



Navy Lt. Liza Dougherty, right, and wife Faith at their wedding in 2012.

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## ESPOUSING CHANGE

### Military same-sex couples overseas fight for benefits

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
*Stars and Stripes*

**F** aith Dougherty arrived in Italy in 2013 with her pregnant Navy-officer wife and an expectation the military would support them like any other family. She quickly learned that wouldn't

be the case. Denied military sponsorship for an Italian visa, Dougherty was forced to return as a student and enroll in Italian language classes.

Because she wasn't put on her wife's military orders, she was barred from using military travel and had to pay for her own flights.

She might have been kept from on-base housing — had the base com-

mander not been one of the couple's biggest supporters.

"We exhausted everything," said Dougherty, 35, after her family left Italy in 2014, two years earlier than planned. "We were paying as much money as we had to. We were doing everything we could to keep me in the country."

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## Air Force changes its basic training

By SIG CHRISTENSON  
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Years after the Air Force increased the length of basic training by two weeks during the Iraq War, commanders have scaled back the core program and added a week of character development to raise awareness about sexual misconduct.

Recruits just starting out at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland will be the first in memory to not finish training with a formal graduation ceremony on the parade grounds after 7½ weeks.

**'It's a totally different form of learning for these airmen; it is an investment in their future as airmen.'**

Instead, they'll receive five extra days of instruction designed to help them cope with the stresses of life as fledgling airmen. "Capstone," as it's called, will emphasize core values and skills the Air Force believes airmen will need in their personal lives and careers. It is part of a makeover in basic training prompted by a scandal at Lackland that sparked an Air Force investigation and congressional hearings.

Col. Michele Edmondson, commander of the 737th Training Group at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, believes airmen will need in their personal lives and careers. It is part of a makeover in basic training prompted by a scandal at Lackland that sparked an Air Force investigation and congressional hearings.

"I think it is truly revolutionary, what we're doing," said Col. Michele Edmondson, commander of the 737th Training Group at Lackland, the home of Air Force basic training. "It's a totally different form of learning for these airmen; it is an investment in their future as airmen."

The recruit class began training in earnest last week. After physical and other training ends the members' first stage, they'll begin studies in mid-March in 16 focus areas, starting with core values, morals and ethical decision making.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"I find anywhere I go, I'm always in awe of how much they (other countries) know about us and America. I think we do not always do the best job to learn about them."**

—U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Travis Robbins, on working with African counterparts in the first African Partnership Flight-Djibouti event

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Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Members from various participating nations of last year's Exercise Cobra Gold stand in formation during the opening ceremony on Camp Akotosaro, Thailand. This year's training exercise is scheduled to begin Monday in Thailand despite tension over a military coup last May.

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By CRAIG WHITLOCK  
The Washington Post

The Pentagon is sending 3,600 troops to Thailand this week to participate in a major military exercise, U.S. officials said, even though the country remains under the control of Thai generals who ousted a democratically elected government last year.

The Obama administration suspended military aid and exchanges with Bangkok after the military coup in May. Thailand is still under martial law, and its military junta has shown little willingness to relinquish power, but the Obama administration has decided to temporarily set aside political objections to the coup and proceed with the annual exercise, dubbed Cobra Gold.

Cobra Gold is billed as one of the largest multinational military exercises in the world. It has been jointly led by Thailand and the United States for more than three decades. This year's event will feature about 13,000 troops from two dozen Pacific nations, including Japan, Indonesia and South Korea.

The Obama administration was reluc-

tant to pull out, fearing it could jeopardize Washington's long-standing military ties with Thailand, an ally for nearly two centuries. It also worried that a break with Bangkok would drive the Thai generals closer to China, which is jostling with the U.S. for influence.

At the same time, U.S. officials are wary of being seen as endorsing or cooperating with the Thai junta and its ruler, Prayuth Chan-ocha. In contrast to prior years, the Pentagon has downplayed its involvement in this month's Cobra Gold, which begins Monday and runs through Feb. 20.

Marine Lt. Col. Jeffrey Pool, a Pentagon spokesman, declined to comment, referring questions to the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok.

In an emailed statement, Melinda Sweeney, an embassy spokeswoman, said U.S. officials "decided this year to proceed with a significantly refocused and scaled down Cobra Gold 2015 exercise, in light of the Thai military's ouster of the civilian government."

She said this year's exercise would place a greater emphasis on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. A large-scale amphibious landing exercise has been canceled, she said,

though she acknowledged some live-fire training would still take place. The U.S. troop contingent of 3,600 is down from 4,300 last year.

The U.S. military is also planning to proceed next month with another joint exercise with Thailand, known as Cope Tiger, Sweeney said. Cope Tiger is an air exercise involving dozens of aircraft and air-defense units. About 160 U.S. troops participated in the last Cope Tiger, in March 2014, at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base. The Singapore Air Force joined in as well.

The Obama administration reacted sternly at first last May when the Thai generals deposed Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, the second military coup to take place in the country since 2006. U.S. officials suspended about \$4.7 million in military aid, canceled some small-scale exercises and halted an officer exchange program.

The Pentagon, however, has been hesitant to cut ties. U.S. military commanders prize the access they have to the Royal Thai Navy Air Field at U-Tapao, which has one of the longest runways in Asia.

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## MILITARY

# Greenert says cuts could cause longer deployments

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii** — The Navy's chief of naval operations had some positive news for sailors during an all-hands call Friday about shortened sea deployments — but cautioned later that budget cuts this coming year could jeopardize them.

The USS Carl Vinson is currently in the Arabian Gulf on a 9½-month deployment, Adm. Jonathan Greenert told about 1,500 sailors seated in a basketball arena. Its eventual replacement, the USS Theodore Roosevelt, will deploy for more than a month less than that.

"The carrier after that should be on a seven-month deployment," Greenert said, adding that amphibious groups, submarines and maritime patrols with aircraft are all now down to deployments of seven months or less.

Greenert said the extended

deployments resulted from mandatory budget caps enacted by Congress several years ago after lawmakers came to an impasse on spending and taxes.

Those so-called sequestration cuts call for a mandatory reduction of about \$1.1 trillion in discretionary spending — which includes defense — from 2013 to 2021.

Lawmakers eventually agreed on a deal allowing higher defense spending for the past two budget cycles, but further cuts are slated for the budget year that begins Oct. 1 unless another deal is hammered out.

That would "probably" lead to more extended deployments, Greenert told reporters during a news conference after the all-hands call, after which he planned to travel to Australia and New Zealand.

"Some would say that's because we're going to try to get all this done with less force," he said. "But really, it's because we

wouldn't get maintenance done on time. We wouldn't have enough people in the public shipyards at Pearl Harbor. That work would take longer to do. You may not have overtime authorized."

That delay in work has a "cascading, downward effect," which means deployed ships would have to stay at sea longer.

He compared the work of modernizing and maintaining ships to a conveyor belt, and said: "I can't crank up the speed on this thing. I don't have the money to do it."

Greenert was adamant, however, that the sequestration cuts won't affect the Pacific rebalance.

"Presence in the Pacific won't change much, because I will invest in that, very much."

He said his top priorities are the strategic deterrent of ballistic missile-armed submarines and providing forward presence "where it matters, when it matters, in that distribution."

He said the 50 ships now for-



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**Adm. Jonathan Greenert, chief of naval operations, talks to reporters at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Honolulu on Friday.**

ward-deployed in the Pacific will increase to 60 by 2020.

"That will pretty much remain on track regardless of sequester," he said.

The effects of sequestration cuts will come in shore operations, maintenance, training and modernization, he said.

"So if you're not on deployment and you come back, you'll probably shut down, stop flying," he said. "I'm sure you'll be delayed going into maintenance, a smaller maintenance package because of what we can afford. That will affect Hawaii from the perspective of these modernization packages

that we bring in. We bring a destroyer in and take it to the next level in ballistic missile defense. We'll be pushing those out."

Ultimately, if the sequestration caps become the new norm, Greenert said he and the other service chiefs would recommend a new national defense strategy, one that matches the budget rather than some other greater goal.

He said continued sequestration would deprive the Navy of its ability to simultaneously "defeat an enemy and deny an enemy in another area of the world."

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## Airmen get acquainted with African counterparts in Djibouti

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

**KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany** — Getting to know each other is the main point of the first African Partnership Flight-Djibouti, Air Force organizers from Europe say.

The goals of the event, which started Saturday, are to facilitate discussion and to promote cooperation among the U.S. and the African airmen attending, said Maj. Dirk Casson, the event's mission commander and U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa chief of African operations in international affairs.

"I always like to see how the week evolves, how the walls are broken down," said Casson, a veteran of two partnership flights.

This is the fifth African Partnership Flight of which USAFE has been a part since the inaugural one in Ghana in March 2012 but the first one involving nations from East Africa.

Besides Djibouti and the United States, whose air forces are co-hosting the event, participants are Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The Air Force funds the cost for personnel to attend, while Djibouti's air force provides the facilities, USAFE officials said.

Over five days, Casson said, the group of about 60 African airmen and 25 U.S. airmen was expected to discuss aircraft maintenance; crash and fire-rescue procedures; flight-line security; and preparing and loading cargo onto aircraft.

The topics are tailored to host country and U.S. interests, he said, developed from discussions among USAFE, Djibouti and the U.S. Embassy.

With Camp Lemonnier, a U.S. military base, located in Djibouti, "security in the region is always an issue," Casson said, hence flight-line security as a topic.

The participating African partners offer



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**An airman from the Senegalese air force, left, and Staff Sgt. Steven Calaway, an 115th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, look at pictures on a phone during the African Partnership Flight in Dakar, Senegal, in June 2014.**

a range of air force capability, knowledge and equipment. "Some of them are in their infancy learning how to get better at what they do, Casson said. "A lot of them come with experiences in Africa that we use to better our approach to Africa."

The U.S. airmen come from USAFE and the 818th Mobility Support Advisory Squadron from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. Helping bridge the language gap will

be three French-speaking airmen based at Ramstein.

The six-member USAFE rock band Touch n' Go is accompanying the U.S. contingent. It will perform outreach concerts in the local community and play for the troops at Camp Lemonnier, USAFE officials said.

Senior Master Sgt. Travis Robbins, the USAFE team sergeant for the partner-

ship flight, did some advance research on the cultures of the participating African nations.

"I find anywhere I go, I'm always in awe of how much they (other countries) know about us and America," he said. "I think we do not always do the best job to learn about them."

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## MILITARY

# McCain to DOD: Don't let carrier visit China

By CRAIG WHITLOCK  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As the Pentagon considers whether to allow a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier to make a historic port visit to China, the idea is drawing flak from Capitol Hill.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the new chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, urged the Defense Department to scuttle the proposal in a letter dated Monday to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work. Calling the Navy's Nimitz-class carriers "one of the most sophisticated and lethal military tools in world history," McCain said it would be a political and symbolic mistake for the Navy to accept a

Chinese invitation for one of its massive flattop vessels to swing by for a visit.

"Sending such a platform to China would be seen as an international display of respect to China and it's Navy, despite Beijing's recent record of aggressive behavior in the East and South China Seas," McCain wrote. "I believe it would also send the wrong signal to allies and partners throughout the region, including Japan, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam, who are looking to the United States for leadership in the face of China's continued use of coercion to pursue its territorial claims."

On Friday, Army Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said defense officials have decided to shelf the idea of a carrier

visit to China, at least for now. "We have no plans for a carrier visit to mainland China this year," he said.

The announcement came a day after U.S. and Chinese military officials met at the Pentagon to discuss various forms of military exchanges for the remainder of the year.

The Pentagon has been seeking closer military ties with China — such as more frequent military exchanges, multilateral exercises and visits by senior leaders — even as both countries have sought to project more force in Asia. Relations have gradually improved since January 2010, when Beijing suspended military visits and exchanges with Washington to protest U.S. arm sales to Taiwan. But turbulent

moments have arisen, such as an increasing number of dangerous midair encounters between U.S. and Chinese aircraft. As a result, some lawmakers have questioned whether the Pentagon is too eager to become friendly with the People's Liberation Army.

In December, Rep. J. Randy Forbes, R-Va., sent a letter to Hagel expressing "a growing concern with the overall trajectory of the military-to-military relationship" with China. He questioned whether the efforts to cultivate ties with the PLA had paid off, and requested that Hagel conduct a formal review of the Pentagon's policy.

China's Navy chief, Adm. Wu Shengli, suggested in July to his American counterpart, Adm. Jonathan Greenert, the U.S. chief

of naval operations, that he consider sending a U.S. carrier on a port visit. The idea has been battered around since then in the halls of the Pentagon, but officials said no decision had been made.

Part of the reason that China has been interested in arranging a visit is because the PLA-Navy has been trying to develop its own fleet of carriers. Its first carrier, the Liaoning, completed its first sea trials last year. Hagel toured the ship in April during an official visit to the port of Qingdao.

More recently, word has leaked out that China is building a second carrier, though the PLA has been mum about the subject. The U.S. Navy has 11 carriers — nine more than any other country in the world.

## Marines in Hawaii take to mud flats in amphibious vehicles

By TIMOTHY HURLEY  
Honolulu Star-Advertiser

HONOLULU — The Kaneohe Bay Marines mounted their heavily armed amphibious assault vehicles Wednesday and zipped and romped their way around the base's Nu'upia Ponds mud flats.

In doing so, the 26-ton battle machines kicked up heavy showers of mud as some ride-along passengers held on like they were riding a mechanical bull.

Welcome to the base's Mud Operations, an annual event that gives the warriors who operate these half-boat, half-tractor, assault vehicles a chance to test their skills under extreme conditions.

