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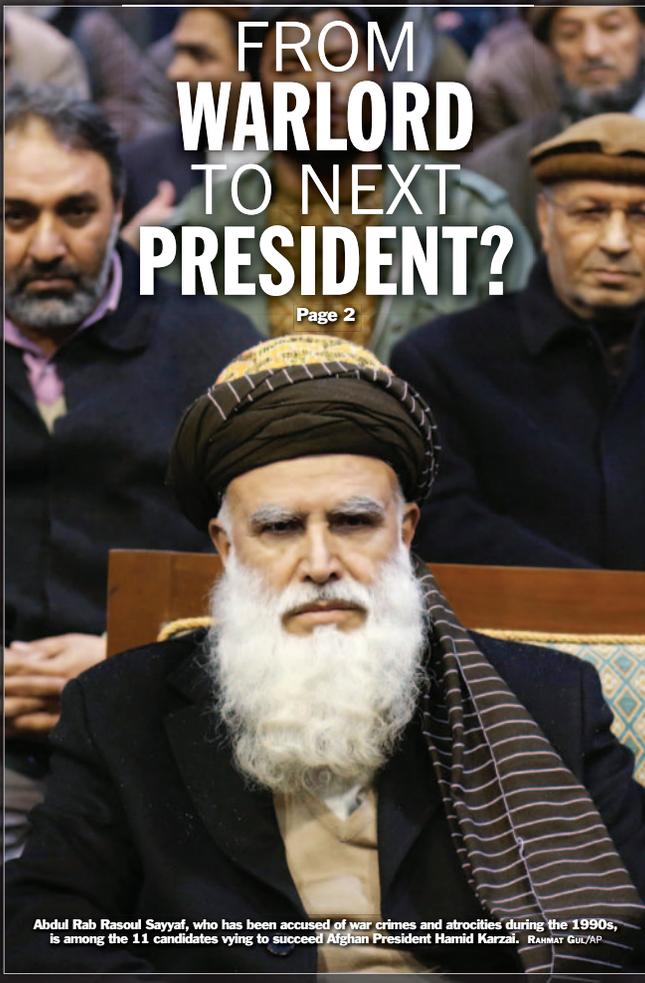
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Abdul Rab Rasouli Sayyaf, who has been accused of war crimes and atrocities during the 1990s, is among the 11 candidates vying to succeed Afghan President Hamid Karzai. RAHMAT GUL/AP

Hagel to establish ethics adviser job

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced Friday that he will assign to his senior staff a general officer who will report directly to him on issues related to military ethics, character and leadership.

The officer will also work directly with the service secretaries and the service chiefs and coordinate the actions of the services on these issues. Hagel will receive weekly reports from the Defense Department's senior officer and enlisted leadership on the progress DOD is making to tackle systemic ethics problems, he said.

"This will be an absolute top priority for the service secretaries, the service chiefs,

[chairman of the Joint Chiefs] General Dempsey and me," Hagel told reporters at the



Hagel

Pentagon. "I think we need to find out, is there a deep, wide problem? If there is, then what's the scope of that problem?"

How did this occur? Was it a constant focus of 12 years on two long land wars, taking our emphasis off some of these other areas? I don't know. We intend to find out."

Hagel said he has not yet selected the officer who will fill the position.

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AFGHANISTAN

Report: Insurgents blamed as civilian casualties mount

By HEATH DRUZIN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — Civilian casualties in Afghanistan rose 12 percent in 2013, with the non-combatant population continuing to take the brunt of the violence as international forces leave, the United Nations said in a report issued Saturday.

Insurgents were blamed for the vast majority of the 8,616 recorded civilian deaths and injuries, though an increasing number of civilians were caught in the crossfire between Afghan security forces and insurgents, according to the report by the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

"If civilians are being killed, and notably if they are targeted as civilians,

this is a crime and it might constitute a war crime, and eventually justice will come, sooner or later," UNAMA chief Jan Kubis said at a news conference.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said that the insurgent group rejected the report and that the U.N. was using it to bolster international and Afghan forces.

"We have always tried to avoid civilian casualties," he said.

While the war is winding down for international forces, which have been pulling out of the country ahead of the Dec. 31 deadline for the departure of all foreign combat troops, the report paints a stark picture of a conflict still in full swing.

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QUOTE
OF THE DAY

“Nobody thought of the border wall as possibly anything other than something to separate people. I transform it. I play it.”

— Glenn Weyant, who has turned the wall separating the United States from Mexico into an enormous musical instrument

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Ex-warlord campaigns to succeed Karzai

Islamist candidate Sayyaf could be a front-runner in Afghan election

By CASSANDRA VINOGRAD
The Associated Press

KABUL — He has been called a mentor to accused 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohamed and the man who welcomed Osama bin Laden to Afghanistan in the 1990s. He was accused of war crimes and atrocities and even has a terror group named after him in the Philippines.

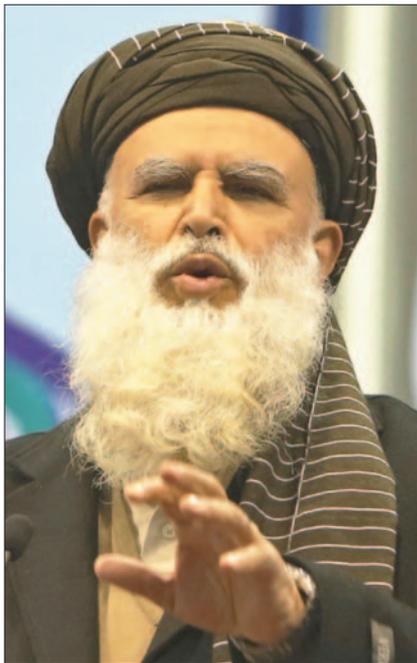
But these days, Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf has refashioned himself as an influential lawmaker, elder statesman and religious scholar — and possibly the next president of Afghanistan.

While Sayyaf is not the only former warlord among the 11 candidates in the April 5 election to succeed President Hamid Karzai, he appears to have sparked the greatest worry among Westerners because he is seen as having a viable chance at winning. Other front-runners include Abdullah Abdullah, who was the runner-up to Karzai in the disputed 2009 elections; Qayyum Karzai, a businessman and the president's older brother; and Ashraf Ghani, a former finance minister and academic.

“Afghanistan still depends on the goodwill of foreign donors for nearly all of its government's budget,” said Graeme Smith, senior Afghanistanal analyst with the Brussels-based International Crisis Group. “A Sayyaf win would probably really test those relationships because foreign donors might not be thrilled by some of his positions.”

Still, when Sayyaf appeared before thousands of supporters in Kabul on Thursday, he laid out a vision for Afghanistan's future that bore striking similarities to the policy platforms of many of the more moderate presidential hopefuls.

Staunchly anti-Taliban, Sayyaf spoke of the importance of fighting corruption and boosting security and the rule of law. He expressed an openness to signing a security deal with the U.S. as



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan presidential candidate and former Islamist warlord Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf attends an election gathering in Kabul on Thursday.

well as support for women to work in professions prohibited under the Taliban.

“We are surrounded by threats, therefore we need to have close relations and deep relations with the whole world,” Sayyaf said.

Pointing to the small number of women in the audience, he said, “Women, we will be sure to defend your rights and your dignity.”

An Islamic hardliner who is in his 60s and sports a white beard, Sayyaf enjoys a measure of support in Afghanistan, thanks to his party's deep political roots

and popularity in the east of the country.

“Sayyaf is probably in the eyes of many ordinary Afghans the candidate with the strongest religious credentials, with the greatest authority to speak on matters of religion,” Smith said. “We shouldn't count out Sayyaf and his power in the rural areas.”

Sayyaf struck a conciliatory tone toward the West at his rally Thursday, saying that while he would love to see Afghanistan stand on its “own legs,” now is not the time to shed foreign assistance.

Sayyaf background

Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf first became known in the 1980s for his role as a jihadi leader in the war against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. After the Soviet withdrawal, Sayyaf gained notoriety as a warlord during Afghanistan's civil war from 1992 until the Taliban takeover in 1996, leading an ethnic Pashtun militia allied with the Northern Alliance against the Taliban, who are also predominantly Pashtun.

Human Rights Watch has said Sayyaf was directly implicated in abductions and brutal targeting of civilians — namely minority ethnic Hazaras — during the 1990s. In recent years Sayyaf has pressed for legislation to bar war crimes trials for militia leaders.

The Abu Sayyaf, a terrorist organization in the Philippines, takes its name from him.

Equally alarming for the West, according to the 9/11 commission report, he was a mentor to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who is charged with aiding and planning the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Mohammed, a Pakistani citizen who grew up in Kuwait and attended college in Greensboro, N.C., has claimed to military authorities that he was responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks “from A to Z,” as well as about 30 other plots, and that he personally killed Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. Mohammed was captured in 2003 in Pakistan.

— Cassandra Vinograd

“We are in a very weak situation,” he said. “We need them.”

While he stopped short of endorsing a security deal with the U.S. on those grounds, he said that as president he would respect the decision of a council of tribal elders known as the Loya Jirga, which two months ago approved an accord that would allow a small number of U.S. troops to stay in Afghanistan after NATO combat troops withdraw at the end of this year.

“We are part of this nation,” Sayyaf said of the Loya Jirga, “and we support their decisions.”



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New No. 2 US commander takes reins in Afghanistan

By **CASSANDRA VINOGRAD**
The Associated Press

KABUL — The incoming No. 2 American commander in Afghanistan said Saturday that his immediate focus is on supporting upcoming Afghan elections — not on the possibility of U.S. troops remaining after the NATO-led combat mission ends.

At a ceremony in Kabul, Lt. Gen. Mark Milley handed over International Security Assistance Force Joint Command to Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson — the last such handover, as the mandate for the U.S.-led International Security Assistance Force expires at the end of 2014.

Afghan President Hamid Kar-

zai has delayed signing a deal that would allow some a small number of troops to stay in the country after NATO combat troops withdraw, creating friction with Washington.

The military has been pushing to keep up to 10,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan after 2014, but the White House says President Barack Obama won't leave any American forces in Afghanistan unless Karzai signs.

Gen. Joseph Dunford, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, noted "the difficult political challenges," saying in remarks at the change-of-command ceremony that the coalition's commitment to Afghanistan's success is "unwavering."

Anderson — who will run the day-to-day coalition campaign — acknowledged that the uncertainty surrounding the security deal gives him a "little bit of pause" but is ultimately a "longer term issue."

"Right now, the immediacy is supporting the elections and earlier fighting season and getting through all that through the summer," he said. "Then, based on whatever number we have to deal with, we will adjust."

"We'll deal with each step along the way," he added.

Afghanistan's presidential election is slated for April 5, and there are fears the Taliban will ramp up violence to sow fear in an attempt to disrupt voting.



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, second left, receives a military flag from Gen. Joseph Dunford during a change-of-command ceremony at the International Security Assistance Force base in Kabul on Saturday.

Civilians: Report draws correlation between rise in deaths, troop withdrawal

FROM FRONT PAGE

Of the 8,615 recorded civilian casualties in 2013, there were 2,959 deaths and 5,656 injuries, according to the report. The numbers put a damper on hopes of a downward trend after UNAMA's 2012 report showed civilian casualties dipped to 7,589 from 7,839 in 2011.

In addition, The Associated Press reported that the UNAMA said 561 children were killed and 1,195 were wounded in 2013, a rise of 34 percent in the combined number of casualties. Also last year, 235 women died and 511 were wounded, a rise of 36 percent in combined casualties.

Each year, UNAMA compiles its Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict report to document the war's toll on civilians.

Since 2009, when the U.S. troop surge began, more than 14,000 Afghan civilians have been killed and thousands more injured, the report says. From then until now, civilian casualties have generally been increasing. The recorded number of civilian casualties in 2013 was 44 percent greater than in 2009.

Bombs remained the biggest danger to civilians in 2013, according to the report, accounting for 34 percent of deaths and injuries. But the number of deaths and injuries due to crossfire between government forces and insurgents rose sharply as Afghan troops took over most of the day-to-fighting. Such violence accounted for 27 percent of civilian casualties in 2013.

The report draws a correlation between increased civilian casualties and the vacuum created by the withdrawal of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force and the closure of ISAF bases. This development, according to the report, has given insurgents more room to operate and attack Afghan forces.



PHOTOS BY RAHMAT GUL/AP

Above: Afghan men offer funeral prayers in front of the bodies of seven civilians killed last summer by a roadside bomb in the Alingar district of Laghman province, east of Kabul. Below: Civilians are treated at Ghani Khel district hospital after bombings in Jalalabad.

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The percentage of civilian deaths attributable to international forces. Afghan forces accounted for 8 percent of deaths. And the number of deaths blamed on ISAF airstrikes decreased by 10 percent from 2012, to 118.



"It's a direct impact of the lead of Afghan National Security Forces in the military operations," Kubis said.

ISAF released a statement supporting the report.

"Throughout 2014, we will work with our Afghan partners to ensure we continue to take all actions necessary to reduce civilian casualties," the statement said.

"Protecting Afghan civilians is the cornerstone of ISAF's mission."

International forces were blamed for 3 percent of civilian casualties, while Afghan forces accounted for 8 percent of such casualties, according to the report. The number of civilian casualties caused by ISAF airstrikes — a persistent drag on relations

between Afghanistan and its military allies — was down 10 percent, although they still accounted for 118 deaths and 64 injuries.

While the report called for increased vigilance from both Afghan and international forces, it focused its criticism on insurgent attacks and the Taliban's continued insistence that nonmilitary

government workers and supporters of the government are legitimate targets.

"These are clear violations of humanitarian law," UNAMA Human Rights Director Georgette Gagnon said at the news conference.

One of the biggest concerns addressed to ISAF in the report was a spike in the number of civilians killed and injured by unexploded ordnance in 2013. This was blamed on a failure to clear ordnance from firing ranges before bases were closed.

Afghan forces were chided for failing to document and report incidents in which their forces caused civilian casualties, and the Afghan Local Police — local militias paid by the government — were blamed for an increasing number of civilian casualties, including summary executions.

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MILITARY

Navy rebukes admirals over 2012 trip to UK

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK
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WASHINGTON — Amid a flurry of ethical scandals vexing the military comes a new transgression: The Navy has rebuked three admirals for taking a questionable trip to Britain and there-by flunking what it termed “the Washington Post Test.”

Unlike other cases of personal misconduct that have been dogging U.S. military leaders in recent years, this episode hardly amounted to a high crime. The admirals went on an official, seven-day trip to Britain in April 2012 that, to some eyes, seemed more about pleasure and less about business.

A whistleblower reported the trip to the Naval Inspector General, alleging that the three commanders were longtime pals, that they took along their wives and that it was perceived as “no more than a taxpayer financed vacation to London, England for six close friends to celebrate.” At the time, two of the Navy officers had just been selected for promotion to one-star admiral.

The anonymous whistleblower acknowledged that many aspects of the trip might be “technically legal” but asked Navy investigators whether it would “stand up to the Washington Post Test.” In other words, what if The Washington Post found out about it — would it provide embarrassing material for a news story?

In June, after a year-long investigation that resulted in a 68-page report and an extensive audit, every penny spent, the Naval Inspector General concluded that the admirals had flunked. It found that Rear Adms. Mark Heinrich, David Pimpo and Donald Singleton — each of whom held important Navy supply and logistics jobs — had violated federal travel regulations by staying at London hotels that cost more than \$400 per night and booking unnecessarily expensive flights.

The inspector general determined that there were legitimate business reasons for the trip, although it was a close call.

The British Royal Navy had issued a standing invitation for the visit. Over seven days, the U.S. admirals visited the British Ministry of Defense for two hours, spent half a day at the U.S. Embassy in London and visited several British Navy installations. At the same time, they did take along their wives (although not at taxpayer expense), arranged a leisurely visit to Bath and didn’t do any business during the weekend. When asked by the inspector general how the military benefit-

ed from the trip, Pimpo was a little vague, testifying that the purpose was “to talk to our counterparts about several issues that we had been working jointly.” Among other ideas, he said, he swapped pointers with the British about “how they train their cooks.”

The inspector general found a pattern of travel-related violations committed by Heinrich, who at the time was the commander of the Naval Supply Systems Command.

On the same day he returned to the United States from London, he took another taxpayer-paid flight to visit his alma mater, the University of Kansas. While there, he was inducted into the hall of fame of the school’s Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Department. He gave a speech, stayed the weekend and took in a football game.

The inspector general concluded that the award was “personal” and had little to do with his job at the Navy; that he spent \$321 more on airfare than he should have; and that he improperly accepted a gift from the university, a laser-engraved chair valued at \$338.

During the next five weeks, Heinrich took other business trips to Dallas, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Washington and Richmond. In each case, the Navy found minor violations of regulations.

Heinrich retired as a two-star admiral on Nov. 1. In a phone interview, he said he was not forced to retire and that the Navy did not discipline or punish him as a result of the investigation. He said the purposes of his trips were entirely legitimate.

“With all candor, it was never anything more than an administrative issue,” he said. “I think I served with distinction and did the Navy proud.”

Singleton is now serving as the Pacific Fleet’s deputy chief of staff for logistics. He did not respond to requests for comment placed through a Navy spokesman.

Pimpo is now commander of the Defense Logistics Agency’s Land and Maritime office in Columbus, Ohio. He did not respond to an email seeking comment nor to a request placed through a Navy spokesman.

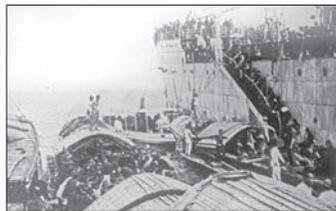
Although the inspector general report on the admirals was kept confidential, The Washington Post obtained it after filing a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all Naval Inspector General investigations into misconduct by admirals during the previous year.

The Navy released the report Thursday, four months after The Washington Post filed the request.



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David Colamaria, Naval History and Heritage Command’s photographic section archivist, examines a glass-plate photograph of Spanish Adm. Pascual Cervera taken in 1898 or 1899. The photo archives staff found a wooden box containing about 150 glass-plate photographs depicting scenes from the Spanish American and Philippine wars. They were likely prepared by a war correspondent for the San Francisco Examiner during the Philippine War. At left, an undated photo shows U.S. troops disembarking from a ship onto small boats near Cavite, Philippines, in 1898 or 1899.



Ethics: Expert says issue is complex

FROM FRONT PAGE

The latest revelation came to light Thursday when CNN reported that Brig. Gen. Martin Schweitzer is no longer allowed to brief Hagel because Schweitzer made inappropriate sexual comments about a congresswoman in an email he sent to Army colleagues. Schweitzer was a colonel with the 82nd Airborne Division when he sent the email. Schweitzer was promoted to general officer even though the Army knew about the email at the time of his promotion.

Hagel said that in the coming weeks, he and Dempsey will announce specific actions that the services will be taking.

“We’re going to continue to address [the problem] and we’re going to fix it,” he said.

But an ethicist says it’s a complex problem.

Dr. Ann Buchholtz, a professor of leadership and ethics at Rutgers Business School who gave a two-hour presentation on ethics at an Army leadership course in January, suggested that directives and admonitions by senior officials won’t be enough.

“The strongest effects are the immediate managers. We know that the biggest effect on how somebody behaves at work is the manager right above them, the ones they see every day. And that’s why it can be such a challenge to get a culture of ethics,” she said. “Senior leaders can’t do it alone.”

A recent cheating scandal

among nuclear launch officers at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., might be an example of that phenomenon. Nearly 100 missiles at the base were suspended after it was discovered that some officers cheated on a routine proficiency exam. But not all of those sidelined participated directly in the cheating; some just knew it was going on but didn’t report it to their commanders.

In addition, Buchholtz said using case studies and real examples of ethical dilemmas that people might find themselves in are much more effective tools than teaching abstract ethical concepts.

“Practice with scenarios — and typically they are experiences people really had and decisions people really had to make — and just walking through it and what would you do in that situation, that is the best preparation for doing the right thing later on,” she said.

In her business ethics courses at Rutgers, Buchholtz makes her students examine cases in which people did the right thing, as well as cases in which people made bad ethical decisions, so that they can learn from others’ experiences. Buchholtz has found that senior-level managers are typically more open to ethics training than more junior people.

“My experience has been ... that the more somebody has lived life, particularly if they’ve been in positions of responsibility, the more they want to know about

ethics, [especially] when they’ve had to make tough decisions,” she said. “If you’ve been in a situation where you’ve had to address an ethical dilemma, you want all the help you can get.”

Buchholtz said younger people used to be harder to teach, but the situation is improving.

“There can be [challenges], but what’s been interesting to me is that I think that’s shifting ... The millennial generation is different. I just don’t feel resistance in any way anymore, and that includes undergrad classes. They’re very receptive, very open. I think some of it might be generational, and I’ve heard that, and I have to admit my experience supports it. I also think the Great Recession might have affected people in that they’ve seen people suffer and it’s changed their outlook,” she said. “I find less resistance now than I might have 10 years ago.”

Buchholtz said an overworked military should use outside consultants to help them find ways to mitigate ethics problems.

“Anytime that you want to make decisions, you want to bring in a variety of perspectives [because] it gets people thinking,” she said. “Military people have their hands full with everything they do on an ongoing basis, so for somebody to come in who focuses on ethics all the time, that can help certainly to guide the discussion and bring fresh insight into it.”

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MILITARY

Army won't release Bales-related inquiry details

By ADAM ASHTON

The (Tacoma, Wash.) News Tribune

The Army is refusing to release its investigation into officers who commanded Staff Sgt. Robert Bales just before the soldier slipped out of his combat outpost and murdered 16 Afghan civilians two years ago.

The Defense Department last week denied Freedom of Information Act requests from The News Tribune of Tacoma, Wash. and KUOW, a National Public Radio member station in Seattle, seeking the investigation, which was an-

nounced by Gen. John Allen, the former top U.S. officer in Afghanistan, soon after the killings.

The denial says the document is not releasable because the Army has not taken "final action" on Bales' court-martial.

His trial concluded in August, when he was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to murdering civilians in two solitary nighttime forays from his combat outpost in southern Afghanistan. Bales is in confinement at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"In my capacity as the Initial

Denial Authority, by withholding this information, I am fully denying your request," wrote U.S. Central Command Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Michael Garrett in a letter to The News Tribune, which is appealing the FOIA denial.

After Bales' court-martial, The News Tribune and KUOW submitted FOIA requests to the Army seeking what is known as a command climate investigation. The Army carried out that inquiry to assess whether senior soldiers around Bales could have prevented the crimes.

"I will be satisfied when I get the report that we have looked closely at the potential contributing factors that might have permitted this event to have unfolded tragically," Allen told reporters in March 2012, two weeks after the killings.

Similar inquiries for other war crimes have led to discipline, such as a 2011 investigation into Joint Base Lewis-McChord Stryker soldiers who murdered three Afghan civilians during their deployment. Their platoon- and company-level officers received reprimands in

a report that was also critical of their brigade commander.

