the GOP has a majority in both chambers. It serves popular Republican issues including support of the military, small businesses

and the economy while dismantling part of President Barack Obama’s health insurance overhaul.

Rep. Rodney Davis, R-Ill., who will again sponsor the House version, said post-9/11 veterans face higher unemployment than other veterans. Their joblessness rate is 5.7 percent compared with 4.5 percent for all veterans and 5.5 percent for the general U.S. population, according to a news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics in November.

“As more and more of these men and women return home, the Hire More Heroes Act will give them a better chance in a still-tough job market,” Davis said Saturday during the Republicans’ weekly House address. He said the measure also provides “much needed relief” to small businesses and the U.S. economy.

The GOP has criticized the president’s 2010 Patient Pro-

tection and Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare, and specifically the employer mandate, for being too onerous. Lawmakers are still vowing to repeal or derail segments of the massive overhaul as Congress begins its new session.

For the first time this year, businesses with 100 or more full-time employees must offer affordable health insurance. Smaller businesses with 50 or more employees must comply in 2016.

Those who do not offer the insurance can be charged \$2,000 per employee each year by the IRS.

Davis planned to file the bill on Tuesday and was hoping the House may take action this week. Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., sponsored the bill in the upper chamber last year and his staff said he plans to reintroduce it Tuesday as well.

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NATION

# Upcoming rulings pivotal for same-sex marriage

By ROBERT BARNES  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Gay couples began marrying in Miami on Monday, kicking off a pivotal week in which the Supreme Court will have a chance to consider whether same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry or whether states may limit marriage to a man and a woman.

A Miami-Dade judge gave couples there a headstart before marriages begin elsewhere Tuesday in the nation's third-most-populous state. With the addition of Florida, more than 70 percent of Americans now live in the 36 states and District of Columbia where same-sex marriages are allowed, according to estimates by the William Institute at the U.C.L.A. School of Law.

On Friday, Supreme Court justices will meet in private to consider whether to act on cases that could provide a nationwide answer on whether same-sex marriages must be allowed. On the same day, a federal appeals court will consider bans in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

"It's an incredible confluence of events," said Shannon Minter, legal director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "It's the culmination of many years of work."

The marriages in Florida and the potential for a constitutional decision by the Supreme Court this year reflect the rapid advance of the gay marriage movement and a remarkable change in public opinion. Even before the court heard oral arguments about California's Proposition 8 and the federal Defense of Marriage Act in 2013, only nine states and the District allowed such unions.

The justices this week will be considering petitions from five states where lower court judges, bucking a nationwide trend, upheld state laws banning gay marriage and barring the recognition of such unions performed in states where they are legal.

In all but one case, even the winning side has asked the Supreme Court to accept the cases and settle the issue during its current term, which will conclude at



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**John and Shel Goldstein hug during a group wedding Tuesday in Delray Beach, Fla., in which about 100 couples wed. Florida's ban on same-sex marriage ended statewide at midnight Monday, and court clerks in some counties issued marriage licenses overnight.**

the end of June.

Without explanation, the justices in October passed up that chance. But that was before a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit in Cincinnati ruled there was no constitutional right to marriage that must be extended to gays and that states were free to define marriage as they wish.

Because four other regional appeals courts have decided the issue the other way, "the court is more likely to decide the issue now than when it denied review last October," Kyle Duncan, a Washington lawyer defending Louisiana's bans, said in an email.

The Supreme Court does not have to announce its decision on the petitions Friday. But generally the justices must accept a case by the end of January in order to hold oral arguments and rule by

June.

If they do not, gay marriages will likely remain legal in the majority of states through 2015 and banned in the rest.

The growth in the availability of same-sex marriage is the result of a nearly unanimous string of federal court decisions following the twin gay rights victories the Supreme Court delivered in 2013. Since then, the court has repeatedly rebuffed states that requested they not be forced to follow the lower court rulings and offer marriage licenses until the constitutional question is settled.

Duncan said it is impossible to predict how the court will rule on gay marriage based on its record in considering states.

"All we can say concretely is that the Supreme Court has not yet rendered a single substantive decision on state marriage laws," Duncan said.

# Picking Tsarnaev jury to take several weeks

By DENISE LAVOIE  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev faced a new group of potential jurors Tuesday, the second day of the arduous process of selecting a jury in the federal death penalty case.

Tsarnaev looked down at the floor as he walked in to the jury assembly room and later nodded at a group of about 200 citizens from eastern Massachusetts who were called for jury duty at the federal courthouse in Boston.

The man accused of carrying out the deadly 2013 bombings silently drummed his fingers on the defense table and looked at the judge as the potential jurors looked intently at him.

Tsarnaev, 21, faces possible execution if convicted in the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260 others at the race's finish line. Prosecutors say he and his brother, now dead, also killed an MIT police officer as they tried to flee days after the bombings.

Jury selection is expected to take at least three weeks as prosecutors and Tsarnaev's lawyers haggle over more than 1,200 potential jurors to be called. Testimony won't begin until Jan. 26.

Prospective jurors got their first glimpse of Tsarnaev on Monday as the scraggly haired defendant fidgeted in a packed courtroom.

Twelve jurors and six alternates will hear the case against Tsarnaev, who faces possible execution if convicted.

Choosing a jury will not be a quick or simple process. U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr. told the potential jurors not to think of the trial as "an annoying burden," but as a needed service and an "important duty of citizenship."

Federal prosecutors and Tsarnaev's lawyers are trying to find jurors who can be fair and impartial. Jurors must also be willing, if Tsarnaev is convicted, to consider imposing the death penalty in a state that abolished its own death penalty three decades ago.

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# SpaceX calls off launch at last minute

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX called off its planned flight to the International Space Station on Tuesday because of rocket trouble.

The unmanned Falcon rocket was supposed to blast off before sunrise but the countdown was halted with just over a minute remaining. The soonest SpaceX can try again is Friday morning, provided it can fix the problem by

then.

SpaceX officials said one of two motors needed for rocket thrust steering of the second stage failed to operate as expected. If controllers had not aborted the launch, computers likely would have done so closer to flight time, officials said.

The Dragon capsule aboard the rocket contains more than 5,000 pounds of supplies and experiments ordered up by NASA. That's the primary objective for

SpaceX. But the California-based company plans to attempt an even more extraordinary feat once the Dragon is on its way: flying the booster rocket to a platform in the Atlantic. No one has ever pulled off such a touchdown.

The delivery was supposed to occur before Christmas, but was delayed because of a flawed test firing of the rocket engines. The test was repeated successfully, paving the way for Tuesday's try.

NATION

# US military vet charged in failed Gambia coup

By ADAM GOLDMAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two American citizens, including one who had served in the U.S. Air Force and the Army — have been charged with taking part in a failed coup last month to overthrow the Gambian government, federal prosecutors announced Monday.

The men, Cherno Njie, 57, of Austin, Texas, and Papa Faal, 46, of Brooklyn Center, Minn., were part of a ring of approximately a dozen co-conspirators who agreed to participate in the coup, according to a criminal complaint. The botched effort ended with some of the attackers being killed and others fleeing the small West African country.

In an interview with the FBI, Faal admitted playing a role in the coup and identified Njie, a businessman, as one of the leaders and main financiers of the plot, the complaint alleges. Faal told the FBI that Njie intended to serve as the interim leader of the country after they deposed of

Yahya Jammeh, 49, the president of Gambia.

Jammeh seized power in the country in 1994 after a military coup and has gained attention for a series of eccentric claims, including that he has discovered the cure for AIDS.

The criminal complaint said that Faal was invited to join the group of conspirators in August. He agreed because he was disenchanted with the way “the president was rigging elections” and was worried about the “plight of the Gambian people.”

Their group’s goal was to restore democracy to the small country through a peaceful coup, the complaint says. About 160 members of the Gambian military had supposedly agreed to join them. Njie had hoped to persuade the commander of the Gambian army to stand down and support him, the Justice Department said.

Njie is a U.S. citizen; Faal is a dual citizen of Gambia and the United States. All of the alleged plotters were of Gambian descent, including some who lived in the

United States and Germany.

Faal and two other members of the conspiracy living in the United States bought several semiautomatic rifles, prosecutors said. Faal allegedly told investigators about 30 weapons were sent to Gambia by cargo ship. The group also acquired body armor, ammunition and night-vision goggles for the assault.

Once the group had arrived in Gambia, they had originally planned to ambush the president’s convoy but instead decided to target the government State House in Banjul, the country’s capital.

Split in two teams, the group descended on the State House, the complaint says, before encountering heavy fire and taking serious casualties. Some of the attackers were killed.

Faal managed to escape to Senegal, where FBI agents interviewed him and where he implicated Njie, according to the complaint. Agents later searched Faal’s house and claimed to have found receipts and other items that implicated him in the failed coup.

At Njie’s house, investigators said they discovered a spreadsheet with prices of weapons and logistical support. They also found a document: “Gambia Reborn: A Charter for Transition from Dictatorship to Democracy and Development.”

Njie and Faal were each charged with one count of conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and conspiracy to possess a firearm in furtherance of a crime. If convicted, they face up to 25 years in prison.

Faal appeared Monday in federal court in Minnesota and did not enter a plea. A court spokesman said a detention hearing in his case was scheduled for Thursday. He does not yet have a lawyer.

Njie had an initial appearance in federal court in Maryland. He was detained and extradited to Minnesota, where the case will be prosecuted, a Justice Department spokeswoman said. Njie did not enter a plea, said a federal public defender who appeared with him at the brief hearing.

According to the complaint,

“Most, if not all, of the members of the group had served in the U.S. or Gambian military and were avid shooters.”

Faal served 10 years in the U.S. military, including seven years with the Air Force and three years with the Army, and deployed once to Afghanistan, according to U.S. military records and an author biography he posted online. He became a U.S. citizen in December 2005 while he was serving as a senior airman and personnel relocation specialist with the 459th Aerial Refueling Wing at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, according to an Air Force news release at the time.

Faal enlisted in the Army in 2009 and served three years in the 201st Combat Support Battalion at Fort Knox, Ky., attaining the rank of sergeant. He deployed to Afghanistan for most of 2011 before leaving the service in March 2012, according to an Army spokesman.

## Police seek leads in infant’s death

The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — With no leads and no motive, investigators have pleaded for the public’s help to find a gunman who shot and wounded the parents and uncle of a 3-week-old baby girl who later was found dead in a trash bin near the Mexican border 120 miles from her home, police say.

Police Chief Robert Luna said the lack of direction in the investigation and the dearth of information from the injured victims was frustrating. “If you’re talking about a crime that occurred at 6 p.m. on a Saturday in a highly dense, congested residential area, somebody had to have seen or heard something,” Luna said at a Monday news conference.

The baby’s parents and uncle have spoken with police but it was too early to know if the family was withholding clues, Luna said.

Detectives do not believe the crime was a random act, and the FBI is assisting in the investigation,

Luna said.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors was expected to offer a \$10,000 reward Tuesday for information leading to an arrest and conviction, he said.

Long Beach detectives have a limited description of the culprit and are looking for a man who is either black or Hispanic. They don’t have a description of a car or a license plate number, so they were unable to issue an Amber Alert over the weekend.

Luna said nothing is being ruled out at this point, including that the gunman has fled to Mexico, or that family members or a drug cartel are involved.

The mother and uncle remained hospitalized in critical condition. The father was released Sunday.

A transient found the body of the baby, a 10-pound girl named Eliza Delacruz, Sunday in a trash bin behind a strip mall in Imperial Beach, a two-hour drive south of the Long Beach neighborhood where her father, mother and uncle were shot.



LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT/AP

Missing baby Eliza Delacruz is seen in an undated photo.

## Manhunt for suspects who shot 2 NYPD cops

NEW YORK — A manhunt was under way Tuesday for at least two suspects who shot and wounded two New York City police officers responding to a robbery.

Both officers were listed in stable condition. The shooting came about two weeks after two officers were fatally shot while sitting in their patrol car in Brooklyn, and on the same day that the city touted record low crime levels.

Police said one of the suspects may have been wounded in the gunfire.

The shooting occurred around 10:30 p.m. Monday near East 184th Street in the Bronx’s Tremont section.

From The Associated Press

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

## Militants target Iraq security force

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide blast targeting Iraqi security forces and subsequent clashes with Islamic State extremists on Tuesday killed at least 23 troops and pro-government Sunni fighters in the country's embattled western province of Anbar, officials said.

The day's heavy toll for the Iraqi forces came as they struggle in battles against the Islamic State group and try to claw back territory lost to the extremists during the militants' blitz last year. Iraq's prime minister vowed on Tuesday to dislodge Islamic State militants from all areas under their control.

Police officials said a suicide bomber first struck a gathering of pro-government Sunni fighters near the town of al-Baghda-di, about 110 miles northwest of Baghdad, in the morning.

Soon after, Islamic State militants attacked nearby army and police positions, setting off hours-long clashes. Police and hospital officials said 23 were killed and 28 were wounded in all on the government side. They did not give the death toll on the militants' side, saying only that the attackers "sustained some casualties" and declining to provide further details. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

In Baghdad, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi pledged that Iraq's forces would retake all areas that fell to the Islamic State during last summer's stunning blitz.

"We will emerge as victorious and the day our lands are liberated is nearing," al-Abadi told a

group of newly graduated army officers, speaking at the Military Academy as Iraq marked Army Day. "Our goal... is that peace and prosperity prevail in Iraq and end this dark period in Iraq history."

Meanwhile, the Islamic State group announced killing eight men in Salahuddin province north of Baghdad for allegedly cooperating with government forces and airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition targeting the militant group.

The group posted photographs showing eight blindfolded and bearded men in orange jumpsuits, their hands tied behind their backs. Five were identified as police officers and two as informants, but no information was provided on the eighth victim. The photos show the men by a riverbank next to masked gunmen, under what looks like a bridge. They are on their knees as the gunmen appear to be readying to shoot them. Other photos show bloodied bodies of seven of the men lying on the ground.

The authenticity of the photos could not be independently verified but they were posted late Monday on a Twitter account frequently used by the militant group.

However, a provincial official, who spoke on condition of anonymity fearing for his safety, offered a different account of the photos, saying Tuesday that the men depicted in the images were army officers who had abandoned the military before the militants' takeover of their area last year. The official said the men did not cooperate with Iraqi government forces.



HAOI MIZRAN/AP

## Iraqi army marks 94 years

A member of Iraq's national skydiving team prepares to land with the Iraqi national flag Tuesday during the Army Day celebrations in Baghdad. The Iraqi army was activated on Jan. 6, 1921, while under British rule.

## Libya admits to bombing Greek-owned oil tanker

From wire reports

The chaos afflicting Libya escalated Monday after the internationally recognized government conceded that it had bombed a Greek-owned oil tanker in a port city controlled by a militant group aligned with Islamic State extremists.

Libyan military spokesman Ahmed Mesmari said the Tobruk-based government had received no information about the tanker's presence in the port of Darna and "treated it as a dangerous and suspicious target that threatens national security," The Associated Press reported.