While it may have looked like a mere training exercise, it was more than that. The non-native pickleweed that chokes the mud flats of the 517-acre Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area was trampled and churned up by a quartet of assault vehicles, thus helping to open up nesting ground for the federally endangered Hawaiian stilts that inhabit the area.

Nesting season begins next month for the long-legged, black-and-white water birds, said Lance Bookless, senior natural resources manager at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

This is the 33rd year the Marines have engaged in the three-day Mud Ops event staged in January and February for the dual purpose of training in the mud and helping out the birds. "So far, it's going very good,"

1st Lt. Carlos M. Silva, AAV platoon commander, said. "They have been able to execute every Mud Ops operation without a problem."

It all began in 1971 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service identified the Nu'upia Ponds as a viable stilt habitat and contacted Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay about ways to tackle the invasive ground cover is notorious for crowding out the stilts and other water birds from their natural wetland habitat.

A decision was made to experiment with the assault vehicles with their wide tracks. Not only did vehicles successfully trample the pickleweed, but they also created mud mounds that are perfect for nesting by birds like the Hawaiian stilt.

In the 1980s, staff members from the Marine Corps Base Hawaii natural resources department took over the program in partnership with Kaneohe Combat Assault Company Marines.

The Nu'upia Ponds are nestled at the southeastern end of the base and consist of eight interconnected ponds and wetlands with Kaneohe Bay at one end and Kaula Bay on the other.

Today, thanks in part to the work of the hard-driving Marines, between 130 and 160 stilts inhabit the Nu'upia Ponds, representing about 10 percent of species' population.

Three other endangered water birds — the Hawaiian coot, Hawaiian gallinule (moorhen) and



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Marines participate in the 33rd annual Mud Operations at the Nu'upia Ponds Wildlife Management Area in Kaneohe, Hawaii, on Wednesday.

Koloa duck — have benefited as well. Bookless said.

The amphibious assault vehicles, each armed with a 50-caliber machine gun and a 40-mm grenade launcher, were developed in the early '70s to replace the kind of landing vehicles that first were used in World War II. Since then, the vehicle has been employed by the Marines both in battle and in major emergency operations.

In the water it can travel 9 mph, and it can reach 45 mph on flat land. Over the years, the AAV has been overhauled and upgrad-

ed with added capabilities and greater performance.

"It's a workhorse," Staff Sgt. John Allison said. "It's done its duty, and it's still here."

During Wednesday's Mud Ops exercise, Marines practiced handling their vehicles in extraordinarily muddy conditions. None of the vehicles got stuck by midday. But that does — and has — happened. When it does, crew members have to get out into the mud and work to get their vehicle free.

"But that's good training," Bookless said. "They have to

practice getting them unstuck, too."

After each day, the vehicles are splattered with a thick coat of mud, and the Marines must thoroughly clean each one.

On Wednesday, Lance Pvt. Germano Tanaka said he enjoys plowing through the muddy terrain. It's the kind of training he and his comrades don't get to do very much of, he said.

"And the fact that it's helping the birds and I get to have fun at the same time makes it really enjoyable," Tanaka said.

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## MILITARY

## Benefits: Caution over host nations' sensitivities complicates status issue

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Dougherty's story is similar to those of other same-sex spouses who have tried joining Defense Department employees overseas in the past year and a half. When the Supreme Court discarded parts of the Defense of Marriage Act on June 26, 2013, it opened the door to housing and other benefits for same-sex spouses of federal employees, including servicemembers and civilian workers in the DOD. But the military has delayed extending certain benefits common to spouses overseas, including official passports, visas and housing allowances, citing the need to check first for sensitivities with host nations.

Overseas benefits remain off-limits to same-sex spouses in Germany, and their status is unclear in Korea, two countries that together host more than 90,000 troops and civilians. Progress has been slow in other countries, including the Netherlands and Belgium, the first two countries in the world to legalize gay marriage. Command sponsorships were offered in Italy beginning last summer — the same week the Doughertys left the country.

A Defense Department spokesman said officials continue to work with the State Department on the issue.

"This has been an evolutionary process since the Supreme Court's ruling," Lt. Col. Nestor Christensen said.

Those affected say they've been forced to choose between family and assignments beneficial to their spouses' careers. Some say the military should have anticipated the issue before it arose and then provided better guidance to components after the ruling, preventing haphazard interpretations of DOD policy.

"Some detailers and branch managers have been very supportive and sympathetic and have changed orders," said Ashley Broadway, president of the American Military Partner Association, which advocates for gay rights in the military. "The problem, in my opinion, is there hasn't been clear direction from the Pentagon to the various branches about this issue."

## Implementation

The Supreme Court decision changed the federal definition of the word "spouse," a term used in most basing agreements between the U.S. and host nations but rarely, if ever, defined in those documents.

In August 2013, the military delayed command sponsorships for same-sex spouses overseas as it reached out to host nations, concerned that some might not agree to similar interpretations of status-of-forces agreements. In the meantime, units in the U.S. were told to make sure their personnel were eligible to bring spouses overseas, and human resources commands were instructed not to issue passports or plane tickets in cases when they weren't.

Administrators didn't always get the message. Senior Airman Melissa Garcia-Rubio, 25, received



Courtesy of Melissa Garcia-Rubio

**Senior Airman Melissa Garcia-Rubio, left, stands with her wife, Juliana, following their wedding in 2013. After accepting orders to the Navy air station in Sigonella, Sicily, Melissa Garcia-Rubio was told she wouldn't be able to bring her wife due to restrictions on command sponsorships for same-sex spouses in some countries. The restrictions for Italy were lifted last summer.**

two-year orders to a military police detachment in Sigonella, Sicily, in August 2013, and was told to put her wife on the documents. A month and a half before leaving, she was informed the tour would be unaccompanied.

Theresa Mueller, 38, was issued an official passport before joining her wife and three children in Germany in May. She then was told she'd have to pay for the plane ticket because she was ineligible for military travel. Mueller's family still doesn't receive the full housing allowance, she said, and she remains concerned someone could take her passport away.

In Korea, gay spouses were initially denied access to commissaries and exchanges because officials considered those privileges part of command sponsorship, a decision reversed in December 2013.

Confusion was widespread among commands, said Broadway, who is married to an Army lieutenant colonel.

"JAG attorneys contact me weekly asking me for guidance as they are trying to assist servicemembers with this very issue," Broadway wrote in an email last summer.

Dougherty assumed she would need to wait a few weeks before applying for a residency permit following her arrival in Italy with her wife, Lt. Liza Dougherty, in July 2013, shortly after the DOMA ruling. The wait instead dragged on, with little word from officials. As Liza Dougherty, 32, entered her third trimester, Faith Dougherty returned to the U.S. to

apply for a student visa to replace her tourist visa, paying for her own ticket.

Things remained difficult after her return to Italy. Her class requirements kept her from staying home with her newborn son, as the couple had planned. Then the Navy rejected Liza Dougherty's request for an exemption to the command sponsorship policy. The couple started looking for a way out, but Liza Dougherty's detailer turned down an initial request for new orders, relaying only after the officer's boss, then-base commander Capt. Scott Gray, became involved.

"We had the benefit of a boss that stood up for me and went to bat for me and made sure the right things happened for our family, but there are so many other people in Italy who were in our spot," Liza Dougherty said. "Maybe those who don't have the financial resources we have."

## Local law

Forty countries have agreed to recognize same-sex spouses

since 2013, according to the DOD. Another 64 either have rejected recognition or weren't even asked formally based on cultural attitudes toward the issue.

Progress has come at different rates. By the time Faith Dougherty's tourist visa expired in the fall of 2013, U.S. officials hadn't reached out to the Italian Foreign Ministry Affairs, according to a ministry official. That would happen at the end of the year, and it would take Italian officials another six months to approve the matter.

Other responses haven't been as clear. Korea has given no guarantees it will grant visas for same-sex spouses, but anecdotal accounts suggest that some requests are being approved.

Germany, which has not legalized gay marriage, is asking the U.S. to recognize its domestic partners as spouses under the SOFA, a request it made last March. As of last November, it had yet to hear back from U.S. officials on the subject, a ministry representative said. A potential problem could be that the U.S.

can't guarantee equal treatment of gay spouses across the U.S., given the disparity in state laws, and Broadway said the military hasn't responded to her questions on the issue. She said she isn't sure how to answer the regular emails from those mulling assignments in the country.

"We just don't know what to advise folks to do," she said.

The Netherlands, the world's first country to legalize gay marriage, remains closed to command sponsorships for reasons that remain unclear. Belgium was added to the list of countries where command sponsorship is available at the beginning of November. A legal adviser for the Belgian Defense Ministry, Nicolas Lange, said the U.S. must decide who it considers a dependent, not Belgium.

Chris Jenks, a former military lawyer who once headed the international law branch for the Army, agreed, saying that under diplomatic custom, the U.S. should determine who is a military dependent under the SOFA.

"The sending state determines who are 'spouses,'" he wrote in an email. "So when a U.S. servicemember arrives in a NATO country, (dependents) have documentation from the U.S. military that identifies them as a member of the force" for the purposes of the NATO SOFA ... not documentation that they are either the spouse or the child of the servicemember."

Others, like Dru Brenner-Beck, a retired Army lieutenant colonel who served as chief of the military and civil law division at U.S. Army Europe from 2001 to 2003, say the military is being appropriately cautious. Diplomatic protocols go back centuries, she said, while foreign military basing is more recent and a much more delicate subject in most countries.

"The various countries are quite sensitive about expansive interpretations [of the Status of Forces Agreement] because of the extensive privileges given to those with SOFA status," she said.

Whatever the reason, families like Mueller's, the civilian in Germany, continue to wait for a resolution, their frustrations growing.

"Some days I just want to be done with it and go home," she said. "We spent a fortune to come over here."

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## MILITARY

# Basic: Capstone reorganizes training, addresses new topics

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The week will end with a low-key graduation ceremony on March 20.

Capstone program manager Kevin Adelsen said the final week would be different from the rest of basic military training, or BMT, which he described as "relatively constricted."

The trainees will be taught by a select group of military instructors and civilian contractors. They will focus on subjects ranging from warrior ethos and the Air Force's honor code to respect and concern for others. Recruits will learn how to manage finances, how to balance their personal and professional lives and how to protect themselves against sexual harassment and rape.

"Our goal is to get these airmen to open up, to talk about what's stuck with them through the BMT experience, the first 7.5 weeks, what the questions are, where the gaps are, and just see how we can kind of bridge the gap—if that's a goal—between the core values and the mission of the United States Air Force," Adelsen said.

Col. J.D. Willis, deputy operations director for the Air Education and Training Command, echoed Adelsen and others who have high hopes for the program. He said Capstone "has the potential, certainly, to be an historic change from BMT and really for our Air Force in how we shape our airmen."

## The scandal

Capstone is among the changes made at Lackland after more than 30 instructors were investigated for misconduct with 68 recruits and technical training students. Most of the cases were in recent years, but some investigations uncovered crimes more than a decade old. In a trial last month, a former training instructor, Master Sgt. Michael Silva, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for rape of a recruit in 1995 and his then-wife in 2007. Another instructor convicted of rape, Luis Walker, committed suicide in prison last year.

The widespread allegations of misconduct resulted in a Pentagon investigation of Lackland training that found a leadership gap at the base helped fuel the crisis. Maj. Gen. Margaret Woodward found leaders were insulated from training, and that barriers "at nearly every level" limited the flow of information about instructor misconduct.

Training flights often were supervised by a single noncommissioned officer with little or no oversight. Gen. Mark Welsh, the Air Force chief of staff, blamed personnel cuts for the problem. Boosting Lackland's instructor corps, cutting back working hours and adding more female trainers were big parts of the makeover. Today, 460 military training instructors are at the base, below the requirement of 504. Every flight has two instructors, Woodward said, and the Air Force has exceed-

ed the number of female trainers it sought, with 137 on duty.

Woodward called on commanders to eliminate "white space" in basic training — downtime that slowed the indoctrination process. The Air Force compressed training to 7½ weeks by eliminating course curriculum gaps and consolidating functions, fitting Capstone into the final, eighth week.

Doing it required tweaking the training schedule and Lackland's physical plant. In one case, an obstacle course that had been on the main campus for 60 years was relocated to Medina Annex, where field training is conducted. Basic combatives training and pugil stick application were moved to Medina as well. Adelsen, the Capstone program manager, noted that moving the obstacle course helps save transit time for recruits.

Basic training was extended from 6½ weeks to 8½ weeks in fall 2008 to toughen instruction, but some changes had taken root earlier. Former Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Peters said efforts to better prepare airmen for rugged field environments as overseas commitments expanded before and after 9/11 led to more rigorous training, including a field exercise once called Warrior Week. It's now Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training, or BEAST.

In making those changes, however, there was no time left to formally indoctrinate airmen into the core values or help them prepare for life at a base. While the Air Force has had a first-term airman's school in place that briefed young troops on some of the same issues, Capstone aims to go further.

"Capstone isn't about the here and now; Capstone is about the future, and we have the ability to fundamentally shape the future of our enlisted force over the next 10 years," said Col. Trent Edwards, commander of the 37th Training Wing. "In order to change behavior, we have to change the way our airman think about professionalism, themselves and the Air Force."

The Government Accountability Office reported last fall that the Air Force needs to do more to reassure trainees there would be no adverse consequences for reporting abuse and that an oversight process is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of efforts to combat sexual assault.

Terrified of being held back in basic training or punished, recruits often said in court they didn't dare drop comments in boxes because they would be seen and then harassed. To deal with that, comment boxes now dot the base to make it easier for recruits to report abusive behavior without being detected.

## Debate continues

Retired Air Force Col. Don Christensen, president of the advocacy group Protect Our Defenders, said he hoped the pro-



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Trainees take part in basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, in July 2013. The new Capstone training program, which emphasizes core values and skills, is part of a training makeover prompted by a scandal at Lackland that sparked an investigation and congressional hearings.

gram would help but said nothing would change until the military justice system is fundamentally altered — removing commanders from the legal process.