The News Tribune obtained the command climate report on the so-called "kill team" through a source. It was released to reporters who submitted FOIA requests for it about six months after the conviction of "kill team" ringleader former Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs.

Bales, formerly of Lake Tapps, Wash., was on his fourth deployment with Lewis-McChord's 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at the time of the killings.



HENDRICK SIMOES/Stars and Stripes

Rear Adm. Sean Buck, the director of the 21st Century Sailor office, shakes the hand of a victims' advocate at the beginning of a Thursday meeting on Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

Admiral: Time to focus 'in a big way' on preventing sexual assault

By HENDRICK SIMOES

Stars and Stripes

MANAMA, Bahrain — The U.S. Navy admiral in charge of sexual-assault prevention told victims' advocates at Naval Support Activity Bahrain on Thursday that the time has come for the Navy to "shift rudder" and focus more on prevention.

In a meeting with about 30 advocates, Rear Adm. Sean Buck praised them for helping the Navy build a "world-class response system," describing it as a benchmark in holding perpetrators more accountable than ever before.

Buck, director of the Navy's 21st Century Sailor office, said that for the past two years, "We have thrown the kitchen sink at response." He pointed to a variety of efforts, including increasing the number of Naval Criminal Investigative Service personnel probing such cases and attorneys specifically trained to prosecute perpetrators. Buck said that in Norfolk, Va., it now takes about 81 days for NCIS to investigate a sexual assault case, compared with 300 days in the past.

Buck told the group of service-

members and civilians that now is the time to focus on prevention in "a big way."

"I don't think we have focused on it enough yet," Buck said, adding that a two-year

strategy to make a priority of prevention and to sustain the current response system will soon be published. Navy officials say the plan will factor alcohol misuse into the equation and target destructive behavior that could potentially lead to sexual assault.

"I think I can try to prevent bad guys from within from going after our sailors ... so stand by if you're a bad guy," Buck said. He said his goal is to eliminate sexual assaults but acknowledged

that the reality of human nature means the problem will always exist in the Navy.

Buck asked the victims' advocates what tools and resources they need to do their job. One said they need money to buy spare clothes for the victims because all of a victim's clothes and other items are taken as evidence.

"That's exactly what I need to hear," Buck responded.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert Gerwitz, who attended the meeting, asked Buck for more high-impact training to combat sexual assault.

"I don't think sexual assault is taken as seriously as it should be" at the work center level, he later told Stars and Stripes. The training needs to focus more on viewing sexual assault "as something that is done to a person and not done to a statistic," explained Gerwitz, who said he appreciated the admiral's willingness to have an open dialogue and candid conversation with the group.

The fact that he turned the chair backward and sat down "made me feel comfortable and more able to talk," said Gerwitz. simoes.hendrick@stripes.com Twitter:@hendricksimoes

Robert Work nominated to be deputy defense secretary

By JON HARPER

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has nominated Robert Work to be the next Deputy Secretary of Defense, the White House announced Friday.

"Bob ... is a highly respected and nationally recognized strategic thinker, practitioner and expert on national security, as well as budgeting, technology and military affairs," Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel told reporters at the Pentagon.

Work was undersecretary of the Navy from May 2009 to March 2013. In that capacity, he was the secretary of the Navy's principal deputy and was responsible for the day-to-day management of the department, according to the Navy.

Work is a former artillery officer and spent 27 years in the Marine Corps. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1974 and retired at the rank of colonel.

Work is currently the chief executive officer at the Center for a New American Security, an influential think tank in Washington with close ties to the Obama administration. He served on Obama's DOD transition team after the 2008 presidential election, focusing on naval affairs, defense policy, acquisitions and budget issues in that role, according to his CNAS profile.

Handling budget challenges and acquisition decisions at a time of fiscal austerity will be one of Work's most critical responsibilities if he gets the job, and his background dealing with these issues likely played a key role in his nomination.

Acting Deputy Secretary

Christine Fox was appointed to the position last year because of her budget expertise, according to Hagel.

Work's naval background and familiarity with Air-Sea Battle operational concepts are especially relevant as the Pentagon executes a rebalance toward the Asia-Pacific, where the Chinese military's emerging anti-access capabilities could make it difficult for the U.S. to operate in the region. He studied these issues as the Navy's No. 2 and as an analyst for the Center for Strategic and Budget Assessments, an independent research institute.

Work holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Illinois, a Master of Science in systems management from the University of Southern California, a Master of Science in space system operations from the Naval Postgraduate School and a master's degree in international public policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, according to his CNAS profile.

The Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing Feb. 13 to consider his nomination. If he is confirmed by the Senate, he will take over for Fox, who has been serving as the acting deputy secretary since December.

On the Senate floor, he also announced the nomination of Air Force Gen. Paul Selva to serve as commander of U.S. Transportation Command. Selva currently leads Air Mobility Command. If his nomination is confirmed by the Senate, he will succeed Gen. William Fraser III, the current head of TRANSCOM.

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Surrounded by members of Congress, President Barack Obama signs the farm bill Friday at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

President goes it alone on Mich. trip snubbed by Republicans

By DAVID NAKAMURA
The Washington Post

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The warm-up act for President Barack Obama's speech here Friday featured a four-piece jazz band playing in front of a John Deere tractor: Obama's quest to bring together two other disparate elements — Democrats and Republicans — was not as successful.

The president traveled to this middle-American college town to tout the passage of a \$1 trillion farm bill this week, a rare bipartisan achievement by Congress that the president was eager to highlight. Six congressional Democrats flew aboard Air Force One — but none of the two dozen Republicans invited by Obama showed up.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas, R-Okla., "had other obligations," one of

his aides said. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, was busy with his annual staff retreat. The only person to greet Obama at the airport was Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, a Democrat who shook the president's hand in the bitter, below-zero-degree weather.

So the go-it-alone president carried on without them. "This was a good sign Democrats and Republicans in Congress were able to come through with this bill and break the cycle of short-sighted, crisis-driven partisan decision-making," Obama told a crowd of 500 at the McPhail Equine Performance Center on the Michigan State University campus. "That's how we should expect Washington to work."

Having pledged during his State of the Union address last month to more forcefully apply his executive authority to work around Republican opposition,

Obama may have managed to make the problem even worse. Obama's shifting tone — he'll work with Congress when he feels like it and go around the legislative body when he wants — has led his rivals to wonder how they are supposed to trust him on the type of large-scale initiatives for which he needs their support, including immigration reform, long-term unemployment insurance and a minimum wage hike.

A day earlier, Boehner had dampened expectations for a bipartisan immigration deal by insisting that the GOP's distrust of the president is too pronounced. Republicans have been attacking Obama for altering health-care law requirements, deferring deportations of young, illegal immigrants and using his "pen and phone" — Obama's phrase — to rule by "Executive Order truncheon."

Obama resists push to act solo on immigration

By DONNA CASSATA
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For a president looking for a legacy piece of legislation, the current state of the immigration debate represents a high-wire act.

President Barack Obama could act alone to slow deportations, and probably doom any chance of a permanent and comprehensive overhaul. Yet if he shows too much patience, the opportunity to fix immigration laws as he wants could well slip away.

As Republican leaders dampen expectations for overhauling immigration laws this year, the White House is hoping that the GOP resistance is temporary and tactical, and Obama is resisting pressure from some political allies to take matters into his own hands and to ease his administration's deportation record.

House Speaker John Boehner this week all but ruled out passage of immigration legislation before the fall midterm elections, saying Republicans had trouble trusting that Obama would implement all aspects of an immigration law.

White House officials say they believe Boehner ultimately wants to get it done. But they acknowledge that Boehner faces stiff resistance from conservatives who oppose any form of legalization for immigrants who have crossed into the United States illegally or have overstayed their visas. As well, Republicans are eager to keep this election year's focus on Obama's health care law.

Obama is willing to give Boehner space to operate and to tamp down the conservative outcry that greeted a set of immigration overhaul principles the speaker brought forward last week. For now, the White House is simply standing behind a comprehensive

bill that passed in the Senate last year, but is not trying to press Boehner on how to proceed in the Republican-controlled House.

Vice President Joe Biden told CNN that Obama is waiting to see what the House passes before responding.

The White House view could be overly optimistic, playing down the strength of the opposition to acting this year.

For Republicans, the immigration issue poses two political challenges. In the short term, it displays intraparty divisions when they want to use their unified opposition to the health care law as a key issue in the 2014 elections. Immigration distracts from that strategy. But failure to pass an immigration overhaul would be a significant drag on the chances of a Republican winning the 2016 presidential election if angry Latino voters are mobilized to vote for the Democratic nominee.

Making the case for a delay, Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho, said the president's "overarching support for doing nothing this year." Labrador, who worked with a small group of Republicans and Democrats on comprehensive legislation last year then abandoned the negotiations, said it would be a mistake to have an internal battle in the GOP. He argued for waiting until next year, when the Republicans might have control of the Senate.

Some Republican supporters of a new immigration law are pushing back.

"I'm trying to convince my colleagues that regardless of primaries, regardless of elections this November, that we have an obligation and a duty to solve this crisis once and for all," Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Calif., told the Spanish-language television network Telemundo in an interview scheduled to air Sunday.

Postal Service had \$354 million loss in first quarter

By SAM HANANEL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service lost \$354 million during the past three months, and officials warned that mounting losses could lead to cash flow problems for the rest of the year, the agency said Friday.

The loss was far less than the \$1.3 billion in the comparable quarter the previous fiscal year, but Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe continued to press Congress to give the agency more flexibility to manage its finances.

The report for the financial quarter ending Dec. 31 comes as Congress works toward fixing the agency's troubled finances. On Thursday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved a bill that would end Saturday mail delivery and would make permanent a temporary hike in the cost of a first-class stamp, which went from 46 to 49 cents on Jan. 26.

The Senate measure also would restructure a congressional requirement that forces the agency to make a \$5.6 billion annual pay-

ment for future retiree health benefits. The Postal Service has been urging Congress to reform the service's finances as it continues to cope with steep financial losses. The Postal Service lost \$5 billion in the past fiscal year, down from \$15.9 billion in 2012.

"We cannot return the organization to long-term financial stability without passage of comprehensive postal reform legislation," Donahoe said.

On the positive side, the Postal Service said revenue grew by \$334 million, driven by a 14.6 per-

cent growth in shipping and package services that saw a boost from the holiday season. But first-class mail declined 4.6 percent, as more customers shift to the Internet to pay bills and to send emails.

Postal unions have complained that the Senate bill goes too far in calling for an end to Saturday mail delivery once mail volume drops below 140 billion pieces over four consecutive quarters. They claim the move would hurt consumers and lead to thousands of job cuts.

"Today," Postal Service figures for the first quarter of 2014

are highly encouraging and show why the postal network must be maintained and strengthened, not degraded," said Fredric Rolando, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The bulk of the agency's financial problems stem from the federally mandated annual payments to cover expected health care costs for future retirees. It has defaulted on three of those payments and warned Friday that it is likely to default again when the next payment is due on Sept. 30.

NATION

Media's NSA coverage poses disclosure risks

By **RAPHAEL SATTER**
The Associated Press

LONDON — News organizations publishing leaked National Security Agency documents have inadvertently disclosed the names of at least six intelligence workers and other government secrets they never intended to give away, an Associated Press review has found.

The accidental disclosures illustrate the risks of even well-intentioned, public-interest reporting on highly secret U.S. programs.

In some cases, prominent newspapers including The New York Times quickly pulled down government records they published online and censored them to hide information they accidentally exposed.

On one occasion, the Guardian newspaper published an NSA document that appeared to identify an American intelligence target living abroad. Before the newspaper could fix its mistake, a curious software engineer, Ron Garret, of Emerald Hills, Calif., tried to contact the man at his office.

"I figured someone ought to give him the heads up," Garret told The Associated Press.

The inadvertent disclosures, which include technical details and other information, are another complication in the ethically and technically challenging coverage of the NSA's surveillance programs.

Journalists who have seen the unfiltered secrets leaked by former intelligence worker Edward Snowden agree that some things

Reports: Cellphone use affecting data collection

By **STEPHEN BRAUN**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Security Agency collects less than 30 percent of calling data from Americans despite the agency's massive daily efforts to sweep up the bulk of U.S. phone records, two U.S. newspapers reported Friday.

Citing anonymous officials and sources, The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal both said the NSA's phone data collection has had a steep drop-off since 2006. According to the newspapers, the government has been unable to keep pace since then with a national surge in cellphone usage and dwindling land line use by American consumers.

The Post said the NSA takes in less than 30 percent of all call data; the Journal said it is about or less than 20 percent.

In either case, the figures are far below the amount of phone data collected in 2006, when the government extracted nearly all of U.S. calling records, both newspapers reported.

NSA officials intend to press for court authorization to broaden their coverage of cellphone providers to return the government to near-total coverage of Americans' calling data, the newspapers said.

The lowered estimates for the sweep of government surveillance would be significant because federal judges, members of government task forces and media accounts based on documents provided by NSA leaker Edward Snowden have all described the NSA's bulk metadata collection as sweeping in millions of records from American phone users.

Lowered estimates could be cited by officials to alleviate

privacy and civil liberties fears, but they could also raise questions about the government's rationale for the program — that the NSA's use of all Americans' phone records are critical in preventing potential terrorist plots.

National security officials have said that the collection of bulk data is essential to national security because it provides a massive pool of calling records and other metadata that NSA analysts can quickly search to pinpoint calling patterns showing evidence of potential terror threats. Congressional critics have pressed efforts to end the bulk phone data sweeps, and two panels of experts have urged President Barack Obama to end the program because they see little counter-terrorism advantages and say the program intrudes on personal liberties.

by technical staff and quickly corrected.

"We reported on these documents with the largest and most well-respected media organizations in the world, but like all human institutions, none is perfect," Greenwald said.

It was not immediately clear what damage, if any, has come from the disclosures of the names of the six NSA employees and other secrets. The NSA would not discuss its employees. None appeared to be working undercover.

The AP was able to locate several of their home addresses and other personal details about them.

The NSA said in a statement that it asks news outlets "to redact and withhold the names of employees, given the sensitive nature of the information and concerns for the safety of employees and their families."

The AP is not republishing the names of the NSA employees. It generally uses full names of government employees unless there is a specific threat or security concern.

In this instance, the AP concluded the names were not vital to readers' understanding of the issues and provided no additional credibility or transparency into the issues.

The accidental disclosures — the AP counted at least eight of them — involve carelessness by some television broadcasters, sloppy digital redactions applied to copies of documents and, in the Guardian's case, an incomplete understanding of what information might be revealing.

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journalist who played key role in Edward Snowden's revelations

are off-limits for publication. But media organizations sometimes have struggled to keep them that way.

Glen Greenwald, the reporter

and columnist who has played a key role in publishing so many of Snowden's revelations, has said he wouldn't publish the names of U.S. intelligence workers unless

they were top-ranking public officials. Greenwald told the AP that the mistaken disclosures of at least six names and other material were minor errors made

US: Syria war threatens homeland

By **ALICIA A. CALDWELL**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The civil war in Syria has become a matter of U.S. homeland security over concerns about a small number of Americans who have gone to fight with Syrian rebels and returned home, new Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said Friday.

Johnson said he and other law enforcement and security officials around the world were focused on foreign fighters heading to the bloody war, including those from the United States, Canada and Europe.

In his first major speech since taking office in December, Johnson did not discuss how many U.S. fighters may be in Syria.

"We need to do our best to pay close attention to an evolving situation," Johnson said.

Two U.S. officials said at least 50 Americans have gone Syria to fight. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss intelligence publicly.

The U.S. fighters in Syria are

recruited by extremists, indoctrinated and provided terror training, according to one of the officials briefed on the threat. More Americans are considering going over; the official said.

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Homeland Security secretary

Some terror training camps in Syria are filled with westerners, the official said.

Some of the Americans who have gone over there to train are already back in the U.S., the official said, citing ongoing investigations around the country.

The Americans going to Syria are not all of Syrian decent, the official said, and are from a cross-section of backgrounds from across the U.S.

The State Department has no estimates of how many Americans have gone to fight with Syrian

rebels, but British defense consultant IHS Jane's puts it at a few dozen. An estimated 1,200 to 1,700 Europeans are among rebel forces in Syria, according to government estimates.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told the Senate Intelligence Committee last month that al-Qaida groups in Syria have started training camps "to train people to go back to their countries" — one of the newest threats emerging in the past year to U.S. security.

Clapper told senators that as many as 7,000 foreigners from some 50 countries, including some in Europe, were fighting with rebels and extremists in Syria.

To Johnson, it's not just people joining the fight in Syria who are a concern.

"At the same time, extremists are actively trying to recruit Westerners, indoctrinate them and see them return to their home countries with an extremist mission," Johnson said. "Syria has become a matter of homeland security." DHS, the FBI and the intelligence community will con-



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson gives his first major address Friday at the Wilson Center in Washington.

tinue to work closely to identify those foreign fighters that represent a threat to the homeland."

Johnson also said he is most concerned about "lone wolf" terrorists who haven't received any specific training from al-Qaida or other terror groups but instead have become self-radicalized. He cited those accused in the Boston

Marathon bombings as examples of people involved in a particularly worrisome type of terrorism.

"It may be the hardest to detect, involves independent actors living within our midst, with easy access to things that, in the wrong hands, become tools for mass violence," he said.

NATION

Utility crews working to power up Pa., Md.

By MARK SCOLFORO
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The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Utility crews labored around the clock for yet another day Saturday, working to restore electricity to the nearly 175,000 customers in Pennsylvania and Maryland still without power following an early week ice storm. Some customers have been told it could be several more days before power is restored.

The number of those without power steadily decreased in the two states throughout Friday, plunging from more than 250,000 early in the day. But officials said some might have to endure a few more days without electricity.

"That number is coming down throughout the course of the day," PECO spokesman Fred Maher said Friday. "We are preparing people for the fact that some folks will be without power over the weekend."

Philadelphia's surrounding counties, where many schools were closed for a third day Friday, had the bulk of the outages. Meanwhile, the city escaped the massive outages affecting its suburban neighbors.

Early Saturday, PECO, the dominant electricity provider in the Philadelphia area, reported just more than 167,000 outages, with about 2,700 in the city. Ches-

ter County had the most outages with more than 65,000, while more than 54,000 in Montgomery County were without electricity and more than 34,000 in Bucks County endured another night in the dark. In Delaware County, about 10,500 customers were waiting for the power to come back on.

Severely cold weather that gripped the mid-Atlantic on Friday was expected to remain in place for days, and forecasters said light snow was possible over the weekend.

In Maryland, service had been restored to all but about 6,700 homes and businesses. More than 150,000 Maryland customers lost power Wednesday after a storm coated much of the state with up to a half-inch of ice.

More than a million outages had been attributed to the storm.

Authorities urged people to be careful when using space heaters and other methods to heat their homes. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency said four confirmed cases of carbon monoxide poisoning and a fifth suspected case were reported at a hospital in the Philadelphia suburbs on Wednesday night.

Amtrak restored full service between Philadelphia and Harrisburg on Friday morning after tracks were cleared of fallen trees and debris.

Snow, freezing rain cover much of northwestern US

By STEVEN DUBOIS
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The second day of a fierce winter storm blanketed parts of the Northwest with another half foot of snow Friday as icy conditions made highways treacherous and claimed another life.

New snow totals by Friday evening ranged from 9 inches in western Oregon's Willamette Valley at Corvallis to 2 inches in Portland and an inch in Vancouver, Wash. Corvallis, home to Oregon State University, has gotten 18 inches of snow in two days.

Forecasters extended a winter storm warning for freezing rain, sleet and snow Saturday night for much of the Willamette Valley.

In the Portland area and southwest Washington, the snowfall was expected to decrease by Saturday morning before another snow surge arrives later in the day.

A female passenger was killed Friday in a single-vehicle crash on icy Interstate 84 in the Columbia River Gorge, Oregon State Police said.

One person died Thursday in an Interstate 5 pileup in southwest Washington.

Two children playing on what they thought was a frozen pond in the Portland suburb of Troutdale fell through the ice and were

rescued Friday by their mother, who went in after them and also fell through the ice. A fire official said the boys were about 8 and 10.

The children were submerged up to their necks in the pond, said Robin Franzer Park, a spokesperson for the nearby city of Gresham.

Willamette Valley cities took the brunt of Friday's snowfall. Eugene got 7 more inches, Albany got 6 and the state capital of Salem got 4½.

Freezing rain was reported Friday night in portions of the valley. State police warned of hazardous driving on Interstate 5 between Salem and Eugene.

Salem police declared that drivers were required to have chains or traction tires until midnight Saturday. Some city streets were impassable because of stranded, abandoned cars, they said.

Many Northwest residents took a snow day Friday and stayed home.

In downtown Portland, streets coated with a thin layer of packed snow were nearly traffic-free before the first flurries fell in the afternoon. Shops closed early or didn't open at all, office buildings generally packed with workers were quiet, and the city government was closed to all but essential personnel.



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

The bed of the Almaden Reservoir is cracked and dry Friday in San Jose, Calif.

Forecasters: Large storm won't break Calif. drought

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Rain and snow, which began to fall in drought-stricken California on Friday, is expected to continue through the weekend in the biggest storm that the area has seen in more than a year.

Still, the big weekend storm is far from enough to break the drought.

The San Francisco Bay Area has received only about 25 percent of the rain it has normally had by this time of year, said National Weather Service forecaster Diana Henderson.

"It's not a drought buster, but it's definitely more than a drop in the bucket," said Steve Anderson, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Monterey.

San Francisco normally would have received 14.5 inches of rain this season by now. That figure is currently at a little more than 3 inches, with up to 3 more inches expected during the weekend.

Before the storm rolls out Monday morning, the northern San Francisco Bay Area could see as much as 9 inches of rain, the weather service said. In the Sierra, up to 4 feet of snow is expected at elevations above 7,000 feet.

The weekend storm is expected to be the first to bring more than an inch of rain to Sacramento in a 24-hour period since December 2012, said Johnnie Powell, another National Weather Service forecaster.

Forecasters are hopeful the storm portends an end to the persistent dry weather that has plagued the state for months and contributed to its drought emergency. Light precipitation

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is forecast for Wednesday and Thursday and another storm is possible next weekend, although it's not yet clear how strong that would be, Anderson said.

The rain and snow expected during the weekend are part of warm, subtropical storm system known as a Pineapple Express that is strung across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii, Anderson said.

Forecasters are warning of the possibility of road and stream flooding, as trash and debris that have not been washed away because of a lack of rainfall clog storm drains. Minor mud and rock slides also are possible.

Southern California was expected to be mostly dry. Forecasters said measurable rain during the weekend likely would not fall farther south than San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara counties as a ridge of high pressure pushes up from the south.

Meanwhile, snowpack levels in nearby Oregon on Friday were less than half of normal, and the drought index was still severe to moderate. Dozens of sites in Southern Oregon showed the lowest snowpack since the 1940s, when records were first kept.