"We regret the loss of lives," Mesmari said, referring to the two crewmen, a Greek and a Romanian, who were killed in the attack on the Liberian-flagged Araevo.

The Araevo, which was carrying 12,600 metric tons of oil, had been chartered by Libya's state-owned National Oil Corp., the Greek Foreign Ministry reported in a statement. It said the vessel had 26 crew members—21 Filipinos, three Greeks and two Romanians.

The apparently mistaken bombing late Sunday followed a recent spate of kidnappings and killings of Egyptian workers in Libya, where rival militias have been fighting for power since the 2011 ouster and killing of longtime Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi.

Rival Islamist forces now control Tripoli, the modern capital of Libya, forcing the internationally recognized government bodies to relocate to the eastern city of Tobruk.

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## WORLD

# Seas, weather hamper search for AirAsia jet

By AHMAD IBRAHIM  
The Associated Press

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia — Strong currents forced Indonesia to expand the search area for the crashed AirAsia plane Tuesday as rough seas and bad weather pushed debris and made it difficult to reach suspected chunks of the fuselage on the ocean floor.

With only 37 bodies recovered since Flight 8501 crashed Dec. 28, there are also concerns that it will become harder to find the remaining corpses.

"Time is of the essence," said the National Search and Rescue Agency's director of operation, Suryadi B. Supriyadi. "But it seems like it is hard to beat the weather."

The search operation will expand by about 70 square miles, search-and-rescue chief Henry Bambang Soelistyo said.

Dozens of new air carriers have popped up in Indonesia in recent years to meet the industry's booming demand, but a string of deadly accidents has raised concerns about safety. Experts say poor maintenance, rule-bending and a shortage of trained personnel are largely to blame. Infrastructure has also failed to keep pace with growing demand.

The country's transportation ministry said it was cracking down after it was discovered that Flight 8501 did not have a permit to fly between Surabaya, Indonesia, and Singapore on the day of the crash. It suspended two min-

istry officials and five workers at Surabaya's main airport Tuesday for allowing the flight. Others are still under investigation.

All AirAsia flights on that route also have been canceled for the time being.

It is not known what caused the Airbus A320 to crash into the Java Sea 42 minutes after take-off, though Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency says bad weather appears to have been a factor.

Just before losing contact, the pilot told air traffic control he was approaching threatening clouds. No distress signal was issued.

Sonar has identified five large objects that are believed to be pieces of the fuselage on the ocean floor but strong currents, silt and mud have kept divers from seeing or reaching the objects.

No pings have been detected from the plane's all-important cockpit voice and flight data recorders. That's because high waves have prevented the deployment of ships that drag ping locators. The batteries in the pingers on the black boxes are likely to go dead in about 20 more days.

"We are confident that rescuers would be able to locate them in time," said Nurcahyo Utomo, an investigator for Indonesia's National Committee on Transportation Safety.

The search for the remaining 125 bodies has been exhausting for family members anxiously waiting to identify and bury their loved ones.



JOH CHOL JIN/AP

Thousands of North Koreans gather at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Tuesday to rally in support of their leader, Kim Jong Un's, new year address to the country. The words on the banner read: "March forward with the revolutionary 'songun (military-first)' policy." South Korea says the North has greatly expanded its cyber army.

## S. Korea says North's cyber army has vastly expanded

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea said Tuesday that rival North Korea has a 6,000-member cyber army dedicated to disrupting the South's military and government. The figure is a dramatic increase from its earlier estimate that the North had a cyberwarfare staff of 3,000.

Seoul's Defense Ministry said in a report that North Korea may also have gained the ability to strike the U.S. mainland because of its recent progress in missile

technology, which was demonstrated in five long-range missile tests in 2009 and 2012, and is advancing in efforts to miniaturize nuclear warheads to mount on such missiles.

The United States accuses North Korea of a cyberattack on Sony Pictures over a movie depicting the fictional assassination of the North's leader, Kim Jong Un. North Korea has denied any involvement in the breach of tens of thousands of confidential Sony emails and business files.

Former South Korean Defense Minister Kim Kwan-jin said in 2013 that North Korea was operating a cyberwarfare staff of 3,000. South Korea accuses North Korea of conducting at least six high-profile cyberattacks since 2007 and many more unsuccessful attempts to infiltrate computer systems of businesses and government agencies.

The Korean Peninsula is still in a technical state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice, not a peace treaty.

## Gunmen kill 2 at church in Cairo

The Associated Press

CAIRO — Gunmen opened fire and killed two policemen guarding a Coptic church south of Cairo early Tuesday, security officials said as the nation's minority Coptic Christians prepared to mark Orthodox Christmas Eve.

The attack took place in the provincial capital of Minya, about 135 miles south of Cairo. The city is home to the nation's largest Coptic community, and the members of the Orthodox minority observe Christmas according to the old, Julian calendar.

Police cordoned off the area shortly after the attack and were searching for the perpetrators, said the security officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media.

Another policeman was killed Tuesday while attempting to dis-

mantle an improvised explosive device planted at a gas station in Giza, west of Cairo. Three gas station workers were also injured in the blast, security officials said. A video posted on privately run news site Youm al-Saba showed the policeman handling the explosive device, wearing protective gear, when the device explodes, sending him flying.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for either attack.

Egypt has beefed up security around Coptic churches ahead of the Orthodox Christmas. Christians account for some 10 percent of the nation's 90 million people and have long complained of discrimination by the nation's Muslim majority.

Assaults on Christians have stepped up in Egypt since the ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in July 2013.

A wave of attacks in August 2013 left dozens of churches destroyed, burned or looted, including churches in Minya. Christian homes and businesses were also targeted. The wave of anti-Christian violence followed the breakup by security forces of two sit-in protests by Morsi's supporters, an operation that killed hundreds.

Egypt's Christian minority has also complained of a rise in kidnappings, armed robberies and assaults over the past three years after the country was plunged into turmoil by the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

Security forces have faced a series of deadly militant attacks since Morsi was overthrown.

Islamists claim that Egypt's Christians played a disproportionately large role in the mass protests that preceded Morsi's ouster.

## Germans protest marchers

The Associated Press

BERLIN — The square around the Cologne Cathedral was plunged into darkness Monday evening after the historical landmark in western Germany shut down its lights in a silent protest of weekly rallies in Dresden against the perceived "Islamization" of Europe.

The symbolic act came as thousands of Germans demonstrated in Cologne and several other cities against the ongoing protests by the group calling itself Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West, or PEGIDA, which attracted its biggest crowd yet in Dresden on Monday night.

Cologne Cathedral provost Norbert Feldhoff told n-tv that shutting down the lights was

an attempt to make the PEGIDA demonstrators think twice about their protest.

"You're taking part in an action that, from its roots and also from speeches, one can see is Nazi-ist, racist and extremist," he said on n-tv. "And you're supporting people you really don't want to support."

Only about 250 PEGIDA supporters showed up in Cologne, as compared with about 10 times that number of counter-demonstrators. In Berlin, police said some 5,000 counter-demonstrators blocked about 300 PEGIDA supporters from marching along their planned route from city hall to the Brandenburg Gate. Another 22,000 anti-PEGIDA demonstrators rallied in Stuttgart, Muenster and Hamburg, the dpa news agency reported.

## NATION



Auctioneer Tripp Foy, right, hands a tobacco purchase ticket to a buyer at an auction in Danville, Ky. in November. Foy has been doing live tobacco auctions in Kentucky for four decades, and he is one of the last tobacco auctioneers in the country.

DYLAN LOVAN/AP

# Tobacco auctions all but snuffed out

BRUCE SCHREINER  
The Associated Press

DANVILLE, Ky. — Tripp Foy's sing-song chant rang out like a sentimental oldie for die-hard farmers clinging to the old way of selling tobacco, as a small procession of buyers shadowed him down long rows of reddish-brown leaf piled in bales.

Farmers who have spent their lives tending the aromatic crop in their fields find comfort in Foy's rat-a-tat style, part of an auction system that's been all but snuffed out by another way of selling tobacco after years of declining smoking rates.

"It's kind of in our blood," said tobacco farmer Walter Browning. "But I'm about bled out."

This tobacco-belt tradition, once as much a part of Kentucky's fabric as bourbon or horse racing, is fading away — and it's taking the maestros like Foy with it.

"The chant of an auctioneer can sound as good as a song," said Foy, 63, who has spent four decades auctioning tobacco in Kentucky — the nation's top burley producer. "You can walk down a row and you can almost dance to the tune of the sale."

Years ago, multiple auctioneers plied their trade in each of the state's biggest burley markets as sales seasons typically stretched from late autumn until March. The competition for top auctioneers was fierce as warehouse operators

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Tripp Foy  
Tobacco auctioneer

looked for any edge to pull in more business from farmers.

Now, most burley is sold under contracts between farmers and tobacco companies. Contracting sprung up a decade ago after the demise of a federal program of price supports and production quotas that guaranteed minimum prices for most of the 20th century.

The new system cut out warehouse operators as middle men.

Tobacco companies typically don't disclose how much contract leaf they purchase or for how much to avoid tipping their hand to competitors.

Excess world burley tobacco supplies and lower demand are driving down prices, said University of Kentucky agricultural economist Will Snell.

Last year's crop averaged \$2.06 per pound. Quality leaf sold under contract is still fetching prices in the \$1.90s to \$2 a pound this season, he said. But selling noncontract burley, especially lower-quality leaf, is "going to be a struggle," he said.

Droves of farmers got out of tobacco

as U.S. smoking rates declined. The number of U.S. tobacco farms dropped from 124,270 in 1992 to 16,234 during the last federal crop census in 2007. Burley, once a \$1 billion crop in Kentucky, now generates about \$300 million for the state's remaining growers.

Despite the setbacks, a handful of auction markets have stubbornly hung on. Supporters say they provide a necessary alternative for tobacco farmers unable or unwilling to sign contracts or unhappy with prices offered by the companies at contract receiving stations.

Other than Foy's familiar chant, little else resembled opening days from the era when every bit of leaf went through the auction system.

Grim-faced growers watched their burley sell for paltry amounts — generally \$1.25 or \$1.30 a pound.

"It's a sad day," said farmer Leland Turner. "I never thought I'd see the time when tobacco would be so cheap."

Years ago, the auctions signaled the promise of money filtering through small towns and big cities alike.

For farmers, it was the anticipation of a big pay day. If early prices were good enough, the payoff came right before Christmas. Bankers and merchants kept tabs on how high the bidding went.

There was no festive mood as this year's sales opened at the Danville warehouse. An ag credit lending agency supplied doughnuts for the few dozen people on hand. Jerry Rankin, the warehouse operator, gave a short speech, thanking the farmers for their business.

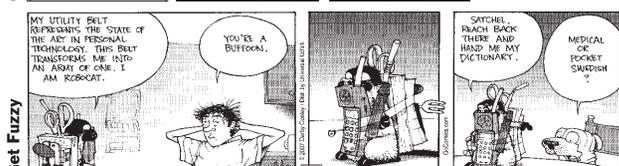
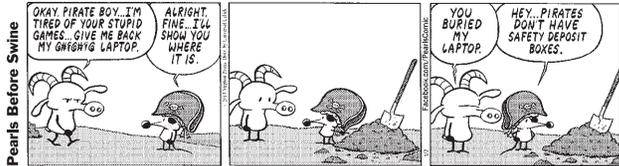
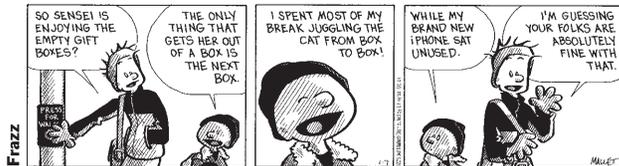
For some of the growers looking on, the end of the line was coming into focus.

Browning said he already decided this year's crop would be his last. He has a factory job and used his tobacco income to pay property taxes, but he wasn't sure he would get enough to cover the bill this year.

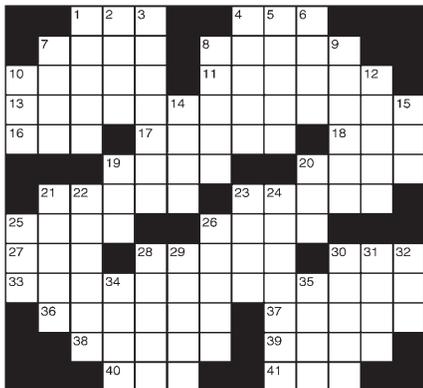
"You spend a lot of time on it for what little I get," he said. "Instead of going on vacations with my wife, I'm hauling tobacco."

Foy's own schedule has slowed considerably. Years ago, he presided over tobacco sales for nine months out of the year across the eastern U.S. Now, he auctions tobacco at only a handful of warehouses in Kentucky. He estimates only a couple of auctioneers besides him remain.

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**Eugene Sheffer Crossword**



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- 1 Definite article
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  - 7 False god
  - 8 Film director
  - 10 Bizarre
  - 11 "You betcha!"
  - 13 "Syriana" Oscar winner
  - 16 Make up your mind
  - 17 Anticipate
  - 18 "CSI" evidence
  - 19 Singles
  - 20 Singer Perry
  - 21 Sensible shoes
  - 23 "Abracadabra!"
  - 25 Blind part
  - 26 Departed
  - 27 Debtor's letters
  - 28 Macbeth's title
  - 30 Tackle moguls
  - 33 Expert on creative living
  - 36 Rip to shreds
  - 37 Horizontal graph line
  - 38 Property claims
  - 39 Cupid's alias
  - 40 Allow
  - 41 Hideaway
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  - 5 Apothecary
  - 6 Miocene
  - 7 Traffic sound
  - 8 Layered minerals
  - 9 Flip-flop
  - 10 Id counterpart
  - 12 Gossipmonger
  - 14 Rams' mates
  - 15 "Yippeel!"
  - 19 Cheerios grain
  - 20 Set of parts
  - 21 Show buoyancy
- 22 Hardy companion?
- 23 Blow off steam
- 24 Like a Cyclops
- 25 Alastair who played Scrooge
- 26 Nasty stingers
- 28 Number of teaspoons in a tablespoon
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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**



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## WIRED WORLD



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Joe Stinziano, executive vice president of Samsung Electronics America, introduces a Samsung SUHD 4K TV at a news conference Monday in Las Vegas. Online and mobile viewing are affecting both consumer habits and technology.

# Technology adapts to the new ways of TV

## ESPN content to be streamed

By CECILIA KANG  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—For many TV viewers, the only reason to keep paying for expensive cable subscriptions is to watch sports. And for that, they invariably need ESPN, the powerful network that has exclusive rights to many of the country's most popular football and basketball games.

Now, that linchpin is being removed. For the first time, sports fans can watch ESPN's programming streamed online to their tablets, laptops, smartphones and TVs — all without paying a cable or satellite bill.

For \$20 a month, viewers will also be able to watch CNN, the Food Network and the Cartoon Network through a new streaming service called Sling TV. Satellite TV provider Dish Network, which is launching Sling, said the service will debut this month.