"Training programs are important, but they will not fix an inherently unfair system," he said. "In the military, your rapist's boss decides whether or not a sexual assault allegation is investigated," he said. "This puts commanders in an impossible position and is why more than 85 percent of troops continue not to openly report the crime."

Neither the debate over how to

fix such problems nor the idea of instilling core values into airmen is new. Indoctrination into military culture always has been a part of early training, which aims to recast free-thinking civilians into troops prepared to follow orders and execute them. Capstone will offer a more detailed curriculum than the airman's school, with top Air Force leaders saying it ought to better prepare young airmen for what is ahead.

Gen. Ronald Fogleman, an Air Force chief of staff in the mid-1990s who instituted the service's core values of integrity, service

before self and excellence, said he hopes to see a follow-up to Capstone as airmen hit career milestones that include leadership and NCO schools for those rising in the ranks.

"At that point in their careers, you are going to have people say, 'Well, I've had some first-person experience with this thing,'" Fogleman said. "This is how you build an effective, long-lasting program, to me. It can't be, 'Hey, I'm going to finish basic training and do this and then once I've done that,' that's it for the rest of their lives."

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# Williams takes leave amid network probe

By Patrick Dickson  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — “NBC Nightly News” anchor Brian Williams, facing withering criticism for “misremembering” events in Iraq in 2003, is voluntarily taking a leave of absence while the network investigates his reporting.

On Friday, NBC Universal sent out a memo to staff in which the news division’s president, Deborah Turness, said in part: “We have a team dedicated to gathering the facts to help us make sense of all that has transpired. We’re working on what the best next steps are.”

On Saturday, Williams sent a note to the NBC News staff, which said in part: “[I]t has become painfully apparent to me that I am presently too much a part of the news, due to my actions.”

“As Managing Editor of NBC Nightly News, I have decided to take myself off of my daily broadcast for the next several days, and Lester Holt has kindly agreed to sit in for me to allow us to adequately deal with this issue.”

The Iraq issue erupted online when Iraq veterans took umbrage at a news report in which Williams used a ceremony honoring a retired command sergeant major at a New York Rangers hockey game to repeat the story that his aircraft was forced down in Iraq.

Days later, Williams admitted the claim



**Brian Williams speaks at the Stand Up For Heroes event in New York in November. The “NBC Nightly News” anchor is temporarily stepping away from the newscast amid questions about his credibility.**

was false after Stars and Stripes reporter Travis Tritten contacted NBC News to ask for comment on statements by some servicemembers challenging the veteran anchor’s version.

Williams’ apology, delivered on “NBC Nightly News,” failed to stem the criticism.

He admitted his helicopter was not hit, but claimed he “was instead in a following aircraft” and said he had bungled the tribute to a veteran.

The apology was met with scorn and derision, particularly online, and deeper scrutiny followed.

Some media outlets have questioned Williams’ description of what he saw while reporting on Hurricane Katrina. In an interview a year after the storm, he described seeing a body floating down the street from his hotel window in the French Quarter of New Orleans, which was not severely flooded.

Early Friday, news organizations reported that NBC News had launched an internal investigation into Williams’ reporting. The New York Times reported that NBC executives canceled meetings and said that the issue was absorbing all of their focus.

Williams did not mention in his reports from Iraq in 2003 that his Chinook had been hit by ground fire. By 2013, he told Alec Baldwin on his public radio show that “I had no business being in Iraq with rounds coming into the airframe.”

When Baldwin asks if Williams thought he would die, he replies, “Briefly, sure.”

Weeks later he told David Letterman on air that “two of the four helicopters were hit by ground fire, including the one I was in, [by] uh, RFG and AK-47.”

When the hockey game report hit the air, some soldiers called him on it.

## Midshipman found dead in dorm

TIM PRUDENTE

The (Annapolis, Md.) Capital

A 22-year-old midshipman from Maine was found dead in his dorm room Thursday night at the U.S. Naval Academy, according to academy officials.

Midshipman 2nd Class Rolando Amador from Harpswell, Maine, was found dead in the Naval Academy dormitory, Bancroft Hall, about 9 p.m., according to a news release from the academy.

“The entire campus — midshipmen, faculty and staff, everybody — is obviously heartbroken over this,” said Naval Academy spokesman Cmdr. John Schofield.

Schofield declined to comment further because of the ongoing investigation.

All deaths at the academy are investigated by Navy Criminal Investigative Service. An official close to the investigation said there is no indication of any criminal activity in Amador’s death.

Amador was a member of the

16th Company and a mechanical engineering major. He played intramural sports and had attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School for one year before the academy.

The academy is offering grief counseling to midshipmen, faculty and staff.

Amador was the fourth midshipman to die in the past year.

A 25-year-old midshipman from Chesterfield, Va., died last Feb. 15 when his sport utility vehicle plunged into College Creek. An investigation found Midshipman 1st Class Max Allen died after a night drinking at Federal House Bar & Grille in Annapolis.

His vehicle struck Nimitz Hall, swerving off the road through a concrete barrier and into the creek. Allen briefly struggled to escape. He was found at 4:24 p.m. on Feb. 16 after the missing concrete barrier was reported.

The investigation concluded Allen’s death was not due to his own misconduct, but occurred because

of the cold water.

About a month after Allen’s death, a 19-year-old Navy football player collapsed at a spring practice with bleeding in his head. Will McKamey, of Knoxville, Tenn., died in a coma about a week after his collapse.

His parents and coaches, after reviewing the practice film, said he did not suffer a dangerous hit. McKamey had a similar injury while playing football his senior year of high school and had been cleared by doctors to play.

Also in March 2014, a 20-year-old midshipman from Hampstead, N.C., died after a skateboarding accident while on liberty at As-sateague State Park.

Midshipman 3rd Class Hans Loewen was injured while riding his skateboard and holding a moving Jeep. The skateboard struck the Jeep’s tire and Loewen was flung to the ground and struck by the Jeep. He was wearing a helmet. He died in a coma about one week later.

## Guard no longer needed at Hawaiian lava flow

HILO, Hawaii — The Hawaiian National Guard is no longer needed to help deal with a lava flow threatening Puna.

The lava remains active, but it has been sluggish.

Hawaii County officials on Monday allowed the withdrawal of National Guard soldiers who were deployed to Pahoehoe in October to help maintain security. More than 80 unarmed members

of the Hawaii Army and Air National Guard were sent to help police with roadblocks and other security tasks as the slow-moving lava approached.

Hawaii County Civil Defense Administrator Darryl Oliveira said he’s been assured the soldiers can return quickly if they’re needed again, the Hawaii Tribune-Herald reported Saturday. “If things change, we can count on a quick response from the Guard if we need their assistance,” he said.

## 1 dead, 6 injured in rollover at Fort Carson

FORT CARSON, Colo. — One Fort Carson soldier was killed and six others injured in a rollover accident during training at a Fort Carson training area.

One soldier is in critical condition. The names of the soldiers were not released.

The cause of the accident on Friday night is under investigation.

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# Big storm nearing New England could last for days

By **BOB SALSBERG**  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — As more flakes fell on winter-weary New England and forecasters predicted several days of heavy snowfall, all Michelle Currie could do was post on her Facebook page a photo of a weather map showing up to 18 inches of fresh snow that may fall on her home.

"I have to laugh because otherwise, I may cry," said Michelle Currie, of Dracut, Mass., a mother of five whose kids already have missed several days of school.

Light snow began falling Saturday in Dracut, less than an hour's drive north of Boston, and what forecasters are calling a "long-duration" storm was expected to intensify Sunday night. The National Weather Service issued winter storm warnings Saturday night for central New York, the western Catskills and much of New England through early Tuesday.

By Monday night, 12 to 18 additional inches of snow could fall on a large swath of southern New England, which is still coping with the aftereffects of storms that hit during the past couple of weeks and dumped record-high snowfall totals in some places.

The snow is likely to cause problems for commuters Monday, though it's not expected to accumulate as rapidly as in some of the earlier storms, including a record-busting late January blizzard. There also is little risk seen of significant coastal flooding, a problem during last month's win-

ter blasts.

Boston's transit system, the nation's oldest, has been particularly hard hit. The buildup of snow and ice on trolley tracks combined with aging equipment has stalled trains in recent days, delaying and angering commuters. Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority general manager Beverly Scott said Saturday that crews were doing everything they could, including deploying massive jet-powered snowblowers, to clear tracks before the next storm.

Gov. Charlie Baker acknowledged on Friday that the MBTA was handed an extraordinary situation with old equipment but said the system's overall performance was unacceptable.

In many New England communities, the obvious problem is where to put the next batch of snow.

David Lombardi, public works director for West Warwick, R.I., told the Providence Journal his town was already clogged with snowpiles several feet high and school buses were parked in the usual snow storage lot.

"I don't know what we're going to do yet," Lombardi said. "It's tough trying to find a place that meets all the proper (environmental) criteria."

State snow disposal guidelines require that communities use locations that won't harm environmental resources and have barriers that prevent contaminants from seeping into groundwater when the snow melts.



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A fire that has been dubbed the Round fire burns Friday at Wheeler Crest near Bishop, Calif.

# Firefighters make gains in Sierra Nevada blaze

The Associated Press

SWALL MEADOWS, Calif. — Firefighters have gained the upper hand on a wind-driven wildfire that destroyed 40 homes, burned nearly 11 square miles and forced about 150 people to leave two small California towns at the eastern base of the Sierra Nevada.

The fire started near a highway on the border of Inyo and Mono counties Friday afternoon. It blew up when 50 to 75 mph winds whipped through wooded areas near Swall Meadows and the neighboring community of Paradise for about three hours, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Capt. Liz Brown said.

An incoming storm caused the winds to constantly shift direction, making it tough for firefighters to contain the blaze, she said Saturday.

"We had to take defensive positions to protect as many structures as we could while protecting ourselves," Brown said. "We did what we could."

She said Swall Meadows was hit hard by the blaze — 39 homes

# N. California braces for next major storm

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Northern California braced for the return of downpours and strong winds in the wake of a powerful storm that downed trees and power lines and led to dozens of flight cancellations at San Francisco's airport.

The next storm system was forecast to hit Sunday morning, bringing wind gusts as high as 50 mph and up to 3 inches of additional rain on coastal hills and another 1.5 inches on Bay

Area cities.

"The winds will be up again, especially along the coast," said Austin Cross, a forecaster with the National Weather Service.

The storm system was expected to affect much of the West Coast, with a flood warning in effect for parts of Oregon and the threat of landslides in western Washington.

The rains will persist into the weekend, and weather officials warn of flooding in several rivers in western Washington.

were destroyed there while one burned in the community of Paradise.

Firefighters made progress after rain moved in and have contained 50 percent of the blaze.

But Brown said the rain hasn't

been enough to completely put out the fire. A three-year drought across California has created extremely dry timber brush that has fueled the flames, she said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.



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A worker uses a front-end loader Saturday to remove piled snow from a street in Marlborough, Mass.

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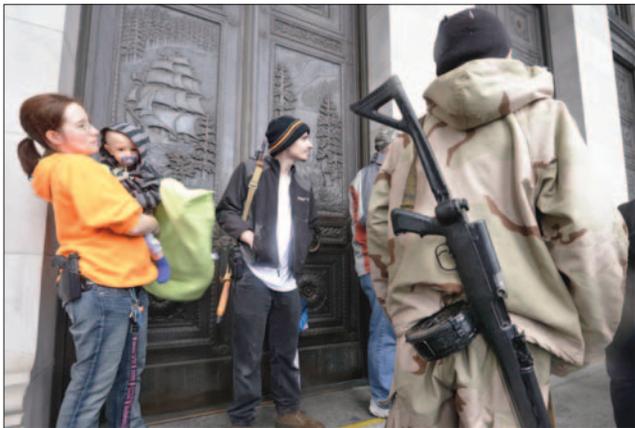
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Nicole Phillips, left, with a pistol strapped to her belt, stands with her husband, Edward Phillips, who is armed with a rifle and handgun, as she holds their 22-month-old son, Edward Phillips IV, during a rally by gun-rights advocates at the state capitol in Olympia, Wash., on Saturday.

## Armed gun-rights advocates rally at Wash. state capitol

By DERRICK NUNNALLY  
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A gun-rights rally drew about 50 people, mostly armed, to the steps of the Capitol on Saturday morning for a demonstration they hoped would end with their arrest. To raise money for bail, some protesters hawked caps with "Fight Tyranny — Shoot Back" printed on them and sold out.

The plan was to walk into the Capitol after a few speeches and carry guns into the Legislature's viewing gallery, in defiance of rule changes made in January that banned the open carry of firearms there. However, the Washington State Patrol kept the gallery doors locked after the building opened to the public at 11 a.m. The crowd, including two state legislators, walked through the marble hallways, with some lining up to knock on the doors to the House gallery and Gov. Jay Inslee's office.

No one was arrested, and the State Patrol reported no disturbances. The protesters went instead to the closed gate of the

governor's mansion and prayed. "What's the world coming to when there are people who want to break the law and they won't let you do it?" said Dave Grenier, 58, of Tumwater, as his fellow pro-gun demonstrators began to file out of the Capitol.

Their complaints against state government stem from the 2014 passage of Initiative 594 by voters statewide. It imposed new background-check requirements on several types of gun transfers, including purchases and loans. Opponents say the new law infringes on firearm rights guaranteed in the state and federal constitutions.

After protest rallies at the Capitol in December and January, leaders of the House and Senate prohibited the open carrying of firearms into the Legislature's viewing galleries. In the January rally, one protester among the dozen or so who carried guns into the House gallery was rebuked by the State Patrol for how he was holding his gun, and the ban was instituted days later.