The storm was expected to drop a foot or more of snow in mountainous parts of southern Oregon and 2 to 8 inches in western Oregon valleys that got slammed Thursday, the National Weather Service said.

The snow was expected to turn to freezing rain Friday night and Saturday in many areas. That will turn roadways icy and increase the possibility of downed power lines, forecasters warned.

The first storm dropped more than a foot of snow on parts of the Pacific Northwest and left one person dead in an Interstate 5 pileup in southwest Washington. It also closed schools and offices.

Mount Ashland Ski Area remained closed with just 6 inches of snow, but is high enough at 6,000 feet to expect to get snow even as the coming storms bring warmer temperatures.

The storm track wasn't carrying as much rain and snow into Washington, where the snowpack was better but not great. Snowpack levels ranged from 32 percent of normal on the Olympic Peninsula, to 50 percent on the Lower Columbia, 65 percent in southern Puget Sound, to 63 percent on the northern Puget Sound. The Yakima Basin ranged from 57 percent to 62 percent. Spokane was at 78 percent. And the Lower Snake was the highest at 86 percent.

The drought index was at moderate across most of Washington.

NATION

US seeks debt cap hike to avoid default

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is getting a new borrowing cap, almost four months after Washington defused October's government shutdown and debt crisis.

The new cap on borrowing was expected to be about \$17.2 trillion. It means Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew will have to employ bookkeeping maneuvers to keep the government functioning until Congress further raises the borrowing limit.

In a letter Friday to congressional leaders, Lew warned that he has less maneuvering room now than he had last year, when such "extraordinary measures" bought five months of time for the government to keep borrowing at the previous \$16.7 trillion debt ceiling.

Lew said that he could not be confident that the extraordinary measures would last beyond Feb. 27.

"At that point, Treasury would be left with only the cash on hand and any incoming revenue to meet our country's commitments," Lew said. He said the cash on hand will likely total around \$50 billion.

He said that IRS payments of tax refunds can total as much as \$10 billion to \$15 billion on a single day and the government's total daily expenditures can be as high as \$60 billion on certain days.

"If Treasury has insufficient cash on hand, it would be impossible for our nation to meet all of its obligations for the first time in history," Lew said. Without enough money to meet interest payments on current debt, the government would be forced into a market-rattling default.

Lew said "time is short" especially given that Congress is scheduled to be out of session during part of the next three weeks.

"I respectfully urge Congress to move as quickly as possible, raise the debt limit and provide certainty to the economy and to financial markets," Lew said.

Republican officials said their House leadership is inclined to add legislation to the debt limit measure that would restore a full cost of living increase in retirement benefits that are collected by veterans under the age of 62. Congress shaved the annual increases slightly as part of a budget measure late last year. The proposal is highly popular among Republicans, many of whom might be persuaded to raise the debt limit if it were included.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they weren't authorized to pre-empt a decision by the rank and file.

Lawmakers temporarily suspended the borrowing limit last October in the agreement to end the shutdown. It will be reset at the total amount of debt at close of business on Friday.

Treasury's first step to create borrowing room under the new cap is to temporarily suspend sales of U.S. Treasury securities to state and local governments. That started Friday at noon.

Raising the limit is needed so that the government, which ran a \$680 billion deficit last year, can borrow enough to pay all its bills, including Social Security benefits, interest payments on the accumulated debt and government salaries, among others.

After last year's 16-day shutdown and accompanying debt battle, Republicans controlling the House are no longer interested in a big fight with President Barack Obama over raising the borrowing cap. Obama knuckled under to GOP demands in 2011 to pair a \$2.1 trillion increase in the debt limit with an equal amount in spending cuts, mostly to the Pentagon and domestic agency operating budgets.

Legislation to raise the debt limit is expected to be introduced in the House and Senate in the coming days.



TOP PHOTO RYAN J. FOLEY; INSET PHOTO TOWN OF BELOIT (WIS.) POLICE DEPARTMENT/AP

Authorities gather at an Iowa gas station where a missing newborn was found alive Friday. Police say they found Kayden Powell, inset, who had disappeared Thursday, after they heard a newborn crying.

Missing newborn found alive

The Associated Press

TOWN OF BELOIT, Wis. — An hour after a woman reported her newborn son missing from a Wisconsin home, police were questioning her step-sister — found with a prosthetic pregnancy belly, baby clothes and a stroller, but no baby, according to court documents.

It was more than 24 hours after Kayden Powell went missing before authorities discovered the infant, less than a week old, in a plastic storage crate outside an Iowa gas station, miraculously alive and well despite frigid temperatures.

Kristen Smith of Denver had pretended to be pregnant, went to Wisconsin and stole her step-sister's baby from his bassinet as his parents slept, court documents say. Then, as police closed in on her, she allegedly abandoned the swaddled infant.

Federal prosecutors in Madison charged Smith with kidnapping Friday afternoon, hours after an Iowa police chief found Kayden.

"He's strong," the newborn's great-uncle, Mark Bennett, said of the boy. "I'm glad that baby is still



Smith

he hopes Smith is locked up for life.

"You stole him like you're stealing something from the grocery store," he said. "Nobody in their right mind should have thought of that."

The discovery of the infant shortly after 10 a.m. Friday capped a frantic search that involved police officers in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. It began after the boy's mother, Brianna Marshall, called police around 4:30 a.m. Thursday to report her newborn had vanished from Bennett's home, where she and the baby's father, Bruce Powell, had been staying, according to police and the affidavit.

Marshall said Smith had left the

house a couple of hours earlier to return to Colorado. While police were at the house, Smith called. She told police that Marshall and Bruce Powell were planning to move to Denver to live with her and she had Kayden's clothes in her car but didn't have the boy.

Police told her to pull over for questioning. An officer met her at a gas station near Interstate 80 in West Branch, Iowa. She was arrested about 5:30 a.m. on an outstanding Texas warrant, but she denied any knowledge of Kayden's whereabouts, the affidavit says.

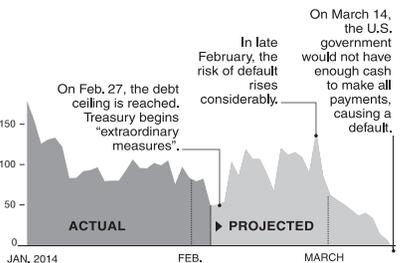
Meanwhile, dozens of officers began searching for the child along Smith's route from Wisconsin. West Branch Police Chief Mike Horihan heard a baby's cries about 500 yards from where Smith was arrested and found Kayden in a storage crate next to the building.

Temperatures in West Branch were in the single digits when the baby was found. He was reunited with his parents Friday evening.

Police interviewed Smith again after Kayden was discovered, the affidavit said, and she admitted she had taken the baby and left him at the BP station.

Time runs out on the debt limit

Treasury cash on hand, in billions of dollars, Jan. 1 through March 14:



SOURCE: Treasury cash projections by Nancy Vanden Houten of Stone & McCarthy Research Associates

THE WASHINGTON POST

Found bottle one of thousands pitched in '56

The Associated Press

BOSTON — It was April 1956, and the No. 1 song was Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel." At the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution on Cape Cod, scientist Dean Bumpus was busy releasing glass bottles into the Atlantic Ocean as part of his work to track currents.

Nearly 58 years later, a biologist studying grey seals off Nova Scotia found one of the bottles in a pile of debris on a beach.

"It was almost like finding treasure in a way," Warren Joyce said Friday.

The drift bottle was among thousands dumped in the Atlantic Ocean between 1956 and 1972 as part of Bumpus' study of surface

and bottom currents. About 10 percent of the 300,000 bottles have been found over the years.

Joyce found the bottle Jan. 20 on Sable Island, about 185 miles southeast of Halifax.

He contacted scientists at Woods Hole and dutifully gave them the time and place information Bumpus had asked for in a postcard inside the bottle. His reward will be exactly what Bumpus promised in 1956 to anyone who returned a bottle: a 50-cent piece.

"I didn't want the reward, but they said they are sending it to me anyway," Joyce said, chuckling.

In those days, there was no other way to study currents, said Steven Jayne, a senior scientist at Woods Hole.

"We didn't have satellites to track currents like we do now. So the only thing you could do was to see where something started and where it ended up," he said. "That was a pretty good approach."

Using the numbers on the postcard, Woods Hole workers tracked the bottle found by Joyce to a group of 12 released not far off Nova Scotia on April 26, 1956. Joyce found it about 300 miles from where it was released.

Woods Hole archivist David Sherman said three other bottles from the same batch were found within a few months after they were dropped in the ocean: two in Nova Scotia and a third in Eastham, on Cape Cod.

NATION

GOP wing creates fake websites for Dems

By DANIEL ROTHBERG
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — If you support Democratic Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick's bid for re-election, stay away from AnnKirkpatrick.com. The site might greet visitors with a welcoming photo of the Arizona congresswoman and a screaming "Kirkpatrick for Congress" logo, but that design belies its true agenda.

Funded and created by the Republican Party's congressional campaign wing, the site's true aim is in the fine print: to defeat Kirkpatrick, described as "a huge embarrassment to Arizona."

The National Republican Congressional Campaign bought up hundreds of URLs ahead of the 2014 election cycle and has created nearly 20 websites appearing to support Democratic candi-

dates in all but the small print, a spokesman for the campaign confirmed Thursday.

The NRCC rolled out the first such site in August, targeting Sean Eldridge, who is facing a tough race in New York's 19th district. Since then, the organization has created mock campaign sites for 17 other candidates, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Alex Sink, a candidate for Florida's 13th district.

One Sink supporter was so confused while visiting the NRCC's mock website that he mistakenly donated to the Republican committee instead of giving to the Sink campaign, the Tampa Bay Times reported. The NRCC said it would refund anyone who donated mistakenly.

A spokesman for Rep. Krysten Sinema, D-Ariz., one of the candidates targeted by the NRCC cam-

paign, said it's important to draw a distinction between satire and deception.

"I've certainly seen a lot of parody campaigns — websites and Twitter accounts — and I think that satire is a part of our culture," he said. "But just actually trying to make people think you are somebody you are not I think is underhanded."

Since the websites surfaced, the NRCC's Democratic counterpart has shot back, casting the websites as deceptive and a sign of weakness.

"Republicans in Congress have gotten so desperate and afraid defending their special interest agenda," Josh Schwerin, a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee spokesman, said in a statement, that they are now trying to "trick people into supporting them and trying to disown their

own toxic, out-of-touch brand."

But NRCC spokesman Daniel Scarpinato defended the committee's strategy, calling the Democratic candidates' official websites "deceptive" for omitting support for President Barack Obama's policies. He also dismissed concerns that the sites were misleading, characterizing the language contained in the websites as "clearly negative."

"I think they are crystal-clear about the perspective they are coming from," he said. "And the Democrats don't want this information out there. Therefore, they're freaking out about them."

Although Scarpinato said the websites do not violate Federal Election Commission rules, at least one campaign law expert disagrees. Paul S. Ryan, a senior counsel at the Campaign Legal Center, said the sites violate an

FEC regulation created in the '90s. The rule prohibits non-candidate committees, such as the NRCC, from using a candidate's name in headlines, titles and letterheads unless the use demonstrates clear opposition to the candidate.

"These websites are on the opposite end of the spectrum," Ryan said. "A name preceding the term 'Congress' is textbook pro-candidate advocacy."

The FEC, Ryan predicted, would not find the websites consistent with the regulation but said the commission is often slow to act and has developed a reputation "of not being a very strong enforcer."

As the 2014 cycle kicks into full swing, Scarpinato said the NRCC will continue generating the fake websites, saying the organization now owns "hundreds of URLs that the Democrats chose not to purchase."



Matt Volz/AP

Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, left, introduces Lt. Gov. John Walsh on Friday in Helena, Mont., as his interim appointment to the U.S. Senate as Walsh's wife, Janet, looks on.

Mont. official replaces Sen. Baucus

By MATT VOLZ
The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Montana Gov. Steve Bullock appointed Lt. Gov. John Walsh on Friday to serve out the term of Democratic U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, who will be leaving the seat to become the next ambassador to China.

Walsh, 53, already was a candidate to replace Baucus in this year's elections, and his interim appointment may boost the Democrat in a potential general-election campaign against Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Daines.

Republicans are seeking to win a net of six seats in November to gain control of the Senate.

Walsh spent 33 years in the Montana National Guard, and he commanded more than 700 troops in Iraq in 2004 and 2005. He became the state's adjutant general

in 2008, resigning from that post in 2012 to run on the bottom half of the Bullock ticket.

"I wanted to appoint someone who I believed would represent the values Montanans hold important," said Bullock, a Democrat, in announcing his decision.

Walsh said he will travel to Washington on Monday and will be sworn in the next day. He said he would not be "sucked in" to the political culture of Washington.

"There are too many politicians who put their own political agendas ahead of doing what's right, too many folks who don't take their responsibility seriously," Walsh said.

Walsh spent less than a year as lieutenant governor, his first elected office, before announcing his candidacy for Baucus' Senate seat.

Despite a short political re-

sume, Walsh said his years of public service in the National Guard and his time as lieutenant governor have prepared him for his new role. He also said he will lean on mentors such as Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont.

The Senate confirmed Baucus on Thursday as the ambassador to China with a 96-0 vote. Baucus has served in the Senate for 35 years, and he announced last year that he would not seek another term.

Walsh will serve the remainder of Baucus' term, which ends in January 2015.

The governor said he did not have a short list of finalists and conducted no formal interviews for the position. He said he spoke to people who expressed an interest and only informed Walsh on Thursday night of his decision.

Jury rejects terrorism charges for activists

By MICHAEL TARM
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — During an atmosphere two years ago when Chicago officials were warning demonstrations could turn violent at an upcoming NATO summit, the chief prosecutor chose to invoke an almost never-used Illinois law to charge several self-described anarchists with terrorism.

After jurors acquitted three activists Friday of all terrorism charges — convicting them instead of lesser arson and mob action counts — journalists asked Cook County state's attorney Anita Alvarez if, in hindsight, she regretted filing the more-serious charges.

"Absolutely not!" she said, her voice rising in a courtroom hallway. "I would bring more charges (again) tomorrow morn-

ing — with no apologies and no second-guessing."

Prosecutors had accused Brian Church, Jared Chase and Brent Vincent of plotting, in the weeks leading up to the summit, Molotov cocktail attacks on President Barack Obama's campaign office, Mayor Rahm Emanuel's home and police stations. Two undercover officers infiltrated their inner circle, and the young activists were arrested just days before the summit began.

Alvarez noted that with their convictions on lesser counts, Church, 22, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Chase, 29, of Keene, N.H.; and Vincent, 25, of Oakland Park, Fla., still face between four and 30 years in prison.

The defense, though, said it was a decisive defeat for such state terrorism laws, at least in how Alvarez's office applied them.

Judge OKs proposed \$100M accord in contraceptive case

By JIM DOYLE

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — A federal judge in St. Louis has endorsed a proposed \$100 million settlement that would resolve all the claims in federal and state courts involving NuvaRing, a birth-control device linked to blood clots.

In court hearings on Friday, U.S. District Judge Rodney Sipple called the settlement agreement "a fair resolution of this litigation," and added that "it's intended to be a final resolution of litigation" in the lengthy case.

But, he added, the agreement is contingent on at least 95 percent of the eligible claimants opting

into the program. No payouts will be made unless that threshold is met, he said. The deadline is March 15.

NuvaRing is a flexible plastic ring that is inserted monthly into the vagina — releases birth control hormones to prevent ovulation. The contraceptive device has been blamed for causing potentially fatal blood clots.

In a news release, New Jersey-based Merck & Co. denied fault under the settlement agreement and indicated that the \$100 million payment is designed to satisfy all NuvaRing cases filed nationwide as well as certain claims filed in the future.

WORLD

Thousands angered by protesters in Ukraine

By JIM HEINTZ
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Thousands of people angered by months of anti-government protests in the Ukrainian capital converged on one of the protesters' barricades Saturday, but retreated after meeting sizeable resistance.

Although the confrontation ended without violence, it underlined the tensions that persist as the protests slog through a third month with no sign of concession from either side.

The anti-government protesters have set up an extensive tent camp on downtown Kiev's main square; they occupy three nearby buildings, including the city hall, that they use for operations centers, sleeping quarters and even an improvised library. They also have built extensive barricades of earth, bags of ice and refuse on the fringes of the anti-government

About 2,000 people streamed toward the barricade near city hall at midday, blocking traffic on the capital's main avenue and placing tires in the roadway.

Igor Polishchuk, one of the men placing the tires, said the crowd intended to show its peaceful opposition to the protests that have pushed the country into a political crisis and complained that police had done little against the protesters.

"It's a critical mass in there, without control. The authorities aren't anywhere inside," Igor Polishchuk, demonstration participant

Protesters from the anti-government side stood atop the 10-foot barricade, and members of the protest camp's self-defense marshaled, many of them carrying metal shields and protecting their heads with cycling or hockey headgear.

After about two hours, the protesters' opponents pulled back, with the self-defense volunteers following, banging their shields with rods in an eerie imitation of the technique used by the country's feared riot police.

After riot police violently dispersed two of the early protest rallies, crowds swelled — sometimes exceeding 100,000 people — and the protest issues expanded to denunciation of police brutality and calls for the resignation of President Viktor Yanukovich.

The protests began in late November after Yanukovich backed away from an agreement to deepen ties with the European Union and pursue closer relations with Russia. A wide swath of Ukrainian society resents Russia's long dominance or influence on Ukraine and avidly supports integration with the EU as a way to bolster democracy and human rights.



AMEL EMRICH/AP

Workers and firefighters work to control a blaze inside a government building after protests in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo on Saturday.

Bosnia sees intensified rioting

By AIDA CERKEZ
The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Anti-government protesters stormed into the Bosnian presidency and another government building in Sarajevo and set them ablaze Friday as riot police fired tear gas in a desperate attempt to stop them.

Smoke was rising from several Bosnian cities as thousands vented their fury over the Balkan nation's almost 40 percent unemployment and its rampant corruption. It was the worst social unrest the country has seen since the 1992-95 war that killed more than 100,000 people following Yugoslavia's dissolution.

As night was falling Friday, downtown Sarajevo was in chaos, with buildings and cars burning and riot police in full gear chasing protesters and pounding batons against their shields to get the crowd to disperse.

Nearly 200 people were injured throughout the country in clashes with police, medical workers reported.

Bosnians have many reasons to be unhappy as general elections approach in Oc-

tober. The privatization that followed the war decimated the middle class and sent the working class into poverty as a few tycoons flourished. Corruption is widespread and high taxes for the country's bloated public sector eat away at residents' paychecks.

In the northern city of Tuzla, protesters stormed the local government building, throwing furniture and files out its windows Friday before setting it on fire. The local government resigned. By evening, protesters also burned the city's court building.

Protesters also set upon local government buildings in Zenica, Mostar and Travnik. The crowd in Zenica pushed several cars belonging to local officials into the nearby river, and city authorities announced they will resign.

In the northern town of Brcko, the crowd took the mayor hostage briefly before releasing him.

The protests began in Tuzla last week with a clash between police and the unpaid workers of four former state-owned companies. The companies' new owners were supposed to invest and make them profitable but instead sold the assets, stopped paying workers and filed for bankruptcy.

Sea survivor too frail to go home

By MIKI TODA
The Associated Press

MAJURO, Marshall Islands — The Salvadoran man who says he spent more than a year drifting across the Pacific Ocean before making landfall in the Marshall Islands is too weak to travel and will remain in the island nation for a while, an official said Saturday.

Diego Dalton, an official with El Salvador's embassy in Tokyo, said Jose Salvador Alvarenga's health was "very frail" and that he would not return home until he was able to make the journey.

Alvarenga, 37, washed ashore late last month. He was taken to the Marshall Islands' capital, Majuro, where he has been resting at a hotel.

Dalton arrived in Majuro late Friday and met with Alvarenga and local officials. "At this moment, there are no travel plans or definite itinerary," Dalton told reporters Saturday. "His return will depend on when his health allows the long journey back."

Alvarenga's spritely appearance Monday while greeting hundreds of well-wishers in Majuro had many questioning his story. He earlier told officials he left Mexico in late 2012 with another fisherman, who later died, for a day of shark fishing when a storm threw them off course and they



GEE BING, COURTESY OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT/AP

A man identifying himself as Jose Salvador Alvarenga sits on a couch in Majuro in the Marshall Islands.

begin drifting.

But Alvarenga looked much weaker Thursday during a brief public appearance at the hotel and had to be assisted into the room by two people.

Officials said then that Alvarenga needed to be taken back to the hospital for more medical checks and that it would likely be three or four days before he was fit enough to travel back to El Salvador.

Australia plan to kill sharks controversial

By A. ODYSSEUS PATRICK
Special to The Washington Post

SYDNEY — Chris Boyd, 35, was surfing at a secluded break on Australia's western coast when he was attacked by a great white shark in November. The shark severed his left arm and ripped off part of his right leg. Boyd died in its jaws.

The Australian plumber's gruesome death was part of an increase in shark attacks that has terrified swimmers and triggered a deeply emotional debate in a country where the ocean is considered the national playground.

In response to the panic over the attacks, the government of Western Australia state last month began a cull of great white, tiger and bull sharks more than 9 feet long.

"The public is demanding that sharks, where they stay around popular swimming or surfing areas, should be destroyed," Gov. Colin Barnett told journalists after Boyd's death. "I'm in that camp."

Environmentalists and animal rights activists are outraged by the policy, and some scientists are concerned too.

"We are never going to stop shark attacks," said Colin Simpfinerfer, who has studied sharks for 28 years and is director of the Center for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture at James Cook University in Townsville, in Queensland. "Science doesn't support the cull."

Colin Simpfinerfer, Center for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture

The chances of being taken by a shark in Western Australia are remote — but they appear to be rising. Of the 20 people killed by sharks in the state over the past century, seven died in the past three years, according to the state government, which has found a statistically significant increase in attacks since 1995.

With its long coastline and swimmer-friendly warm weather, Australia reports the second-highest number of shark attacks after the United States. Last year, 15 percent of all reported attacks took place in Australian waters, compared with 52 percent in U.S. waters, according to Sharkattackfile.info, a website for victims. But Australia has one-third the population of the United States.

West Australia's tourism industry, which employs 56,000 people, is deeply concerned about the long-term consequences of the rise in attacks. Sixty-four percent of foreign tourists visit a beach, and there is anecdotal evidence some businesses are already being hurt, according to the federal government.

One of the state's prettiest beaches, Cottesloe, in the city of Perth, used to be packed every holiday season. Now, toward the end of the Southern Hemisphere summer, the water is almost empty.

"It's hard to convey to outsiders the impact in our community of these shark attacks," Jane Marwick, a radio broadcaster, wrote in a recent article in a newspaper called The Australian. "People on the beach talk about sharks, people in shops talk about sharks, patients and staff at the doctor's surgery talk about sharks. But few are sure of just what, if anything, should be done."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Anatomy lab suspends tours after corpse selfie

AL BIRMINGHAM — The University of Alabama at Birmingham is suspending high school tours of its anatomy lab after a student took a photo of herself with a cadaver and posted it on social media.