With Monday's announcement, 2015 is shaping up to be the year when consumers have more reasons than ever to abandon the expensive bundles of cable channels offered by companies such as Comcast and Verizon.

HBO and Showtime are planning to roll out their own digital streaming services

early this year. Sony Entertainment Network will also offer online viewing of channels such as Viacom's MTV, Nickelodeon and Comedy Central. Millions are already used to paying for Netflix and Hulu Plus for their television viewing.

But ESPN's entry into online streaming is different. The tremendous demand for the sports channel is unparalleled in the cable TV world. The top 10 most-viewed programs in cable television history are all ESPN programs. With more people watching TV shows online according to their own schedules, live sports are one of the few things left on TV that bring entire families together to watch in real time.

The shift to digital is a high-risk bet for the television industry, which has been dependent on one reliably lucrative model for decades. Companies like Disney-owned ESPN charge cable and satellite companies a certain amount per customer for their programming. The cable and satellite companies, in turn, charge consumers an average of \$95.73 per month, according to media research firm SNL Kagan.

Subscriptions to Hulu Plus, Netflix and Sling TV are less than half that amount, although they could also quickly add up.

## Designs reflect viewing shift

By ANICK JESDANUN  
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS—Does anyone just watch TV anymore? The dramatic shift toward online and mobile viewing is driving television set makers to design as much for streaming video as for watching broadcast or cable channels.

Broadcast TV is far from dead, but these days viewers care less about watching shows live and even prefer saving certain series to watch all at once in an evening or weekend of binge-watching.

Broadcast networks and hundreds of cable channels share viewer attention with thousands of online services, including amateurs creating their own series on YouTube. Already, Netflix has outbid traditional channels for hits such as "House of Cards." And Dish this week announced it will sell online access to a bundle of channels including live sports network ESPN for just \$20 a month.

Online video will account for a third of all video viewing in 2020, up from about 10 percent in 2013, predicts The Diffusion Group, a research firm that specializes in Internet video.

At the International CES gadget show this week in Las Vegas, TV makers unveiled new models with 4K resolution, or four times the clarity offered by today's high definition TVs. They are pushing the features even though not a single TV channel is yet available in 4K. Internet services such as Netflix, Amazon and M-GO are starting to offer 4K video.

Sony on Monday promised to create more 4K content to watch on those sets. Four popular shows from its entertainment division — "The Goldbergs," "The Blacklist," "Masters of Sex" and "The Night Shift" — will soon be available in 4K, and it's working with partners including Netflix and YouTube to deliver more 4K streaming video.

"It's going to be the first format primar-



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Jim Sanduski, president of Sharp Electronics Marketing Corp. of America, introduces the Sharp Aquos Beyond 4K Ultra HD television Monday in Las Vegas.

ily driven by streaming," said Jim Funk, a senior vice president at Roku Inc., which makes streaming TV devices.

Beyond 4K, Sharp developed an engineering trick to make its high-end set look even sharper. Samsung added a nanocrystal semiconductor layer to make colors purer and the screen brighter. LG is pushing organic LED screens with richer colors and pure black — the kind typically limited to smaller displays such as phones because of price.

And Internet connectivity is becoming standard in sets, the way all TVs are color now. LG and Samsung also have ways to easily switch video between TV and mobile devices, so if you're watching a movie on a phone, you can continue it on your TV as soon as you get home.

Lesley H. Stahl, 31, is one potential customer of an Internet-only offering. She and her husband never considered cable when they bought a new house in Sunnyvale, Calif., figuring they had been mostly watching video online anyway. But Stahl says she would be cautious about subscribing to new channels, as she's used to just waiting until Hulu or Amazon gets the show.



JAC C. HONG/AP

Joe Clayton, president and CEO of Dish Network, introduces Sling TV, a live television streaming service, at a news conference Monday in Las Vegas on Monday.

# WIRED WORLD

Two buses in the Coachella Valley Unified School District have Wi-Fi technology. The district is still working on how to best use the technology on buses.

PHOTOS BY NICHOLE DOBO/TNS



# Commuter connections

## School buses taking Wi-Fi to impoverished communities

BY NICHOLE DOBO  
The Hechinger Report

SALTON CITY, Calif. — Near the shore of the murky Salton Sea in the Southern California desert, a bus drives up to West Shores High School each day with a critical connection: a Wi-Fi router mounted behind an interior mirror, providing Internet access for students whose homes aren't wired.

At night, the bus driver parks more than 15 miles away on a sand driveway in a mobile home park. There, the hot spot is available to students as long as the battery lasts. On most nights, it fades after one hour.

Unlike wired and wealthy communities elsewhere, many homes in the former resort town of Salton City, about 65 miles north of the Mexican border, do not have high-speed Internet. The school bus Wi-Fi program that the district started last fall is one example of how a poor and undeserved community is trying to help students get better connected.

President Barack Obama mentioned the district's efforts in a recent speech in Washington, calling the effort "really smart. You've got underutilized resources — buses in the evening — so you put the routers on, disperse them, and suddenly everybody is connected."

The effort comes at a time when a lack of Internet access in homes and schools remains a huge challenge. Last month, the Federal Communications Commission voted to increase funding

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President Barack Obama

for the federal E-rate program, which provides money for school districts to access the Internet, by \$1.5 billion for a total of \$3.9 billion annually. But the money goes to schools, not home Internet access, and roughly half of low-income families nationwide lack Internet service.

“Come on. We can do better than that as a nation, especially for our low-income families and our disadvantaged families,” said Darryl Adams, superintendent of schools of the Coachella Valley Unified District, one of the nation's poorest.

The district spans about 1,220 square miles of craggy mountains and sandy valleys. Nearly nine out of 10 students in the district qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. More than half of the children are not fluent in English. About 2,000 of the district's nearly 19,000 students are the children of migrant farm workers. Date groves, citrus trees and grapes vines flourish on irrigated land.

Last year, district leaders gave every child a tablet computer to use in the classroom and at home. They trained teachers and set up in-house teams to improve

lessons.

At school, students use the tablets and the Internet to tap into a variety of educational resources, including self-paced lessons. After students got the tablet computers, completion rates for a required online health class increased, said Richard Pimentel, the West Shores principal. Last fall, the district started the school bus Wi-Fi program, but so far only two buses have been fitted with routers; the district has about 90 buses.



Above: A West Shores High School bus in Salton City, Calif., is equipped with a Wi-Fi router to help students connect to the Internet at home. Left: A student walks across the school courtyard.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Falling 90-pound hay bales kill farmer, 76

**OR MADRAS** — A Central Oregon farmer was killed by falling hay bales.

Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Adkins said the farmer was apparently moving the hay when several bales fell and pinned him against his tractor, likely suffocating him.

Adkins said the bales of alfalfa hay weighed 80 to 90 pounds.

KTVZ-TV identified the victim as Harvey Ludwig Stickler, 76, who farmed south of Madras.

Adkins said Stickler's wife told deputies he was missing for about an hour when she went to look for him.

It was Central Oregon's second hay-related farming fatality in about seven months.

## Woman is accused of necklace theft at wake

**TX ARANSAS PASS** — A South Texas woman is accused of stealing a gold necklace from the body of a man whose wake she was attending.

Aransas Pass police investigator Mike Luna said Theresa Green Mireles, 56, was arrested and charged with theft from a corpse on grave.

Police said Mireles, of Corpus Christi, placed her hands on the man's body as she appeared to pay her respects during visitation at a funeral home. Family members later discovered the necklace missing from the body of the cancer victim.

Mireles, an acquaintance of the man, was arrested Dec. 31 on the felony charge. The necklace was returned to the man's widow.

## Naked man breaks into homes, uses hot tub

**OR KEIZER** — Police near Salem said they arrested a naked man after he broke into two homes, drank booze and used a hot tub at one of them.

Officers received a 911 call early Sunday from a woman who was house-sitting in Keizer when she was awakened by noises coming from the laundry room. As she went to check it out, the laundry room door slammed, so she grabbed a knife and called police and her husband.

Police found the burglar inside, naked, and arrested him without incident. Investigators determined that he climbed in through a back window after removing a screen.

They also noticed that screens had been removed from windows at a neighbor's home. Police said the suspect had burglarized that home, drinking the homeowner's alcohol and using the hot tub and shower.

## City police investigate first homicide of 2015

**NE OMAHA** — Omaha state police said a man became the city's first homicide victim of 2015 after he was found with a gunshot wound in a park Saturday.

Police said Tommie Harden, 52, was found about 10:15 a.m. Saturday.

## THE CENSUS

# \$50K

The amount won by a Minot, N.D., man at the state's 11th annual Texas Hold 'em Championship last week. Preston Dean beat out more than 1,300 people from around the country at the Vegas Hotel in Minot. Joann Roerick, also of Minot, finished second and won \$18,000; Sam Fandrich, of Golden Valley, took third and won \$10,000. The tournament also is a charitable event, with profits going toward scholarships for Minot State University marketing students.



JEFF WHEELER, THE (MINNEAPOLIS) STAR TRIBUNE/AP



KIICHIRO SATO/AP

## Enjoying the arctic air

A bike commuter walks on an ice-covered path near Lake Michigan in Chicago on Monday. Inset: John Rosengren and his son, Brendan, 12, play hockey on the rink John cleared at the south end of Lake Harriet in Minneapolis on Sunday. Temperatures fell below zero in northern, central and western Minnesota early Sunday.

A woman who lives near Adams Park in northeast Omaha called police after Harden was found lying in the park.

Harden was bleeding from a gunshot wound in his chest when he was found. He was taken to an Omaha hospital, where he died.

## Sheriff says man tried to set woman on fire

**SC LEXINGTON** — South Carolina authorities accused a Leesville man of attempted murder after he set his house on fire, allegedly to kill a woman still in his bed.

Lexington County Sheriff Lewis McCarty said James Poole Jr., 43, tried to kill a 47-year-old woman by setting fire to a bed at the man's home. Multiple media reported that Poole ordered the woman to get out of the bed and then set fire to it before the woman

moved. She escaped without serious injury.

Poole is charged with attempted murder and third-degree arson. He is being held without bond.

The fire destroyed Poole's home.

## Officer remembered for his generosity, kindness

**LA DENHAM SPRINGS** — A Denham Springs police officer is being remembered for his kindness and dedication.

James Foster Jr., 39, was killed Dec. 29 in a crash while heading to an interstate accident. The motorcycle officer crashed into a Honda sedan that had turned into his path.

The Advocate reported that at Saturday's funeral, one colleague remembered him for handling a \$100 bill to the family of a man he had arrested for minor traffic

warrants to help them bail him out of jail.

## Man headed for trial under revenge porn law

**WI MILWAUKEE** — In what has become an increasingly common phenomenon, a Milwaukee woman had to face having nude and seminude photos of her posted on the Internet in April as collateral damage of a messy breakup.

Her ex, Keslin Jean Jacques, became one of the first people charged under a new Wisconsin law against the practice on April 22. The offense — posting or publishing a sexually explicit image without consent — is a misdemeanor punishable by up to nine months in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Jean Jacques' case was scheduled for trial Wednesday.

## Man jailed on charges he left baby to go drink

**PA UNIONTOWN** — A western Pennsylvania man was jailed on charges that he left his 7-month-old daughter at home alone while he went out to drink, then assaulted the girl's mother when she returned home from work early to find the girl alone.

Simple assault, harassment and child endangerment charges were filed Dec. 30 by Uniontown police. Police said Brandon Russman, 21, was supposed to babysit his daughter while his girlfriend was working the evening shift on Dec. 29, but instead he went out drinking. When the girl's mother returned and found the girl alone, she located and confronted Russman, who police say knocked her down and choked her.

From wire reports

## FACES



MICHAEL LAWRENCE/FOX

# 'Empire' builder

Taraji P. Henson plays ex-con at the heart of new Fox music drama

By SANDY COHEN  
The Associated Press

Taraji P. Henson is driving down an L.A. street, chatting on her cellphone, when a billboard catches her eye.

"Hi, me! Hi!!!!" she says, smiling at her latest on-screen incarnation: glamorous ex-con Cookie in "Empire," which premieres Jan. 10 on AFN-Spectrum.

Draped in fabulous furs and drenched in attitude, Henson's Cookie is the heart of the Fox drama, a fiercely devoted mother and astute businesswoman who is fearless when it comes to getting what she wants. Her sometimes-reluctant partner is Lucious Lyon (Terrence Howard), a music mogul deciding which of their three sons should run the family's entertainment empire.

Henson has seen her face on billboards before, with dozens of film credits (including 2008's "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," for which she earned a supporting actress Oscar nod) and popular TV series such as "Person of Interest" to her name.

"Sometimes I forget, you know what I mean?" she says. "I just go on about my day, and look up and go, 'That's right, I do have a TV show coming out!'"

The 44-year-old actress pulled over to talk with The Associated Press about the new show and the empire that is Taraji P. Henson.

#### Who is Cookie?

She is a hero. I mean, she is the truth. She is strong. She's family first. She's a lot of things. She doesn't compromise at all — never herself,

and never her truth. That's what I love about her ... She says things that I might not have the guts to say. I love the way she dresses. I love how much she cares about her sons.

**How is it working with Terrence Howard again, your old pal from "Hustle & Flow"?**

I just know that I really like working with Terrence. I trust him. And for me as an artist — acting, you really have to be uninhibited. You cannot have any hang-ups. Or if you do, they can't breathe and live through these characters, because their hang-ups aren't your hang-ups. So for me in order to fully explore characters without throwing Taraji in the mix, I have to feel safe ... And with Terrence, I'm so safe with him, I can try anything ... We're friends. We've known each other, so it really works for Cookie and Lucious. When they came to me with the project, I said it has to be Terrence. When I cracked open the script, I saw no one but Terrence.

**What's most challenging to you as an actress right now?**

Challenging is getting what I think I deserve to be paid. (It's) challenging to get the projects I want done or greenlit. I'm still having to prove I'm bankable. But I think it's getting better! I'm not one to wallow in the muck and say how bad. I don't harp on how bad things are ... My thing is to prove each and every time I'm on the screen — whether it's TV, whether it's film, whether it's the stage — Taraji is going to deliver. So when I do get that moment — "cause it's coming, I work too hard" — when I do get that moment, that perfect movie comes along and some studio is going to say, "I believe in her." Not me and a man. Not me and another guy, no. Taraji P. Henson is going to open this film. Then I know that I'm doing my job.

## 'Selma' snubbed by Producers Guild

The Associated Press

The Producers Guild of America has announced the nominees for its 26th annual awards, and the celebrated civil rights drama "Selma" isn't on the list.

The nominees for outstanding theatrical motion picture producer are "American Sniper," "Birdman," "Boyhood," "Foxcatcher," "Gone Girl," "The Grand Budapest Hotel," "The Imitation Game," "Nightcrawler," "The Theory of Everything" and "Whiplash." "Selma" has been named among the year's best films by various industry groups. It's produced by Brad Pitt's Plan B Entertainment and Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Productions.