Saturday morning's rally began

before the Capitol opened to the public at 11 a.m. A few visitors waiting for guided tours of the legislative building mingled with the gun-rights advocates who clustered in the portico facing Washington's Temple of Justice to get out of the rain.

State Reps. Elizabeth Scott and Matt Shea addressed the crowd. Shea, R-Spokane Valley, gave a fiery speech that included a list of more than 20 grievances against the government, including militarization of police, high taxes, surveillance programs, Sharia law and restrictions on guns. Scott, R-Monroe, opened her coat to show the crowd her pistol.

"I carry at least one gun every day because a cop is too heavy and a guard is too heavy," she said.

For Eric Devenny, 19, an apprentice mechanic from Bremerton, the rally was his first trip to the Capitol. He wore an AKS-74, a variation of a Russian assault rifle, in a sling on his back as he walked with the group into the legislative building and out to the governor's mansion gate and said he'll return for another protest.

## Bruce Jenner involved in fatal Malibu crash

MALIBU, Calif. — Olympic gold medalist and Kardashian family patriarch Bruce Jenner was behind the wheel of an SUV involved in a multi-vehicle crash in Malibu that killed a woman and injured seven others, authorities said.

The moment of impact was captured by celebrity photographers

who quickly posted the images on the Internet on Saturday, but Los Angeles County Sheriff's officials said there was no indication Jenner was being chased by paparazzi at the time of the crash on the Pacific Coast Highway.

Brooks said Jenner cooperated with investigators, passed a field sobriety test and voluntarily submitted a blood sample to determine whether he was intoxicated, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt.

Philip Brooks said.

Jenner was going north when his black Cadillac Escalade rear-ended a Lexus sedan that had just struck the back of a black Toyota Prius, Brooks said. The Lexus veered into oncoming traffic and collided head-on with a black Hummer.

The driver of the Lexus — a woman in her 70s — was pronounced dead at the scene.

From The Associated Press

## Police: 5 dead, including gunman, in Ga. shooting

By RAY HENRY  
The Associated Press

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — A man shot six people Saturday afternoon, killing four of them, including his ex-wife and several children, before turning the gun on himself on a quiet, suburban street outside Atlanta, police and neighbors said.

Horrified neighbors called 911 and tended to the severely injured victims as best they could before rescuers arrived.

The shooting happened around 3 p.m. in a subdivision about 20 miles west of Atlanta, Douglas County Sheriff's Lt. Glenn Daniel said.

The shooter, whose name was not immediately released, appeared to have targeted his ex-wife and her household, including several children who tried to flee, Daniel said. Authorities did not release the names of the victims because they were still trying to contact the next of kin. Investigators believe the gunman killed himself at the end of the shooting spree.

Investigators were still trying to determine the shooter's motive and piece together what happened.

"I've been in law enforcement out here 20 years and this is the

worst I've ever seen," Daniel said. He did not know when the couple divorced or if they had prior contact with police.

Teresa Carter, 59, said she heard the gunfire from inside her home but did not see what happened. Police said victims were shot inside and outside the home.

Carter said she often saw the children playing in the driveway

and around the neighborhood. They enjoyed petting her dog.

"I heard shots, and I heard the girl scream," Carter said. "And then I heard four more shots."

Brandon Hallman working on

Teresa Carter, 59, said she often saw the children playing in the driveway and around the neighborhood. They enjoyed petting her dog.

when the shooting started.

"I heard a couple quick shots, you know, back to back to back. Went out there and, you know, looked and it was already over," Hallman said. "We just grabbed some towels and kind of went down there to try and help before the paramedics got here."

## 17-year-old arrested in mall shooting that wounded three

The Associated Press

MONROEVILLE, Pa. — Three people were hospitalized Sunday with gunshot wounds after a 17-year-old male opened fire on a man at a Pittsburgh-area mall, police said, striking his intended target as well as two bystanders.

The Monroeville Mall went on lockdown Saturday evening after the shooting. The gunman managed to escape but police say they were able to identify him by matching surveillance video with images on social media.

The suspect, who The Associated Press is not identifying because he is a juvenile, was arrested at a home in Brackenridge about 3:15 a.m. Sunday. He was being held at the Allegheny County Jail pending arraignment on charges as an adult of aggravated assault, attempted homicide and recklessly endangering other people.

Gunfire erupted inside the Macy's about 7:30 p.m., sending panicked shoppers running. Police

went store to store to evacuate the mall, which closed for the night.

Police Chief Douglas Cole said two men and a woman were shot, including the man who was targeted. He said the two men were in critical condition, while the woman was in stable condition.

"This was not random," Cole told reporters. "We have evidence that leads to that." He declined to elaborate.

In late December, hundreds of teenagers gathered at the mall and several fights broke out. The fights caused local officials and mall administration to agree on a plan to increase security there.

Four on-duty police officers have been stationed in the mall on Friday and Saturday evenings at the mall's request, Monroeville Mayor Gregory Erosenko said.

"I would have thought that having four officers there would have deterred any incident like we saw (Saturday)," he told the newspaper.



## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Kerry cites need to fight extremism roots

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

MUNICH, Germany — The threat of the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq, Boko Haram in Africa and other extremist groups around the world will not be defeated on the battlefield alone, but also in classrooms and community centers as part of a fundamental societal change, Secretary of State John Kerry and other leaders concluded Sunday at the end of a conference here on global security issues.

The quest for peace in Ukraine and how to contain Russia dominated discussions among political leaders and security experts at the three-day annual Munich Security Conference. However, a key theme throughout was the idea of a global order under threat, with instability flaring also in Syria, Iraq, Libya and western Africa, where Boko Haram has posed a growing threat.

"There is no question we are in the midst of a defining moment. We are facing multiple tests," Kerry said. "One is taking center stage right here in Europe. The other one has its roots beyond our borders. Both test the global order we have been spending the last 70 years trying to maintain."

In the battle against the Islamic State group, which now occupies parts of Syria and Iraq with the aim of establishing a caliphate, the U.S. has conducted some 2,000 airstrikes against militants and has killed half the group's senior leaders, Kerry said.

But over the long term, the battle against violent extremism will require a global effort focused on more than military measures.

"We cannot lose sight of the fact that this effort is only the beginning," Kerry said. "We cannot just work to put out fires Daesh and other groups are igniting in the region and around the world,"

he said, using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group. "We have to actually prevent the ignition of those fires in the first place. That means the fight against violent extremists is not going to be fought on the battlefield. It's going to be fought and won in classrooms, in workplaces, houses of worship, community centers, urban street corners and halls of government."

An intentional effort focused on promoting economic and educational opportunities and rule of law will be central to any effort, Kerry said.

"We have to address the intolerance, economic hopelessness and exclusion in some of our societies" Kerry said. "We have to create alternatives to violent extremism in countries where it is prevalent."

If not, he said, in five or 10 years, others would be grappling with the same challenges, though

the terrorist groups "may have different acronyms by then and they may be targeting different countries."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, took a harder line, saying the U.S. and its allies must hit back hard at those who would undermine the world order. He advocated arming Ukrainian troops fighting Russia-backed separatists and giving more support to moderate forces in Syria.

"It's not that we are doing nothing; it's that nothing we are doing has been sufficient," McCain said. "If we do not change course, the liberal world order we have so painstakingly built will continue to deteriorate."

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius cautioned that forecasting the future is not so easy.

"Last year, in spite of our common, profound expertise, our conference did not really see

Ebola, Daash and the Ukrainian war," he said. "It means we have to be humble in our analysis and our forecasts."

Today's world is chaotic, violent and unpredictable, he said. Going forward, allies will need to remain united in the face of such diffuse threats.

"We all know the threat is global, and so must (be) the response," Fabius said.

Gen. Philip Breedlove, supreme allied commander of NATO, said he saw a strong sense of purpose among those in attendance after the first day of discussions.

"I'm encouraged by the many ideas I've heard here," Breedlove said in an email. "Overall, I'm picking up a genuine sense of momentum and recommitment to the types of cooperation that are so essential to our security. The alliance is as united as it's ever been."

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## Jordan: 56 airstrikes targeted Islamic State

By MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH  
The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan has launched 56 airstrikes against Islamic State group weapons depots, training centers and military barracks since militants released a video of them burning a Jordanian pilot to death, Jordan's air force chief said Sunday.

Jordanian officials have said they would retaliate harshly for the slaying of the pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, who was set ablaze while trapped in a cage.

Since Thursday, the Jordanian air force has attacked and destroyed 56 Islamic State targets, the air force chief, Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Jabour, told reporters. That includes training centers, military barracks, warehouses and weapons depots, he said.

"We achieved what we were looking for: revenge for Muath," the general said. "And this is not the end. This is the beginning."

The United States and several Arab allies, including Jordan, have been striking the Islamic State group in Syria since Sept. 23, while warplanes from the U.S. and other countries have been waging an air campaign against the extremists in Iraq for ever longer. The campaign aims to push back the jihadi organization after it took large parts of Iraq and Syria and declared a "caliphate."

Al-Jabour said coalition planes have flown 5,500 sorties since the beginning of the air campaign, including 2,000 reconnaissance flights. He did not say whether that included flights over both Syria and Iraq. He said Jordan's air force participated in 946 sorties.

The general said about 7,000 Islamic State group militants have been killed since the beginning of the coalition airstrikes, without elaborating.



U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon David Hale, right, inspects U.S. weapons that were unloaded from a ship at Beirut's port Sunday.

## US weapons shipment arrives in Lebanon

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — The U.S. ambassador to Lebanon said Sunday that \$25 million worth of weapons and ammunition have arrived in Beirut, the latest American assistance to Lebanon's army as it fights Islamic extremists along the border with Syria.

Ambassador David Hale said the equipment includes more than 70 M198 howitzers and more than 26 million rounds of ammunition and artillery "of all shapes and sizes, including heavy artillery."

Islamic extremists have launched several attacks on Lebanese troops during

recent months in areas near the Syrian border, killing and wounding scores of troops. The most serious attack occurred in August, when members of the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front and the Islamic State group captured two dozen Lebanese soldiers. They have killed four of them and still hold the rest.

Lebanese and American officials attended a handover ceremony Sunday at Beirut's port.

"We are very proud of this, and this is top-of-the-line equipment," Hale said. "This is the best that there is in the market-

place. It's what our soldiers use. I know that in a matter of days it's going to be what your brave soldiers are using in the battle to defeat terrorism and extremism that is pouring across the border from Syria."

Hale told reporters that Lebanon has become the fifth-largest recipient of U.S. foreign military assistance. He added that weapons worth more than \$100 million were given to Lebanon last year and more than \$1 billion worth given in the past eight years.

He said the U.S. help to Lebanon will continue "until the job is done."

BIAL HUSSEIN/AP

## WORLD



EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP

A Ukrainian soldier gestures as he guards territory near the government-held town of Debatsevo, eastern Ukraine, on Sunday. Debatsevo, a key railway junction, has been the epicenter of recent battles between Russia-backed separatists and Ukrainian government troops.

# Key leaders plan summit to discuss Ukraine crisis

By GEIR MOULSON  
AND MATTHEW LEE  
The Associated Press

MUNICH — The leaders of Germany, France, Russia and Ukraine aim to hold a summit in Minsk this week as they try to stem fighting in eastern Ukraine, officials said Sunday.

The plan for a meeting Wednesday in the Belarusian capital emerged from a phone call between German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Francois Hollande, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko. Merkel's spokesman, Steffen Seibert, described the call as "intensive."

The aim is to draw up a package of measures that breathes new life into a much-violated September peace plan. Seibert and the French government said preparations for the summit will take place Monday in Berlin.

"They (the leaders) expect that their efforts during the Minsk meeting will lead to the swift and unconditional cessation of fire by both sides," Poroshenko's office said in a statement. Putin also confirmed that a summit was being planned for Wednesday in Minsk, but said it might not come about.

"We will be aiming for Wednesday, if by that time we are able to agree on a number of the positions that we recently have been discussing intensely," he told journalists in Sochi, Russia, during a meeting with the president of Belarus, Russian news agencies reported.

A separate meeting between the agencies to last November's accord, including Russia,

Ukraine and representatives of separatists in eastern Ukraine, will also take place in Minsk by Wednesday, Seibert said.

Before the summit, Merkel, who met Friday night in Moscow with Putin, is scheduled to meet with President Barack Obama in Washington on Monday on a previously scheduled trip.

At an international security conference in Munich, Secretary of State John Kerry said the U.S. and its European allies are "united in our diplomacy" on Ukraine. He said the U.S. supports efforts by France and Germany to produce a new plan to end the conflict that is now raging in east Ukraine.

Kerry denied that there is a U.S.-Europe rift over how to respond to the crisis and how to deal with Russia's role in it despite a debate over whether to arm the government in Kiev.

"There is no division, there is no split," Kerry said. "I keep hearing people trying to create one. We are united, we are working closely together."

His comments came amid reports of a deep trans-Atlantic rift over the Obama administration's consideration of providing defensive weaponry to Kiev. Germany and France oppose such a move, saying it could lead to an escalation and that they do not believe the conflict can be resolved militarily. Russia, which is accused of supporting separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine, has said the introduction of U.S.-supplied weaponry will have grave consequences.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, speaking alongside Kerry, reiterated that he considers delivering

weapons "not just highly risky but counterproductive."

Kerry said the United States agrees that there is no military solution to the Ukraine crisis that has now killed more than 5,300 people, according to the United Nations.

At the same time, U.S. officials say Obama is rethinking his previous opposition to sending arms to Ukraine despite fears it could lead to a proxy war between Washington and Moscow. The officials have, however, suggested that any such weaponry would be intended to help Kiev defend itself once a peace agreement is reached.