UAB spokesman Jim Bakken told al.com the medical school is looking at procedures to ensure the same thing can't happen again.

A student from Clements High School in Limestone County took a photo of herself beside a body during a tour. Donated cadavers are used for teaching and research at the school.

Man hit dentist with tire iron, police say

PA ERIE — A northwestern Pennsylvania man must stand trial on charges that he assaulted his dentist with a tire iron because the doctor prescribed antibiotics instead of pulling a tooth.

The Erie Times-News reported Philip Kienholz, 29, waived his preliminary hearing Thursday on charges including aggravated assault stemming from the Dec. 20 incident.

Erie police said Kienholz was angry at the dentist, cornered him in a room with another patient and hit the dentist in the wrist with the tire iron. Police said Kienholz then ran away.

Kienholz is in the county jail unable to post \$25,000 bond. His Erie County public defender did not immediately return a call seeking comment Friday.

School apologizes for black history menu

CA CONCORD — Officials at a Northern California private school are apologizing after a lunch menu option to celebrate Black History Month angered some parents and students.

Students at Carondelet High School for Girls in Concord wanted to come up with ways to commemorate the occasion during a luncheon celebration Friday. But when the school announced a menu of fried chicken, cornbread and watermelon on Monday, other students and parents became offended.

Principal Nancy Libby wrote that the items were taken off of the menu.

A school spokeswoman said Thursday that there was a communications breakdown and the menu was planned and publicized without administrative knowledge or permission.

Police: Would-be car thief stuck in garage

IL CHICAGO — Chicago police said a man who allegedly tried to steal a woman's car got a big surprise when she handed over the keys — then shut him inside her garage.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported that Andre Bacon, 21, is charged with attempted vehicle hijacking and theft and was ordered held Sunday in lieu of



KEITH SRANOCIC/AP

Honoring one of their own

A Homestead, Pa., police officer bends over to look at his K9 partner as they stand in line with other canines and their handlers during a funeral procession for a Pittsburgh police dog on Friday in Pittsburgh. Rocco was an 8-year-old German Shepherd that died Jan. 30, two days after being stabbed by a fugitive during an arrest.

\$75,000 bail.

Police say Bacon approached the woman Saturday and repeatedly demanded that she give him the keys to her 2012 Acura MDX, which was parked in her garage.

She did, but then closed the door behind her and called police. Police reports say Bacon was trapped inside until officers arrested him around 7:30 p.m.

He allegedly was sitting in the driver's seat with the keys in the ignition when police got there.

Police: Thieves tried to sell items back to victim

CO DENVER — Denver police have arrested

four suspects accused of unwittingly trying to sell items they stole back to the burglary victim.

KMGH-TV reported Lucinda Robinson discovered the items missing at her home and drove to the parking lot of a nearby fast-food restaurant to report the theft. That's where she said she was approached by two people asking if she wanted to buy a video game set.

Robinson said she was startled when another person walked up wearing her jacket. She went next door to a gas station and found two off-duty police officers who made the arrests.

Robinson told police she is still missing an iPad, a flat-screen TV and some cash.

Military history museum reopens after tornado

MS HATTIESBURG — In celebration of Black History Month, a crowd of about 100 residents and officials gathered Thursday at the historic USO Club building in downtown Hattiesburg for the reopening of the African-American Military History Museum.

The ceremony marked the museum's first day open to the public since sustaining major damage during the EF4 tornado that tore through the Hattiesburg area last February. The Hattiesburg American reported the storm caused about \$450,000 in

THE CENSUS

70 The number of people who marched under the banner of gay and lesbian group and Viet Rainbow of Orange County at the annual Tet parade in Little Saigon. After being sidelined from last year's Lunar New Year parade, gay Vietnamese Americans marched with pride in this year's event in Westminster, Calif. "We're trying to tap into the memories and the hearts of the spectators and let them know we are Vietnamese American and we are LGBT as well," said Hieu Nguyen, Viet Rainbow's co-chair.



damage to the building — which originally opened March 22, 1942 — and about \$600,000 in damage to its contents.

FEMA: No payback for ransacked store

NJ TRENTON — Federal Emergency Management Agency officials will not pay a New Jersey town that reimbursed an Army Navy store \$185,000 after volunteer firefighters took goods in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

FEMA has told New Jersey officials that some of the items taken in Seaside Heights were not for legitimate emergency use.

The town is appealing the Nov. 8 decision, which was first reported by The Star-Ledger of Newark.

Volunteer firefighters broke into the store as Sandy was hitting New Jersey's coast in 2012. FEMA says that in addition to boots, flashlights and other emergency gear, missing items included exotic knives, night-vision goggles, shot glasses, Betty Boop plates and GI Joe statues.

Judge puts hold on rating flawed hotel

NV LAS VEGAS — The hulking, empty Harmon Hotel tower at CityCenter will stay up for now.

Clark County District Judge Elizabeth González issued an order requiring the casino owners to postpone demolishing the flawed tower. Her office confirmed the order to The Associated Press.

CityCenter owners have been waiting to demolish the half-built hotel tower on a prime piece of Strip real estate since 2008, when inspectors found structural flaws that doomed the building.

But the general contractor that built the Harmon has argued that the building needs to stay up to serve as evidence in an eventual lawsuit.

From wire reports

NATION



Wall of sound

Tucson musician aims to transform border fence into instrument of change

By CINDY CARCAMO
Los Angeles Times

SASABE, Ariz. — On a windy day in southern Arizona's remote borderlands, Glenn Weyant had everything he needed to make music — a cello bow, a mallet and the miles-long fence dividing the United States and Mexico.

His method, like his music, was improvisational and low-tech: He inserted electronic equipment into an Altoids tin, turning it into a microphone. Weyant filled the tin with magnets and pressed it against the fence a few inches off the ground. Wires attached to the tin led to an amp and several effects pedals — the kind electric guitarists use — which allow him to manipulate sounds.

Desert scrub, mesquite and sun-bleached rocks would serve as his audience; sometimes they do double duty as instruments.

"Nobody thought of the border wall as possibly anything other than something to separate people," he said. "I transform it. I play it."

For eight years, Weyant has tapped, banged and stroked the fence to produce haunting, sometimes ethereal, sounds in a region he has called the "de facto militarized zone." Compositions can last a minute — or more than half an hour.

"I'm a border deconstructionist," said Weyant, a 50-year-old Tucson resident. "I want to deconstruct preconceived notions. What I'm saying is you don't need to be afraid of the wall. You have nothing to fear."

Weyant moved to Tucson 19 years ago when much of the border fence in southern Arizona was barbed wire. It seemed forbidden. He didn't know whether he could even touch it.

"Am I allowed?" Weyant recalled wondering.

Though people tend to stay away from the fence — at least on the northern side



PHOTOS BY MEL MELCON, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

A Border Patrol agent joins Glenn Weyant for a duet. Top: Glenn Weyant holds up a bass bow, one of his "instruments of mass percussion" that he uses to turn the border fence into a musical instrument, in Sasabe, Ariz.

— it's not against the law to touch it.

The New Jersey native had been drawn to unusual sounds his whole life — as a boy he enjoyed listening to the hypnotic pattern of his grandfather's electric fan. One day in 2005 — a time of growing concern about illegal immigration and terrorism — he decided that he wanted to hear what sounds the fence could make.

"It was a symbol of fear and loathing. I wanted to transform it into something else ... an instrument so that people on both sides can have open dialogue and communication," Weyant said.

He experimented with drumsticks, mallets, violin bows and cello bows. Sometimes he'd use sticks found on the ground.

In Nogales, he played a fence made

of re-purposed helicopter landing pads, sometimes creating a staccato sound. He'd capture the noise from birds landing on top of the fence, and the sounds of cars and people passing through the port of entry.

In Sasabe, he created a delicate raspy sound when he put a violin or cello bow on rusty mattress wires ranchers had stretched between fence posts to keep their cattle from straying into Mexico.

The results, he said, were beautiful. Weyant is more interested in creating effects than melodies. His recordings can sound like wind chimes or have the flute-like breathiness created by blowing across a bottle top. Other sounds resemble moans, whistles and clicks and suggest whale songs or the ambient noise on a New Age

relaxation tape.

"Some people describe it as nails on a chalkboard," he said. "It can elicit a repulsion, fear, eeriness. It can be ethereal. It's something that can be expansive."

People who have stumbled across Weyant sometimes looked on from afar, unsure of what he's doing. Others have approached him and stayed for a private concert.

"Making the inhumane, humane and human," one person commented on a YouTube video of Weyant making music. "Bravo. Beautiful. Inspiring." In this recording, Weyant rarely touched the wall and mostly amplified the sound the wind created blowing across rocks and through the fence.

At one point, Weyant augmented the sound by playing a cello while wearing a zebra-head mask. His methods often defy explanation. He once employed a moose call, blowing into the whistle-like contraption while standing next to the fence.

For the most part, Border Patrol agents have left him alone.

"I'm a white male playing the border wall," Weyant said. "I'm aware of my privileged status."

Some agents have greeted him with friendly curiosity.

"Why are you playing a wall?" one asked.

Another radioed his superiors: "There's a guy playing the wall. Is he allowed to do that?"

A few agents have warned him about people on the southern side of the fence.

"Hey, you know they throw rocks," one told him.

"Usually," Weyant said, "when you play in a venue, you don't have people with guns watching you and one guy telling you that people on the other side want to hurt you." Still, he's never had any dangerous run-ins with people on either side of the fence.

NATION

Native American, 'culturally homeless'

Documentation, gambling profits factor into tribes' disenrollment efforts

By GOSIA WOZNIACKA
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Mia Prickett's ancestor was a leader of the Cascade Indians along the Columbia River and was one of the chiefs who signed an 1855 treaty that helped establish the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde in Oregon.

But the Grand Ronde now wants to disenroll Prickett and 79 relatives, and possibly hundreds of other tribal members, because they no longer satisfy new enrollment requirements.

Prickett's family is fighting the effort, part of what some experts have dubbed the "disenrollment epidemic" — a rising number of dramatic clashes over tribal belonging that are sweeping through more than a dozen states, from California to Michigan.

"In my entire life, I have always known I was an Indian. I have always known my family's history, and I am so proud of that," Prickett said. She said her ancestor chief Tumult was unjustly accused of participating in a revolt and was executed by the U.S. Army — and hence didn't make it onto the tribe's roll, which is now a membership requirement.

The prospect of losing her membership is "gut-wrenching," Prickett said.

"It's like coming home one day and having the keys taken from you," she said. "You're culturally homeless."

The enrollment battles come at a time when many tribes — long poverty-stricken and oppressed by government policies — are finally coming into their own, gaining wealth and building infrastructure with revenues from Indian casinos.

Critics of disenrollment say the rising tide of tribal expulsions is due to greed over increased gambling profits, along with political infighting and old family and personal feuds.

But at the core of the problem, tribes and experts agree, is a debate over identity — over who is "Indian enough" to be a tribal member.

"It ultimately comes down to the question of how we define who means to be Native today," said David Wilkins, a political science professor at the University of Minnesota and a member of North Carolina's Lumbee Tribe. "As tribes who suffered genocidal policies, boarding-school laws and now out-of-marriage try to recover their identity in the 20th century, some are more fractured, and they appear to lack the kind of common elements that lead to true cohesion."

Wilkins, who has tracked the recent increase in disenrollment across the nation, said tribes have kicked out thousands of people.

Historically, ceremonies and prayers — not disenrollment



Don Ryan/AP

Mia Prickett displays a collection of family photos Jan. 16 while holding her Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde enrollment card and a notice of potential disenrollment from the tribe in Portland, Ore.

— were used to resolve conflicts because tribes essentially are family-based, and "you don't cast out your relatives," Wilkins said. Banishment was used in rare, egregious situations to cast out tribal members who committed crimes such as murder or incest.

Most tribes have based their membership criteria on blood quantum or on descent from someone named on a tribe's census rolls or treaty records — old documents that can be flawed.

There are 566 federally recognized tribes and determining membership has long been considered a hallmark of tribal sovereignty. A 1978 U.S. Supreme Court ruling reaffirmed that policy when it said the federal government should stay out of most tribal membership disputes. Mass disenrollment battles

started in the 1990s, just as Indian casinos were establishing a foothold. Since then, Indian gambling revenues have skyrocketed from \$5.4 billion in 1995 to a record \$27.9 billion in 2012, according to the National Indian Gaming Commission.

Tribes have used the money to build housing, schools and roads, and to fund tribal health care and scholarships. They also have distributed casino profits to individual tribal members.

Of the nearly 240 tribes that run more than 420 gambling establishments across 28 states, half distribute a regular per-capita payout to their members. The payout amounts vary from tribe to tribe. And membership reductions lead to increases in the payments — though tribes deny money is a factor in disen-

rollment and say they're simply trying to strengthen the integrity of their membership.

Disputes over money come on top of other issues for tribes. Native Americans have one of the highest rates of interracial marriage in the U.S. — leading some tribes in recent years to eliminate or reduce their blood quantum requirements. Also, many Native Americans don't live on reservations, speak native languages or "look" Native American, making others question their bloodline claims.

Across the nation, disenrollment has played out in dramatic, emotional ways that left communities reeling and cast-out members stripped of their payouts, health benefits, fishing rights, pensions and scholarships.

In Central California, the Pica-

yune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians has disenrolled hundreds. Last year, the dispute over banishments became so heated that sheriff's deputies were called to break up a violent skirmish between two tribal factions that left several people injured.

In Washington, after the Nooksack Tribal Council voted to disenroll 306 members, citing documentation errors, those affected sued in tribal and federal courts. They say the tribe, which has two casinos but gives no member payouts, was racially motivated because the families being cast out are part Filipino. This week, the Nooksack Court of Appeals declined to stop the disenrollments.

And in Michigan, where Saginaw Chippewa membership grew once the tribe started giving out yearly per-capita casino payments that peaked at \$100,000, a recent decline in gambling profits led to disenrollment battles targeting hundreds.

The Grand Ronde, which runs Oregon's most profitable Indian gambling operation, also saw a membership boost after the casino was built in 1995, from about 3,400 members to more than 5,000 today. The tribe has since tightened membership requirements twice, and annual per-capita payments decreased from about \$5,000 to just more than \$3,000.

Some members recently were cast out for being enrolled in two tribes, officials said, which is prohibited. But for Prickett's relatives, who were tribal members before the casino was built, the reasons were unclear.

Prickett and most of her relatives do not live on the reservation. In fact, only about 10 percent of Grand Ronde members do. Rather, they live on ancestral lands. The tribe has even used the family's ties to the river to fight another tribe's casino there.

Grand Ronde spokeswoman Siobhan Taylor said the tribe's membership pushed for an enrollment audit, with the goal of strengthening its "family tree." She declined to say how many people were tabbed for disenrollment.

But Prickett's family said they have been told that up to 1,000 could be cast out, and have filed an ethics complaint before the tribal court. They said the process has been devastating for a family active in tribal arts and events, and in teaching the language Chinuk Wawa.

"I have made a commitment to both our language and our tribe," said Eric Bernardo, one of only seven Chinuk Wawa teachers who also faces disenrollment. "And no matter what some people in the tribe decide, I will continue to honor that commitment."

IN THE WORLD



Tourists walk through the lobby of the Wynn Macau casino during a Chinese New Year celebration. The annual holiday is the busiest time of year for the former Portuguese colony, which became a special Chinese region in 1999.

PHOTOS BY VINCENT YU/AP



Big trouble in little Chinese city

Mainland tourists swamp gambling mecca Macau during Lunar holiday

By **KELVIN CHAN**
The Associated Press

In a scene from the James Bond movie "Skyfall," the British superspy arrives in Macau aboard a small raft that glides under an arched bridge, past hundreds of floating paper lanterns and through an illuminated dragon head to reach a casino.

When I made the trip to the tiny Chinese gambling mecca at the height of the Lunar New Year holiday Feb. 2, it was decidedly less glamorous.

I joined crowds of fellow travelers, mostly from mainland China, cramming into an aging ferry terminal in Hong Kong to board a hydrofoil ferry for the hourlong trip. Elsewhere, tens of thousands jammed border checkpoints with mainland China.

The holiday, which began Jan. 31, is the busiest time of year for the former Portuguese colony, which Beijing regained control of in 1999 and is the only place in China where casinos are legal.

Celebrations include fireworks, lion dances and parades, but the main draws are the 35 casinos that have made Macau the world's biggest gambling market. While tens of millions of mainland Chinese visit Macau annually, numbers surge during the holiday, often referred to as the world's biggest migration, when Chinese bettors bring their luck at the baccarat tables is strongest. The result is extreme congestion on many steps on the tourist trail in this city of just 30 square kilometers, leaving infrastructure straining and local residents simmering.

I've visited Macau dozens of

times over the past few years from my base in Hong Kong, but have avoided going during the Lunar New Year holiday. This year, I decided to brave the hordes of Chinese gamblers to see in the Year of the Horse.

"From an auspicious perspective, this is the time of the year to come here to win," said Chris Wieners, managing director of Hogo Marketing, which works with casinos. He also runs another business bringing tourists to town for big events. "The feeling is almost like they can't lose; you have to win."

He cautioned that when visiting Macau during the holiday, there are "more cons than pros": travel is a "nightmare," prices are inflated and hotels are full.

Authorities in Macau, population 598,000, were expecting 2.6 million visitors over the weeklong holiday period, according to local broadcaster TDM.

The influx is part of a broader tide of visitors drawn by the breakneck expansion of Macau's casino industry over the past decade. About 29 million people visited Macau last year, most from mainland China, and their gambling helped the city rake in \$45 billion in casino revenue last year. That's about seven times the amount on the Las Vegas Strip and more even than the total earned by all 12,042 casinos in the U.S.

Foreign operators including Sands China, the Asian arm of U.S. billionaire Sheldon Adelson's casino company, are spending billions to build a slew of new mega resorts in Cotai, reclaimed swampland between two islands that's Asia's version of the Las



A crowd watches a lion dance at The Ruins of St. Paul's, arguably Macau's most famous landmark and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Mainland Chinese tourists walk through famous tourist spot Senado Square on the second day of the Chinese New Year in Macau.

Vegas Strip. Resorts already there include Sands China's flagship, Venetian Macao, where the vast gambling floor was thronged even though it wasn't yet noon. So was the mall upstairs, where shops line a faux Venetian canal complete with singing gondoliers.

The crowds were too much for me, so I hopped on a free shuttle bus back to peninsular Macau to see two of the most popular tourist sights, Senado Square and

the Ruins of St. Paul's, part of the city's historic center granted World Heritage Status in 2005. The cobblestoned square's pastel neo-classical buildings give off a Mediterranean vibe, a reminder of centuries spent under Portuguese rule.

From here it's usually an easy walk through winding, narrow lanes to the hilltop ruins of St. Paul's. Not today. Police have set up crowd control barriers and rerouted traffic near the square.

The lanes are jammed with tourists. At one point it's shoulder-to-shoulder.

The congestion infuriates some residents.

"The ruthless pace of mainlanders conflicts with the local way of life," newspaper vendor Ben Lai Hou-kei told the South China Morning Post of Hong Kong.

Paradoxically, while visitor numbers are up, casino profits might not get a bump, industry insiders say.

"The very rich people with the highest net worth will avoid going during Chinese New Year," said Hoffman Ma, deputy chairman of Success Universe Group, which runs Ponte 16, a casino-resort where attractions include a Michael Jackson-themed gallery featuring one of his white crystallized gloves.

Instead, analysts said, wealthy Chinese are now opting to visit a week or more after the holiday starts. These high-rollers, whose visits are arranged by junket operators, account for about two-thirds of Macau's casino revenue.

At the Casino Lisboa, near Macau's downtown, gamblers jammed the crowded casino floor, where minimum bets at some tables went as high as \$1,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$129) — pricey by Vegas standards.

Cherry Yang, a hotel worker from Shanghai and novice gambler, placed a few bets.

"I said, 'Just tell me what's the easiest game to play,'" said Yang, who was steered to the dice game Sic Bo. "I lost 2,000 renminbi (\$300 in 15 to 20 minutes," she said with a chuckle.

Though unfazed by the crowds, Yang and husband, Allan, complained about waiting "an hour" for a cab to go from the Lisboa to Fisherman's Wharf, a theme park, a journey they could have done in 30 minutes by foot.

MUSIC



YEAH!

50 years ago, The Beatles changed the way TV viewed rock 'n' roll

By MICHAEL HEWITT
The Orange County Register

Above: The Beatles, from left, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr on drums, and John Lennon make their first U.S. appearance, on "The Ed Sullivan Show," on Feb. 9, 1964, in New York.

If you were a grown-up on Feb. 9, 1964, and within reach of a television set, you might well have tuned to CBS to watch "The Ed Sullivan Show." After all, the competition was "Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color" on NBC and a short-lived Western on ABC called "The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters."

Besides, maybe you were curious about this new singing group that was creating such a furor. Or maybe your kids were making you.

Because if you were under 18, old enough to know the difference and not facing some sort of reprehensible and totally unfair punishment from your parents, you almost certainly did tune in to see the American television debut of the Beatles.

The Fab Four had arrived in New York just two days earlier to complete their incredibly rapid conquest of America.

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'Sullivan' setlist

Feb. 9, 1964

First set

"All My Loving"

"Till There Was You"

"She Loves You"

Second set

"I Saw Her Standing There"

"I Want to Hold Your Hand"

MUSIC

Beatles: Band, baby boomers reshaped the music business, prime-time television

FROM PAGE 16

Virtually unknown in the U.S. before the Dec. 26, 1963, release of "I Want to Hold Your Hand," the Beatles flew in on the wings of that No. 1 single, along with the No. 1 album "Meet the Beatles" and a wave of teenage admiration that was quickly coined "Beatlemania."

America had seen its young people fall for pop stars before. Frank Sinatra made the girls swoon in the '40s and Elvis Presley did in the '50s, but Beatlemania coincided neatly with the baby boom, giving it demographic clout that predecessor fads could not muster.

In 1964, the last boomers were being hatched and the first ones were turning 18, and the Beatles' first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" was when the cohort showed the remarkable power of its remarkable numbers.

The Feb. 9 episode was watched by 73 million people, making it the second-watched TV show to that date. A most-often performance a week later was No. 2. Those are mighty impressive views we consider that most of the people who were dying to watch The Beatles didn't have control of the family TV.

A trip to America was inevitable for The Beatles, but it was Sullivan who first brought them over for his popular Sunday variety show. A former journalist who had started his New York-based series in 1948 as "The Toast of the Town," Sullivan had a keen eye for talent and kept his show on top — it was a top 10 series even without the Beatles — by out-competing other variety shows for the biggest names.