In the animated feature category, the nominees are "Big Hero 6," "The Book of Life," "The Boxtrolls," "How to Train Your Dragon 2" and "The Lego Movie."

Winners will be revealed at a Jan. 24 ceremony in Los Angeles.

The Producers Guild represents more than 6,700 producers of film, television and online content.

#### Actress apologizes for comments on feminism

Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting says she's sorry if people were offended by her comments on feminism.

The 29-year-old actress was quoted in Redbook magazine as saying she enjoys cooking for and "serving" her husband, Ryan Sweeting, and was "never that feminist girl demanding equality."

In an interview Monday for her upcoming film, "The Wedding Ring," Cuoco-Sweeting said her answers were taken out of context.

She said she simply meant that she feels lucky "to have a career, really build myself as an independent woman ... be able to serve my husband and have a family."

She also said she never wants to offend anyone, "but it happens and I'm really sorry."

#### 2 more join defamation lawsuit against Cosby

Two women accusing Bill Cosby of sexual offenses decades ago have joined a defamation lawsuit, contending the comedian publicly branded them as liars through statements by his representatives.

The amended complaint was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Springfield, in western Massachusetts, where Cosby has a home in Shelburne Falls.

Cosby is the only defendant in the lawsuit, originally filed last month by Tamara Green, who said he drugged and assaulted her in the 1970s. The two new plaintiffs are Therese Serignese, who said he drugged and raped her in 1976, and Linda Traitz, who alleges he tried to drug her and then sexually groped her in 1970. Attorney Joseph Cammarata, who represents the three women,

said the civil action allows them to have their allegations heard since criminal statutes of limitation have expired.

#### 'Saved by the Bell' actor Diamond to stand trial

Dustin Diamond, the actor who played Scream on the 1990s television series "Saved by the Bell," was ordered to stand trial Monday in the stabbing of a man at a Wisconsin bar on Christmas Day.

Diamond, 37, is charged with felony reckless endangerment and two misdemeanors stemming from the incident in Fort Washington. His defense attorney noted that none of witnesses reported seeing Diamond stab the man, who wasn't seriously hurt, but a judge ruled there was enough evidence for the case to go to trial.

Diamond's fiancée, Amanda Schutz, told police she shoved a woman who was making rude remarks and antagonizing her and Diamond at The Grand Avenue Saloon, according to a criminal complaint. The women then got into a physical altercation, and two men held Schutz by her hair, Diamond told investigators.

Diamond, who remains free on \$10,000 bond, was granted permission to temporarily leave Wisconsin, where he lives, for work. Alberti said Diamond was working as a comedian and had shows scheduled outside the state.

#### Other news

■ Musician and actress Jewel, 41, is going back to the books. She has a deal with Penguin Random House imprint Blue Rider Press for a memoir scheduled to come out in the fall. Blue Rider announced the currently untitled book Monday. In 1998, Jewel's "A Night Without Arms" became the rare poetry collection to sell more than 1 million copies.

■ Mariel Hemingway has a lot to say about the pain of being a Hemingway. Regan Arts announced Monday that the actress has a memoir and young adult novel coming in April. The memoir is called "Out Came the Sun" and has the sobering subtitle "Overcoming the Legacy of Mental Illness, Addiction, and Suicide In My Family." As noted by the publisher, seven members of the Hemingway family have committed suicide over the past four generations, notably author Ernest Hemingway, Mariel's grandfather.

■ Sting is going down with his ship. Producers said early Tuesday that the Grammy Award-winning musician's Broadway musical "The Last Ship" will close when he leaves the show Jan. 24. Sting, who wrote the songs, jumped into the show in December, playing a shipyard foreman, played by Jimmy Nail. While that improved sales, they didn't skyrocket.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Strong dollar makes world travel cheaper

The Associated Press

DALLAS — If you've been putting off a trip abroad because it's too expensive, start packing your bags.

A stronger dollar has reduced the price of travel, from a hotel room to a glass of beer, in much of Europe, Japan, India and elsewhere.

"This is one of the best times for Americans to travel in years," said Matt Kepnes, author of "How to Travel the World on \$50 a Day" and other travel books.

## Why the dollar is strong

Other economies are shaky, making their currencies less valuable. Europe is barely growing. Japan is already officially in recession. China's growth has slowed. Meanwhile, the U.S. economy has been chugging along, and the dollar has gained too. Many economists expect that steady U.S. growth will compel the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates later this year, making dol-



Tourists take pictures in front of the Eiffel tower in Paris.

lar investments more attractive and leading traders to sell other currencies and buy dollars.

## What it means

Let's say that in June you had a charming dinner for two in Paris for 75 euros. First, congratulations. Second, it cost \$103 then; today it will cost \$89. Expensive countries may not be cheap, but at least they're more affordable now.

## Best bargains

Thanks to the pound's decline, England is cheaper than it was six months ago. But the euro has slumped more, making most of continental Europe an even better bargain. Travel writer Kepnes says Greece is attractive right now because hotels and tour operators have been slashing prices to fill rooms. The same thing is happening in Portugal and parts of Spain.

"Be the contrarian traveler," Kepnes said. "If you want to go to Europe, consider eastern or central Europe, where prices are generally cheaper." He recommends going during the "shoulder season" — late spring or early fall — rather than in the peak summer season.

## When to book a flight

Demand for travel is so strong that most airlines don't have to cut prices to sell seats. "The summer fares are still very expensive," said George

Hobica, founder of travel website airfarewatchdog.com. But airlines might cut prices this spring if the strong dollar discourages Europeans and Asians from flying to and from the U.S.

## Consider all the options

Hobica recommends checking foreign airlines. He said Etihad, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines and other sometimes offer better prices to Europe than U.S. carriers do, although they could include a market stopover.

MARKET WATCH	
Jan. 05, 2015	
Dow Jones Industrials	-331.34
Nasdaq composite	-74.24
Standard & Poor's 500	-37.62
Russell 2000	-17.45
	1,181.35

EXCHANGE RATES	
<b>Military rates</b>	
Euro costs (Jan. 7)	\$1.2223
Dollar buys (Jan. 7)	€0.8181
British pound (Jan. 7)	\$1.56
Japanese yen (Jan. 7)	117.00
South Korean won (Jan. 7)	1,075.00
<b>Commercial rates</b>	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5179
Canada (Dollar)	1.1778
China (Yuan)	6.2144
Denmark (Krone)	2.4640
Egypt (Pound)	7.1512
Euro	\$1.1917/0.8391
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.5737
Hungary (Forint)	267.64
Israel (Shekel)	3.9476
Japan (Yen)	118.79
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2938
Norway (Krone)	7.0984
Philippines (Peso)	45.01
Poland (Zloty)	3.61
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.9256
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3341
South Korea (Won)	1,101.73
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0079
Thailand (Baht)	32.88
Turkey (Lira)	2.3186
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INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.61
30-year bond	2.60

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



Wednesday's US temperatures																							
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	33	9	Cldy	Fort Wayne	11	-11	Snow	Louisville	15	1	Snow	Pocatello	44	24	PCldy	Shreveport	42	19	PCldy
Ablene, Texas	34	18	Cir	Cheyenne	26	25	Cldy	Fresno	63	44	Cir	Lubbock	28	17	Cir	Portland, Maine	23	9	Cir	Sioux City	23	-13	Snow
Akron, Ohio	11	-2	Snow	Chicago	0	-9	Snow	Goodland	13	13	Cir	Macon	53	37	Cir	Portland, Ore.	50	35	PCldy	Sioux Falls	-6	-12	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	20	12	Cir	Cincinnati	10	3	Cir	Grand Junction	39	22	Cir	Madison	3	-2	Cir	Providence	36	14	Cir	South Bend	12	-7	Snow
Albuquerque	44	25	Cir	Cleveland	13	3	Snow	Grand Rapids	11	3	Cldy	Medford	56	32	Cldy	Pueblo	30	14	Cldy	Spokane	34	29	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	26	7	Cldy	Colorado Springs	28	24	Cldy	Great Falls	38	19	PCldy	Memphis	26	11	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	37	11	Cldy	Springfield, Ill.	1	-6	Cir
Anaheim	60	44	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	51	17	PCldy	Green Bay	34	9	Cldy	Miami Beach	79	59	Cir	Reno	58	27	Cir	Syracuse	13	0	Snow
Anchorage	14	14	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	54	19	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	34	9	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	34	20	Cir	Richmond	33	12	Cir	Tallahassee	14	0	Snow
Ashville	29	8	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	11	-5	Cir	Harrisburg	21	8	Cir	Milwaukee	2	-9	Cir	Rochester	33	12	Cir	Tampa	66	42	Cir
Atlanta	48	15	Cir	Concord, N.H.	22	-12	Cldy	Hartford Springfield	24	-2	PCldy	Mpls-St. Paul	-1	-10	Cir	Roanoke	30	8	Snow	Tampa	66	42	Cir
Atlantic City	31	6	Cir	Corpus Christi	57	34	Cir	Helena	35	22	PCldy	Missoula	34	22	Cldy	Rochester	12	3	Snow	Toledo	11	-5	Snow
Austin	25	29	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	35	19	Cir	Houston	77	65	Cir	Mobile	52	18	PCldy	Rockford	3	-15	Snow	Topeka	58	34	Cir
Baltimore	27	10	Cir	Dayton	8	-7	Cir	Houston	53	29	Cir	Montgomery	47	16	PCldy	Sacramento	63	42	Cir	Tucson	75	51	PCldy
Baton Rouge	50	22	Cir	Daytona Beach	67	41	Cir	Huntsville	29	9	Snow	Nashville	22	5	PCldy	St. Louis	9	-1	Cir	Tulsa	22	8	Cir
Bilings	26	20	Cldy	Denver	27	23	Cir	Indianapolis	47	12	Cir	New Orleans	51	27	PCldy	St. Petersburg	66	48	Cir	Tupelo	31	11	PCldy
Birmingham	37	11	Cldy	Des Moines	-4	-14	Snow	Jackson, Miss.	46	16	Cir	New York City	26	5	Cir	St. Thomas	86	74	Rain	Waco	41	20	Cir
Bismarck	-1	-3	Cir	Detroit	12	2	Cldy	Jacksonville	60	29	Cir	Newark	28	5	Cir	Salem, Ore.	50	33	Cir	Washington	29	12	Cir
Boise	35	28	Cldy	Duluth	-4	-12	Cir	Juneau	29	24	Snow	Norfolk, Va.	37	16	Cir	Salt Lake City	43	23	Cir	W. Palm Beach	76	57	Cldy
Boston	25	0	Cldy	El Paso	49	29	Cir	Kansas City	5	-2	Cir	North Platte	11	3	PCldy	San Diego	37	19	Cir	Wichita	14	4	Cir
Bridgeport	13	1	Cir	Elkins	12	-1	Snow	Key West	78	63	Cldy	Oklahoma City	20	0	Cir	San Antonio	50	27	Cldy	Wichita Falls	28	14	Cir
Brownsville	63	43	Cldy	Erie	14	9	Snow	Knoxville	27	8	Snow	Omaha	2	-7	Cir	San Jose	75	52	Cir	Wilkes-Barre	16	3	Cldy
Buffalo	10	5	Snow	Eugene	49	36	Cldy	Lake Charles	50	25	Cldy	Orlando	68	41	Cir	San Francisco	65	50	PCldy	Wilmington, Del.	29	10	Snow
Burlington, Vt.	18	13	Snow	Evansville	12	-1	Snow	Las Vegas	65	46	Cir	Pendleton	38	30	Cldy	San Jose	71	47	Cir	Yonkers	40	31	Cir
Caribou, Maine	10	-18	Snow	Fairbanks	-8	-22	Cir	Las Vegas	65	46	Cir	Pendleton	38	30	Cldy	San Juan, P.R.	83	70	Rain	Youngstown	11	2	Snow
Casper	24	26	Cir	Fargo	-4	-8	Cir	Lexington	15	-1	Snow	Peoria	12	-1	Cir	Santa Fe	42	19	Cir				
Charleston, S.C.	55	29	PCldy	Flagstaff	53	23	Cir	Lincoln	5	-5	Cir	Philadelphia	29	10	Cir	St. Marie	4	-3	Snow				
Charleston, W.Va.	21	20	Cldy	Flint	8	0	Cir	Little Rock	32	14	Snow	Phoenix	75	51	PCldy	St. Mary's	57	22	Cir				
Charlotte, N.C.	40	13	Cldy	Fort Smith	32	12	PCldy	Los Angeles	78	52	Cir	Pittsburgh	12	1	Cldy	Seattle	53	39	PCldy				

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OPINION  
**Cannabis crazy a sorry state indeed**

By SUSAN SHAPIRO

In 2014, our country went cannabis crazy, bringing to 18 the number of states decriminalizing pot. Colorado opened bottles selling "mountain high smokers" in grape and butterscotch flavors and posted signs that proclaimed the state is "where prohibition ends and the fun begins." In my New York home, I'm glad that someone can carry up to 50 joints and no longer get thrown in the joint. Yet I worry that user-friendly laws and such recent screen glorifications as "High Maintenance" and "Kid Cannabis" send young people a message that getting stoned is cool and hilarious.

I know the dark side. I'm ambivalent about legalizing marijuana because I was addicted for 27 years. After starting to smoke weed at Bob Dylan concerts when I was 13, I saw how it can make you sick and do things that are provocative and perilous. I bought pot in bad neighborhoods at 3 a.m., confronted a dealer for selling me a dime bag of oregano, let shady pushers I barely knew deliver marijuana, like pizza, to my home. I mailed weed to my vacation spots and smoked a cocaine-laced joint a bus driver offered when I was his only passenger.

Back then Willie Nelson songs, Cheech and Chong routines and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High's" Jeff Spicoli made getting high seem kooky and harmless. My reality was closer to Walter White's self-destruction from "Breaking Bad" and the delusional nightmares in the film "Requiem for a Dream." Everyone believed you couldn't get addicted to pot.

Turns out I could get hooked on carrot sticks. Marijuana became an extreme addiction for me. I'm not alone. Nearly 17 percent of those who get high as teenagers will become addicted to marijuana, according to the 2013 edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that up to half of daily marijuana smokers became addicted — an estimated 2.7 million people in the U.S.

The years I smoked I struggled with love and work, sometimes feeling suicidal. The brilliant addiction specialist who helped me give up pot a dozen years ago taught me that addicts self-medicate because underlying every substance problem he'd ever seen "is a deep depression that feels unbearable." One-on-one therapy helped me untangle what I was getting wasted to escape. Being drug-free saved my health, marriage and career. Within a year, my in-



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**Colorado state Rep. Jonathan Singer speaks during a news conference to announce the rollout of the "Good to Know" advertising campaign Monday in Denver. The ads will focus on marijuana laws and health effects, including the dangers of overuse.**

come tripled. I came to believe my doctor's adage: "When you quit a toxic habit you leave your room for something beautiful to take its place."