Kerry likened the U.S.-European debate over arms to previous consultations over the breadth and strength of sanctions against Russia.

"The discussion taking place today is absolutely no different — it's tactical, it is not strategic," Kerry said. "On the fundamental goal with respect to Ukraine, we are absolutely united ... we want a diplomatic solution."

Reacting to the announcement of the proposed Minsk summit, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Kerry will "remain closely engaged" as talks continue. Republican Sen. John McCain, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, insisted in Munich that "we must provide defensive arms to Ukraine."

"If we help Ukrainians increase the military cost to the Russian forces that have invaded their country, how long can Putin sustain a war that he tells his people is not happening?" McCain said.

# Ghani tells world leaders Afghanistan at risk without help

By JOSH SMITH  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Ashraf Ghani brought a message of hope to attendees at an international security conference in Germany on Sunday, while warning that there would be "consequences" if Afghanistan is ignored.

Ghani gave the closing speech at the Munich Security Conference, an annual gathering of world leaders, policymakers, business executives and others involved in foreign policy.

In a departure from the usual style of his predecessor, Hamid Karzai, Ghani began his remarks by thanking the NATO-led coalition and particularly the United States for their involvement and sacrifice in Afghanistan since the 2001 military operations that toppled the Taliban regime.

"We honor that sacrifice, and that sacrifice is not going to be in vain," Ghani said, while adding that the current training-focused, NATO-led Resolute Support mission is vital for future success. "Together, there is a substantial amount we can do."

The coalition formally declared an end to its combat mission in Afghanistan at the end of 2014. A much smaller number of foreign troops have continued to support Afghan operations, including with air support, but the new Resolute Support mission is designed to be more focused on training and advising Afghan forces.

In a speech to the conference on Saturday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel channeled previous statements by other Western leaders in declaring that the coalition's goals had been accomplished in Afghanistan.

"Together with the Afghans we have achieved quite a bit," she said, before listing gains in education, health care, media, the economy, and in the number of security forces. "Above all, we have achieved our most important goal: No terrorist threat emanates any longer from Afghanistan."

However, she acknowledged that "day-to-day security in the country is 'anything but satisfactory' and that corruption and the drug trade are thriving. "Therefore, we must do everything to maintain what has been achieved and to develop further," Merkel said. "The Afghan security sector will still need substantial international support past 2016, and not just financial support."

Ghani echoed that dual message of progress and continued need in his speech Sunday, while playing up the links between ter-

rорism in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.

He sought to highlight what he sees as successes in his country, including the election that brought him peacefully to power last year, despite allegations of massive fraud that led to concerns over a possible civil war.

"Legitimacy in my country now comes from the ballot," he told the audience, arguing that the dwindling international interest in Afghanistan is in fact evidence of progress. "Our successes have made us not be negotiating, because when will the media report on a success?"

But Ghani, who still depends on billions of dollars in international aid to run his country, warned that the same threats posed by the Islamic State group and al-Qaida have roots in Afghanistan, which is still in the grip of an entrenched insurgency led by the Taliban. There will be "consequences," he said, if the international community takes its eyes off Afghanistan.

Muslim-majority countries like Afghanistan must stand up against radicalism in the region, Ghani said.

"Daash (the Islamic State), al-Qaida and other networks are drivers of conflict," he said. "We must have the courage to speak for the absolute majority."

Afghan officials tread a fine line when making the case for continued aid. Many foreign populations have come to see the long war and foreign investment in Afghanistan as a waste of time and money. Too much emphasis on gains, however, also undermines Afghan leaders' pleas for continued support.

Afghanistan remains one of the top producers of illegal opium products, and is consistently ranked among the most corrupt countries in the world. That criminality, Ghani observed, is often overlooked in discussions about conflict in the region.

"Deep networks of criminality are drivers of conflict," he said. "Too often observers and policymakers focus on radical ideology and ignore more basic questions, Ghani argued. "The key question is, who finances the conflict and who benefits from it?"

Still, Afghanistan's president took care to end on a "message of hope." Ghani said his citizens have hopes rooted not in the past, but in the 21st century. The people of Afghanistan, he concluded, are "ready not just to open a new page but start a new book."

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Ashraf Ghani  
Afghanistan president

## WORLD

# Dry winter stirs food crisis fears in N. Korea

By ANNA FIFELED  
The Washington Post

SEOUL — As North Korea heads toward the “barley hump” — the lean season before the rice and corn harvests in the summer — aid agencies are warning that an unusually dry winter is compounding chronic food shortages in the impoverished country.

While North Korea may no longer be in a state of famine, malnutrition remains such a widespread problem that even slight changes in weather can have an outsized impact on ordinary people’s food supply.

“We’re concerned about seed scarcity and the low-level rain and snowfall,” John Aylieff, deputy Asia director at the U.N.’s World Food Program, said from Pyongyang. “All of these things are raising concerns about the winter harvest this year.”

Winter crops — including wheat and barley — should be growing

now, but after an exceptionally dry year in 2014, rainfall around the country has been markedly lower than usual so far this year, particularly in the “cereal bowl” provinces of Pyongan in the west and Hwanghae in the south.

Although the winter harvest makes up only 5 percent of North Korea’s domestic food supply, it is a critical time because the crops see the country through the lean season known locally as the barley hump — the period between May and August before rice and corn crops are harvested.

“If there is a big gap, this could prolong the lean season and it could prove a flash point for malnutrition,” Aylieff said.

North Korea has a chronic food security problem. Before the Korean peninsula was divided after World War II, the southern half had always operated as the bread basket and the north as the industrial heartland.

That has meant that since the

division, the North has struggled to feed itself even at the best of times. It muddled through for about four decades, with the Soviet Union as its communist benefactor.

But the end of the Cold War and decades of economic mismanagement combined with droughts and floods in the 1990s caused a devastating famine, called the “arduous march” in Korean. Estimates on the number of dead range from 400,000 to 3 million, but there is no dispute that there was widespread suffering.

While the food situation has stabilized during the past decade to a point at which starvation is rare, malnutrition and hunger remain rife, and donations to international aid agencies have dropped off thanks to fatigue with the North Korean regime and competing crises elsewhere.

In a startling admission last week, Kim Jong Un, the North Korean leader, said during a visit

to a livestock breeding center that it was “imperative to solve the food problem.”

“The most important task facing us today is to rapidly improve the standard of people’s living,” Kim said, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

In a new report published last week, the Food and Agriculture Organization, which operates in North Korea, said that after increasing markedly for three consecutive years, food production totals there were stagnant last year. It forecast that the crop of early season potatoes and the winter wheat and barley crops, to be harvested starting in June, will fall considerably.

“Most households [are] estimated to have borderline and poor food consumption rates,” the FAO forecast for the year ahead.

While the communist regime still ostensibly runs a “public distribution system,” giving food rations to households, defectors

from around the country say it has all but broken down. In the few places where it does operate, North Koreans are set to receive even less than usual.

Official North Korean figures show that there is a shortfall of nearly 900,000 metric tons of cereals for the public distribution system this year, according to people who have seen the figures, meaning that it has only three-quarters of what is needed.

The problem for ordinary North Koreans is not just how much they’re eating, but what they’re eating.

“Even if they’re now getting enough calories, people are deficient in nutrients,” said Randall Spadoni, of World Vision, an aid agency. “The bigger problem is getting protein and micronutrients, rather than just grains, to people. So we’re working with more nutritious foods like potatoes, soybeans and vegetables.”

## Outbreak of measles in Germany is worse than what US is facing

By RICK NOACK  
The Washington Post

The United States has been shocked by a surge in measles cases, with more than 100 incidents in January alone.

That, however, is much less worrisome than a current outbreak in Germany.

While authorities there had hoped to completely eliminate the disease this year, 254 new cases emerged in January, primarily in Berlin.

There is one significant difference, though: The outbreak has raised little attention in Germany. Whereas measles has been high on the news agenda for weeks in the United States, in Germany it has neither caused a debate about the alleged risks of vaccines nor has the outbreak been featured on front pages.

The reason is simple: Germany has had even worse outbreaks during the past years.

Experts, however, say that the risks of ignoring the upsurge would

be significant. “The outbreak in Berlin is a sobering setback. In general, Germany’s immunization rate is too low,” Anette Siedler, the director of Germany’s renowned Robert Koch Institute, was quoted by German media as saying.

According to the World Health Organization, Germany already has one of the world’s highest immunization rates among 1-year-olds, with 97 percent — compared with the United States with 91 percent. So where do all the new cases come from?

German experts say that a third of all vaccinated German children either lack a sufficient immunization (which usually requires a second dose), or are vaccinated too late.

The reasons for the lack of vaccinations in Germany are similar to the ones that are often mentioned in the United States: In both countries, measles seemed to have been “eliminated,” and subsequently people started to “relax” about immunization.



SEBASTIANO CASELLATI/AP

## When in Venice

People wearing traditional costumes parade in St. Mark’s Square in Venice, Italy, on Sunday on the occasion of the Venice Carnival.

## Slovak vote on gay rights curbs not binding due to low turnout

The Associated Press

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — A nationwide referendum on restricting gay rights in Slovakia has failed to produce a legally binding result after the required number of eligible voters did not turn out.

In Saturday’s vote, Slovaks were asked whether they agree to three points: that marriage can only be called a union between a man and a woman; that same-sex partners must be barred from

adopting children; and that it’s up to parents to decide whether their children receive sex education.

The vote was forced by the Alliance for Family, a socially conservative group that received massive support from the Catholic church.

With all the votes tallied early Sunday by the country’s Statistics Office, voters in the predominantly Catholic country overwhelmingly voted “yes” — 95 percent, 92

percent and 90 percent, respectively — to the three questions.

But turnout reached only 21.4 percent, far less than the 50 percent needed.

“It’s a success of Slovakia’s democracy,” said Silvia Porubanova, an analyst.

A leader of the alliance, Anton Chromik, said he was delighted that a clear majority of the voters who participated in the ballot supported the alliance and called

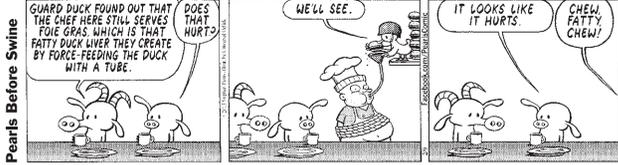
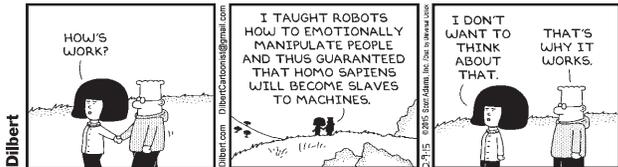
it “a good base” for its future activities.

Romana Schlesinger, a LGBT activist, said she hoped the government will now work to make it possible for same-sex couples to live in registered partnership “because all our partnerships, our families are living without legal recognition or protection.”

Slovakia doesn’t allow same-sex partners to live in registered partnerships, and the country’s

constitution was amended last year to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

The vote in Slovakia — which follows a similar one that succeeded in Croatia in 2013 — points to a cultural divide within the European Union in which more established western members are rapidly granting new rights to gays, while eastern newcomers entrench conservative attitudes toward LGBT people.



**Eugene Sheffer Crossword**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Where Manilow's Lola worked
  - 5 Boardroom boss (Abbr.)
  - 8 Pizzazz
  - 12 "Messiah," e.g.
  - 14 Paradise
  - 15 High-priced powder
  - 16 South American nation
  - 17 Help
  - 18 Holy wars
  - 20 Offspring
  - 23 Channel marker
  - 24 Deserve
  - 25 Cleaning cloth
  - 28 Dead heat
  - 29 Mattress brand
  - 30 Swing back and forth
  - 32 Scott Joplin's music
  - 34 Soda flavor
  - 35 Sitarist's rendition
  - 36 Diet entree
  - 37 Swamp
  - 40 Capitol Hill VIP
  - 41 "— Your Enthusiasm"
  - 42 Record of a work shift
  - 47 Bedouin
  - 48 Distance measurer
- DOWN**
- 49 Depend (on)
  - 50 Yule beverage
  - 51 Tax
  - 21 Twosome
  - 22 Vicinity
  - 23 Myanmar's old name
  - 25 "The Ippress File" author Len
  - 26 MPs' quarry
  - 27 Festive
  - 29 Male deer
  - 31 Wander
  - 33 Dirty
  - 34 Annul
  - 36 Appear
  - 37 Wound reminder
  - 38 Entice
  - 39 Exam format
  - 40 Air pollutant
  - 43 Wedding response
  - 44 Consumed
  - 45 Gun the engine
  - 46 Uninteresting

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Saturday's Cryptquip: IF FILMS DRAW A STRONG EMOTIONAL RESPONSE FROM VIEWERS, YOU COULD SAY THEY'RE MOVING PICTURES.**

Today's Cryptquip Clue: I equals W

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Many unemployed in spite of job gains

By **CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The job market remains a frustrating place for America's 9 million unemployed — perhaps more so as hiring has accelerated along with job postings.

The pace of job growth over the past three months was the fastest in 17 years. The gains spanned nearly every industry, and some employers have finally had to dangle higher pay to attract or retain top talent.

Yet millions of job seekers still can't find work. Some businesses remain slow to fill their openings, awaiting the ideal candidates. Many job seekers lack the skills employers require.

The plight of the unemployed also reflects an economic reality: Even in the best times, the number of job seekers is typically twice the number of job openings.

The January jobs report that

the government issued Friday pointed to another factor, too: As hiring strengthens, more jobs typically start looking for people. As the number of job seekers grows, so does competition for work.

The number of openings has reached nearly 5 million, the most since 2001. Yet that's barely more than half the number of people the government counts as unemployed.