Sullivan also had a history of booking rock 'n' roll acts, despite a personal distaste for the music. He brought on Elvis in 1956 after "The Steve Allen Show" racked up huge ratings with the young rocker. Elvis' appearance with Sullivan drew in 60 million viewers, and thereafter Sullivan occasionally found a spot for the likes of Buddy Holly or Roy Orbison.

He had had a personal experience with Beatlemania during a visit to England in October 1963, when he saw 100,000 fans waiting in the rain at Heathrow Airport for John, Paul, George and Ringo to return from a tour of Sweden. So when Beatles manager Brian Epstein showed up a couple of weeks later in New York, Sullivan was open to the idea of booking the Liverpool lads.

A number of them have grown up around the Feb. 9 appearance. The most well-known says that juvenile crime all but disappeared in America that night — "a fact" that has never been substantiated.

We do know that George Harrison had staid there and remained at the Plaza hotel during rehearsals. Road manager Neil Aspinall sat in on guitar as the rest of the Beatles tried out the set Sullivan's people built for them.

According to Beatles biographer Philip Norman, Epstein approached Sullivan and said, "I'd like you to know the exact wording of your introduction."

"I would like you to get lost," Sullivan responded.

The show itself went more smoothly. Sullivan introduced them prosaically, but then he was blown away by the screams from the audience. The Beatles launched into their latest single, "All My Loving," and viewers was in progress. During the second number, "Till There Was You," captions identified each of The Beatles by first name. Under John Lennon's was added, "Sorry girls, He's married."

A week later, after a stop in Washington, D.C., for their first American concert, the Beatles were in Miami Beach to join Sullivan's annual snowbird episode. Despite the spectacular showing of the previous week, they had to share top billing with Mitzi Gaynor. "The Beatles made a third appearance Feb. 23, although it had been taped Feb. 9."

The Beatles and the baby boomers combined to completely reshape the music business, but to a lesser extent they made an impact on television, too.

Before that, most rock 'n' roll on TV aired outside of network prime time, on Dick's Clark's afternoon show "American Bandstand" or on a handful of syndicated or regional shows.

The Beatles proved that prime time could no longer consider rock 'n' roll a minor annoyance tolerated to provide a little entertainment for the kids. With the mammoth baby boomer audience clamoring for their music, rock 'n' roll acts became essential for prime-time variety shows.

Throughout the 1960s, it became standard for rock acts to do cameos on scripted shows, too: Chad & Jeremy on "The Patty Duke Show," Davie Allan and The Arrows on "Star Trek," the Beau Brummels on "The Flintstones," the Seeds on "The Mothers-in-Law," Buffalo Springfield on "Mannix."

"Shindig!" debuted Sept. 16, 1964, with Sam Cooke and the Righteous Brothers as headliners and was an instant success. It was joined by NBC's knock-off, "Hulabaloo," in January.

The day of the rock 'n' roll variety show didn't last long — both shows were canceled in 1966. But rock 'n' roll continued to be a staple on prime time.

"The Monkees" came to life in 1966, a show meant to compete with the successful Beatles movies "A Hard Day's Night" and "Help!" featuring a quartet put together by the producers.

Although variety shows aimed solely at the teen audience did not thrive, the standard variety series continued to do well, with producers routinely booking acts that previously had been looked on as novelties or too edgy for prime time.

The Doors appeared on Sullivan's show in 1967 — and angered the host by not changing the lyric "you know we couldn't get much higher" after promising they would. The Jefferson Airplane played Sullivan and "The Smithers Brothers Com' the Holler" as did the Who, smashing their instruments on the latter.

It was a relationship that would last until the variety show died in the late '70s. MTV launched in 1981 and pop music again moved to the outskirts of television, to be brought back in force, but in a different form, by the young contestants of "American Idol."



Up next: Beatlemania. Ed Sullivan, center, stands with, from left, Ringo Starr, George Harrison, John Lennon and Paul McCartney, during a rehearsal for The Beatles' historic first American appearance, on Sullivan's popular variety show.

Yesterday, and today

A Stars and Stripes editor remembers that historic night

By DALTON FLEMING
Stars and Stripes

"Close your eyes and I'll kiss you . . ." The words, full of excitement and promise and carried aloft by electric guitars and drums, soared above the screaming din of the packed New York theater, out through television sets across the land and into history. The Beatles had arrived in America.

It was February 9, 1964, and I was among a nationwide community of TV viewers who tuned in to watch Ed Sullivan formally introduce a new musical sensation from England, as the gregarious host and emcee would put it. I was 10, and that introduction was the beginning of a relationship that would last a lifetime.

I didn't see it coming, of course. No one did, not least The Beatles themselves. But there was a sense that something new was happening, and it was a big deal.

A big enough deal that it drew 73 million TV viewers, a record at the time. "I Want to Hold Your Hand" was at the top of U.S. music charts, and partly through the appeal of their music and partly through shrewd marketing, The Beatles had aroused a nation's curiosity.

While they were at it, they improved its mood. It was just two and a half months earlier that we had gathered before our TVs in stunned mourning for the slain President Kennedy, transfixed by the images that unfolded. The tearful news anchor announcing the president's death, the shooting of the presumed assassin, The riderless horse and the somber procession of the caisson past a fatherless son's salute.

To this day, those images haunt the collective memory of those who witnessed them.

And, to this day, we remember the joyous spectacle of four young musicians making an unstated promise that you can change the world with a song.

Indeed, a case could be made that on that February night, The Beatles established themselves at ground zero of an explosion of creative exuberance, idealism and free thinking that marked the transitional era from the killing of John Kennedy to the landing on the moon. Certainly the band's cultural impact transcends the purview of mere music makers.

But music makers they were, first and foremost, and at the very least they provided the soundtrack for an era, and that became a body of work for the ages.

The Beatles played five songs on that

first Sullivan appearance, opening with "All My Loving," a cover of "Till There Was You" from Broadway's "The Music Man" and "She Loves You." Then, after what must have seemed to a 10-year-old an interminable wait through acts of magic, comedy, acrobatics, celebrity impressions and a show tune or two, they returned to play "I Saw Her Standing

There" and "I Want to Hold Your Hand." I remember the screams of the teenagers in the audience, and my father remarking that the band, with their long hair, looked like girls. And that bit when John, Paul, George and Ringo were identified by captions, with a note under John's reading "Sorry, girls, he's married."

That stuck with me. So, of course, did the music. Though not at first.

The popularity of The Beatles soon unleashed the so-called British Invasion as a succession of pop music acts followed their path to America. During a brief period of peer rebellion I became stubbornly convinced that The Dave Clark Five would be around much longer and threw my lot with them. It wasn't long before The Beatles brought me back into the fold, where I remain.

Among my younger acquaintances, I know very few who aren't passionate about The Beatles, or at least about certain records if not their entire catalogue. They know them through their parents, or older brothers or sisters, or college roommates, or classic rock radio, and they know that something about them strikes a universal chord.

Sometimes, they remark that they are envious . . . "because you were there." They wonder what it must have been like to hear those songs, fresh and new, in the context of those times, bearing witness to history before we realized what we were witnessing. I suppose I've wondered the same about Sinatra and the bobby-soxers.

It's nice to say I was "there" when The Beatles made their big debut, but faded memory negates some of that advantage. Fortunately, all any of us needs to do to experience the excitement of that night is to put The Beatles on the stereo. It's all right there, in the grooves, eternal.



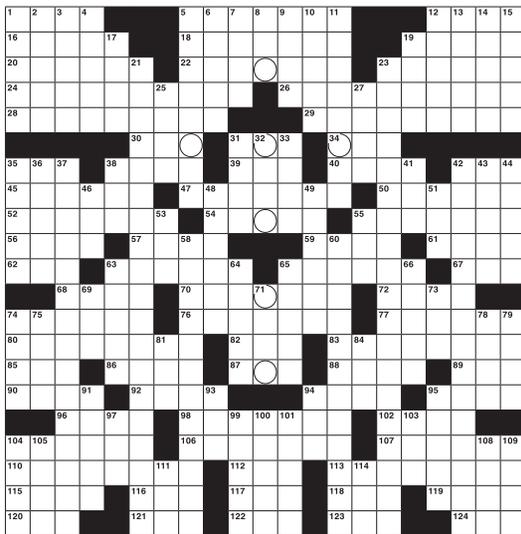
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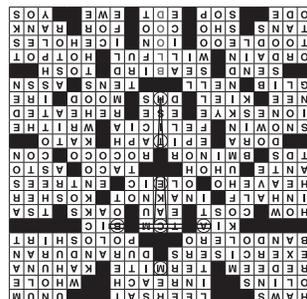
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Portrait of success

A stray bullet took artist's mobility, but not her desire to succeed as a painter

By TED GREGORY
Chicago Tribune

In the past couple of years, about 20 paintings by Mariam Pare have been reproduced and sold internationally. This month, she'll be a featured artist in two shows. And, any day now, she expects to take a job that will pay her a comfortable salary to paint.

Those are intoxicating developments for any artist, but especially Pare. She paints with a brush in her mouth.

That's how she has created art since 1997, a year after a stray bullet struck her spinal cord while she was driving and she watched her hands drop from the steering wheel. In that instant, a promising young artist from the Chicago suburbs became a quadriplegic.

Pare, 38, has risen from that hopeless place by tapping the mysterious neurological pathways that allow creative expression to flow through a broken body. Today she is an arts activist and teacher who survived a life-changing plunge into Lake Michigan while strapped in a wheelchair. She's also part of an exacting, profit-driven group of artists with disabilities who see in their work financial independence and life purpose.

"I paint out of ... necessity, a compulsion," Pare said one afternoon while working on a painting of a woman floating in a bubble. "I love doing it so much that I don't think I have a choice in the matter, really," she said, laughing. "I paint because I love to paint."

When she's not struggling through daily life, working to expand community outreach for art or promoting its therapeutic value, Pare paints in a 10-by-10 room in a second-floor apartment.

Pare used her right hand to draw and paint since she was a child, and, after moving to Naperville, Ill., at age 11, it served her well through junior high and high school. She won first place in Naperville Art League shows and had a favorable portfolio critique at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where recruiters urged her to enroll, she said.

Instead, Pare headed to San Francisco. She worked in an art supply store, waited tables, studied at a community college and was accepted into an art school there. A few months before starting classes, Pare went to Virginia to visit a friend.

Shortly after sundown on a rainy Thursday, March 28, 1996, she and the friend were driving near Richmond, Va. Pausing at a stop sign, Pare wondered why so many people were gathered on a corner in the rain. Then she pressed the accelerator.

"I heard the popping of the gun, and I saw the glass flying and it all happened really fast," she said. "It was just noise and then I couldn't move. I didn't know I'd been shot. I just felt a kind of bolt of electricity behind me and a flash of heat."

She was 20 years old. Authorities never made an arrest, and three months after the shooting, Pare was admitted to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Staff slowly drew her off a breathing machine and gave her invaluable strategies to deal with her new life. About two months later, an occupational therapist put a pen in Pare's left hand to write her name.

She failed. The therapist suggested she try with the pen in her mouth, and Pare was astonished to find that her writing looked nearly the same as when she could use her right hand.



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Mariam Pare clenches a brush in her mouth and paints in her home art studio in Naperville, Ill. As an artist at age 20, a stray bullet paralyzed her while she was driving. She began painting with her mouth when she learned she could write that way.

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Dr. Daniel Potts
neurologist

"I was like, oh, wow. I could apply this to painting," Pare recalled. "Maybe I could draw, or maybe it might be fun to paint while I'm in here and have all this time. That's when I kind of got excited and decided to explore what I could do again."

Forging that path, as arduous as it was for Pare, is a "fascinating" property of the brain, said Dr. Daniel Potts, neurologist and associate professor at the University of Alabama. Founder of Cognitive Dynamics, an organization focused on expressive arts therapy for cognitive disorders, Potts noted that the brain's capacity to generate art remains after a paralyzing injury.

The issue becomes how to bring out that art.

"When the end point of the normal motor pathway is taken away and the drive to produce art is still present," Potts said, "the brain and motor system work to create a new mechanism for artistic production." Exactly how that happens remains some-

what mysterious and theoretical, but Potts said the basic concept that the brain finds another path for expression after an injury is widely accepted. And, Pare's transition makes more sense when one understands that regions of the brain controlling the hand and mouth are fairly close to each other, Potts said.

He compared it to someone taking the back roads to get to a destination when the interstate is blocked. Pare's brain has "rerouted the motor output to the mouth and the muscles of the neck," Potts said.

As she, or anyone else, continues to work, those pathways develop further, "much like when a pianist gets better playing scales with practice," he said.

Pare takes a similar view. "It's something that's inside you," she said, adding that her knowledge of "what the paint could do" and how to use it were advantages when she resumed painting. "Your aesthetics or your sense of gesture isn't necessarily physical or associated with the limb you use."

The larger issue "is the triumph of the human body, this indomitable drive to create, despite the affliction," Potts said. "There is still a person who can tap into that creativity, which says to me that the parts of the brain involved in creating and expressions of creativity are very powerful."

That capacity, he said, is a key reason people with disabilities should have opportunities to create. "I think stories like Mariam's bring home the point that we should never give up on folks with disabilities," Potts said.



Pare paints in oil on canvas. An arts activist and teacher, she hopes to land a job soon that will pay her to paint.

BOOKS

'Original American Spies'

How 7 secret agents of the Revolutionary War helped shape history

By **BATHSHEBA MONK**
Special to Stars and Stripes

In the past couple of years, politicians have been talking a lot about our founding fathers and aligning themselves with their immutable purity of purpose and character. Of course, this causes red flags to go up because for one thing no one can know the motives or intents of people two hundred years dead, no matter how many documents they've left behind. Anyone who's been judged on a document or recording taken out of context knows how flabbergasting that is. Intent and purpose are nuanced things. Take away the moral, economic and social landscape and all that's left is a faded two-tone picture. And nothing else like a photo.

The other thing is this: What we learn in school about the early days of our country is distilled down to a belief in American inventiveness and an exasperated disbelief that anyone would oppose our destiny. Basic American history books are a bloodless chronicle of good guys, bad guys and boisterous pronouncements. I always want to shake these history books to see if any humanity tumbles out.

With this background, I found it refreshing to read Paul R. Misencik's new book, "The Original American Spies: Seven Covert Agents of the American Revolutionary War." Misencik uses lavish detail taken from extensive research to highlight the clandestine activities of seven Revolutionary War spies and puts them in the context of their times, their personal lives, and the larger war they operated in. The result is experiencing the Revolutionary War from the ground level and in real time.

It was a long war—1775-1783—and Misencik does a fine job of showing just what that meant: you had to declare your allegiance as either a Whig (American sympathizer) or a Tory (British sympathizer). Your sympathies would get you much-needed business, but it would earn you the wrath of the American



Paul R. Misencik

mob or sabotage by rebel groups such as the Sons of Liberty. You needed passes to travel through occupied territory — and all territory was occupied by either the Americans or British — to get simple supplies like a bag of flour, and you had to live with the constant suspicions and paranoia that no one was who they said they were. Living in 2014, it's hard to imagine not having the freedom to espouse your political beliefs, but that's what it was like in 1775 when the war started.

There weren't a lot of volunteers for spy duty, and Washington had to appeal to patriotism rather than the romance of being a colonial James Bond. And being a spy in the Revolutionary War required specific talents that might seem quaint in the age of drones and cloud computing. For example, the spy had to be physically strong and had to have a good memory as anything written down would be used as evidence against him or her, and, as the non-negotiable punishment for spying was death by hanging, the spy had to possess a large dose of courage.

Misencik tells the story of Lydia Barrington Darragh, a female spy whose large house in Philadelphia was requisitioned by the British for meetings. She realized soon that, as a woman, she was invisible to the British and she could go in and out of these meetings unnoticed except for requests for refreshments. Darragh didn't start out want-

ing to spy, but she seized her advantage and found ways to send all her intelligence to General Washington. Most noteworthy was the intelligence that British General Howe intended to surprise the Americans at White Marsh and because of Darragh's stealth and fast action, Howe met a well-prepared army and retreated.

Misencik makes the point repeatedly that spying was not an honorable occupation and after the war many spies chose to keep their wartime spying activity to themselves, even if it meant financial ruin. This was the case for James Rivington, a publisher who loudly ridiculed the American independence movement and his leaders in his newspapers during the war even while extracting military intelligence from British officers and feeding it to the Americans. After the war, he spent time in debtor's prison, rather than expose his secret role supporting the Americans — and thus jeopardize other family members who were on British pensions.

To me, the most interesting theme of "Original American Spies" was that the Americans and the British lived intertwined lives. Lydia Barrington Darragh, for example, had easy access not just because of her gender, but because her second cousin was serving as an aide to General Howe and appearing with her cousin gave her unspoken approval as a trustworthy hostess. Another female spy, Ann Bates — who spied for the British — had a husband who was a low-ranking infantryman in the British army but received papers to pass into General Washington's camp, which were signed by Benedict Arnold. There was a lot of fluidity in family and patriotic alliances that would be hard to untangle even after the war was over. Although I think enough time has passed so we can forgive the British.

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Paul R. Misencik is the author of two books besides "The Original American Spies": "George Washington and the Half-Breed" and "An Alliance that Began the French and Indian War," and "Washington's Teenage Spy: Sally Townsend of Oyster Bay" due out later this year. Misencik is presently the Chief of the Operational Factors Division of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board. He is a member of the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line, living history foundation. He lives in Reston, Va.

Book examines love between Robert Louis Stevenson, wife

By **JOY TRIPPING**
The Dallas Morning News

It's hard to believe it's been 6½ years since the publication of Nancy Horan's bestselling debut, "Loving France," a riveting tale centered on Frank Lloyd Wright's lover and muse, Mamah Borthwick Cheney, that remains vividly fresh in my memory.

In her new novel, "Under the Wide and Starry Sky," she once again takes a deep, close dive into the fascinating life of a woman focusing on a significant love interest.

Horan has been credited with inventing this popular subgenre of literary fiction; since "Loving Frank," we've had "The Paris Wife" (Hemingway), the recent "Mrs. Poe" (Edgar Allan Poe) and many others along the same lines. As the story goes, Fanny, a learned woman with three young children, is fleeing

her cheating husband to study art in Europe. "It's one of the few respectable ways a woman can leave a rotten husband," a friend tells her.

Both Fanny and her daughter are talented painters, and Fanny also aspires to a writing career.

Denied admission to their chosen school in Antwerp because they are women, Fanny and Belle (and Fanny's two sons) move to Paris and study art while living on bare bones. Then the youngest child, Harvey, dies of scrofulous tuberculosis. Overcome with grief and needing a cheap escape, the family moves to Grez-sur-Loing, a Bohemian riverside colony.

There Fanny meets Robert Louis Stevenson — called Louis or Lou. Wearing a black velvet jacket, an embroidered felt smoking cap, a red sash, white linen pants and high boots, he makes a remarkable entrance: "He walked quickly to the house, pausing to con-

sider each of the two doors. Rejecting both, he chose the open window. With the grace of a high jumper, he threw one leg long and then the other over the windowsill and hurled himself into the dining room."

His friends call Louis the "Great Exhilarator." Fanny, 10 years older but young in heart and mind, couldn't help but notice.

The admiration is mutual, but their love builds slowly. Once the sparks rise to flames, Fanny divorces Evil Husband and marries Louis, who begins tinkering with "Treasure Island" when Fanny's son, Sammy, asks him to "tell me a pirate story."

The Stevensons' way was rarely easy. Louis battled with both his writing and his health, barely escaping death from maladies related to weak lungs. Money was always a problem, even after Louis' books began selling. Fanny suffered from bouts of what sound like migraines and bipolar disorder. She envied Louis' literary success, and she resented his friends who, she believed (with some cause), treated her as an outsider.

Horan's prose is generous enough to keep a reader transfixed, even if the story itself weren't so compelling.



Artis Henderson

Army widow tells story of love and loss

By **DAVID TARRANT**
The Dallas Morning News

There are stories of war we are used to seeing: the soldier as action hero or the wounded warrior returning home. Then there are the war stories that are not so familiar, of the families left behind.

Artis Henderson's "Unremembered Widow" is one such story, an exquisitely sensitive portrait of a new bride whose marriage is cut short when her husband is killed in the Iraq War.

The book's title refers to the dry, bureaucratic term used by the military to describe a woman in Henderson's situation. As if writing in passionate defiance of such a barren label,

Henderson tells the story of her relationship with Miles Henderson. They had different backgrounds. Artis grew up poor, the only child of a single mother, whose father died when she was young. Miles was a Texan and the son of an airline pilot.

Artis has recently graduated from an Ivy League university when she meets Miles, an Army pilot in helicopter training, at a nightclub. Almost immediately they come together, sharing a deep, passionate and breathtaking love for each other. It is that love that sustains Henderson when she moves with Miles to Fort Hood, Texas, and then to Fort Bragg, N.C.

Artis describes herself as a fish out of water in the insular life of a military community. Feeling isolated and lonely, she moves back home with her mother when Miles deploys with his unit to Iraq.

The relationship with her mother is key to her coming to some understanding of her past and the death of her father, and of how she grieves the death of her husband. She writes with unflinching honesty of her grief and in a way that puts herself, at times, in an unflattering light. But that's what makes this memoir so poignant and authentic. The writer hides nothing.

To read more about author Artis Henderson, see the Spouse Calls blog online at stripes.com/go/spousecalls.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Apple buys back \$14B bite of its stock

By MICHAEL CHAPMAN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Apple has repurchased \$14 billion of its stock in the two weeks after its first-quarter financial results and second-quarter revenue outlook disappointed investors.

The buyback news helped lift Apple's stock by more than 1 percent Friday.

Apple Inc. bought \$12 billion worth of its shares through an accelerated repurchase program and \$2 billion on the open market, the company confirmed.

The company stepped its investments because CEO Tim Cook believed the stock had become a bargain after a recent downturn.

Late Thursday, Cook said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal that the company was "surprised" when its stock dropped 8 percent the day after its earnings report and revenue outlook. He told the newspaper

he wanted to be "aggressive" and "opportunistic."

Apple has grown accustomed to being a leader in the technology sector. In the Steve Jobs era, consumers and investors alike eagerly awaited each new product announcement and have been rewarded as devices like the iPhone and iPad won accolades for innovation and pushing technology forward.

But with each new innovation over the years, there have been increasingly higher expectations for the future. So when Apple's first-quarter iPad and iPhone sales were not as big as expected by investors, and its second-quarter revenue forecast fell short of Wall Street's view, the stock got dinged.

In the past year Apple's shares have lost some ground due to concerns about slowing growth and increasing competition.

And with the smartphone market becoming inundated with op-

tions, Apple may be hard pressed to lift its stock back to where it stood at its peak price of more than \$700 in September 2012. That was before investors began to fret about fiercer competition in mobile devices and Apple's lack of a breakthrough product since the iPad came out nearly four years ago.

But Apple isn't sitting idle. Its \$14 billion stock buyback signals the company remains confident in its business. This is good news for investors, including Carl Icahn. The billionaire activist investor has been pressuring Apple to boost its share repurchases. Just last month Icahn raised his stake in Apple, revealing on Twitter that he'd put another \$500 million into Apple stock. He already owned about 4.7 million Apple Inc. shares worth more than \$2.5 billion.