In writing classes I teach in New York and Los Angeles, students from many backgrounds confessed that they "smoked a bowl" or "got ripped" and then got in a car accident, fell on subway tracks, had a wallet or cellphone stolen, were sexually assaulted or had a physical altercation that landed them in the hospital or jail. My undergraduates loved the series "Weeds" and "Harold & Kumar" films and joked about being "cross-faded," simultaneously imbibing on alcohol and marijuana.

Yet I warn them that getting stoned greatly increases the likelihood of something bad happening, reminding them that pot blurs reality, reduces inhibitions — and regularly leads to tragedy. Consider two deaths in 2014 in Colorado that police linked to pot: a 47-year-old man who ate marijuana-infused candy and fatally shot his wife, and a 19-year-old student who ingested a marijuana cookie and jumped to his death.

The weed of today is far stronger than in the past. President Barack Obama admitted smoking marijuana as a teen and said it's no worse than alcohol but hopes his daughters will avoid "the bad habit." The new edible pot products can be 10 times stronger than a traditional joint, says a report in the New England Journal of Medicine. The strength of pot varies, and it's impossible to predict its effect. How you

react to marijuana depends on your size, what you've eaten, the medications you take. As I tapered off, one hit from a pipe or bong could leave me reeling, as if I'd had five drinks.

Marijuana use doubles the risk of being in a car accident if you drive soon after smoking it, and it causes more car accidents than any other illicit drugs, according to Columbia University researchers. They found it contributed to 12 percent of traffic deaths in the U.S. in 2010, triple the rate of a decade earlier.

The medical side effects are also significant. Smoking pot increases the risk of lung cancer 8 percent, according to British and New Zealand studies. It's associated with bronchitis, respiratory infections and increases the risk of heart attack and stroke, concluded a New England Journal study. Another 2014 study found frequent use by teenagers and young adults causes cognitive decline and decreases IQ. Marijuana essentially fries your brain.

Being a stoner was easy. Quitting was hard but gave me more to live for. Before jumping on the buzzed bandwagon in the new year, throwing a pot dessert party or voting to lift all restrictions across the nation, ask yourself and your kids: Is the high worth the lows? We shouldn't send pot smokers to prison, but they don't belong on pop culture pedestals either.

Susan Shapiro is coauthor of the best-seller "Unhooked: How to Quit Anything" and author of the memoir "Lighting Up." This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

**AF attacks messenger on sex assault policy**

San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News editorial

The U.S. military justice system has been pilloried for good reason for its horrendous record in handling sexual assault cases. In the wake of that criticism, some states finally have been made toward improving the system for assault victims. But events of the past week show there's still a long way to go.

The U.S. Air Force decided to "admonish" one of the military lawyers it had assigned to a new program to represent victims of sexual assault. But Capt. Maribel Jarzabek was lucky. She was threatened with criminal charges for — well, here's the story.

The new program is one of those reforms the Defense Department showcases as a shining success, proof that it is a new day and that atrocities by servicemembers will not be tolerated. The captain was in the last month of her five-year Air Force service when she wrote a post on the Face-

book page of Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., encouraging the senator to continue to push specific reforms of the system through Congress.

In the Dec. 2 post Jarzabek also wrote, "Changes are needed, and it's time that the public knew about the military's true dirty little secrets!"

A while later Jarzabek was informed via email from a high-ranking officer that she was under criminal investigation. Yes, criminal investigation for advocating "a partisan political cause" and expressing opinions that could undermine public confidence in the Air Force.

Ahem. It seems to us that it's the Air Force that is undermining public confidence here. It is hard to have much confidence when an organization investigates and chastises an officer for telling the public the truth about one of its vaunted programs that she happens to be intimately familiar with. In fact, this over-the-top reaction from the Air Force makes us worry

that the program is mostly window dressing. That would be tragic for victims but also for the U.S. military.

Prosecutors will tell you that when it comes to sexual assault — whether in the military or civilian society — one of the biggest problems is getting victims to report it. There are a variety of reasons for this, but one of the biggest is that victims feel the justice system is stacked against them and will put them on trial instead of the accused. Civilian courts have gotten better over the past few decades at supporting victims, but until the recent bursts of outrage, the military remained in the dark ages. If this case will do nothing to encourage victims to come forward.

Dec. 31 was Jarzabek's last day of duty. Once all of the papers are signed and she becomes a civilian again, we hope that she'll exercise her newly restored free-speech rights and tell us about those "dirty little secrets" in detail. She and Sen. Gillibrand should have lunch.

OPINION

# New venue warranted, but it's Boston's case

BY NOAH FELDMAN  
Bloomberg News

**C**an Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the surviving Boston Marathon bombing suspect, get a fair trial in the Hub? It's a profound question, but one that the Framers would have found incomprehensible. Far from providing for a change of venue in high-profile cases, they guaranteed that the accused deserved a trial "by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed."

So what is the origin of the modern idea that the accused can seek to be tried elsewhere? The answer lies in England, and particularly in the lurid murder trial of William Palmer, the so-called prince of poisoners, which took place in 1855, fully 66 years after the Sixth Amendment was ratified.

Palmer was a piece of work—the classic Victorian villain. He was tried for poisoning his friend John Cook with strychnine. But Palmer, a doctor, was also suspected of poisoning his wife (for 13,000 pounds) and four children (to avoid the expense of raising them). Palmer's crimes took place in Staffordshire. But with the rise of newspapers, it was widely thought he couldn't get a fair trial there. Parliament passed the Central Criminal Court Act to allow Palmer to be tried at the Old Bailey, where he was convicted and sentenced to death by hanging.

The case drew notice in the United States—but because of the admission of circumstantial evidence in a poisoning, not because of the change in venue. Americans had long feared the moving of trials to a central location, which smacked of empire and dominance. The state ratifying conventions had insisted on a guarantee of a local trial precisely because they recalled British removal of some crimes to admiralty courts in which local juries were circumvented so they couldn't resist British law. The notion that removal could actually serve justice was still anathema.

Gradually, states began to take on board the British rule allowing for a request of a change in venue. It wasn't until 1944, however, that the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure were amended to allow for such a change if local prejudice would make an impartial trial impossible. And it wasn't until the 1960s when the Warren court announced that the Sixth Amendment right to an impartial jury could trump the Sixth Amendment's demand of a trial in the district where the crime occurred.

To hold that fairness demanded ignorance, not knowledge, amounted to a near-total reversal of the old jury norms. Historically, the local jurors were thought to already have a good sense of the crime and its circumstances. Now, too much knowledge could be deemed prejudicial. But the shift reflected the broader transformation of the jury from informed insiders to quasi-judicial decision makers.

The Boston Marathon bombing poses a new challenge. It's not just that many and maybe most Bostonians know one or more of the thousands of people who ran in the marathon and were targets of the attack. (I certainly do.) The search for the bombers actually shut down the city and several suburbs after they killed a police officer for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and exchanged fire with Watertown police. Having been in lockdown, with the sound of Black Hawk helicopters overhead and the children barred even from the backyard, was an experience not easily forgotten. And it affected hundreds of thousands of people who might be in the jury pool.

Deepening the problem of a fair trial is the collective response to the bombings. The "Boston Strong" campaign, which featured everyone from then-Mayor Thomas Menino to the redoubtable Red Sox slugger David Ortiz (the latter more popular even than the former) united greater Boston like no other public outpouring in my lifetime. To have been unmoved by this response—in a city notorious for its balkanized neighborhoods and legacy of racism—you would have to have been living in a hole.



JANE FLEVELL COLLINS/AP

In this courtroom sketch, Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, second from right, is depicted with his lawyers, left, beside U.S. District Judge George O'Toole Jr., right, as O'Toole addresses a pool of potential jurors in a jury assembly room at the federal courthouse in Boston on Monday.

The upshot is that, if we took the Warren court's idea of a fair trial seriously, or wanted to follow the Palmer precedent, the trial really should be moved to Washington, as Tsarnaev's lawyers requested. The terrorists targeted the symbol of the marathon to affect the whole city of Boston—and they did. I have trouble believing that there are 12 truly impartial Bostonians out there to try the surviving bomber.

In reality, however, it was highly unlikely that the trial would be moved. Courts almost never grant a change of venue. The Supreme Court requires a "totality of the circumstances" test in which careful juror screening can counteract any presump-

tion of general bias. There's little doubt the Boston court will be extremely conscientious to avoid a successful appeal. This will effectively avoid what the court calls a "circus atmosphere" that can warrant a change in venue.

The justices of the 1960s might not like this result. But the Framers would understand it implicitly. The Boston Marathon attackers may have acted from global motives. But they were local criminals and committed a local crime—and so there is poetic justice in a local trial. Here's hoping Boston Strong can also be Boston Fair.

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# Cuomo was an eloquent spokesman for a lost cause

BY RAMESH PONNURU  
Bloomberg News

**M**ario Cuomo, the former governor of New York who died on New Year's Day, is being remembered as a liberal lion and a great orator. Many of the remembrances and obituaries mention his speech at the Democratic convention of 1984.

"A hundred years from now, if there is one speech that people will study and remember from a Democratic politician in the last quarter of the 20th century, it will rightly be Cuomo's 1984 address," argued Andre Cherny, who has himself written speeches for Democratic politicians.

Even conservatives can admire Cuomo's willingness to stand for his principles when they weren't especially popular—even if we are mostly glad that they weren't popular. It must be said, though, that his convention speech hasn't aged well. To read it now is to see why Cuomo had such an electrifying effect on liberals, and why liberalism in his era was hopeless.

It is also to see that Cuomo's undoubted oratorical gifts were sometimes merely demagogic ones. The theme of his speech was that the United States in the years of President Ronald Reagan was not the "shining city on a hill" of Reagan's speeches but rather "two cities," and that Reagan had no concern for the one mired in pov-

erty. Cuomo introduced that theme with a distortion:

"Ten days ago, President Reagan admitted that at least a *some* people in this country seemed to be doing well some days, others were unhappy, even worried, about themselves, their families, and their futures. The President said that he didn't understand that fear. He said, 'Why, this country is a shining city on a hill.'"

In actual speech, Cuomo had given 10 days earlier, he had neither "admitted" that many people were worried about their economic condition—which would not, of course, have been much of an admission—nor expressed bafflement that they might be. He had instead said that Americans shouldn't be fearful about the future in general, and about the Cold War in particular.

The distortion allowed Cuomo to segue into a shopworn caricature of conservatism, which on his telling amounted to "social Darwinism." "Make the rich richer, and that falls from the table will be enough for the middle class and those who are trying desperately to work their way into the middle class."

He then provided a history of the Republican and Democratic parties that would make Parson Weems blush at its simple-mindedness. The difference between Democrats and Republicans has always been measured in courage and

confidence," he said. Republicans "believe that the wagon train will not make it to the frontier unless some of the old, some of the young, some of the weak are left behind by the side of the trail." Democrats, by contrast, "believe that we can make it all the way with the whole family intact, and we have more than once." Maybe the governor should have reviewed his party's history from the 1850s through the 1880s to see just how inclusively it defined the American family.

He returned to 1984. The Democratic Party, which had "saved this nation from depression, from fascism, from racism, from corruption, is called upon to do it again"—and to save it "most of all from the fear of a nuclear holocaust." This part of the speech doesn't hold up well. Cuomo makes it sound as though re-electing Reagan would lead to a civilization-ending inferno. It was hysterical at the time, and quite quickly proven wrong. The Berlin Wall came down five years later.

Cuomo's speech also offered an explanation in advance for Reagan's re-election. After describing Reagan's record as he saw it, Cuomo added, "That its disastrous quality is not more fully understood by the American people I can only attribute to the President's amiability and the failure by some to separate the salesman from the product." These are explanations that losing political movements often find tempt-

ing: Our opponents are just too slick, and the American people too stupid. (Some conservatives resorted to these excuses when Bill Clinton was a popular president, and when Barack Obama was re-elected.)

It was a speech full of nostalgia for the Democratic triumphs of previous decades and lamentations for the Republican depredations of the present. But it offered nothing for the future. Cuomo said nothing about how the country should be governed to meet the challenges of the 1980s.

On the strength of such speeches, Cuomo got a reputation as a kind of American Cicero. He was "probably the nation's most gifted philosopher-politician," David Nyhan wrote in the Boston Globe in 1999. Yet this speech, and perhaps even more the celebrations of it, showed just how badly the liberalism of the 1980s needed reform—and how incapable of providing it Cuomo would have been even if he were interested.

Which is why Reagan won a landslide that year and changed the direction of the country over the course of his career, while Cuomo is remembered mostly as an eloquent spokesman for a moribund cause.

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# NHL/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Sharks prevail in final seconds

### NHL scoreboard

#### Eastern Conference

Team	Atlantic Division				Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT			
Montreal	39	26	11	2	53	118	94
Tampa Bay	41	25	12	4	54	134	108
Detroit	39	20	9	4	49	109	99
Toronto	40	21	16	3	45	130	122
Boston	40	19	6	4	44	104	108
Florida	37	17	11	9	43	97	97
Ottawa	38	16	15	7	39	102	105
Buffalo	40	14	23	3	31	77	136

Team	Metropolitan Division				Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT			
Pittsburgh	39	24	11	3	53	118	94
N.Y. Islanders	39	26	12	1	53	121	109
Washington	40	20	11	7	47	112	99
N.Y. Rangers	36	21	11	4	46	113	90
Columbus	37	17	17	3	37	96	119
Philadelphia	39	14	18	7	35	106	120
New Jersey	41	14	20	7	36	90	117
Carolina	39	12	23	4	26	77	102

#### Western Conference

Team	Central Division				Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT			
Nashville	38	25	9	4	54	116	88
Chicago	39	26	11	2	54	124	85
St. Louis	39	23	13	3	49	118	99
Winnipeg	40	20	14	4	47	103	96
Dallas	38	19	14	6	42	119	124
Minnesota	37	18	15	4	40	104	106
Colorado	39	15	16	8	35	101	117

Team	Pacific Division				Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT			
Anaheim	37	22	12	3	58	115	110
Vancouver	37	22	12	3	47	109	98
San Jose	40	21	14	5	48	109	95
Los Angeles	40	19	12	9	47	112	103
Calgary	40	21	16	3	46	115	105
Arizona	38	15	13	9	35	102	124
Edmonton	40	9	22	9	27	88	135

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

**Sunday's games**  
 Carolina 2, Boston 3, SO  
 Anaheim 4, Nashville 3, SO  
 Washington 4, Florida 3  
 Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 2  
 Chicago 5, Dallas 4, OT  
 Columbus 4, Colorado 3  
 Edmonton 5, N.Y. Islanders 2

**Monday's games**  
 San Jose 3, Winnipeg 2

**Tuesday's games**  
 Buffalo at New Jersey  
 Ottawa at Philadelphia  
 Tampa Bay at Montreal  
 Carolina at Nashville  
 San Jose at Minnesota  
 Colorado at Chicago  
 Columbus at Dallas  
 St. Louis at Arizona  
 Detroit at Edmonton  
 N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver

**Wednesday's games**  
 Washington at Toronto  
 Boston at Pittsburgh  
 Detroit at Calgary  
 N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim

**Monday**

**Sharks 3, Jets 2**

San Jose	1	1	1-3
Winnipeg	1	0	1-2

**First Period**—1, San Jose, Burns 11 (Marleau, Couture), 2-53 (pp), 2, Winnipeg 5 (Lisio, Wheeler), 5:17 (pp), 1-25.

**Second Period**—3, San Jose, Karlsson 3 (Gowells, Burns), 4:15.

**Third Period**—4, Winnipeg, Harrison 2 (Lowry, Frolk), 4:03 (pp), 5, San Jose, Vasic 5 (Couture, Pawelski), 1:55.

**Shots on Goal**—San Jose 13-12-12—37, Winnipeg 4-9-6—19.

**Power-play opportunities**—San Jose 1 of 7; Winnipeg 2 of 3.

**Goalies**—San Jose: Niemi 16-9-4 (19 shots-17 saves), Winnipeg: Hutchinson 10-4-2 (27-34).

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**Calendar**

Jan. 22-26 — All-Star break.