"There's always going to be a set of job vacancies, and there are always going to be a set of people transitioning from unemployment to work," said Tara Sinclair, an economics professor at George Washington University. "The transition isn't instantaneous."

For many, the transition can be maddeningly slow. Complaints abound about online job sites that seem to function more as black holes than as gateways to employment. Applicants can't get past online portals to explain gaps in their resumes. Multiple interviews and other steps — even for

low-paying jobs — can prolong the process.

Carlie Kozlowich, 23, had three interviews last year with a marketing company for a job she said would involve "travel" and "events." Only after accepting the job did she learn it involved selling goods at a booth in a Costco. Having amassed roughly \$50,000 in debt to earn a college degree, she felt she had to turn it down.

"Three interviews just to say, 'Would you like to try a pierogi today?'" she said.

Steven Davis, an economist at the University of Chicago, calculates that it took employers an average of 25.6 working days to fill a job in November, the latest period for which data are available. That nearly matched July's figure of 26, the longest in the 14 years that the government has gathered the data Davis uses.

An extended hiring period in some ways can be a positive sign. It suggests that companies are having a harder time finding

workers because the economy has strengthened. The number of unemployed peaked at 15.4 million in October 2009, just after the recession ended.

Still, the fact that it takes companies so long to fill vacancies, even with 9 million people unemployed, suggests that more discouraging factors may be at play. Some companies that are seeking highly skilled workers in fields like information technology and advanced manufacturing complain about a shortage of qualified candidates. Some recruiters and online job sites describe "skills mismatches."

Paul D'Arcy, senior vice president at the job listings website Indeed.com, said lower-skilled jobs generally receive a flood of resumes, while higher-skilled positions attract far fewer.

Jobs in management, computers and math and architecture and engineering far outnumber job seekers in those fields, according to Indeed's data.

### EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates            |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Euro costs (Feb. 9)       | \$1.1738  |
| Dollar buys (Feb. 9)      | €0.8519   |
| British pound (Feb. 9)    | \$1.57    |
| Japanese yen (Feb. 9)     | ¥114.00   |
| South Korean won (Feb. 9) | ₩1,061.00 |

| Commercial rates     |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Bahrain (Dinar)      | 0.3770          |
| British pound        | \$1.5232/0.6375 |
| Canada (dollar)      | 1.2530          |
| China (Yuan)         | 6.2366          |
| Denmark (Krone)      | 6.5741          |
| Euro (Pound)         | 1.6343          |
| Hong Kong (Dollar)   | \$1.1318/0.8835 |
| Hungary (Forint)     | 270.21          |
| Israel (Shekel)      | 3.8987          |
| Japan (Yen)          | 119.14          |
| Kuwait (Dinar)       | 0.2955          |
| Norway (Krone)       | 6.6261          |
| Philippines (Peso)   | 44.34           |
| Poland (Zloty)       | 3.167           |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal) | 3.7208          |
| Singapore (Dollar)   | 1.3542          |
| South Korea (Won)    | 1,099.24        |
| Switzerland (Franc)  | 0.9269          |
| Thailand (Baht)      | 32.65           |
| Turkey (New Lira)    | 4.812           |

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

### INTEREST RATES

|                           |      |
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| Prime rate                | 3.25 |
| 3-month bill              | 0.12 |
| Federal funds market rate | 0.12 |
| 3-month bill              | 0.02 |
| 30-year bond              | 2.53 |

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### MONDAY IN EUROPE



### TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Monday's US temperatures

| City              | Hi | Lo | Wthr  | City             | Hi | Lo  | Wthr | City           | Hi | Lo | Wthr  | City            | Hi | Lo | Wthr  |
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| Akron, Ohio       | 27 | 19 | Snow  | Cheyenne         | 63 | 36  | Clr  | Fresno         | 64 | 44 | Clr   | Lubbock         | 74 | 41 | Clr   |
| Albany, N.Y.      | 25 | 17 | Snow  | Chicago          | 27 | 17  | Clr  | Goodland       | 69 | 36 | Clr   | Macon           | 65 | 40 | Clr   |
| Albuquerque       | 70 | 38 | Clr   | Cincinnati       | 35 | 21  | Cldy | Grand Junction | 58 | 32 | Pcldy | Madison         | 73 | 10 | Clr   |
| Allentown, Pa.    | 32 | 24 | Snow  | Cleveland        | 25 | 16  | Snow | Grand Rapids   | 24 | 7  | Clr   | Medford         | 54 | 37 | Rain  |
| Anchorage         | 18 | 11 | Cldy  | Colorado Springs | 68 | 37  | Clr  | Great Falls    | 55 | 34 | Clr   | Memphis         | 54 | 31 | Clr   |
| Ashville          | 55 | 32 | Clr   | Columbia, S.C.   | 65 | 43  | Clr  | Green Bay      | 56 | 36 | Clr   | Midland-Odessa  | 74 | 43 | Clr   |
| Atlanta           | 60 | 37 | Rain  | Columbus, Ga.    | 64 | 40  | Clr  | Hartford       | 59 | 31 | Clr   | Milwaukee       | 23 | 15 | Clr   |
| Atlantic City     | 41 | 30 | Rain  | Concord, N.H.    | 19 | 12  | Snow | Harrisburg     | 23 | 13 | Clr   | Miami Beach     | 78 | 37 | Clr   |
| Austin            | 75 | 47 | Clr   | Corpus Christi   | 76 | 50  | Clr  | Helena         | 55 | 34 | Clr   | Mpls-St Paul    | 27 | 19 | Clr   |
| Baltimore         | 49 | 32 | Rain  | Dallas-Ft Worth  | 72 | 45  | Clr  | Honolulu       | 92 | 71 | Clr   | Missoula        | 44 | 31 | Snow  |
| Baton Rouge       | 75 | 42 | Pcldy | Dayton           | 29 | 17  | Clr  | Houston        | 76 | 49 | Clr   | Mobile          | 71 | 41 | Clr   |
| Bilings           | 67 | 36 | Clr   | Daytona Beach    | 75 | 52  | Clr  | Huntsville     | 55 | 33 | Clr   | Montgomery      | 68 | 37 | Clr   |
| Birmingham        | 60 | 33 | Clr   | Denver           | 70 | 39  | Clr  | Indianapolis   | 34 | 21 | Clr   | Nashville       | 47 | 30 | Clr   |
| Bismarck          | 21 | 23 | Clr   | Des Moines       | 33 | 23  | Clr  | Jacksonville   | 66 | 35 | Pcldy | New Orleans     | 74 | 46 | Pcldy |
| Boise             | 57 | 39 | Rain  | Detroit          | 25 | 12  | Snow | Jacksonville   | 66 | 35 | Pcldy | New York City   | 31 | 25 | Snow  |
| Boston            | 30 | 17 | Snow  | Duluth           | 23 | 13  | Clr  | Janeau         | 34 | 26 | Clr   | Newark          | 32 | 26 | Snow  |
| Bridgeport        | 30 | 17 | Snow  | El Paso          | 75 | 43  | Clr  | Kansas City    | 44 | 20 | Pcldy | Norfolk, Va.    | 62 | 37 | Clr   |
| Brownsville       | 79 | 55 | Clr   | Elk River        | 45 | 25  | Rain | Key West       | 67 | 41 | Rain  | North Lake City | 61 | 36 | Clr   |
| Buffalo           | 23 | 15 | Snow  | Enterprise       | 52 | 44  | Rain | Knoxville      | 54 | 31 | Clr   | North Platte    | 63 | 28 | Clr   |
| Burlington, Vt.   | 20 | 10 | Snow  | Evanston         | 40 | 25  | Clr  | Lake Charles   | 74 | 46 | Pcldy | Oklahoma City   | 50 | 43 | Clr   |
| Caribou, Maine    | 7  | -4 | Clr   | Fairbanks        | -9 | -32 | Clr  | Las Vegas      | 77 | 51 | Pcldy | Omaha           | 37 | 27 | Pcldy |
| Casper, Wyo.      | 66 | 33 | Clr   | Fargo            | 23 | 18  | Clr  | Lexington      | 40 | 24 | Clr   | Orlando         | 78 | 55 | Clr   |
| Charleston, S.C.  | 67 | 45 | Rain  | Flagstaff        | 63 | 27  | Clr  | Lincoln        | 43 | 30 | Pcldy | Paducah         | 44 | 26 | Clr   |
| Charleston, W.Va. | 47 | 26 | Rain  | Flint            | 24 | 8   | Snow | Little Rock    | 62 | 35 | Clr   | Pendleton       | 58 | 43 | Clr   |
| Charlotte, N.C.   | 62 | 41 | Clr   | Fort Smith       | 67 | 39  | Clr  | Los Angeles    | 73 | 54 | Pcldy | Pensacola       | 29 | 18 | Clr   |
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|                   |    |    |       |                  |    |     |      |                |    |    |       | Pittsburgh      | 38 | 21 | Rain  |
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|                   |    |    |       |                  |    |     |      |                |    |    |       | Savannah        | 70 | 46 | Rain  |
|                   |    |    |       |                  |    |     |      |                |    |    |       | Seattle         | 54 | 47 | Clr   |
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## SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

## ANTHROPOCENE

Are we living in the age of humans?

By SETH BORENSTEIN  
The Associated Press

**P** WASHINGTON people are changing Earth so much, warming and polluting it, that many scientists are turning to a new way to describe the time we live in. They're calling it the Anthropocene — the

age of humans.

Though most nonexperts don't realize it, science calls the past 12,000 years the Holocene, Greek for "entirely recent." But the way humans and their industries are altering the planet, especially its climate, has caused an increasing number of scientists to use the word Anthropocene to better describe when and where we are.

"We're changing the Earth," said eight-time spacewalking astronaut John Grunsfeld, now associate administrator for science at NASA. "There is no question about that. I've seen it from space."

He said that when he looked down from orbit, there was no place he could see on the planet that didn't have the mark of man. So he uses the term Anthropocene, he said, "because we're intelligent enough to recognize it."

Grunsfeld was in the audience of a "Living in the Anthropocene" symposium put on by the Smithsonian. Meanwhile, the American Association for the Advancement of Science was displaying an art exhibit, "Fossils of the Anthropocene." More than 500 scientific studies were published last year referring to the current time period as the Anthropocene.

The Anthropocene Working Group has ramped up its efforts to change the era's name. The movement was jump-started and the name coined by Nobel laureate Paul Crutzen in 2000, according to Australian National University scientist Will Steffen.

Geologists often mark new scientific time periods with what they call a golden spike — really more of a bronze disk in the rock layer somewhere that physically points out where one scientific time period ends and another begins, said Harvard University's Andrew Knoll, who supports the idea because "humans have become a geologic force on the planet. The age we are living now in is really distinct."

But instead of a golden spike in rock, "it's going to be a layer of plastic that covers the planet, if not a layer of (heat-trapping) carbon," said W. John Kress, acting

undersecretary of science for the Smithsonian. Kress said the Smithsonian is embracing the term because "for us, it kind of combines the scientific and the cultural in one word."

It's an ugly word, one many people don't understand, and it's even hard to pronounce, Kress said. That's why when he opened the Smithsonian's symposium, he said, "We are living in the Anthropocene," then added, "the age of humans."

"Never in its 4.6 billion-year-old history has the Earth been so affected by one species as it is being affected now by humans," Kress said.

Steffen, one of the main leaders of the Anthropocene movement, said in an email that the age of humans is more than just climate change. It includes ozone loss, disruption of nitrogen and phosphorus cycles, the areas that are causing dead zones, changes in water, acidification of the ocean, endocrine disruptors and deforestation.

Steffen said there's no scientific consensus for the term Anthropocene yet, but he sees support growing. To become official, it has to be approved by the International Union of Geological Sciences' Commission on Stratigraphy.

That process is detailed and slow, said Harvard's Knoll, who spearheaded the last successful effort to add a new time period to the

little-known

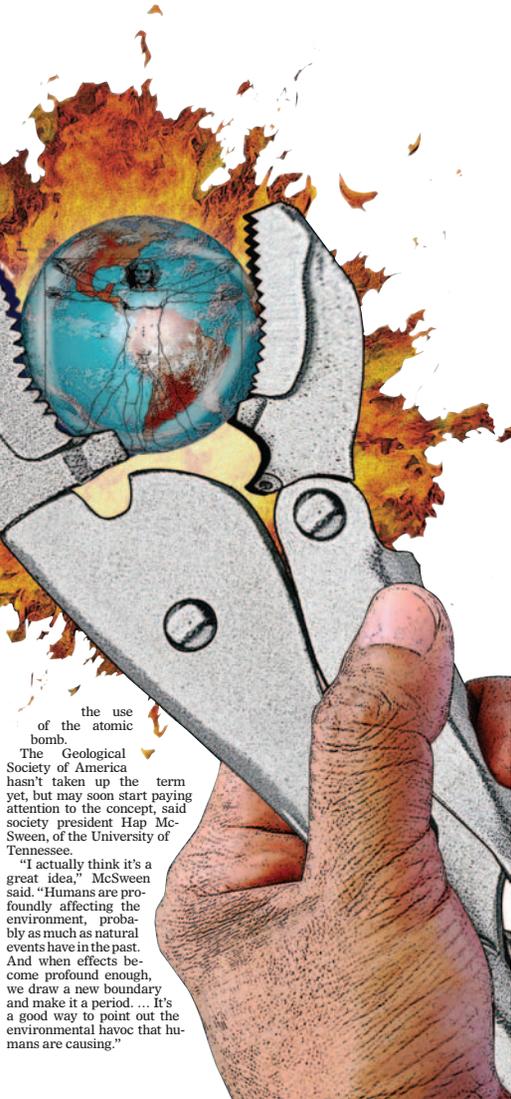
Ediacaran period, about 600 million years ago.