Icahn has said he wants the Cupertino, Calif., company to spend \$50 billion buying back its own

stock during the current fiscal year ending in September.

"Keep buying Tim!" Icahn implored Cook in a message posted Friday on his Twitter account.

His tweet also noted that Apple still should have about \$1 billion in cash even after the company's recent buyback spree.

Apple has repurchased more than \$40 billion of its shares in the last 12 months.

Apple's shares closed Friday up \$7.17, or 1.4 percent, at \$519.68.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 10)	\$1.3916
Dollar buys (Feb. 10)	€0.7186
British pound (Feb. 10)	\$1.67
Japanese yen (Feb. 10)	99.00
South Korean won (Feb. 10)	1,049.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.6070
British pound	\$1.6412/1.6093
Canada (dollar)	1.1032
China (Yuan)	6.0636
Denmark (Krone)	5.4755
Egypt (Pound)	7.7588
Euro	\$1.3627/1.7338
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7858
Hungary (Forint)	225.55
Israel (Shekel)	3.5269
Japan (Yen)	102.28
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2829
Norway (Krone)	5.1826
Philippines (Peso)	45.03
Poland (Zloty)	3.07
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2683
South Korea (Won)	1,073.77
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8977
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.82
Turkey (New Lira)	2.2209

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

MARKET WATCH

Feb. 7, 2014

Dow Jones industrials	+165.55
	15,794.08
Nasdaq composite	+68.74
	4,125.86
Standard & Poor's 500	+23.59
	1,787.02
Russell 2000	+12.55
	1,116.48

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	1.00
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.67

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 12 Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	51	33	Cldy	Fort Wayne	22	12	Cldy	Louisville	33	22	Pcldy	Pocatello	37	30	Snow	Slois City	8	-4	Cir
Ablene, Tex	64	39	Pcldy	Cheyenne	28	19	Cldy	Goodland	66	52	Rain	Lubbock	60	32	Pcldy	Portland, Me.	11	-3	Cldy	Slois Falls	4	-9	Cir
Akron, Ohio	25	12	Cldy	Chicago	19	10	Cldy	Grand Junction	18	10	Cldy	Macon	63	37	Pcldy	Portland, Ore.	31	27	Snow	South Bend	20	11	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	23	15	Cldy	Cincinnati	39	19	Cldy	Grand Rapids	23	12	Cldy	Miami Beach	80	68	Cir	Providence	31	18	Snow	Suzanne	24	9	Cir
Albuquerque	56	34	Pcldy	Cleveland	23	12	Cldy	Grand Rapids	23	12	Cldy	Medford	53	40	Rain	Pueblo	41	21	Cldy	Springfield, Ill.	22	18	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	32	17	Cldy	Colorado Springs	45	28	Cldy	Great Falls	12	-12	Cldy	Memphis	44	28	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	56	34	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	32	22	Snow
Amelia	42	26	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	62	38	Pcldy	Green Bay	15	0	Cldy	Miami Beach	80	68	Cir	Roanoke	45	32	Cldy	Toledo	25	14	Cldy
Anchorage	14	9	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	61	38	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	55	34	Cldy	Midland-Odesa	74	34	Pcldy	Reno	52	41	Rain	Tallahassee	69	41	Cir
Ashville	53	30	Pcldy	Columbia, Ohio	27	16	Cldy	Hartford	32	18	Snow	Milwaukee	19	7	Cldy	Richmond	48	28	Cldy	Tampa	71	55	Pcldy
Atlanta	42	19	Pcldy	Concord, N.H.	27	7	Cldy	Hartford	32	18	Snow	Missoula	30	9	Cldy	Rochester	24	15	Snow	Topeka	21	12	Cldy
Atlantic City	37	21	Cldy	Corpus Christi	75	49	Cldy	Helena	23	-4	Cldy	Mobile	81	67	Cir	Rockford	17	6	Cir	Tulsa	44	24	Cir
Austin	74	62	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	58	33	Cldy	Honolulu	81	67	Cir	Montgomery	64	36	Cir	Sacramento	62	55	Rain	Tulsa	36	24	Cldy
Baltimore	37	25	Cldy	Dayton	26	15	Cldy	Houston	70	47	Pcldy	Nashville	42	27	Cir	St. Louis	28	20	Cldy	Tupelo	49	28	Cldy
Baton Rouge	65	41	Cir	Daytona Beach	69	52	Pcldy	Huntsville	55	30	Pcldy	Nashville	42	27	Cir	St. Petersburg	69	57	Cir	Waco	60	40	Cir
Billings	12	-6	Cldy	Denver	34	18	Cldy	Indianapolis	26	17	Cldy	New Orleans	65	44	Cir	St. Thomas	84	75	Pcldy	Washington	40	30	Cldy
Birmingham	60	33	Pcldy	Des Moines	13	3	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	61	34	Pcldy	New York City	34	24	Cldy	St. Thomas	84	75	Pcldy	Wash. Post Beach	77	67	Cldy
Bismarck	5	-12	Cir	Detroit	33	17	Cldy	Jacksonville	67	45	Cir	Newark	30	23	Cldy	Salem, Ore.	35	30	Rain	Wichita	26	15	Cldy
Boise	38	32	Rain	Duluth	37	27	Cldy	Jamez	21	12	Pcldy	Norfolk, Va.	48	31	Cldy	Salt Lake City	50	37	Cldy	Wichita Falls	41	26	Pcldy
Boston	29	20	Cldy	El Paso	71	47	Cldy	Kansas City	18	12	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	48	31	Cldy	San Antonio	75	37	Pcldy	Wichita Falls	41	26	Pcldy
Bridgport	42	19	Cldy	Elkins	33	22	Cldy	Key West	78	38	Cir	Oklahoma City	34	21	Pcldy	San Diego	77	45	Cldy	Wilkes-Barre	31	15	Cldy
Brownsville	74	53	Cldy	Erie	22	12	Snow	Knoxville	47	30	Cldy	Omaha	13	3	Cldy	San Diego	64	56	Rain	Wilmington, Del.	36	23	Cldy
Buffalo	23	13	Snow	Eugene	43	35	Rain	Lake Charles	66	45	Cldy	Orlando	72	55	Pcldy	San Francisco	59	52	Rain	Yakima	26	17	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	20	10	Cldy	Evansville	31	20	Cldy	Lansing	22	10	Cldy	Padsuch	34	20	Cldy	San Jose	59	53	Rain	Yourtown	25	11	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	15	-9	Cldy	Fairbanks	-11	-28	Cldy	Las Vegas	68	45	Cldy	Pendleton	27	20	Cldy	Santa Fe	52	27	Cldy				
Casper, Wyo.	20	5	Cldy	Fargo	3	-13	Cir	London	34	23	Cldy	Phenix	15	15	Cldy	St. Louis	12	-1	Cldy				
Charleston, S.C.	64	39	Pcldy	Flagstaff	52	23	Pcldy	Lincoln	15	4	Cldy	Philadelphia	35	22	Cldy	Savannah	65	41	Pcldy				
Charleston, W.Va.	36	27	Cldy	Flint	21	9	Cldy	Little Rock	44	27	Cldy	Phoenix	76	50	Cldy	Seattle	41	31	Cldy				
Charlotte, N.C.	59	37	Pcldy	Fort Smith	44	28	Cldy	Los Angeles	68	52	Pcldy	Pittsburgh	27	18	Snow	Shreveport	61	37	Pcldy				

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OPINION

Redrawing districts the simple way

By JON HUSTED

More than 6 out of 10 Americans believe our nation is on the wrong track, according to a recent NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll. Many factors contribute to the political dysfunction that fuels these numbers. There is no comprehensive quick fix but, done correctly, redistricting reform has the greatest potential to repair what is broken in our democracy.

I am a conservative Republican, served as speaker of the Ohio House before becoming secretary of state and have been pushing to reform the way Ohio does redistricting since 2005. I believe that gerrymandering is the fractured foundation on which our legislative branch of government is built. It's a survival skill that both parties have mastered because they know that the party that controls the line-drawing process can all but guarantee the outcome of general elections.

In 2012, President Barack Obama won the Ohio vote by three percentage points. Meanwhile, Republicans retained control of the Ohio House 60 to 39 and control of the state Senate 23 to 10. Republicans have a 12-to-4 majority in Ohio's delegation to the U.S. House. But very few of the congressional races were actually competitive. The closest House race was decided by four points, and the average margin of victory was 32 points.

In the private marketplace, competition results in better quality and lower prices. Yet our society allows legislative districts to be designed to avoid competition and the virtues it can produce.

Our system has ensured that the most consequential point in most state legislative and congressional elections is the primary election, where small groups of

Gerrymandering is the fractured foundation on which our legislative branch of government is built.

like-minded voters decide who will represent the majority of the population that official is supposed to serve. This phenomenon, of course, is not unique to Ohio, and we have seen the consequences of partisan gerrymandering play out to their dysfunctional conclusion in Washington, D.C. When elected officials from both parties know they need to please only partisan interest groups and primary voters to keep their jobs, they recognize that it is counterproductive to their re-election to work across party and ideological lines.

That isn't how things are supposed to work. It is the competition of ideas that makes America great — yet under our winner-takes-all system, we are shielding ourselves, and our democracy, from that healthy debate.

Although in my state it was the legislative Republicans who most recently reaped the rewards, this is not to suggest that they are guilty of any wrongdoing. We followed the process exactly as designed in the Ohio Constitution. Accordingly, it is not the process to be more responsive, it is not the people but the Ohio Constitution that needs to change. In amending the rules, we can change the incentives and thus the actions of the people sworn to uphold them.

A good plan should be simple, fair and inherently bipartisan. For Ohio, I advocate creating a seven-member bipartisan board. A supermajority, with at least one vote from a minority member, would be re-

quired to pass any map. This board would draw state legislative and congressional districts using the same rules for both. The prevailing criteria: Districts must be compact and competitive. That means all districts must have the same number of people — the one-person, one-vote principle — and counties and communities should not be split apart.

In short, no gerrymandering. Because the board would not be hand-picking voters for certain districts, these districts would be more competitive, and representatives would be more accountable to everyone they serve. Those drawing the maps would be required to adhere to all federal requirements under voting rights acts and would perform their duties out in the open, where voters could see the process for themselves.

Some redistricting reformers believe that a better route would be to create an "independent" or "nonpartisan" board and that complex formulas should be used to make all districts competitive. Though these arguments are well-intentioned, I think that when it comes to drawing political districts, there is no such thing as "independent," and that complex formulas created at think tanks failed when presented to Ohio in 2005 and in 2012. Different solutions can work in different states.

The answer is to create a clear and simple process in which public officials, who answer to voters, are forced into a room to work out their differences. Americans want to see more of that. It could go a long way toward fixing the broken democracy and restoring our citizens' confidence in government.

Jon Husted is secretary of state of Ohio, the state's chief elections official. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

India, US can learn from exploitation case

By REKHA BASU

The Des Moines (Iowa) Register

India's former deputy consul general to New York arrived back in Delhi last month to a flurry of media and political inquiries following her Jan. 8 felony indictment for allegedly mistreating and exploiting her housekeeper. The case against Devyani Khobragade has commanded daily headlines in India and has caused a rare diplomatic dust-up between the two countries amid a clash of perceptions. U.S. Justice officials are treating the case as one of human trafficking, while the Indian government has taken offense at what it considers intolerable disrespect of what its consular officials: U.S. marshals arrested and strip-searched Khobragade while she was taking her children to school, then jailed her on \$250,000 bail.

India's prime minister called Khobragade's treatment "unfair" while India claimed she should be immune from prosecution under a 1960 Vienna convention. But a subsequent convention said immunity is only for offenses related to consular duties. Some Indians also took offense at America's removing her while providing a green card to the Indian housekeeper, Sangeeta Richards, after she fled Khobragade's New York home.

Richard left the job of cleaning, cooking and caring for the children last June after seven months, saying she was required to work 15 hours a day, six days a week, with a half day off only after two months. She said Khobragade wouldn't let her quit.

The indictment says she was paid the equivalent of \$573 a month even though in

her visa application, Khobragade agreed to pay the New York minimum wage of \$4,500 a month for a 40-hour week. It claims Khobragade had made a second, secret contract for Richard stipulating her actual lower pay.

The indictment has two counts against Khobragade, one for visa fraud and the other for making false statements, with sentences up to 10 and five years each. It also says Khobragade tried to intimidate Richard's family in India to prevent her from talking, and then falsely charged her with stealing.

After its claims of diplomatic immunity were rejected, India reassigned Khobragade to a U.N. job, which carries full diplomatic immunity, to prevent her being tried. When it refused to waive that immunity, the State Department expelled her. India retaliated by expelling a U.S. consular official, halting official interactions between the countries for a month, and revoking diplomatic privileges of Americans in India.

Khobragade has proclaimed her innocence and thanked Indians for their support. She says, frankly, is misplaced. If the allegations are true, and a powerless Indian national was exploited by an Indian official, then it's the victim, not the perpetrator, who deserves everyone's support. Maybe Indian consular staff don't make enough to pay \$4,500 a month, but that doesn't justify the exploitation of labor practiced in many homes. As an Indian Express editorial put it, "The times they are changing, and the foreign service establishments can ill afford to raise the flag and claim affront

every time other countries apply their own reasonable laws to the way of life it takes for granted."

Some Indians say we practice a double standard and point to cases where U.S. nationals have been implicated in crimes — even killings — abroad, but received diplomatic cover to leave the country and not stand trial. That was the case with Raymond Davis, an American contractor in Pakistan, in 2011. Such special treatment is wrong and has to stop.

U.S. Ambassador to India Nancy Powell has been trying to mend fences. "My effort is to restore relationships that were disrupted," she said in an interview in Delhi on Jan. 22. She had several meetings with the Indian foreign minister and expressed regret in a New Year's message over the way Khobragade was arrested. She also highlighted "several positive aspects" to Indo-U.S. relations, given India's economic expansion, mutual business investments and military cooperation.

This case, which has taken on special significance amid U.S. debates over the minimum wage and ramped up efforts to combat human trafficking, carries lessons. For India: Exploitation is exploitation no matter who commits it. At least pretend to care as much about the rights of your lowest-paid nationals as of your government officials. For the U.S.: Strip-searching a diplomat is demeaning and unnecessary. For both countries: When one of your own breaks foreign law, let the person be held accountable. Trying to fix things through back channels only makes them worse.

Rekha Basu is a Des Moines Register columnist.

OPINION

Obama's magic words felled by harsh reality

BY GEORGE F. WILL

Barack Obama, the first president shaped by the celebratory culture in which every child who plays soccer gets a trophy, and the first whose campaign speeches were his qualification for the office, perhaps should not be blamed for thinking that saying things is tantamount to accomplishing things, and that good intentions are good deeds. So, his presidency is useful after all, because it illustrates the perils of government run by believers in magic words and numbers.

The last progressive president modeled Cities, with every child enjoying a Head Start en route to enjoying an Upward Bound into a Great Society. Today's progressive president also uses words — and numbers — magically emancipated from reality.

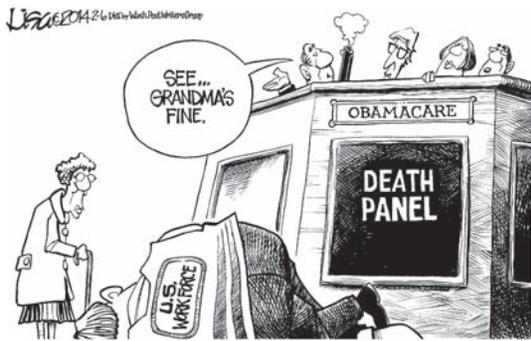
Thirty months have passed since Obama said: "The time has come for President Assad to step aside." Today, James Clapper, director of national intelligence, says Bashar Assad's grip on power has "strengthened." In last month's State of the Union address, Obama defined success down by changing the subject: "An American diplomacy, backed by the threat of force, is why Syria's chemical weapons are being eliminated." If saying so makes it so, all is well.

Assad, however, seems tardy regarding this elimination, perhaps because the threat of force was never actually made. The Democratic-controlled Senate nullified the threat by its emphatic reluctance to authorize force. Reuters recently reported that Assad had surrendered "4.1 percent of the roughly 1,300 tons of toxic agents he supposedly has." The "4.1" is an especially nice number, giving the modifier "roughly" attached to 1,300 tons.

The English Civil War was not finally ended by negotiations between Oliver Cromwell and Charles I; Cromwell seized power and Charles lost his head. America's Civil War ended when Robert E. Lee capitulated to U.S. Unconditional Surrender. Grant, Russia's civil war ended when Leon Trotsky's Red Army defeated the White forces. Spain's civil war ended with Francisco Franco in Madrid and remnants of the loyalist forces straggling across the Pyrenees into France. China's civil war ended when Chiang Kai-shek fled to Formosa (now Taiwan), leaving the mainland to Mao. By Syria's civil war — after the massacres, torture, chemical weapons — supposedly will be resolved by a negotiated regime change: with words. Next, words will supposedly result in Iran ending the decades-old and hugely expensive nuclear weapons program that it says is nonexistent, and will proceed.

The magic number 8 percent identified the level above which Obama's administration said unemployment would not rise, thanks to the 2009 stimulus. Seven dollars is the figure, plucked from the ether; that Obama says will be saved by every dollar spent on "high quality" universal preschool, which is probably defined, with tidy circularity, as preschool that saves seven dollars for every dollar spent on it.

Forests continue to be felled to produce the paper on which are printed the continuing studies demonstrating that America, which has more than 2 million miles of natural gas pipelines and about 175,000 miles of hazardous liquid pipelines, would not be menaced by the 1,179 miles of Keystone XL. The new State Department study says construction "would support approximately 42,100 jobs (direct, indirect, and induced)." Obama, of course, has his own number. In a July 24, 2013, interview with



The New York Times, he said construction "might create maybe 2,000 jobs."

The workforce participation rate is at a 36-year low; in the second half of the fifth year of the recovery, a smaller fraction of the population is employed or looking for work than was when the recovery began. Nevertheless, the administration is cheerful about the Congressional Budget Office's conclusion that the Affordable Care Act will substantially slow the growth of employment and compensation over the next decade.

The decrease is projected to be nearly three times larger than the CBO had previously predicted. The ACA's insurance subsidies, which decline with rising income and increase with falling income,

will cause many people to choose to stop working, or to work less, or to stop looking for work, thereby reducing the number of hours worked by the equivalent of 2.3 million full-time jobs by 2021.

An administration spokesman did not dispute the CBO's key finding but hailed it as evidence that the ACA is increasing Americans' choices. Really.

Many of the words and numbers banded by Obama and his administration may reflect an honest belief that the world is whatever well-intentioned people like them say about it. So, Obama's critics should reconsider their assumption that he is cynical. It is his sincerity that is scary.

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Let Sikh GIs serve in accordance with their faith

BY DR. (MAJ.) KAMALJEET SINGH KALSI

Last month, I attended a congressional hearing on religious accommodations in the U.S. armed forces. The Pentagon had just released revisions to Department of Defense Instruction 1300.17, and the media was in a frenzy. As a proud U.S. Army officer with four generations of military heritage in my family, this issue means a lot to me, and I want to clear the air and explain why.

Sikhism and military service

I am a Sikh. Like all devout Sikhs, I am religiously required to wear a turban and keep my hair and beard uncut. The turban is worn as a constant reminder of my religious obligations. Remembering God, earning an honest living, service and helping the less fortunate. Our very visible articles of faith, including our unshorn hair and beards, represent our commitment and connection to God. Removing them would mean severing ties to the same principles that make us great warriors.

We have been battle-hardened by centuries of religious persecution in South Asia. During the Mogul invasions of India, Sikhs stood up for religious freedom — not only for themselves, but others as well. As children, we are inspired by stories of our forefathers who gave up their lives, but never gave up their faith. Their legacy is a community of 25 million Sikhs worldwide, flourishing in every profession, and proudly serving in modern militaries throughout the world.

Sikhs have a long and distinguished his-

tory of military service. As reported by The New York Times in September 1897, a group of 21 British Sikh soldiers famously repulsed an attack by more than 10,000 Afghans for six hours during the Battle of Saragarhi. They gave up their lives, but never gave up on their mission. An estimated 80,000 British Sikh soldiers gave their lives, and more than 100,000 were wounded during both World Wars. Sikh Americans have served with distinction in the U.S. Army for more than 100 years and in every major world conflict. It wasn't until the early 1980s that irrational barriers were put into place that presumptively banned Sikhs from serving.

Joining the U.S. Army

It is not clear why the Pentagon began restricting religious liberty for servicemembers in the early 1980s. Under the new rules, Sikhs serving at sea were grandfathered in, and nobody was sure what would happen to the next generation of Sikh Americans, like me, who wanted to serve their country. The Sikhs who were grandfathered in continued to serve with distinction.

So when I joined the Army in 2001, I knew that Sikhs were serving in the military and was reassured that my Sikh articles of faith would be accommodated. When I reported for active duty in 2009, however, I was told that I would have to abandon my articles of faith. It was a choice between God and country.

It was a difficult time for my family and me, but we never gave up hope. After several months of advocacy — including sup-

port from Army officials, 50 members of Congress (with both parties represented), and more than 15,000 petitioners in the Sikh American community — and support from our fellow Americans who reminded us that the first settlers came here looking for religious freedom, I was ultimately allowed to maintain my Sikh articles of faith while serving the country I call home.

Contrary to popular belief, Sikhs are not asking for special treatment. We just want a fair chance to prove our abilities. For example, I had to graduate from boot camp and prove that I could wear a gas mask and helmet. The gas mask easily accommodates beards, as military members in the United Kingdom, Canada, Israel, India and U.S. Special Forces already know. I worked with Army officials to develop standard protocols and a field manual for wearing turbans and maintaining beards as part of my uniform.

We essentially codified what Sikh soldiers had been doing for a century. If Sikhs are unable to meet the rigorous demands of boot camp or get a good seal with their gas masks, then we wash out of the program, just like any other American.

I deployed to Helmand province in Afghanistan and treated thousands of combat casualties in one of the bloodiest zones in theater. Unit cohesion and esprit de corps were never an issue. Two of my fellow Sikh soldiers have also graduated from boot camp with their articles of faith and earned awards and promotions for their service. I believe our faith has made us better, more focused, and more disciplined soldiers, and I know we are assets to the military's global and modern missions.

DOD's new religion guidelines

Despite our progress, Sikh Americans continue to face major obstacles if they want to join (or even stay in) the U.S. military. For example, the new revisions to DOD Instruction 1300.17 require us to re-apply for accommodations every time we deploy or are assigned to a new duty station, even if we have performed our military duties with excellence.

Another problem is that the instruction requires servicemembers to suspend their religious practices while an accommodation request is pending. This is a Catch-22 because Sikhs cannot violate the very practices for which accommodations are sought.