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San Jose's Marc-Edouard Vasic, left, celebrates with Joe Pavelski after Vasic scored the game-winner against Winnipeg with 4.5 seconds remaining in Monday's game in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



LENNY IGONELZI/AP

Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota didn't panic when the Ducks suffered their only loss this season, 31-24 to Arizona. Instead, Oregon focused and is now one victory from a national championship.

# Ducks learned valuable lesson from only defeat

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
 The Associated Press

**W**HEN THE OREGON Ducks look back at their lone loss of the season, sure there's lingering disappointment, but not a lot of second-guessing.

Instead, some players have pointed to the Arizona loss as the turning point of their season, when they woke up and revised for their march to the national championship game.

"I think we learned a lot in terms of having that loss early in the year and kind of experiencing failure a little bit," quarterback Marcus Mariota said a few games afterward. "Now that we have had our backs against the wall, guys feel the need to fight, play loose and play with high intensity."

Lesson learned, Oregon will play for the national title next Monday night against Ohio State in Arlington, Texas. The second-seeded Ducks (13-1) defeated Florida State in college football's first playoffs to advance, while the fourth-seeded Buckeyes (13-1) upset Alabama.

Back in early October, Oregon was undefeated and ranked second in The Associated Press poll.

The Ducks were boosted by a key victory earlier in the season over Michigan State and looking to avoid the pitfalls that had thwarted them the season before, when late-season losses against Arizona and Stanford took them out of a BCS bowl game for the first time since 2008.

The Wildcats were also undefeated, but unranked and 24-



LENNY IGONELZI/AP

**Coach Mark Helfrich has Oregon in the national title game in only his second season as head coach.**

point underdogs. And the game was at Autzen Stadium, where the Ducks hadn't lost since 2012.

Oregon led 7-3 at halftime before Arizona freshman Nick Wilson ran for a pair of touchdowns and caught another to build a 24-14 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Ducks rallied with a field goal and Mariota's touchdown pass to Keanon Lowe to tie

the game with 8:21 left.

With Arizona driving downfield, Tony Washington was called for unsportsmanlike conduct to give the Wildcats a first down. Then a pass interference call paved the way for Terris Jones-Grigsby's go-ahead 1-yard touchdown.

On Oregon's ensuing series, Mariota was sacked and stripped of the ball by Scooby Wright, giving the Wildcats the 31-24 win.

Afterward, senior cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, who decided to stay at Oregon for a final year in part to give a national championship one more shot, was the voice of reason.

"Every loss is a test of our character to see how we respond. Not every team in college football is going to go undefeated so everyone has to learn from their losses and get better," he said.

On Monday, the Ducks held a media day back home in Eugene, where they'll practice before heading to the Dallas area on Friday in preparation for the title game.

Coach Mark Helfrich was asked about the Arizona loss, and how the Ducks overcame that disappointment. He chalked it up to the process.

"We believe very much in what we're doing. Our guys believe very much in what we're doing and how we're doing it," Helfrich said. "There's always — from the media's perspective or the fans' perspective — second-guessing. In our world that's evaluation."

"You go back and evaluate why something happened. And you fix it."

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## ACC, Big 12 get 2 Top 25 matchups

By AARON BEARD  
The Associated Press

The Atlantic Coast Conference and Big 12 are getting in some early marquee games that will impact their league title chances.

Each conference has a pair of games featuring two ranked teams this week. Those games highlight the week ahead for AP Top 25 squads as the league regular-season play pushes into its second heavy weekend.

In the ACC, a week that began with No. 13 Notre Dame's win at No. 18 North Carolina on Monday night will include a pair of big Saturday games.

Fifth-ranked Louisville (13-1, 1-0) travels to No. 18 North Carolina (11-4, 1-1), then No. 3 Virginia (13-0, 1-0) visits No. 13 Notre Dame (15-1, 3-0) that evening. As for the league's other ranked team, second-ranked Duke (13-0, 1-0) plays two road games against in-state opponents, first traveling to Wake Forest on Wednesday then to North Carolina State on Sunday.

The week could be particularly big for the Fighting Irish, who beat UNC 71-70 on Monday night to reach 3-0 in league play for the first time — Big East or ACC.

"I always said we could create an identity in this league like we had in the Big East," coach Mike Brey said. "I was very proud of our consistency. We've not yet done that in this league. We're still earning our stripes every day."

In the Big 12, No. 12 Kansas (11-2) plays its league opener at No. 21 Baylor (11-2, 0-1) on Wednesday then No. 14 West Virginia (14-1, 2-0) hosts No. 17 Iowa State (10-2) in the Cyclones' first Big 12 game Saturday.

**Wildcats return:** Kentucky (13-0) has had plenty of time to focus on improving in practice. Now the top-ranked Wildcats are returning to the court after a week off.

Kentucky, the unanimous No. 1 for the fifth straight week, hasn't played since a 58-50 win against Louisville on Dec. 27. The Wildcats open Southeastern Conference play at home against Mississippi on Tuesday night.

"We've had a little bit of a break here," Kentucky coach John Calipari said, "and I'm anxious to see how we respond."

**Big East matchup:** There's one other meeting of ranked teams this week. Eighth-ranked Villanova (13-1, 1-1) faces No. 24 St. John's (11-3, 0-2) in New York's Madison Square Garden on Tuesday.

Both teams are looking to rebuild some momentum. Villanova suffered its first loss over the weekend to Seton Hall, which debuted in the poll at No. 19. St. John's had the biggest slide of the week, down nine spots after losing to Seton Hall and then Butler.

**Monarchs' debut:** No. 25 Old Dominion (12-1, 0-0) Conference USA) is in the poll for the first time in program history. The Monarchs take the court as a ranked team for the first time on Thursday night against Marshall.

**Following up:** Oklahoma, ranked No. 16, is coming off a dominating 70-49 win at No. 10 Texas on Monday night for the program's first road win against a top-10 team since 1993. The Sooners (11-3, 2-0) don't play again until Saturday's against Kansas State.



MICHAEL THOMAS/AP

Oklahoma guard Jordan Woodard, front, is tied up by Texas forward Jordan Barnett, back, during the second half on Monday in Austin, Texas. The No. 16 Sooners beat the No. 10 Longhorns 70-49.

## Roundup

## Sooners embarrass No. 10 Texas

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Baffled. Embarrassed. Panic.

Texas coach Rick Barnes and his players searched Monday night for the right words to describe a humiliating rout at the hands of rival No. 16 Oklahoma. All will explain part of what happened in a 70-49 loss. None will sit well in figuring out where the No. 10 Longhorns go from here.

Buddy Hield scored 13 points, four other Sooners scored in double figures, and Oklahoma forced Texas into a school-record low for points in a half in a Big 12 game. Oklahoma led 53-14 at halftime and the game was effectively over.

"That was embarrassing, they came in here and took us out of everything," Texas forward Jonathan Holmes said. "Tonight was about toughness and having some pride ... They really punched us in the mouth."

Barnes may have to nurse his team back into believing they can still challenge for the league title after a lethargic performance and one of the worst home losses in a years.

"I don't think we showed any kind of toughness. I don't think we showed any kind of fight," Barnes said.

Texas fans stuck around for a while hoping for rally, but only a few thousand were left by the time the Sooners had put the finishing touches on humiliating the Longhorns on their home court.

"We were just telling each other don't let them come back. Stay focused, stay humble," said Sooners forward TaShawn Thomas, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Two years ago, the Sooners let Texas rally from 22 points down in the second half to win in overtime. That rally was sparked after an Oklahoma player flashed and upside-down "Hook'em Horns" hand sign after an emphatic dunk.

Oklahoma was much more methodical in putting away the Longhorns this year, giving them no chance at a comeback.

Oklahoma (11-3, 2-0) beat a top 10 team on the road for the first time since 1993 and could get a huge confidence boost at the start of the Big 12 schedule. The Sooners also tied their largest margin of victory over Texas on the road in the history of the rivalry, matching a 21-point win in 2001.

"We haven't been playing well for the past couple weeks," Texas guard Demarcus Holland said. "We have to start figuring out who we are, get back to the basic of how we started: playing defense and out-rebounding teams."

**No. 13 Notre Dame 71, No. 18 North Carolina 70:** Zach Auguste scored off a rebound with 1:07 left to help the visiting Irish hold off the Tar Heels.

Auguste got the lead back for Notre Dame (15-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which had led by 11 points in the second half only to see the Tar Heels (11-4, 1-1) briefly push ahead. Then Notre Dame survived two shots by preseason All-American Marcus Paige in the final seconds, the last a desperate three-point heave that wasn't close as the horns sounded.

Notre Dame 15-3-0 in league play for the first time — Big East or ACC — and off to its best start in 15 seasons over Mike Brey.

**No. 14 West Virginia 78, Texas Tech 67:** Juwan Staten scored 16 points and Devin Williams added 14 to lead West Virginia past host Texas Tech.

Staten scored all but three of his points in the second half. The Mountaineers (14-1, 2-0 Big 12) dominated inside, getting 36 points in the paint to 18 for the Red Raiders (10-5, 0-2).

**Michigan State 70, Indiana 50:** Denzel Valentine and Brandon Dawson bounced back after subpar games and helped host Michigan State explode past Indiana.

Valentine scored 15 points, 11 more than in a double-overtime loss to Maryland last Tuesday, and Dawson added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Spartans (10-5, 1-1 Big Ten).

Michigan State raced to a 19-4 lead, went up 32-13 late in the first half and built a 30-point cushion with 13:13 to play. The Spartans were quicker at both ends of the court and had a 50-28 edge on the boards.

**Iowa 70, Nebraska 59:** Aaron White had 23 points, Gabe Olaseni scored a career-high 18 and host Iowa beat Nebraska for its first 2-0 start in the Big Ten in 12 years.

Jarrod Uthoff had 15 for the Hawkeyes (11-4, 2-0 Big Ten), who prevailed thanks largely to a 31-13 edge on made free throws.

Nebraska's Shavon Shields led all scorers with 25 points. But the Cornhuskers (8-6, 0-2) had just two points in the final 2:43, and Iowa held Cornhuskers star Terran Petteway to just 11 points.

Iowa holds the rare distinction of two road wins over ranked opponents after winning at Ohio State last week.



NBA ROUNDUP

# Mavs top Nets in OT for sixth straight win

Nowitzki nets 15, moves to No. 7 on scoring list

By The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Dirk Nowitzki made a clinching three-pointer in overtime that moved him into seventh place on the NBA's career scoring list, and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Brooklyn Nets 96-88 on Monday night to match their season high with a sixth straight victory.

Monta Ellis scored 19 points and made a pair of jumpers early in overtime before consecutive three-pointers by Chandler Parsons and Nowitzki made it 96-88 with 34 seconds to play. That gave Nowitzki 15 points for the game and 27,412 in his career, moving him past Moses Malone into the No. 7 spot.

"I'm proud of it but more proud that we got the win," he said.

Rajon Rondo shot 1-for-13 for two points but had 14 assists and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who have the longest current winning streak in the NBA. Tyson Chandler finished with 14 points and 13 boards.

Brook Lopez had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Nets but faded after an 18-point first quarter. Jarrett Jack had 20 points and 10 assists.

The Nets were without Deron Williams (sore left side) and Kevin Garnett, who rested on the second night of back-to-back games, and dropped their second straight after winning three in a row.

**Hawks 107, Clippers 98:** Paul Millsap scored 23 points, Jeff Teague added 20 and Atlanta pulled away from host Los Angeles in the fourth quarter to earn its seventh straight road victory.

DeMarre Carroll had 17 points and eight rebounds, and Al Horford scored 16 for the East-leading Hawks, who won their fifth in a row and 19th in 21 games.

Blake Griffin had 26 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Clippers, whose biggest lead of nine came at the start of the game.

**Warriors 117, Thunder 91:** Harrison Barnes scored a season-high 23 points and grabbed seven rebounds, and Golden State used a smothering defensive effort to rout visiting Oklahoma City.

Klay Thompson and Stephen Curry scored 19 points each as the NBA-best Warriors (27-5) bottled up Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and the Thunder. Golden State held Oklahoma City to 30.6 percent shooting.

The Thunder acquired shooting guard Dion Waiters from Cleveland in a three-team trade that was announced during the game. Oklahoma City sent the Cavaliers a protected 2015 first-round draft pick and moved reserve Lance Thomas to the New

York Knicks.

**Bulls 114, Rockets 105:** Pau Gasol had 27 points and 14 rebounds, Jimmy Butler scored 22 and host Chicago rallied for its 13th win in 15 games.

Derrick Rose added 19 points, Nikola Mirotic had 17 and the Bulls outscored the Rockets 19-5 over the final 3:19.

Josh Smith led Houston with 21 points. James Harden scored 20, but the Rockets lost for the fourth time in six games.

**7ers 95, Cavaliers 92:** Tony Wroten scored 20 points and hit the go-ahead layup with 9.1 seconds left to lift host Philadelphia over short-handed Cleveland.

Kevin Love had 28 points and 19 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who didn't have LeBron James and Kyrie Irving because of injuries. They lost Dion Waiters and two reserves shortly before tipoff because of a three-team trade with New York and Oklahoma City.

**Grizzlies 105, Knicks 83:** Mike Conley scored 14 of his 22 points in the third quarter, and host Memphis sent depleted New York to its record-tying 12th straight loss.

New York played without injured starters Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire. The Knicks were also missing J.R. Smith and Iman Shumpert, who were traded to Cleveland.

**Trail Blazers 98, Lakers 94:** Damian Lillard scored 39 points and made the go-ahead basket with 36 seconds remaining as host Portland rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half to beat Los Angeles.

Lillard hit four three-pointers, and scored 16 points during the fourth quarter to lead the Trail Blazers (27-8). He has scored at least 39 points in three of his past nine games.