It took him 15 years.

The head of that deciding committee, Stan Finney at California State University at Long Beach, said in an interview that he is often called "the biggest critic" of the Anthropocene term.

He said while there's no doubt humans are dramatically changing the planet, creating a new geologic time period requires detailed scientific records, mostly based on what is in rocks.

Supporters also don't agree on when the Anthropocene starts. Suggestions include the start of farming, industrialization and



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Hap McSweeney  
University of Tennessee

the use of the atomic bomb. The Geological Society of America hasn't taken up the term yet, but may soon start paying attention to the concept, said society president Hap McSweeney, of the University of Tennessee.

"I actually think it's a great idea," McSweeney said. "Humans are profoundly affecting the environment, probably as much as natural events have in the past. And when effects become profound enough, we draw a new boundary and make it a period. ... It's a good way to point out the environmental havoc that humans are causing."

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Mother accused of bomb threat at school

**NY** NEW YORK — Authorities say a mother got so angry when told that her daughter had failed a New York state exam that she threatened to bomb the school.

Karen Shearon pleaded not guilty when she was arraigned Friday on a misdemeanor aggravated harassment charge.

A court complaint said Shearon, 48, told a Staten Island high school guidance counselor Tuesday she was “going to blow up the school.”

She said a school representative called her at work repeatedly that day.

The Staten Island Advance reported Shearon said she “never made such a phone call” and suggested the school would have been evacuated if she indeed had made such a threat.

The city Department of Education said the school immediately notified police of the threat.

## Pilot, wife use iPads to crash-land plane

**SD** RAPID CITY — A pilot and his wife used iPads to fly about 80 miles in the dark and landed safely at the Rapid City Regional Airport after an electrical malfunction compromised their single-engine plane Friday night.

The Rapid City Fire Department said the couple were flying to Wisconsin from Wyoming when their single-engine propeller plane had a full electrical-system failure. The only instruments still working were the airspeed and altitude indicators.

The couple were not able to alert traffic controllers that they were entering Rapid City airspace and the pilot landed the plane on its belly on the airport runway. The plane skidded to a stop and officials said sparks were shooting from the bottom of the fuselage.

Department spokesman Oliver White said the plane will be grounded while officials investigate.

## Eagles, other birds sick after eating poison

**FL** OCALA — An animal sanctuary reported that several birds, including bald eagles, are eating poison and dying around central Florida.

Workers at the Animis Foundation have been picking up sick birds from the Marion County Landfill and nearby neighborhoods, including two bald eagles found last week. One of the eagles later died. Many of the birds tested positive for pentobarbital, which is used to humanely euthanize animals.

The bald eagle is the national bird of the United States and is federally protected.

Michelle Whitfield said the birds were taken to her facility and were given oxygen. Once stable, the birds are taken to the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey for further treatment.

The Ozella Star-Banner reported the Audubon Center has received more than a dozen poi-

## THE CENSUS

**7** The number of DUI convictions a Colorado man already had when police said they found him passed out in his car. Now facing a potential eighth alcohol-related driving conviction, Joseph Moya, 36, of Grand Junction, was jailed in lieu of \$5,000 bail on suspicion of misdemeanor DUI and other offenses. Police said that when Moya was found near a park Wednesday, he said he was waiting for a driver to come for him.



STEVE JACOBS, POST STAR/AP

## Centenarian celebration

Floyd Eastman celebrates his 107th birthday Friday at the Orchard Nursing Home in North Granville, N.Y.

soned birds from Marion County, but the majority survived.

## Bill would allow gun owners to use silencers

**IL** SPRINGFIELD — Hunters and other gun owners would be allowed to use silencers under a bill filed in the Illinois legislature.

The Belleville News-Democrat reported the bill would lift a restriction prohibiting the use of silencers for those with valid Firearm Owner's Identification Cards.

The bill's sponsor is Rep. Brandon Phelps. The Democrat from Harrisburg said gun owners want silencers to avoid hearing loss. Phelps acknowledges not everyone is going to support the use of the noise-reducing devices.

Mark Walsh, of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, said about 1,000 die people annually in this state from gunshots and allowing silencers “is a bad policy.”

## Insects in stuffed toy unnerve mother

**OR** PORTLAND — A Portland woman says

she was grossed out when a seam on her 3-year-old daughter's stuffed toy split open, exposing an infestation of bugs inside. Kamren Weiler told KATU the toy is filled with wheat and lavender and is intended to be microwaved for aromatherapy.

Weiler said hundreds of the bugs spilled out when she dumped out the contents of the stuffed animal. The Oregon Department of Agriculture said the wheat apparently attracted grain weevils.

Weevils are pests that can infest a variety of foods but are not a direct threat to humans.

## State leads nation in 'zombie' foreclosures

**FL** ORLANDO — A new report says Florida has the highest number of “zombie” foreclosures, or foreclosures in which the house is sat empty, of any state in the country.

The report released Friday by the research firm RealtyTrac says Florida had almost 36,000 “zombie” foreclosures at the end of last month. That is about a 35 percent decrease from a year ago.

“Zombie” foreclosures accounted for about a quarter of all foreclosures in the state.

Nationwide, “zombie” foreclosures are down from a year ago, but they also represent a larger share of foreclosures.

RealtyTrac vice president Daren Blomquist said that's because “zombie” foreclosures tend to be the problem cases still “stuck in the pipeline.”

## Experts: Skull is not from Civil War soldier

**DC** WASHINGTON — Smithsonian Institution anthropologists are throwing dirt on the notion that a human skull saved from an auction last year belonged to a Civil War soldier.

The Washington Post reported that experts who examined the skull believe it belonged to a young Native American man who lived about 700 years ago in Arizona or New Mexico.

The skull was among some purported Civil War artifacts offered for sale in Hagerstown, Md., last June. The auction was canceled amid protests from the National Park Service and others.

Auctioneer Tom Taylor, of Hershey, Pa., said the skull came with a notarized document stating it was found 2 miles north of Gettysburg near a barn that was

used as a field hospital during the 1863 battle.

## 7 face discipline in fire department sex probe

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia firefighters union says seven fire department employees are facing discipline in an investigation of sex between firefighters and a female paramedic.

The union said Friday that four of those employees are alleged to have had sex with the paramedic, including one inside a firehouse. It said the three others are accused of sexual harassment tied to alleged inappropriate behavior at work.

The union said those recommended for discipline by a city oversight agency include two battalion chiefs, two firefighters, a captain and a lieutenant.

The agency is not commenting. The union said it has seen only a redacted version of the investigative report and is asking for a complete version. But union officials said the sex that occurred was consensual, and are disputing the accusation that sex took place in a firehouse.

From wire reports

## FACES



## NOIR STAR

Actor Donal Logue is a familiar face to many. His TV credits include "Sons of Anarchy," "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," and the comedy "Grounded for Life."

## Playing Bullock no mystery to Donal Logue

By RICK BENTLEY  
The Fresno Bee

"Gotham" is set in an era before Bruce Wayne is old enough to drive — let alone fight crime in a cape and cowl. That hasn't stopped the creators from peppering the series with the creeps and characters from Batman mythology.

Robin Lord Taylor has already established himself as the breakout performer with his portrayal of the Penguin. Other familiar faces from the comic books include those who will become Catwoman, Poison Ivy and The Riddler. Many of the other characters in the television cop drama come from deep within the comic books. That includes Harvey Bullock, played by Donal Logue.

In the TV series, Bullock was a good cop who has grown tired and accepted the corruption that plagues the Gotham City Police Department. In the comics, he was a big part of that corruption.

Although being part of a TV show or movie based on a comic book brings a whole new set of fans, it wasn't that aspect that drew Logue to the role.

"My draw to it, totally, was a film noir detective, Raymond Chandler kind of stuff," Logue says. "I felt like having read 'Gotham Central,' and my kids were a big fan of the animated series, I felt like if he was that crass and that bragg, how long could that last? There had to be other colors to this guy."

Logue was able to bring his own colors to the character because of when the show is set. The tales are unfolding long before events in the comic books, where an adult Batman handles the colorful criminals.

The noir elements play out well against the backdrop since Gotham City is a place enveloped in eternal gray from the sky to emotions. Technology is a mix of old and new.

Like so many film noir characters, Bullock is complicated. He initially balks at having the new gun-bug partner of Jim Gordon (Ben McKenzie), but he has slowly revealed that he's not the bad cop that he seems.

Logue is convinced that when Bullock joined the police force he had the same passion to change the world but has just reached the point where he's just trying to survive. "It's complicated because Harvey Bullock's generally in the right place, but he's seen these young gunslingers come through and burn out," Logue says. "There's this moral relativism in this world, whether it's diplomacy or you have to get in bed with some funky characters. There are big truths and little truths and greater good."

As for playing a guy with occasionally questionable ethics, Logue points out the "Lady Macbeth has always been ultimately way more fascinating than Macbeth."

Logue has an eclectic career, including his most recent jobs on "Sons of Anarchy," "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," "Vikings" and "Gotham." The Canadian has starred in equal amounts of dramas and comedies. No other project Logue has done has gotten the attention of "Gotham." TV critics named it the most promising new show of the fall 2014 TV season.

Despite all of the praise and attention, Logue is a realist when it comes to the show's potential. "I am lucky to have had a lot of different perspectives by walking through life for decades," he says. "That's why I keep in mind that you just never know what's going to happen."

## Marvel Comics debuting all-female Avengers team

The Associated Press

The ladies are taking the lead in one of Marvel Comics' top comic book properties, with an all-female Avengers team called "A-Force" debuting as the company intensifies efforts to bring more girls and women into its male-dominated fan base.

Not only will the book feature some of Marvel's well-known female heroes, it will be written by two of Marvel's female comic book writers, Marguerite K. Bennett and Willow Wilson.

Wilson, a Seattle comic book writer who helped break ground in 2013 with her "Ms. Marvel," the story of a Muslim female superhero, said women were rarely the focus of comic book superhero teams, usually in the role of a girlfriend or damsel in distress.

This book will challenge that script, Wilson said.

"I think that we're kind of asking some implicit questions with this lineup and one of them is: Do we respond to female superhero teams in the same way that we respond to superhero teams composed primarily or entirely of men?" Wilson said. "So it is a bit of a risk, but it's a risk that's been shown to work."

A-Force won't be Marvel's first all-female team, with successful runs of an all-female mutant team in "X-Men." When it debuts in May, it will join Marvel's 14 other female-led books, like Ms. Marvel and "Captain Marvel," which is scheduled to become a Marvel movie. DC Comics also has several female leads, including Batgirl, Catwoman, Batwoman and Wonder Woman, the longest-running comic book with a female hero.

A-Force — which will feature characters like She-Hulk, Dazzler and Medusa, as well as a new hero called Singularity — will hopefully get more women and girls to transition from successful superhero movies like "Marvel's The Avengers" and "The Dark Knight" to reading comic books, Wilson said. Part of the way forward is to have female characters take the same kind of journeys taken by superheroes like Batman and Spider-Man and told from a female point of view, she said.

## Memoir a blockbuster for small publisher

The autobiography of prairie author Laura Ingalls Wilder, which gives a grittier view of frontier living than her popular Little House series for children, is proving to be a blockbuster for a small state-owned publishing house.

"Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography," edited by Pamela Smith Hill, was released in November by the South Dakota Historical Society Press. The memoir, written for an adult audience, was the No. 1 best-seller in Amazon.com in late January and was still in the top 10 on Jan. 6 at No. 6.

"This is a definite blockbuster,"

publishing house director Nancy Tystad Koupal told the Rapid City Journal. "I'm surprised, delighted and excited that Laura Ingalls Wilder's work still has such resonance with readers."

Wilder wrote her autobiography in the early 1930s. But her early life took the Ingalls family on a journey that includes what today is Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and South Dakota. The initial print run of the book was 15,000 copies. A second run of 15,000 copies was made, and a third run of 45,000 copies is on the press. A fourth run is now being considered, according to Tystad Koupal.

"We have no cause for complaint, but just keeping up with the pace of it can be hard," she said. "We have no more staff than we had before, so it means everybody is working double time."

Sioux Falls, S.D., native Katie Franke received "Pioneer Girl" as a gift from a co-worker and is displaying it on the coffee table in her Burnsville, Minn., home, while she reads it. "Growing up in South Dakota, Laura Ingalls is kind of a topic you can't escape," Franke told the Argus Leader.

## Other news

■ On Feb. 5, Sony announced that Amy Pascal will step down as Sony Pictures Entertainment co-chair in May, transitioning to a new production venture at the studio with a four-year contract. Pascal's contract was due for renewal in March.

■ An Arizona man is accusing hip-hop mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs of punching him in the face at a Super Bowl party, sparking an investigation that may include police questioning the rapper, officials said Feb. 5. Steven Donaldson, 31, had berated Combs with expletives for not performing at one of the many parties during Super Bowl weekend, said Scottsdale police Sgt. Ben Hoster. Donaldson had believed the rapper was scheduled to perform at the party, Hoster said. Donaldson, Combs or his agent could not immediately be reached for comment.

■ The Eastman Kodak Co. will continue to make motion picture film in the age of digital filmmaking after reaching new supply agreements with the major Hollywood studios. The Rochester, N.Y.-based photography and film pioneer had been in talks with the studios, as well as several filmmakers, to keep movie film alive after seeing sales fall 96 percent since 2006. The agreements will continue Feb. 4 call for Kodak to produce 2 supply motion picture film to 20th Century Fox, Walt Disney Co., Warner Bros. Entertainment, NBC Universal, Paramount Pictures and Sony Pictures. Without the pacts, production of motion picture film, was in danger of being halted.