Without further revisions, the instruction may shut talented Americans out of our military, simply because of their religion. As of now, servicemembers in Canada and the United Kingdom enjoy more religious freedom than those in the U.S. Given that our nation was founded on the principle of religious freedom, this is both ironic and sad.

Although we have a lot more work to do, I am hopeful that religious liberty will be the rule, not the exception, in our nation's military. As a proud Sikh American soldier, I will gladly bleed for the United States, but I respectfully request that I be allowed to practice my religion too. Like my forefathers, I'll give up my life, but I will never abandon my faith.

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Deals

Friday's transactions
BASEBALL
DETROIT REDS — Agreed to terms with 1B Matt LaPorta on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Mitchell Boggs on a one-year contract. Assigned RHP Deunte Heath outright to Charlotte (AFL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Named Mike Sweeney special assistant to baseball operations and assigned RHP Everett Teaford outright to Omaha (PCL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with OF Coco Crisp on a three-year contract.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP Bronson Arroyo on a two-year contract.
CHICAGO BREWERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Rodriguez on a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with C Omar Slaton on a minor league contract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Luis Ayala on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Promoted defensive coach John Chaney to defensive coordinator and assistant defensive line coach.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed C Dominic Raiola to a one-year contract.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Hired Tom Weir as team's offensive line coach. Linebackers coach, Alex Van Pelt, quarterbacks coach, Scott McCarley, assistant linebackers coach, Jason Simmons, defensive line coach, assistant offensive line coach, Rushing defensive quality control coach, Sam Gash, running back coach, Ron Zook, assistant special teams coach, Luke Getsy, offensive quality control coach, and offensive line strength and conditioning assistant.

MINNESOTA WIKINGS — Released CB Dunta Robinson. Signed WR Weston Dunn to a one-year contract.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released LB Erin Henderson.

MINNESOTA TITANS — Named Todd Rishler director of sports medicine.

NHL
NEW YORK RANGERS — Signed D Canadiens D Alexei Emelin \$5,000 for butt-ending Vancouver Canucks' P Pascal Pelletier in Montreal on Thursday.

BUFFALO SABRES — Waived LW Linus Oksanen and LW Mike Van Der Grinten. Chad Ruhwedel to Rochester (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Traded D Blake Parlett to Boston for C Carter Camerun, and assigned Camerun to Springfield (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned G Manchester Alexander to AHL's Manchester Monarchs (AHL). Recalled G F. Berube from Manchester.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reassigned F Trevor Blum to Milwaukee (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Traded F Vladislav Namestnikov and G Kristers Gudimovs to Columbus (AHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
PHILADELPHIA UNION — Named Mike Sorber assistant coach.

BASEBALL
ARIZONA STATE — Named Keith Patterson offensive coordinator, and assistants and defensive special teams coach, and light ends coach and recruiting coordinator. Chip Long offensive special teams coach.

N.C. STATE — Announced QB Pete Thomas will transfer at the end of the academic year.

RICE — Named Larry Edmondson and Billy Lynch co-offensive coordinators.

College baseball

Friday's scores

Belhaven 1, Culver-Stockton 0	1-0
Berry 101, Guilford 90	1-0
East Carolina 4-1, Eastern Michigan 4-1	1-0
Concord-Newman 4, Brevard 3	1-0
Johns Hopkins 10, Virginia 6	1-0
Stetson 10, Elon 6	1-0
Eastern Missouri 2-3, N.C. Wesleyan 1	1-0
Erskine 8, Stillman 1	1-0
Huntingdon 4, Randolph-Macon 3	1-0
U.S. Kentucky 5, Middle Tennessee 1	1-0
Limestone 6, Florida Tech 5, 10 in innings	1-0
Millsaps 4, Randolph-Macon 1	1-0
Spring Hill 2-4, Huntington 10	1-0
North Carolina 10, Mount Olive 1	1-0
Tusculum 11, Tenure-Lepore 1	1-0
Western Salem 5,4, Millerville 1	1-0

FAVORITES
 Westmont 12, Vanguard 2

College basketball

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SPORTS BRIEFS

UFC's Silva accused of threatening wife with gun

The Associated Press

MIAMI — An Ultimate Fighting Champion fighter was being held in a Florida jail Saturday, accused of threatening his wife with a gun, authorities said.

Broward County jail records show that Thiago Silva, 31, was being held without bond following his arrest Thursday on charges that included attempted murder, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and obstruction without violence. But his attorney, Scott Saul, told The Associated Press that the charges were downgraded during a Friday court appearance to aggravated assault with a firearm and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Saul said he entered a not guilty plea on Silva's behalf.

Authorities said Silva took a gun to a mixed martial arts academy in Oakland Park and threatened to shoot his estranged wife, Thaysa, and her now-boyfriend, who called police and Silva drove away.

Authorities tracked him down to his home where he was holed up for hours until he surrendered. Authorities used a stun gun on him before he was taken into custody.

Broward Circuit Judge John Hurley noted during Friday's court appearance that there was no probable cause to support the attempted murder charges but ordered Silva held without bond after expressing concern about the nature of the allegations and said Silva, a Brazilian mixed martial artist, posed a flight risk.

Walker, Spieth tied for lead at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Jimmy Walker and Jordan Spieth have been nowhere close to each other in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am — except at the leaderboard.

Walker played bogey-free in the wind and rain at Spyglass Hill for a 3-under 69. Spieth was down



KIN CHEUNG/AP

Thiago Silva, left, fights Stanislav Nedkov during a light heavyweight match of the Ultimate Fighting Championship on Nov. 10, 2012 in Macau. Silva is being held in a Broward County, Fla., jail, accused of threatening his wife with a gun. Jail records show 31-year-old Silva was being held without bond.

the coast at Monterey Peninsula, where he made a birdie on his last that he described as the best of his young career. That gave him a 4-under 67.

They were tied going into the third round, with a slight advantage to Walker.

Walker was at 9-under 135 and heads over to Monterey Peninsula, which has played the easiest of the three courses. Spieth was at 9-under 134 and goes to Pebble Beach, which can be brutal in nasty weather. And the forecast for Saturday wasn't pleasant.

Michael Allen matched the Champions Tour record with a 12-under 60 on Friday in the Allianz Championship, finishing the first round with an eagle and 10 birdies at Boca Raton, Fla.

The 55-year-old Allen became the ninth player in the history of

the 50-and-over tour to shoot 60 and the first to accomplish the feat on the par-72 course.

Scott Dunlap was second at 63, and Tom Lehman, Chien Soon Lu and Wes Short Jr. shot 65.

American Cheyenne Woods will take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Australian Ladies' Masters after shooting a 2-under 71 on Saturday at Gold Coast, Australia, to stay on track for her first professional victory.

The 23-year-old niece of Tiger Woods had a three-round total of 12-under 207 at the Royal Pines Resort.

Stacey Lee Bregman of South Africa, who shared the lead with Woods at the start of the round, had a 72 to hold second place, a stroke ahead of 17-year-old Minjee Lee, the Australian amateur champion, who shot a 69.

Local players Thomas Aiken

and Justin Walters moved into a tie for the lead at 17 under in the Joburg Open on Saturday at Johannesburg.

Aiken carded a 9-under 63 on the East Course at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington, while Walters shot an 8-under 64, to open a two-shot lead on the chasers.

The Johannesburg-born pair finished a shot clear of South Korea's Jin Jeong (66) heading to the final round of the European Tour event. Finland's Roope Kakko is 14 under and another shot back.

Workers threaten strike at World Cup stadium

SAO PAULO — Workers at a World Cup stadium in the jungle city of Manaus are threatening to go on strike to demand better

conditions following a third recent construction-related death at the venue.

A walkout could further delay the completion of the Arena da Amazonia just months before the start of football's showcase tournament.

"We have to guarantee the workers' rights and their safety," union leader Cicero Custodio told Brazilian news media. "Nobody will get in on Monday."

A 55-year-old Portuguese man was killed in an accident on Friday while disassembling a crane that was used to install the stadium's roof, becoming the third worker to die at the venue in less than a year.

The Arena da Amazonia is one of the five stadiums still under construction for the World Cup. Brazil promised all 12 venues would be ready by the end of last year, well ahead of the June 12 opener, but only seven have been completed. Six of them had to be ready for the Confederations Cup warm-up tournament last June.

Organizers said the Arena da Amazonia was nearly 97 percent completed when the accident happened, with only minor details keeping it from being inaugurated sometime this month. Amazonas state Gov. Omar Aziz was expected to visit the stadium on Friday to announce the inauguration date, but the visit was canceled because of the worker's death.

Organizers said Friday that the accident would not interfere with the stadium's construction because the crane had already been removed from the venue's main construction area.

The worker who died was identified as Antonio Jose Pita Martins, who was working for the Portuguese company Martifer, a multinational focused in metal constructions.

Authorities are investigating the accident and public prosecutors said they will halt construction if safety conditions at the site are not adequate.

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Roundup

Hill's career-high 37 lead Pacers to OT win

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — George Hill had a career-high 37 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, leading Indiana over Portland 118-113 in overtime.

David West scored a season-high 30 points and had 10 rebounds and Paul George added 17 points for the Pacers, who have won five of their last six games.

Damian Lillard had 38 points and 11 assists and LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 points for the Trail Blazers.

George converted a steal into the go-ahead dunk with 3:48 left in overtime, putting the Pacers ahead 107-105. West dunked with 1:37 left to make it 111-107.

Lakers 112, 76ers 98: Steve Nash celebrated his 40th birthday by scoring a season-high 19 points as visiting Los Angeles beat Philadelphia.

Wesley Johnson and Chris Kaman each scored 17 for the Lakers. Los Angeles won its second straight after losing seven in a row.

Tony Wroten scored 16 for Philadelphia, which lost its fifth straight game and seventh in a row at home.

Nash played more like a guy who was a two-time MVP a decade ago instead of the oldest player in the league. Banged up this season, he had five assists, four rebounds and shot 8-for-15.

Magic 103, Thunder 102: Tobias Harris slammed home a fast-break pass from Maurice Harkless at the buzzer, lifting host Orlando over Oklahoma City.

The Thunder led 102-101 in the closing seconds when Kevin Durant missed a jumper to set up the last-second play. Harris' dunk was reviewed by officials and upheld.

Harris led the Magic with 18 points and Arron Afflalo had 16. Orlando has its first four-game home winning streak in two years.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Trail Blazers center Robin Lopez, center, is trapped by Pacers center Roy Hibbert, left, and forward Danny Granger during Friday's game in Indianapolis. The Pacers won 118-113 in overtime.

Durant led the Thunder with 29 points and 12 assists. Serge Ibaka added 26 points.

The loss was just the second in 14 games for Oklahoma City.

Mavericks 103, Jazz 81: Monta Ellis scored 22 points and Dallas beat visiting Utah, matching a season high with its fourth straight win.

All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki had 20 points while playing only 26½ minutes for the Mavericks, who moved a season-best nine games over .500 at 30-21. It

is only the second time they have been that far above the break-even mark since their 2010-11 NBA championship season.

The Jazz lost their fourth game in a row. Starting center Derrick Favors was back after missing three games with an inflamed right hip and reserve forward Jeremy Evans had missed two games with a bruised tailbone and bruised right elbow.

Knicks 117, Nuggets 90: Carmelo Anthony scored 31 points in three quarters, then watched

from the bench as host New York ran away from his old team in the fourth to defeat Denver.

J.R. Smith added 10 of his 13 points in the fourth. He also threw the pass of the game during the decisive spur when he went behind the back to Jeremy Tyler, who scored while being fouled.

Amare Stoudemire finished with 17 points for the Knicks, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

game winning streak end and fell back to .500 at 24-24.

Pelicans 98, Timberwolves 91: Anthony Davis responded to his selection to the Western Conference All-Star squad with 26 points and 10 rebounds, and New Orleans overcame a 10-point fourth quarter deficit to defeat visiting Minnesota.

Eric Gordon scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half to fuel New Orleans' comeback, while Davis, who was appointed to the All-Star team in place of injured Kobe Bryant earlier in the day, grabbed seven rebounds and blocked his only shot in the final period.

Cavaliers 115, Wizards 113: Dion Waiters scored 24 points and Kyrie Irving had 23 points and tied a career high with 12 assists to help Cleveland break its six-game skid with a victory over host Washington.

John Wall led Washington with 32 points and 10 assists. The Wizards trailed by 14 early in the fourth quarter. Wall led a late charge with nine points in the game's last two minutes. Martell Webster hit the second of two late three-pointers with 2.9 seconds to go to cut the lead to 115-113.

Celtics 99, Kings 89: Jared Sullinger scored a career-high 31 points and added 16 rebounds and Boston went on a 15-0 fourth-quarter run to beat Sacramento for its longest winning streak in more than two months.

Jerry Bayless scored 19 points and Jeff Green added 17 for the Celtics, who won their third straight game for the first time since Dec. 2-5.

Pistons 111, Nets 95: Andre Drummond had 15 points and 21 assists, Brandon Jennings narrowly missed a triple-double, and Detroit beat Brooklyn.

Jennings finished with 26 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists as Detroit had six players in double figures.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL/MLB



LAURENCE KESTERSON/AP

Villanova's JayVaughn Pinkston, right, takes a shot over Seton Hall's Eugene Teague, left, and Fuquan Edwin during the second half of Friday's game in Villanova, Pa.

AP Top 25 roundup

No. 6 Villanova gives Wright 400th victory

The Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Fuquan Edwin scored eight of Seton Hall's first 10 points to trigger thoughts of an upset.

Edwin wouldn't score again after the early burst, and the Pirates' offense went bust.

James Bell scored 20 points and JayVaughn Pinkston had 19 to lead No. 6 Villanova to its fifth straight victory, 70-53 over Seton Hall on Friday night. The victory was the 400th of Villanova coach Jay Wright's college career.

Sterling Gibbs led Seton Hall (13-10, 6) with 16 points.

Seton Hall made only two baskets in the first 6 minutes of the second half and never seriously threatened the rest of the game.

The Pirates played without Edwin, their second leading scorer, and Eugene Teague, their top rebounder, in their 83-67 loss to Villanova on Jan. 8. Edwin and Teague were back in the lineup, but it didn't really matter — the Pirates haven't won a road game against Villanova since Feb. 26, 1994.

Known as much for his tasteful designer suits worn without a wrinkle, Wright has won 278 games at Villanova (278-146; 2001-present) after going 122-85 at Hofstra (1994-2001). Wright has led his teams to 10 NCAA tournaments and took the Wildcats to the 2009 Final Four.

The Wildcats (21-2, 9-1 Big East) are pe-

rennial Big East contenders and this season's team is his best since '09.

"I just feel very fortunate to be able to coach at Villanova," Wright said. "Whoever coaches at Villanova is going to get a lot of wins."

Alexander Severance won 413 games over 25 seasons (1936-1961), John Kraft won 238 over 12 seasons and Rollie Massimino won 357 games in 19.

No. 12 Creighton 78, DePaul 66: Doug McDermott scored 32 points — 11 during a 14-2 run after his team pulled within a point in the second half — and the Bluejays beat the Blue Demons.

Creighton (19-3, 9-1 Big East) has won 14 of its last 15 games. DePaul (10-14, 2-9) has lost six in a row.

DePaul trailed by 14 in the first half, but closed to 59-58 after dominating the boards early in the second half. McDermott was 9 of 21 from the field and made 13 of 14 free throws, including 9 of 10 in the last 7 minutes as the Bluejays pulled away. DePaul managed only three field goals in the last 7 1/2 minutes.

Austin Chatman added 11 points for the Bluejays. McDermott grabbed nine rebounds to go over 1,000 for his career.

Brandon Young had 16 points and Forrest Robinson added 11 for the Blue Demons, who held a 41-31 advantage on the boards. R.J. Corrington was held to two points after scoring in double figures in three straight games.

Rodriguez withdraws lawsuit against MLB

Disgraced Yankee will serve season-long suspension

By RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez ended his extended and acrimonious fight with Major League Baseball on Friday, withdrawing a pair of lawsuits and accepting a season-long suspension that marks the longest penalty in the sport's history related to performance-enhancing drugs.

Rodriguez, who has steadfastly denied using banned substances while with the New York Yankees, made the decision nearly four weeks after arbitrator Fredric Horowitz largely upheld the discipline issued last summer by baseball Commissioner Bud Selig.

"I think it's a good move for him," former Commissioner Fay Vincent said. "A-Rod had no chance legally, and the commissioner got his authority validated." Rodriguez was among 14 players suspended last summer following MLB's investigation of a Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned substances. Given the harshest punishment, A-Rod was the only player to contest his penalty.

The Major League Baseball Players Association filed a grievance, arguing Rodriguez's 21-game ban was unwarranted or at the very least excessive. Rodriguez also sued MLB and Selig in October, accusing them of "vigilante justice" as part of a "witch hunt" against him.

Horowitz presided over 12 days of hearings last fall highlighted by Rodriguez's decision not to testify. Horowitz concluded on Jan. 11 there was "clear and convincing evidence" Rodriguez used three banned substances over the course of three years — human growth hormone, testosterone and Insulin-like growth factor 1. Horowitz also ruled A-Rod twice tried to obstruct baseball's investigation, but he nonetheless reduced the suspension to 162 games plus the 21-game postseason after weighing it against baseball's "just cause" standard.

Rodriguez sued MLB and the union two days later in federal court in Manhattan, claiming the arbitration process was flawed. But the Supreme Court has established narrow grounds for overturning arbitrator's decisions, and legal experts said Rodriguez had virtually no chance of succeeding in his attempt to have Horowitz's decision vacated. Without making any admissions, Rodriguez's lawyers filed notices of dismissal in both cases Friday.

MLB issued a low-key statement calling the decision to end the litigation "prudent."

"We believe that Mr. Rodriguez's actions seek to divert attention from the focus to the play of our great game on the field and to all of the positive attributes and actions of his fellow major league players," the sport said. "We share that desire."

Rodriguez in 2009 admitted he used banned substances from 2001-03 while with Texas, before baseball had penalties in place for PEDs. After MLB's investigation was sparked 13 months ago by a report in Miami's *New Times*, Rodriguez repeat-



DAVID KARP/AP

Alex Rodriguez withdrew his lawsuits against Major League Baseball, Commissioner Bud Selig and the players' association to overturn his season-long suspension on Friday. The notices of dismissal were filed in federal court in Manhattan.

edly said he had not failed any drug test and claimed evidence provided to MLB by Anthony Bosch, founder of the Biogenetics of America clinic, was not trustworthy.

When Horowitz issued his decision, the three-time AL MVP defiantly proclaimed, "No player should have to go through what I have been dealing with." He announced, "I am exhausting all options to ensure not only that I get justice, but that players' contracts and rights are protected."

But a few hours after the Arizona Diamondbacks became the first team this year to start spring training workouts, and with the Yankees a week from opening camp, Rodriguez folded quietly. He was in Miami on Friday and made no public remarks.

"The statements that were issued say everything that needs to be said. We have no further comments on this matter," Joseph Tacopina, one of Rodriguez's nine attorneys, said in an email.

Tacopina said Rodriguez no longer intended to report this month to the Yankees' training camp in Tampa, Fla. Suspensions only cover regular-season games and the postseason, with exhibitions specifically exempted.

Rodriguez will lose most of his \$25 million salary — Horowitz ruled he is entitled to 21-183rds, which comes to \$2,868,852.46. The third baseman will be 39 when he is eligible to return in a year, and he has incentive to play during the final three seasons of his contract. The Yankees owe him \$21 million in 2015 and \$20 million in each of the final two seasons of the record \$275 million, 10-year deal.

But the 14-time All-Star has been hobbled by injuries in recent years and has not played a full season since 2007.

NHL

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	56	38	16	6	76	169	123
Tampa Bay	57	32	20	5	69	144	143
Montreal	58	31	21	6	64	144	141
Toronto	59	31	22	6	68	175	181
Detroit	57	29	24	4	62	144	141
Ottawa	56	26	21	11	63	167	184
Florida	58	22	29	7	51	139	183
Buffalo	57	15	34	8	38	110	174

Metropolitan Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	56	38	12	6	83	186	138
N.Y. Rangers	59	32	24	3	67	155	146
Philadelphia	56	29	24	3	64	150	165
Columbus	58	29	24	5	63	170	165
Carolina	56	26	21	9	61	143	154
New Jersey	57	24	21	13	61	135	145
Washington	58	26	23	9	61	168	175
N.Y. Islanders	59	22	29	8	52	162	195

Western Conference

Central Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	60	35	11	14	84	207	163
St. Louis	59	36	12	6	82	192	132
Colorado	57	36	16	5	77	169	151
Minnesota	59	31	21	10	69	145	147
Dallas	57	26	21	10	62	162	163
Winnipeg	59	28	26	5	61	165	171
Nashville	58	25	23	10	60	144	175

Pacific Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	59	40	14	5	85	191	145
San Jose	59	37	16	6	80	175	142
Los Angeles	59	27	20	10	68	159	128
Phoenix	57	27	20	10	64	162	167
Vancouver	59	27	23	9	63	145	157
Edmonton	60	20	33	7	47	153	199

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

Friday's games

N.Y. Rangers 4, Pittsburgh 3, 1-0
 New Jersey 2, Edmonton 1, 0-1
 Carolina 5, Florida 2
 Phoenix 2, Chicago 2

Saturday's games

Calgary at Philadelphia
 Winnipeg at St. Louis
 Ottawa at Boston
 Vancouver at Toronto
 Montreal at Carolina
 Detroit at Tampa Bay
 Colorado at N.Y. Islanders
 New Jersey at Washington
 Anaheim at Nashville
 Phoenix at Dallas

Sunday's games

No games scheduled

Friday

Sharks 3, Blue Jackets 2

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	0	1	1	2			
San Jose	0	4	0	3			

First Period—1, San Jose, McCarthy 3 (Sheppard), 3:23, 2, San Jose, Marleau 23 (Hannan), 8:12

Second Period—3, Columbus, Johansson 12 (Hannan), 5:11, 5, Columbus, Jenner 10 (Horton, Johansson), 10:45

Shots on Goal—Columbus 9-8-4-21, San Jose 13-15-19-47

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 4; San Jose 0 of 5

Goalies—Columbus, Bobrovsky 20-14-3 (47 shots-44 saves), San Jose, Niemi 29-12-6 (21-19)

A=17,562 (17,562), T=2:31.

Rangers 4, Penguins 3 (SO)

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	1	1	1	0	4		
Pittsburgh	1	1	1	0	3		

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Pouliot 10 (Zuccarello, Staal), 1:04, 2, Pittsburgh, Maatta 6 (Brassard, Jokinen), 11:43 (pp)

Second Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Girardi 4 (Brassard), 5:24 (pp), 4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 18 (Neal, Niskanen), 8:29 (pp)

Third Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Pouliot 11 (Girardi, Richards), 9:24 (pp), 6, Pittsburgh, Neal 20 (Maatta, Megna), 17:04

Shootout—N.Y. Rangers 2 (Pouliot NG, Zuccarello), Pittsburgh 1 (Jokinen NG, Crosby NG, Malkin G)

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 15-17-8-1-11, Pittsburgh 12-9-8-0-26

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 2 of 5; Pittsburgh 2 of 4

Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 22-18-3 (29 shots-26 saves), Pittsburgh, Fleury 31-32 (41-38)

A=18,661 (18,387), T=2:24.