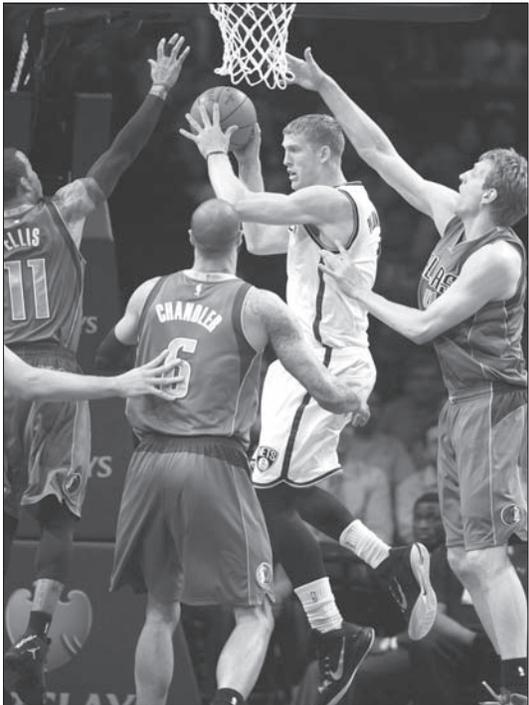
**Wizards 92, Pelicans 85:** John Wall had 15 points and 12 assists, and Washington ended its longest skid of the season at three games with a victory over host New Orleans.

Paul Pierce scored 14 points on 6-for-8 shooting for the Wizards, who had five players in double figures. Andre Miller added 12 points, and Marcin Gortat and Kris Humphries each had 10.

**Hornets 104, Celtics 95:** Kemba Walker scored 20 of his 33 points in the second half and Cody Zeller finished with a career-high 20 on a perfect shooting night, carrying visiting Charlotte over Boston.

It was just the second win in seven games for the Hornets, who learned last week that leading scorer Al Jefferson will be sidelined for about three more weeks with a left groin injury.

**Nuggets 110, Timberwolves 101:**



KATHY KMONICK/AP

Nets center Mason Plumlee is surrounded by Mavericks Monta Ellis, left, Dirk Nowitzki, right, and Tyson Chandler on Monday. Dallas won 96-88 in overtime.

Arron Afflalo scored 34 points to help Denver hand host Minnesota its 12th straight loss.

J.J. Hickson had 16 points and 11 rebounds and the Nuggets shot 55 percent to cruise past the Timberwolves (5-28), by far the worst team in the Western Conference.

**Pacers 105, Jazz 101:** Roy Hibbert scored 22 points to help Indiana outlast host Utah.

Hibbert, who got into a skirmish with the Lakers' Carlos Boozer in a one-point loss at Los Angeles on Sunday, again played with a fiery edge and repeatedly went over 7-foot-1 Rudy Gobert for inside baskets before fouling out in the final minute.

Derrick Favors had 27 points and 11 rebounds and Gordon Hayward scored 24 for the Jazz, who were missing starting point guard Trey Burke (sprung throat) and center Enes Kanter (sprained ankle).

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**Cleveland's Dion Waiters, right, drives past Dallas' Devin Harris during a game Sunday. The Cavaliers traded Waiters to Oklahoma City on Monday and acquired two guards from New York.**

# Cavs send Waiters to Thunder, get two from Knicks

By TOM WITHERS  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cavaliers tried to make it work with Dion Waiters. They couldn't wait any longer.

Cleveland traded the shooting guard to Oklahoma City on Monday night and acquired guards J.R. Smith and Iman Shumpert from the New York Knicks in a three-team deal.

A disappointing 19-16 after losing at Philadelphia, the Cavs dealt Waiters to the Thunder in exchange for Oklahoma City's protected 2015 first-round pick. Also, the Cavs sent reserves Lou Amundson and Alex Kirk and their 2019 second-round pick to the Knicks, who are 5-32 and desperate to clear salary-cap space.

New York also received forward Lance Thomas from Oklahoma City.

The Cavs have been ravaged by injuries in superstar LeBron James' first season back in Cleveland and needed to shake things up. The team had discussed moving Waiters, the No. 4 overall pick, over the past two years and finally struck a deal. Both James and All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving sat out against the Sixers because of injuries.

Waiters was pulled from the starting lineup in Philadelphia — his hometown — shortly before the Cavs lost to the lowly 76ers, who got their first home win. The 6-foot-4 Waiters began the season in Cleveland's starting lineup, but was removed after three games. He made some defensive strides, but too often Waiters seemed mostly concerned about scoring.

"Dion is a talented player with potential ahead of him," Cavs general manager David Griffin said. "Trades like this are always difficult to make because there are relationships and bonds built and that was the case with Dion.

At the same time, we've very excited to welcome Iman and J.R. to Cleveland. With their size and versatility, we think both Iman and J.R. can help our team on both ends of the court and we look forward to them joining us."

The mercurial Smith, who has never been afraid to shoot, could give Cleveland's bench the offensive boost first-year coach David Blatt has been looking for all season.

Shumpert, who has been sidelined with a dislocated shoulder, is regarded as a solid perimeter defender. He had been starting before his injury, averaging 9.9 points, and will probably start for Cleveland.

Cleveland remains in the market for a big man and has assets remaining to pull off another deal. The Cavs are entering a tough part of their schedule with a home game on Wednesday against Houston before a five-game West Coast trip.

The Thunder, who have had their own injury issues, believe Waiters can bring immediate help. Waiters is versatile, can score and should add some firepower to Oklahoma City's second unit.

"Dion Waiters is a player that we've tracked and liked since his time at Syracuse, in the NBA, and with USA Basketball," general manager Sam Presti said.

New York's season is as good as over, and moving Smith and Shumpert will give Knicks President Phil Jackson some future flexibility, maybe quiet the booing in Madison Square Garden and relieve some of the pressure on rookie coach Derek Fisher.

The moves will allow him to trim more millions off the salary cap, which will allow them to pursue free agents this summer. The team released center Samuel Dalembert and is expected to do the same with Amundson and Kirk.

## Briefly

# Maple Leafs fire Carlyle

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Randy Carlyle was fired as coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs on Tuesday following a road trip in which the team lost five of seven games and showed few signs it would regain the promise from earlier in the season.

The dismissal comes after 40 games, with Toronto 21-16-3, fourth in the Atlantic Division and holding one of the two wild-card spots in the Eastern Conference. The Maple Leafs have struggled on defense and played erratically.

"I think we'd all agree we've had some good periods, good stretches, but I don't think I can stand here in front of you and say that we've been consistent," general manager Dave Nonis said at a news conference. "We just felt at this point this was the right time to make the change and move ahead and try to get this team back playing like we have played for periods this season."

Assistants Steve Spott and Peter Horacek will be behind the bench for Wednesday's game against the Washington Capitals. Horacek ran the first practice since the firing. Nonis did not indicate if or when the Leafs might hire a full-time head coach. Horacek and/or Spott could handle the job for the rest of the season.

Carlyle, who was informed of management's decision Monday night, went 91-78-19 in 183 games over parts of four seasons. He won the Stanley Cup as coach of the Anaheim Ducks in 2007.

He is the fourth NHL coach fired this season.

## Sharapova advances; Bouchard tops Serena

BRISBANE, Australia — Ser-

ena Williams and Maria Sharapova were playing in tournaments on opposite sides of Australia, their form veering in opposite directions.

The second-ranked Sharapova opened her 2015 season by winning nine straight games in a 6-0, 6-1 win over Yaroslava Shvedova on Tuesday in the second round of the Brisbane International. The Russian had a bye in the first round at the season-opening WTA event in the sub-tropical east coast city, where Serena Williams won the title in 2014 but skipped this year in favor of the Hopman Cup in Perth.

A day after joking about the "miracle coffee" she needed to perk her up during her opening match at the Hopman Cup, top-ranked Williams slumped to a 6-2, 6-1 loss to Eugenie Bouchard of Canada. The Canadians clinched the Group A match against the United States when Vasek Pospisil beat John Isner 6-3, 7-6 (4) in the men's singles.

## FIFA VP to challenge Blatter for presidency

GENEVA — FIFA vice president Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein of Jordan will stand for election in a bid to oust Sepp Blatter as leader of football's scandal-hit world governing body.

The 39-year-old Prince Ali declared his intention Tuesday to run as a candidate in the FIFA presidential election on May 29 in Zurich, where Blatter has pledged to seek a fifth mandate at age 79.

During Blatter's 17-year leadership, FIFA has been rocked by bribery allegations in presidential and World Cup hosting elections, kickbacks paid to senior officials and World Cup ticket scams.

## South Korea: No Games sharing with North

SEOUL, South Korea — The 2018 Winter Olympics have ruled out the possibility of sharing some events with North Korea.

Gangwon Province governor Choi Moon-soon said in a statement Monday that it would be "realistically impossible" for Olympic host Pyeongchang to share some of the competitions with North Korea.

Choi said fielding a unified Korean team would be as far as South Korea could go in using the Olympics to promote peace between the countries.

## US team skiers killed in Austrian avalanche

Two young American ski racers were killed Monday in an avalanche in the Austrian ski resort of Soelden, the U.S. Ski Team said.

Ronnie Berlack, 20 and Bryce Astle, 19, were skiing with a group of four others on the 3,056-metre Gaislachkogel mountain near the team's Alpine training base. The group appeared to have set off the avalanche when they skied off the prepared slope. The four other athletes skied clear.

"Ronnie and Bryce were both outstanding ski racers who were passionate about their sport — both on the race course and skiing the mountain," said U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association president and chief executive Tiger Shaw.

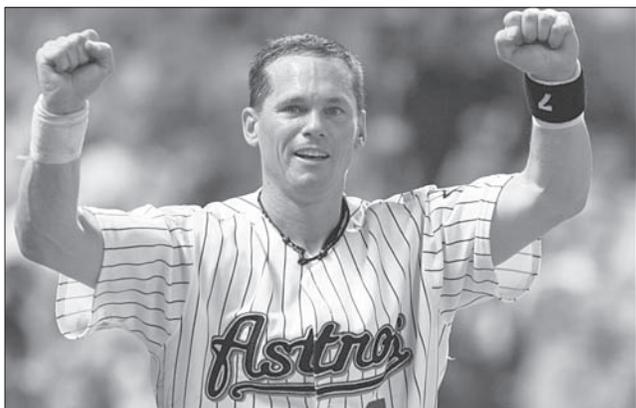
Berlack was named to the Park City, Utah-based U.S. Ski Team's Development Team in 2013. Astle was new to the team this season.



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The Toronto Maple Leafs fired head coach Randy Carlyle, top center, on Tuesday after a road trip where the team lost five of seven games.

## BASEBALL/NFL



PAT SULLIVAN/AP

Craig Biggio acknowledges the Houston Astros crowd after getting his 3,000th career hit in a game against the Colorado Rockies. Biggio was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame on Tuesday.

# Biggio joins trio of aces in Hall's four-man class

## Johnson, Martinez, Smoltz elected on first ballot

By RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — First-ballot pitchers Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and John Smoltz headline a Baseball Hall of Fame class that is the biggest in 60 years.

Joining those three pitchers, who were utterly dominant in an era of artificially bulging statistics for hitters, is Craig Biggio, who made it on the third attempt after falling two votes shy last year.

The quartet will be inducted in Cooperstown on July 26. The Baseball Writers' Association of America had not given four players the necessary 75 percent in a single year since selecting Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons and Dizzy Vance in 1955.

Five were elected at the same time on just one occasion, and that was the initial Hall class of 1936.

Johnson, Martinez and Smoltz stood out among the 17 newcomers to the ballot.

The reed-thin, scraggly-haired Johnson is a five-time Cy Young Award winner — four in a row from 1999-2002 — with 303 wins and 4,875 strikeouts. The Big Unit came up big in the postseason, too, sharing MVP honors in the 2001 World Series with Arizona Diamondbacks teammate Curt Schilling.

Johnson was selected on 534 of 549 ballots. His 97.3 percentage was the eighth-highest in the history of voting.

Martinez's antics off the field

were nearly as enthralling as an ever-elusive changeup that helped him to three Cy Youngs — two AL, one NL — and a 2.93 ERA in 18 years. He helped bring the Boston Red Sox their first World Series championship in 86 years.

He appeared on 500 ballots (91.1 percent).

Smoltz was a steady presence on the Atlanta Braves' staff for 20 seasons — including 14 straight division titles from 1991-2005 — winning the 1996 NL Cy Young. A career starter, Smoltz smoothly moved into the closer role for three full seasons and earned 154 saves. He was picked on 455 ballots (82.9 percent) and joins former teammates Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, last year's inductees along with Frank Thomas.

Biggio appeared on 454 ballots, 42 more than the 75 percent needed and up from 68.2 percent in his first appearance and 74.8 percent last year. He had 3,060 hits in 20 seasons, all with the Astros.

Except for Pete Rose (who is serving a lifetime suspension for betting on baseball and is not eligible for the Hall of Fame), Rafael Palmeiro (who was once suspended for performance-enhancing drugs and is no longer on the ballot) and Derek Jeter (who retired this past season with 3,465 hits and is eligible for the Hall in 2020), Biggio was the only player with 3,000 or more hits who had not been elected.

Mike Piazza, who has more homers than any other catcher in

big league history, fell 28 votes short but increased his percentage to 69.9 from 57.8 in 2013 and 62.2 last year.

With the ballot jammed by big names from the Steroids Era, the BBWAA has recommended to the Hall's board of directors that it increase the number of players each voter can select from 10 to 12. That change could come as soon as 2016.

Piazza and Jeff Bagwell (55.7 percent) are two players who have fallen under suspicion of performance-enhancing drugs use but were never caught up in any investigation. Perhaps an enhanced ballot of up to 12 votes per writer next year will give them the nudge they need if they fail this year.

Suspected and admitted users of performance-enhancing drugs have been on the ballot since Mark McGwire was a first-timer in 2007. But the real debate over PEDs and players' credentials heated up when otherwise certain locks Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens became eligible three years ago. Both glamour stars severely tarnished by steroid use accusations received about 37 percent of the vote this year.

Next year's ballot should open up some after the election of this year's jumbo class and the amended voting rules. There is one sure thing in the 2016 group: Ken Griffey, Jr. He will be joined by Trevor Hoffman, Billy Wagner and Jim Edmonds as the chief newcomers.

# Officiating chief offers call insight

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

A yellow flag is thrown. Dallas Cowboys fans groan. Detroit Lions fans rejoice.

Then it is picked up by the game officials. No penalty is called.

That one call-non-call on Sunday became the focal point of the wild-card round in the NFL playoffs.

With the Lions up 20-17 and in Dallas territory, referee Pete Morelli initially announced a defensive pass interference penalty on Cowboys linebacker Anthony Hitchens. Then the officials reversed themselves, leaving Detroit facing fourth down.

The Lions punted, and Dallas drove for the winning touchdown. Lions coach Jim Caldwell and quarterback Matthew Stafford were angry. Game broadcasters were puzzled. Fans were befuddled.

The disputed call was not subject to a replay review. Caldwell wonders if it's time to change that.

"I think without question it was probably not officiated correctly in my estimation," Caldwell said Monday. "Nevertheless, I do think in this day and age, with modern times where we have technology that can take out the human factor in certain key situations in big games, that we should use that technology to do so."

Unfortunately, NFL officiating crews have been in the spotlight too often this season. The latest incident brings up two significant questions:

■ Was there a lack of communication with a public that clamors for information — and deserves it?

■ Why would the NFL use "all-star" crews in its most important games, virtually eliminating the cohesion that helps officials during the regular season?

Dean Blandino, the NFL's officiating chief, has some answers. They're not likely to placate many.

Blandino told The Associated Press on Monday that Morelli erred in originally announcing the interference call before discussing it with the back judge

who made the call, and with other members of the crew. The head linesman, who was closer to the play, then "gave more information, and that from his perspective it was not enough contact [for pass interference] and that there was not enough contact that restricted the receiver [Lions tight end Brandon Pettigrew]."

"The mechanics we would prefer are that the conversation occurs before the initial announcement," Blandino said, "so there is one announcement and no confusion if a foul was committed or not."

Morelli made a second announcement saying there would be no penalty. Blandino believes TV viewers missed that call because, at the time Morelli was speaking, announcers Joe Buck and Troy Aikman were talking to Fox officiating commentator and former NFL director of officials Mike Pereira.

Even more of an issue, though, is the process for selecting officials for postseason games.

As part of the labor agreement between the league and the officials' union in 2012, the officials bargained for and received an individual-based assignment system. It will remain in effect until after next season, when Blandino believes it will be revisited.

The evaluation system has changed through the years. For many seasons, until 2004, full crews with the highest ratings for the regular season would earn playoff assignments. That changed to a hybrid system in '04 that allowed for eliminating lower-rated officials on some crews from working the playoffs.

Moving to the current "all-star" approach allows for officials rated highest at each position by supervisors to get the premium assignments. But it robs the crews working the critical playoff games of the continuity developed through a full preseason and regular season.

That seemed to hurt Morelli's bunch on Sunday; although four of the officials at the Detroit-Dallas game worked together previously, none had with Morelli in 2014.



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Cowboys linebacker Anthony Hitchens, left, blocks Lions tight end Brandon Pettigrew from the ball on Sunday during the fourth quarter.

# NFL PLAYOFFS

## Packers' McCarthy: Rodgers improving

By GENARO C. ARMAS  
The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Stoic defensive lineman Mike Daniels has trained his focus squarely on Dallas.

The bye week is over for the Green Bay Packers. It's time to get ready for a marquee matchup in the next round of the playoffs against the Cowboys.

"It was fun to sit back and actually watch some games knowing that I'm still playing," Daniels said Monday at Lambeau Field. "All that is over with. None of that matters at this point."

Coach Mike McCarthy had his team back on a normal game-week schedule after a three-day break last week to celebrate the new year. It was a time for rest, especially for quarterback Aaron Rodgers, who is recovering from a lingering left calf injury.

McCarthy said Rodgers was progressing. The franchise quarterback sat out two light practices last week, and McCarthy indicated that Rodgers may not return to the practice field until Thursday at the earliest, which might be the team's most important day for on-field work.

On Monday, McCarthy said Rodgers would be re-evaluated Wednesday to determine the plan for the rest of the week.

It doesn't appear the Packers are too worried about him. After getting carted to the locker room in the second quarter, a limping Rodgers returned to the field in the third quarter to lead Green Bay to a 30-20 victory over Detroit to win the NFC North.

The way he's been playing this season, Rodgers at less than 100 percent is still better than most quarterbacks in the league. While mobility could be an issue, Rodgers is a stickler for preparation on and off the field.

Offensive coordinator Tom Cle-



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ments noted that Rodgers didn't practice for about a month in 2008 because of a shoulder injury but still performed well.

"I don't know if we're going to have to worry about that," backup quarterback Matt Flynn said when asked if he would be ready if Rodgers can't go. "But, yeah, I'm a confident guy. I'm going to prepare this week just like I always do."

Flynn can draw from the confidence of leading the Packers from a 23-point halftime deficit to a 37-36 win last year at Dallas while playing for Rodgers, who had a collarbone injury. DeMarco Murray denied the Packers for 134 yards on 18 carries in that game.

This year, Murray is even better, leading the NFL with 1,845 yards running behind one of the top offensive lines in the league.

Sunday could turn into a shootout, even if Rodgers isn't at full speed. Handing off to Murray could help Dallas keep the ball out of Rodgers' hands.

"The Dallas Cowboys' run game is excellent. Murray is a big-time back. He's definitely a difference maker," McCarthy said.

But the Packers appear to have found some difference makers themselves against the run. The defense is allowing 360 yards a carry in the second half of the season, down from 4.78 in the first half.



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Denver's Brandon Marshall, left, practiced this week for the first time since getting hurt on Dec. 14.

## Broncos' veterans make good use of extra week

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Judging by the scarcity of players working with strength and conditioning coach Luke Richardson to the side, the bye week did the battered Denver Broncos an abundance of good.

Denver had listed 22 players on its injury report before the season finale against Oakland, when safety David Bruton Jr. and left guard Orlando Franklin sustained concussions.

Those were the only players who weren't between the lines Monday when the Broncos (12-4) began preparations for their playoff game against Indianapolis (12-5).

Most notable among them were Peyton Manning (age 37) and top tackler Brandon Marshall (sprained foot). Manning sat out all of last week's workouts and Marshall practiced for the first time since getting hurt at San Diego on Dec. 14.

"Yeah, it was much needed," said fourth-year safety Rahim Moore. "I needed it, our team needed it, especially guys like Peyton, who's been playing since I came out the womb."

Least that gets back to the five-time MVP. Manning might want to know Moore also compared him to a luxury sports car roaster, not an old jalopy.

Moore said the bye "was good for Peyton because it recharges him, makes him feel refreshed. He's an older guy. He needs it. You can't run a Ferrari—or no, a Bugatti—too much. He's our Bu-



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gatti. That's how Peyton is to his team, so you've got to give him some rest."

After the tuneup, the Broncos are eager to rev that engine again.

"We've got to get back to work," Moore said. "We went from 100 (mph) to zero. Now we're trying to get back to 100."

Joining Manning and Marshall on the practice fields wreathed by a good foot of snow were receivers Demaryius Thomas (ankle, finger), Emmanuel Sanders (back) and Wes Welker, all of whom missed the pair of indoor practices that preceded their three-day break.

Tight end Julius Thomas, who had three TD catches against Indy in the regular-season opener, was among the players who most appreciated the bye. He's been bothered by a bum ankle and hasn't reached the end zone since Nov. 9.

"It was a big week for me. It was good to get some rest," he said. "Every doctor will tell you the most important thing is rest, but it's tough to do in the middle of the season."

With their bye week coming back way in September, the Broncos felt that not having to play on wild-card weekend would do them a world of good.

"Our bye this year came way earlier than I've ever had a bye," coach John Fox said. "So, in some ways I think this year was even more important to have the bye. But it's like holding Jell-O. There is no perfect answer. Somebody mentioned six of the last nine Super Bowl champions came through the wild-card round. So, really, the key is just playing your best football when you get to the elite eight, however you get there."

Also back on the field was Pro Bowl safety T.J. Ward, who missed the season finale with a neck injury.

Although he didn't push it Monday, Marshall's return served to rejuvenate Denver's defense.

"It's good to see him out there," nose tackle Terrance Knighton said. "He's not quite himself yet, obviously. He didn't take much of the team reps but we'll be fine. It's still a long week, a lot of days left and he'll be ready by Sunday."

"Luckily, we've played well enough in the season to get a bye week, which helped us, because if we played last week, Brandon Marshall probably doesn't play and T.J. is probably a little rusty," Knighton said. "Those three days off allowed people to refocus and it's almost like a new season now."



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Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers, left, has been recovering from a calf injury but is expected to play against the Cowboys.

NFL PLAYOFFS

# Pats face familiar playoff foe in Ravens

By HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots waited a week only to learn that a familiar foe will be making a return visit.

An opponent with a history of playoff success in a stadium where the Patriots rarely lose.

The Baltimore Ravens will fly to Foxborough for Saturday's divisional game after their 30-17 wild-card win, also on the road, at Pittsburgh.

"There's experience against this team," Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said Monday. "We know a lot of their players and some of their schemes, but I think each time we've played them our team has been different, their team has been different."

Wild-card weekend began with the top-seeded Patriots (12-4) knowing they would face Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati. Had the Ravens lost to the Steelers, the Patriots would have played the winner of Sunday's game between the Colts and Bengals.

So Baltimore's win gave New England's coaches extra time to prepare. Players lifted weights Monday and resumed practice Tuesday.

Since Gillette Stadium opened in 2002, the Patriots' home record of 99-19, including the playoffs, is the best in the NFL. Now they have home-field advantage as long as they're in the conference playoffs.

The sixth-seeded Ravens (11-6) have stood up to the loud crowds and wintry elements in Foxborough before.

They've faced the Patriots



GENE J. PUSKAS/AP

**Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco, center, is pressured by Steelers outside linebacker James Harrison (92) during Saturday's wild-card playoff game. Baltimore won 30-17 and will go up against the New England Patriots in a divisional playoff game in Foxborough, Mass. The Ravens have faced the Patriots at Gillette Stadium three times in the past five postseasons and won twice.**

three times in the past five postseasons, all at Gillette, and won twice. Their only loss, 23-20, was clinched when Billy Cundiff lined up for a 32-yard field goal with 15 seconds left and shanked it in the AFC championship game in the 2011 season.

Ray Lewis, Ed Reed and Ray Rice are no longer with the Ravens

after facing the Patriots in all three playoff games. Logan Mankins, who also played in those games, and Wes Welker, who played in two, are gone from New England.

"Ultimately," McDaniels said, Saturday's game "I would assume would take on its own form."

Both teams are led by Super

Bowl-winning quarterbacks, Joe Flacco for the Ravens and Tom Brady for the Patriots.

Flacco has won his last five playoff games, throwing 13 touchdowns and no interceptions. He's operating with a new offensive coordinator this season, former Houston head coach Gary Kubiak.



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"I think you see an offense very similar to what you saw in Houston," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said, "but I'd say Flacco (is) one of the best deep-ball passers in the league with good deep receivers."

Brady is coming off two sub-par games, although the Patriots rested key players in the finale, a 17-9 loss to the Buffalo Bills, since they already had clinched the No. 1 seed.

With top receivers Rob Gronkowski and Julian Edelman inactive, Brady played only the first half, completing eight of 16 passes for 80 yards. He wasn't at his best the previous Sunday in a 17-16 win over the lowly New York Jets, completing 23 of 35 passes for 182 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He also was sacked four times.

Last Saturday, the Ravens sacked Ben Roethlisberger five times.

They have "a tremendous defense that plays well and forces you to go the long, hard route without giving up many big plays," McDaniels said. "It's a challenge at every level."

# Seattle overcomes challenge of early bye week

By TIM BOOTH  
The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — When the NFL schedule was released last April, the early date of the Seattle Seahawks' bye stuck out as potentially more of a challenge than a closing stretch of six games against mostly NFC West foes.

So in reality, the biggest victory this past weekend for the Seahawks had nothing to do with getting matched against Carolina in the NFC divisional playoff this Saturday.

It was getting a chance to sit at home and do nothing after 13 straight weeks of games.

"Last year it was a little different only because we had a week later in the season. I think we had a bye Week 12 or Week 13. And this year we had it maybe Week 5. That makes for a very, very long season," Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman said. "This one, I guess we needed it more, it helps us more this time around. Guys are banged up. Guys need a break on their bodies. I think we understood the sense of urgency throughout the season that we



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would need this. That's why we fought so hard those last couple of games. We want to win them regardless, but we recognized as a team what we needed to get to, to get that rest we needed."

The Seahawks took the weekend off before returning to practice Tuesday to begin preparations for hosting the Panthers. And there might not be a team outside the NFC West that Seattle has more familiarity with than the Panthers. The teams have met four times since coach Pete Carroll took over the Seahawks in 2010, including each of the last



TONY AVALAR/AP

**Head coach Pete Carroll and the Seahawks will host the Carolina Panthers in a divisional playoff game on Saturday. Seattle will be able to take a break after 13 straight weeks of games.**

three seasons in Charlotte.

While Seattle has won all three of those trips East, none have come easy. The Seahawks won 16-12 in 2012; 12-7 in the 2013 season opener; and earlier this

season needed a touchdown in the final minute for a 13-9 victory.

The Seahawks would be the first defending champion since 2005 to win a playoff game the following season if they can get

past the Panthers.

"Our bye being early in the year ... that's tough. It could have gone either way," Seattle QB Russell Wilson said. "It could have been a bad thing for us or a really good thing for us and I was telling the guys back then that it could be a really good thing for us because hopefully we could get on a roll and stay on that roll and sure enough we did."

Seattle should be close to full health when the Panthers arrive. The most important addition could be the return of center Max Unger after he missed the final six regular-season games with knee and ankle injuries suffered in the Week 11 loss at Kansas City.

Seattle has used Patrick Lewis and Lemuel Jeanpierre at center with Unger out. But Unger is Seattle's most experienced offensive lineman despite playing in just six games this season.

The Seahawks expect cornerback Tarold Simon and tight end Cooper Helfert to also be available after missing games at the end of the regular season.

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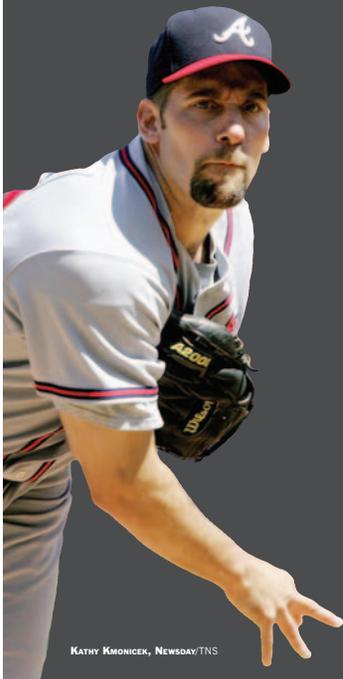
# Aces high

Trio of stellar pitchers Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and John Smoltz highlight 2015 class of Baseball Hall of Fame, gaining entry on their first ballots for Cooperstown. Also elected was former Astro Craig Biggio on his third attempt after falling two votes short last year.

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## John Smoltz

- Only pitcher in MLB history with more than 200 wins and 150 saves
- 15-4 with a 2.67 ERA in playoff appearances
- Eight-time All-Star



KATHY KRONICKER, NEWSDAY/TNS

## Randy Johnson

- Five-time Cy Young Award winner, including four in a row from 1999-2002
- Co-MVP, 2001 World Series
- Second all-time on strikeouts list with 4,875



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## Pedro Martinez

- Struck out 17 Yankees in one game in 1999, a feat never equalled
- Three-time Cy Young Award winner
- Led majors in ERA five times



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