Coyotes 2, Blackhawks 0

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	0	0	0	0			
Phoenix	1	1	0	0	2		

First Period—1, Phoenix, Vandell 7 (Boecker, Vermette), 1:09 (pp)

Second Period—2, Phoenix, Vrbata 14 (Ribeiro, Yandle), 18:29 (pp)

Shots on Goal—Chicago 7-14-9-30, Phoenix 10-14-2-26

Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0 of 2; Phoenix 2 of 5

Goalies—Chicago, Crawford 22-9-10 (26 shots-24 saves), Phoenix, M.Smith 20-13-0 (30-25)

A=17,825 (17,125), T=2:24.

Devils 2, Oilers 1 (OT)

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	1	0	0	0	1		
New Jersey	1	0	0	1	2		

First Period—1, New Jersey (Loktionov 4 (Salvador, Jaeger), 11:01, 2, Edmonton, Hult 20 (Yakushev, Nugent-Hopkins), 11:30

Overtime—3, New Jersey, Merrill 1 (Ryder, Henrique), 2:36

Shots on Goal—Edmonton 5-6-8-1-20, New Jersey 6-10-5-1-24

Power-play opportunities—Edmonton 0 of 3; New Jersey 0 of 2

Goalies—Edmonton, Bryzgalov 5-8-4 (24 shots-22 saves), New Jersey, Schneider 11-0-9 (20-19)

A=16,592 (17,625), T=2:17.

Hurricanes 5, Panthers 1

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	1	0	0	0	1		
Carolina	3	1	1	1	5		

First Period—1, Carolina, Nash 8 (Nuttall), 9:17, 2, Carolina, Semin 14, 10:44, 3, Florida, Blumstad 13 (Olson, Upshall), 15:30, 4, Carolina, Bellemore 2 (Lindholm, Skinner), 15:21

Second Period—5, Carolina, Tlusty 9 (E.Staal), 4:36

Third Period—6, Carolina, Sekera 9 (Skinner, Jo Staal), 12:48 (pp)

Shots on Goal—Florida 10-15-10-35, Carolina 12-9-11-32

Power-play opportunities—Florida 0 of 4; Carolina 1 of 5

Goalies—Florida, Thomas 15-18-3 (14 shots-10 saves), Clemmensen (4:36 second, 18-17), Carolina, Khudobin 13-5-0 (35-34)

A=16,132 (18,680), T=2:19.

Roundup

Rangers edge Pens in SO for fifth win in six games

The New York Rangers' Brad Richards, right, gets the game-winning shootout goal past Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury during Friday's game in Pittsburgh. The Rangers won 4-3.

PHOENIX'S KEITH YANDEL, LEFT, BATTLED WITH CHICAGO'S MARIAN HOSSA DURING THE FIRST PERIOD OF FRIDAY'S GAME IN GLENDALE, ARIZ.



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Roundup

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The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Eastern Conference-leading Pittsburgh Penguins have been stellar at home this season and unbeatable in shootouts for two years.

The New York Rangers brushed all that aside and played well enough to head into the Olympic break on a winning note.

Brad Richards and Mats Zuccarello scored in a shootout, and the Rangers beat Pittsburgh 4-3 on Friday night to hand the Penguins a rare loss in the tiebreaker.

"We deserved this win with the way that we played the whole game," said New York goalie Henrik Lundqvist, who stopped two of three shots he faced in the shootout. "I don't know if it was desperation, but we understood how important this game was. We have a long break here and you definitely want to end it the right way."

Benoit Pouliot scored twice in regulation for the Rangers, who bounced back from a home loss to Edmonton the night before and won for the fifth time in six games.

The Penguins had won all four of their previous shootouts this season and 14 of the past 15 overall. Their most recent loss was two years ago to the day against Montreal.

"It's not something that happens very often with our group — our shooters and (Marc-Andre Fleury) in net," Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma said. "But Henrik is almost as good, and was tonight."

Zuccarello, the second New York shooter in the tiebreaker, tucked a backhand under the pads of Fleury — who had not allowed a shootout goal all season. Evgeni Malkin beat Lundqvist to extend the game before Richards flipped a shot past Fleury to end it.

Lundqvist made 26 saves, running his winning streak to five games.

"We played a real solid game," Richards said. "We played hard. They're going to get goals sometimes, that stuff happens, but we gave ourselves a chance to win."

James Neal tied it for Pittsburgh with 2:56 left in

regulation. It was Neal's 20th goal of the season and third in three games.

Olli Maatta and Malkin also scored for the Penguins, who lead second-place New York by 16 points in the Metropolitan Division.

Pittsburgh allowed 41 shots on goal and had a rare weak penalty-killing effort. The Penguins lost for only the second time in their last 18 home games, ending a five-game home winning streak against the Rangers that dated to 2012.

"Not a good game for us," Malkin said. "We need to play better; we were lucky to take one point."

Coyotes 2, Blackhawks 0: Mike Smith stopped 30 shots and lost Phoenix because of their first team to shut out Chicago this season.

Keith Yandle scored 69 seconds in and had an assist on Radim Vrbata's goal late in the second period. Smith made it stand up with some tough saves late in the third period, closing out his second shutout of the season after rocker Alec Cooper played a three-song set during intermission.

Sharks 3, Blue Jackets 2: John McCarthy scored his first goal since 2010 to help host San Jose head into the Olympic break on a winning note after beating Columbus.

Patrick Marleau and Tommy Wingsels also scored for the Sharks, who won three of four following a three-game losing streak to reach the break in second place in the Pacific Division. Antti Niemi made 19 saves.

Hurricanes 5, Panthers 1: Riley Nash and Alexander Semin scored 87 seconds apart early in host Carolina's rout of Florida.

Brett Bellemore, Jeff Tlusty and Andrej Sekera also scored, and Jeri Stinner had two assists to help the Hurricanes win their seventh in 10 straight games. Anton Khudobin stopped 34 shots in his 16th straight appearance for Carolina.

Devils 2, Oilers 1 (OT): New Jersey defenseman Jon Merrill scored his first NHL goal 2:34 into overtime against visiting Edmonton.

Cory Schneider made 19 saves and Andrei Loktionov scored in regulation as the Devils snappared a two-game skid.

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Scoreboard

Medals table
Through Saturday
(4 of 5 medal events)

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Norway	2	1	1	4
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
United States	1	0	0	1
Austria	0	1	0	1
Sweden	0	1	0	1
Canada	0	0	1	1
Czech Republic	0	0	1	1

Women's hockey
Preliminary Round

Nation	W	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
United States	1	0	0	3	1	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	0	1	0	0	1	3

Nation	W	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	0	0	0	0	0	0

Saturday, Feb. 8
Group A: United States 3, Finland 1
Group A: Canada vs. Switzerland, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9
Group B: Sweden vs. Japan
Group B: Russia vs. Germany

Monday, Feb. 10
Group A: United States vs. Switzerland
Group A: Finland vs. Canada

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Group B: Germany vs. Sweden
Group B: Russia vs. Japan

Wednesday, Feb. 12
Group A: Switzerland vs. Finland
Group A: Canada vs. United States

Thursday, Feb. 13
Group B: Japan vs. Germany
Group B: Sweden vs. Russia

Saturday
United States 3, Finland 1

Finland 0 0 1-1
United States 2 2 4-3
First Period—1, United States, Hilary Knight (unassisted), 0:53.
Second Period—2, United States, Kelli Stack (Hilary Knight, Megan Bozek), 7:42.
3, United States, Alex Carpenter (Anne Schleper), 15:59 (pp).
Third Period—4, Finland, Susanna Tapani (Michelle Karvinen), 15:22 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Finland 3-4-8-15, United States 19-18-10-42.
Goalies—Finland, Noora Raty, United States, Jessie Vetter.

Snowboard
Saturday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Men's Slopestyle
Final Ranking

1. Sage Kotsenburg, United States, (82.50; 89.50)
2. Staale Sandebach, Norway, (27.00; 91.75) 91.75
3. Mark McMorris, Canada, (33.75; 88.75) 88.75
4. Thorgerd, Sweden, (83.75; 87.50) 87.50
5. Mavence Parrot, Canada, (47.00; 87.25) 87.25
6. Jamie Nicholls, Britain, (85.50; 46.50) 85.50
7. Peetu Piiroinen, Finland, (78.50; 81.25) 81.25
8. Yuki Kadono, Japan, (53.00; 75.75) 75.75
9. Sebastien Toutant, Canada, (54.50; 58.50) 58.50
10. Billy Morgan, Britain, (38.00; 39.75) 39.75

Speedskating
Saturday
At Sochi, Russia
Men's 5000

1. Sven Kramer, Netherlands, 6:10.76
 2. Jan Blokhuisen, Netherlands, 6:15.71
 3. Jorrit Bergsma, Netherlands, 6:15.66
 4. Bart Swings, Belgium, 6:17.79
 5. Sverre Lundte Pedersen, Norway, 6:18.84
 6. Dennis Yuskov, Russia, 6:19.51
 7. Ivan Skobrev, Russia, 6:21.83
 8. Patrick Beckert, Germany, 6:21.18
- U.S. Finishers**
16. Emery Lehman, Oak Park, Ill., 6:29.94
 19. Jonathan Kuck, Champaign, Ill., 6:32.51
 20. Patrick Meek, Northbrook, Ill., 6:32.94

Cross-Country skiing
Saturday
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia
Women's Skatathon 7.5km Classic + 7.5km Free

1. Marit Bjorndal, Norway, 38:33.6
 2. Mariette Kalla, Sweden, 39:25.4
 3. Heidi Weng, Norway, 38:46.8
 4. Therese Johaug, Norway, 38:48.2
 5. Anniina Saari, Finland, 38:48.9
 6. Justyna Kowalczyk, Poland, 39:29.7
 7. Kersti Niskanen, Finland, 39:35.3
 8. Jessie Diggins, Alton, Minn., 40:05.5
- Other U.S. Finishers**
12. Liz Stephen, East Montpelier, Vt., 40:09.6
 31. Sadie Bjornsen, Winthrop, Wash., 41:09.4
 47. Holly Brooks, Anchorage, Alaska, 42:34.0

Slopestyle

Kotsenburg garners first US gold

By EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Sage Kotsenburg loves snowboarding for all its unexpected surprises.

Winning the first Olympic gold medal in slopestyle, for one.

And winning it with one trick he'd never tried before and another that included a self-invented grab of the board he named the "Holy Crail."

The 20-year-old American jetted off the first big jump of the slopestyle course Saturday and whirled around for 3½ rotations while flipping twice. All the while, he was grabbing the front of his board with one hand and the nose of the board with the other.

At the bottom, he helicoptered through 4½ rotations, while grabbing his board and flexing it behind his back.

"Never even tried it before," Kotsenburg said. "Never, ever tried it in my life."

Kotsenburg landed both jumps cleanly. The fans in the mostly full stands, knowing they had seen something completely different in a completely new Olympic sport, let out a huge gasp after the second one.

On the strength of those tricks — the Cab Double Cork 1260 with a Holy Crail grab and a Back 1620 Japan Air — the kid from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, known as "Second Run Sage," posted a winning score of 93.5 on his first run.

Nobody in the 12-man field of finalists could top him. Kotsenburg put the first gold medal of the Sochi Games into the "USA" column. Soon after, he and the other medalists, Staale Sandebach of Norway and Mark McMorris of Canada,



SERGEI GRIS/AP

The United States' Sage Kotsenburg won the first medal for the United States in this Olympics, taking the gold in the men's snowboard slopestyle final in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

were hugging, body-slaming and turning their sport's "Kiss and Cry" zone into a mush pit.

"I kind of do random stuff all the time, never make a plan up," Kotsenburg said. "I had no idea I was even going to do a 1620 in my

run until three minutes before I dropped. It's kind of what I'm all about."

Kotsenburg's jumps were the high point of yet another sunny, windless day at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park. Combining all

that, along with a bit of half-expected, half-legitimate gripping about the judging, made it easy to forget that Shaun White had pulled out of this event before qualifying, complaining about the toughness of the course.

Speedskating

Kramer races to another 5,000 win

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Sven Kramer leaped on the top step of the medal stand, unleashed a scream for the Dutch fans and defiantly pointed both index fingers.

He'd been waiting four long years for this moment.

And, still, it's not enough. Kramer got started on his road to Olympic redemption — and that's all it was, a start — by claiming his second straight speedskating gold in the men's 5,000 meters Saturday.

After the runaway victory, Kramer made it clear he won't be satisfied unless he leaves Sochi with three gold medals around his neck. He's made too many blunders on the sport's biggest stage to settle for anything less.

"For sure, there was a lot of pressure," he said. "I knew I had

to skate the race of my life."

That he did. The 27-year-old broke his own Olympic record with a time of 6 minutes, 10.76 seconds — nearly 5 seconds ahead of teammate Jan Blokhuisen, who took the silver. Jorrit Bergsma completed a medal sweep by the powerful Dutch team by claiming the bronze.

All three were cheered on by the king of the Netherlands, Willem-Alexander, his wife Queen Maxima, and Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

"What can you say? We could never have hoped for such a great result," said the king, himself a speed skender. "That Sven was able to deliver despite such pressure, I leave me speechless."

The Americans weren't close in this one. Seventeen-year-old Emery Lehman of Oak Park, Ill., was the top American finisher, placing 16th in his Olympic debut.



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Sven Kramer of the Netherlands won the men's 5,000-meter speed skating race at the Adler Arena Skating Center on Saturday. Kramer set a new Olympic record.

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The United States' Hilary Knight celebrates her goal Saturday as Finland goalkeeper Noora Raty looks on during Saturday's game at the Shayba Arena in Sochi, Russia. The United States won 3-1.

Hockey

US women take opener

By JIMMY GOLEN
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SOCHI, Russia — The puck bounced off Kelli Stack's chest, and before it could flutter back to the ice she bunted it out of the air, past Finland goalie Noora Raty and into the net.

"An 'oops' goal," Finnish coach Mika Pitkanen called it.

And it was just what the Americans needed. Hilary Knight scored 53 seconds into the game and assisted on Alex Carpenter's second-period goal as the United States turned back third-seeded Finland 3-1 to open the women's hockey tournament Saturday at the Sochi Olympics. Jesse Vetter stopped 14 shots for the Americans, who play Switzerland on Monday for a chance to clinch a spot in the semifinals.

Canada beat Switzerland 5-0 later in the day in the other opener for Group A, which includes all of the medal favorites. The Americans and Canadians are overwhelming favorites to reach the gold medal game, and Finland is expected to repeat for the bronze.

That's mostly thanks to Raty, a two-time NCAA champion who went 41-0 at Minnesota in her senior year and made 58 saves to upset the Americans in a tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y., in November. But the three-time Olympian was beaten on the first shot of the Sochi Olympics when a teammate gave the puck away at the blue line and Knight went in all alone.

"I was like, 'All right, here it is. We're going to score here,'" said Knight, who lives in Sun Valley, Idaho, and played for the University of Wisconsin. "When you get a goal, especially in the first minute, it always deflates the other team," Raty shut the Americans down for the next 27 minutes before Stack double-deflected a pass from Megan Bozek — Raty's college roommate — to make it 2-0. With 4:01 left in the second period, the U.S. got another good bounce when Carpenter, the daughter of former NHL star Bobby

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Noora Raty
Finland goalie

Carpenter, backhanded the puck into the crease.

It deflected off a defender and behind Raty, to make it 3-0.

"They got pretty lucky," Raty said. "But you have to earn your luck."

The Americans had said all week that they would need ugly goals to beat Raty, and U.S. coach Katey Stone made no apologies for how the puck went in. "We talk a lot about how there are no snapshots on the scorecard," said Stone, who is on leave from Harvard to coach Team USA. "If it's an ugly one, it's an ugly one. And sometimes against a fantastic goaltender that's how you have to get it done."

A crowd of more than 4,000 hadn't even settled into its seats at the puck-shaped Olympic venue when Raty was beaten on the first shot. After a giveaway at the blue line, Knight took it in and shot over the goalie's right shoulder.

"But Raty didn't let it turn into a blowout. 'I always know that when you face the U.S. or Canada, it's going to be 40 or 50 shots,' she said. 'They are the huge favorites and we are the underdog.'"

Figure skating

Americans have shot at medal in team event

By BARRY WILNER
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SOCHI, Russia — Fifteen-year-old Julia Lipnitskaia had the look of an Olympic champion Saturday night, dazzling the home crowd with a near-perfect performance in the women's team short program.

With her countrymen chanting her first name, Lipnitskaia put on a mature routine that had the fans stomping their feet and showering the ice with flowers and dolls. Her flexibility and rapid rotation on her spins and jumps were reminiscent of Tara Lipinski when she won the 1998 Olympic gold.

And Lipinski, who was the same age at the Nagano Games, was on hand to see it.

"I have been saying the whole year that she is a dark horse," Lipinski said of Lipnitskaia — yes, the names are nearly the same. "I loved the energy and the fight in her."

Lipnitskaia helped Russia hold the overall lead heading into the pairs free skate portion of the new event, held later Saturday night.

Also advancing were Canada, the United States, Japan and Italy.

Lipnitskaia has burst onto the skating scene, and she easily outskated far more experienced competitors Carolina Kostner of Italy, who is in her third Olympics, and Japan's Mao Asada, in her second.

"All the cheering was unusual," Lipnitskaia said. "It was a real pleasure for me. I'm glad I made it pleasurable for the spectators, and I'm glad I got my team into first place."

Her flexibility on every move, combined with her speed, not only enraptured the audience, but impressed the judges to the tune of 72.90 points.

One of this year's big-timers, Kostner was graceful and elegant skating to "Ave Maria" on her 27th birthday.

Asada, a two-time world champion, fell on her trademark triple axel, and that dropped her to third, just ahead of Ashley Wagner of Alexandria, Va.

Wagner struggled at the U.S. championships and was placed on the team despite finishing fourth. This short program was more representative of her talent, although she two-footed a landing that cost her points.

"To score that low was very disappointing for me," she said. "But honestly, this was more about me and my performance, and proving to everyone that I belong here."

Earlier, the U.S. got a huge lift, along with some dazzling footwork and spins, from the world champion ice dancers, Meryl Davis and Charlie White got the U.S. back into medals contention in the new team event. The 2010 silver medalists quickstepped to the rescue by winning the short dance.

"We don't feel like we're trying to carry any sort of burden or load," White said. "We're counting on the whole team to pull through together and I think that's what makes us such a strong team."

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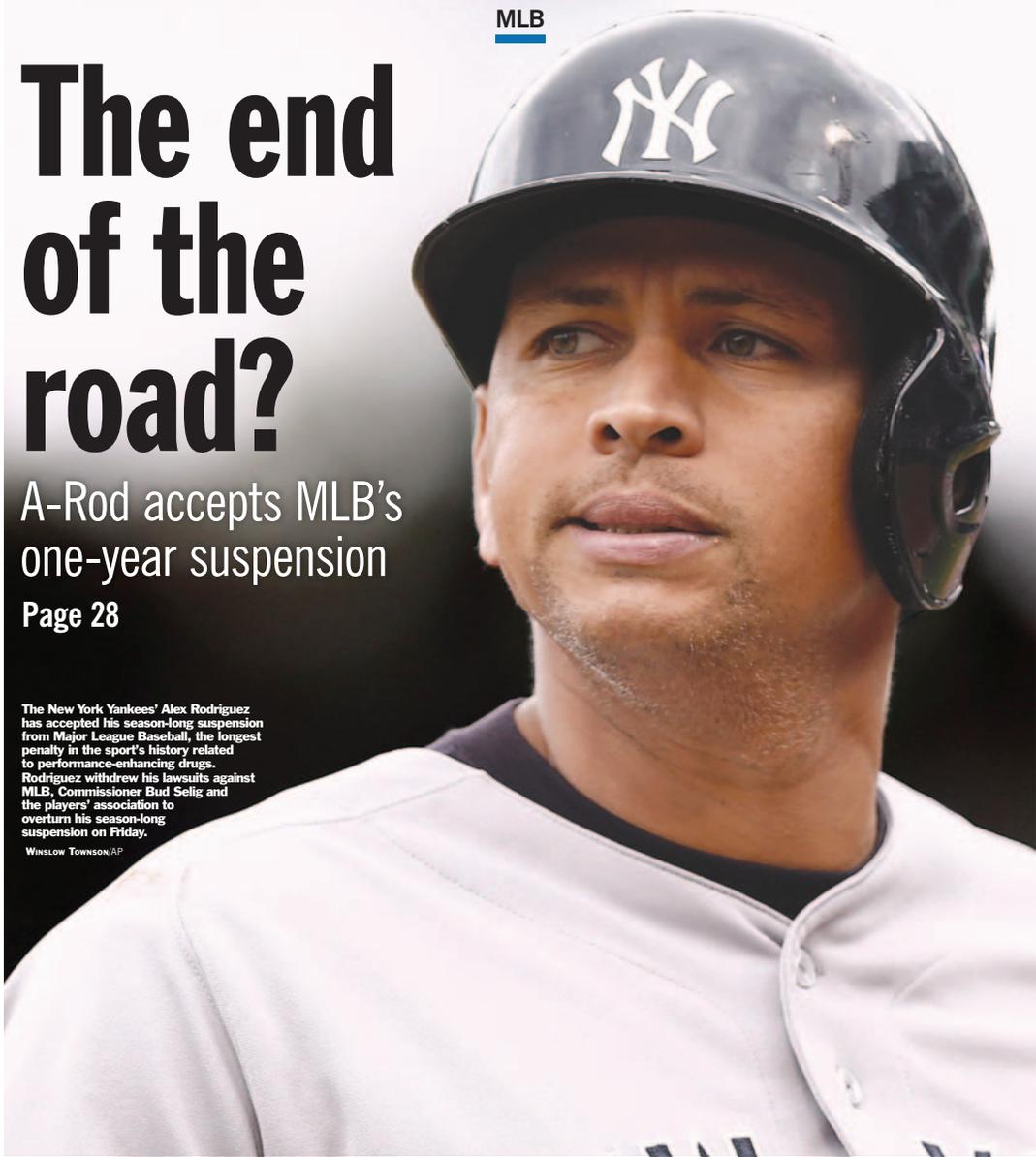
The end of the road?

A-Rod accepts MLB's
one-year suspension

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The New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez has accepted his season-long suspension from Major League Baseball, the longest penalty in the sport's history related to performance-enhancing drugs. Rodriguez withdrew his lawsuits against MLB, Commissioner Bud Selig and the players' association to overturn his season-long suspension on Friday.

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