WORLD

# China halts toilet paper with image of leader

The Associated Press

BEIJING — Authorities in southern China have seized about 8,000 rolls of toilet paper and another 20,000 packages of tissues containing unflattering images of Hong Kong's pro-Beijing chief executive, according to an official of the small political party that placed the order.

The items were to be sold at a market in Hong Kong during Lunar New Year celebrations last month, said Lo Kin-hei, a vice chairman of the Hong Kong Democratic Party.

The seizure came after Hong Kong was shaken by a massive pro-democracy movement in which demonstrators demanded greater electoral freedom than Beijing is willing to grant. During the demonstrations, protesters expressed anger at Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, calling him a puppet of Beijing, and asked him to step down.

No reason was given for the seizure of the \$12,900 worth of goods in the city of Shenzhen, outside Hong Kong, Lo said.



KIN CHEUNG/AP

Toilet paper and tissues printed with images of Hong Kong's pro-Beijing chief executive, Leung Chun-ying, were seized by Chinese authorities.

"I guess (the Chinese authorities) don't like people mocking government officials, especially high-ranking government officials, after the movement," Lo said. "They have become more cautious about criticisms about them," he said.

The party's 4,000 rolls of toilet paper with Leung's image sold out at last year's seasonal market, and it decided to get more this year from a factory in Shenzhen, Lo said.

One of the images of Leung has him bearing two fangs, and another has the word "lying" on his forehead. The sickle-and-hammer symbol of the Communist Party of

China also appears on some products.

The order was placed under the name of a friend to obscure the party as the true buyer, and all communications were done through the friend instead of the party, Lo said.

Calls to Shenzhen police rang unanswered on Saturday, and there was no official report about any seizure of toilet paper.

Lo said he found the act worrisome because it indicates further tightening by Chinese authorities on freedom of speech, which is guaranteed in Hong Kong's constitution.

# Pope's spanking remark alarms sexual abuse commission

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Members of Pope Francis' sex abuse commission have sharply criticized his remarks that it is OK for parents to spank their children, saying there is no place for physical discipline and that the commission would be making recommendations to him about protecting kids from corporal punishment.

The commission met with its full 17 members for the first time last week and announced progress Saturday on drafting policies for holding bishops accountable when they cover up for pedophile priests. It will also be organizing educational seminars for Vatican officials and newly minted bishops on protecting children from predators.

But members got an unexpected and urgent new task when Francis told his general audience last week that it was OK for parents to spank their children if their dignity was respected.

Commission member Peter Saunders, who was sexually abused by a priest as a teen, said the committee would recommend that the pope revise his remarks, given that "millions of children around the world are physically beaten every day."

"It might start off as a light tap, but actually the whole idea about hitting children is about inflicting pain," Saunders told a press conference. "That's what it's about and there is no place in this day and age for having physical punishment, for inflicting pain, in terms of how you discipline your children."

Another commission member, Dr. Krysten Winter-Green, a New Zealand native now working in the U.S. with abused young people, said there was no type of corporal punishment for children that was acceptable.

"There has to be positive parenting, in a different way," she said.

# Rare monkey eaten by otters in British zoo accident

The Associated Press

LONDON — A British zoo said an endangered monkey that accidentally fell into a pond was eaten by otters.

Bristol Zoo Gardens said the rare golden lor tamarin monkey, a squirrel-sized species native to Brazil, was climbing on a

branch when it fell and became trapped in the other enclosure last month. The zoo said staff arrived too late to intervene.

The zoo made the statement after a whistle-blower disclosed a series of animal deaths at the institution, including an endangered Visayan warty piglet that was eaten by its

father shortly after it was born in December. The zoo said the male pig, Elvis, also attacked and killed the piglet's mother.

The zoo's director of conservation, Christy Schwitzer, said that despite their best efforts, keepers are unable to prevent unforeseen accidents.

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# OPINION

## Tackling Gitmo's toughest cases

By JANE HARMAN AND JACK GOLDSMITH

In his State of the Union address last month, President Barack Obama reiterated his determination to shut down the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Some in Congress are resolved to stop him. Even Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has supported closing the prison in the past, joined a recent congressional effort to slow releases from Guantanamo on the grounds that the president has never presented Congress with a "concrete or coherent plan."

Both sides are right. Guantanamo should be closed but not until the president presents a realistic plan and makes his case to Congress and the nation. Any blueprint must address very real issues related to the island facility's 122 remaining detainees.

The easiest question is whether to release the 54 who the administration has determined aren't dangerous. Many in Congress worry that these prisoners will return to the fight. Since 2009, Congress has restricted transfers from Guantanamo, and in recent years has required the defense secretary to certify that they are "no longer a threat to the national security of the United States" or, at a minimum, to craft a plan to "substantially mitigate the risk" of a return to the battlefield. This insistence on individualized, security-protective releases has significantly reduced the recidivism rate that resulted from bulk releases before 2009. But as the exchange last year of five Taliban members for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl showed, this standard might need tightening to limit releases to only those people who pose no threat.

A tougher issue is where to send the remaining nondangerous detainees. Many come from Yemen, a cauldron of instability. The administration has already resituated third-party countries to take 100 or so of the detainees, including several

dozen in the past few months. Still, finding a place to send the remaining nondangerous detainees will be hard; options have narrowed.

The biggest problem is a group of up to 68 higher-risk detainees. Seven are being tried in military commissions. But as Obama noted six years ago, the others "pose a clear danger to American people." The men in this category, the president explained, "received extensive explosives training at al-Qaida training camps, or commanded Taliban troops in battle, or expressed their allegiance to Osama bin Laden, or otherwise made it clear that they want to kill Americans."

Guantanamo cannot and should not be closed until there is a concrete plan to prosecute these men or, if necessary, detain them in a lawful way that ensures they can never inflict grievous harm again.

Federal courts have ruled that these detainees can be lawfully held until the end of the relevant conflict, whenever that might be. But many cannot be criminally prosecuted because of evidence tainted by abusive interrogations, limitations in federal criminal law and other problems of fitting the demanding standards of criminal justice to the messiness of the terrorist battlefield. Scores of lawyers in two administrations have scoured the case files and case law and (reluctantly) agree.

What to do? Closing Guantanamo must not mean ending detention of these dangerous men, though the two are often confused. The main question is, where will they be incarcerated — in Cuba or in the United States?

The case for sending them to a secure but humane prison in the United States is that keeping them in Cuba, on balance, hurts U.S. interests. Guantanamo was established to be beyond the reach of U.S. law, a premise the Supreme Court rejected in *Rasul v. Bush* and *Boumediene v. Bush*.

## Taking no comfort in Abe's version of history

Bloomberg News editorial

Watching Islamic State militants behead two Japanese hostages in quick succession has reinforced Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's conviction that Japan needs to re-examine its pacifist postwar constitution. If he wants to ensure that his country has the strength to better respond to 21st-century threats, however, Abe will first have to stop rehashing the past.

Arguably, a more robust military role for Japan could promote global stability. The country has built a much-admired record since World War II as a force for peace and development, particularly in Asia. Critics who have lambasted Abe for straying into the Middle East, for supposedly provoking the Islamic State with his pledge of \$200 million in humanitarian aid for refugees from Syria and Iraq, are being unfair. Japan imports 90 percent of its oil from the region. Aid and investment that helps shore up local economies — Japan's official development assistance totaled nearly \$1.5 billion in 2012 — is a good thing.

A more forward-leaning military pos-

ture would probably not have saved the hostages. But Japan's well-trained and well-equipped self-defense forces could help keep maritime order in Asia — currently defended mainly by the U.S. Navy. The suggestion this month that Japan join U.S.-led patrols in the disputed South China Sea elicited predictable fustian from Beijing. But ensuring freedom of navigation in the region's busy shipping lanes is vital. At the least, Abe's constitutional proposals deserve an open, full-throated debate at home.

The problem is that the prime minister continues to act as though projecting power in the future requires rewriting Japan's past. Just last month, he waded into the controversy over a description of wartime "comfort women" in a U.S. textbook, telling a Diet committee that he was "shocked" by passages indicating the women were sex slaves and that many were killed as part of a coverup. Abe's right-wing supporters have been aggressively trying to distort the testimonies of former comfort women and the work of journalists and historians who back the women's version of events.

The prime minister's support for the

The facility is "a propaganda tool for our enemies and a distraction for our allies," as former President George W. Bush said in a memoir in the course of explaining why his administration "worked to find a way to close the prison." For similar reasons, closing Guantanamo remains high on Obama's agenda.

There are no appealing solutions, but members of Congress who dispute the national security assessment of two commanders in chief should consider this: Transferring the detainees to the United States is an opportunity to strengthen the legal basis for their long-term detention, which becomes more fraught as the armed conflicts in Afghanistan and against some components of al-Qaida wind down.

The legislation needed to bring Guantanamo detainees to the United States could supplement the military rationale for holding nonprosecutable — but very dangerous — terrorists with a form of administrative detention akin to civil commitment, one that could apply after the end of the relevant hostilities. Such a statute could prescribe the definition of dangerousness that warrants detention, the processes for determining a continued threat to public safety over time and the standards for judicial review.

This approach is, in our view, the least bad option for dealing with detainees. Keeping hardened terrorists incarcerated is essential; keeping them detained at Guantanamo Bay is untenable. The president and Congress must be partners in finding a secure solution.

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revisionists is misguided, to say the least. While doubts remain about the exact number of comfort women and the precise role the Japanese military played in procuring them for wartime brothels, mainstream historians, Japanese and Western alike, accept the gist of the women's story. And if new information were to call any details into question, historians, not government shills, would be the best people to assess it.

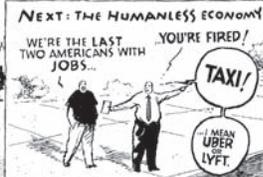
By personally meddling in this debate, Abe only reinforces fears about his push for a more aggressive military. Even as governments from India to Vietnam and the Philippines welcome enhanced defense ties with Japan as a hedge against China, Japanese themselves remain ambivalent about entrusting their nationalistic leader with greater military force. Worse, by reminding the world of Japanese chauvinism, Abe's crusade erodes the reserves of soft power his country has accumulated since the end of the war.

When the 70th anniversary of Japan's defeat comes around this summer, Abe will likely draw upon the country's postwar record to argue that it can be trusted with a full-fledged military. He's said he will also affirm past apologies for Japan's wartime record. A perfunctory reference, though, would be as bad as none at all. Unless the prime minister makes it clear that he accepts the same historical reality that most of his countrymen acknowledge, he will be doomed to spend more time arguing over the past than preparing for the future.

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## SKIING



ALESSANDRO TROVATI/AP

American Travis Ganong races down the course during the men's downhill at the alpine skiing world championships on Saturday in Beaver Creek, Colo. Ganong was second.

# USA's Ganong surprises with silver in downhill

By PAT GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — Sometimes, even a downhiller needs to be reminded to go fast.

Patrick Kueng of Switzerland was told by a teammate before the race to just fly. He listened and won.

American Travis Ganong was instructed to "trust himself" on the hill. So he did and earned a breakthrough silver medal, lifting the U.S. spirits after Bode Miller wasn't able to race due to injury.

Kueng ruled the downhill at the world championships Saturday, winning the race with a consistent and concise run that was just enough to hold off Ganong. Kueng earned his first world title by completing the demanding course in 1 minute, 43.18 seconds.

Ganong finished 0.24 seconds behind Kueng, while Beat Feuz of Switzerland picked up bronze.

"I just turned my brain off, put a smile on my face and had some fun," Ganong said as he raced in front of a packed venue on home snow and with the sun shining.

This was a banner day for the Swiss and the Americans, each placing three racers

in the top 10. A forgetful one for the Austrians as the first country of skiing didn't have anyone finish better than 12th (Sochi Olympics downhill gold medalist Matthias Mayer).

What's more, Austria hasn't had a men's downhill on the podium at worlds since Michael Walchhofer earned a bronze in 2005.

Coincidentally, that's the last time the American men had a skier on the downhill podium at worlds, when Miller and Daron Rahvles finished 1-2.

Miller didn't race Saturday after having surgery to fix a severed right hamstring tendon following a bad crash in the super-G.

"The great champion that everybody expected to do something unfortunately had a bad accident," U.S. men's coach Sasha Reiarick said of Miller. "But the rest of the guys stepped up. They skied relaxed, free and sent it."

It was actually Feuz who provided some inspiration to Kueng, reminding him not to play it safe.

"I said, 'Why not try your best today?'" Feuz said. "Maybe I shouldn't tell him this in the future. But we share our joy as a team."

To think, Kueng almost didn't race. He

had to qualify in a downhill training session the day before just to make the Swiss Cup. He finished 13th to secure his spot.

Lucky No. 13 turned into No. 1 on race day.

"I know everything is possible. I was really charging," Kueng said. "In the past years, when I took part in medal events, I had no good events. I thought, 'Why not today?' My season has been pretty disappointing. I was feeling really confident and knew I could achieve a smooth and confident run down the slope.

"I love this mountain. I'm lucky to sit here."

Ganong was motivated by teammate Steven Nyman's course report. Nyman called up to the start house after his blistering run and told Ganong the hill was ripe for the carving. Ganong didn't hold anything back and attacked the course. He pumped his ski poles after seeing his time on the scoreboard.

Only, he knocked Nyman off the podium. Sure, Nyman was pleased for Ganong, but disappointed he finished in fourth.

"He laid it down," Nyman said. "I'm happy with my run."

Ganong also got some pre-race advice from Rahvles, who's well-versed in the nuances of

this course. The other night, Rahvles even showed Ganong the video of his 2003 World Cup win at Beaver Creek, when Rahvles flew down the course. Rahvles pointed out places where Ganong could gain speed. Ganong carefully listened.

"What Daron always teaches me is to look for aerodynamics in specific places so you can take the turn deep to get into that aerodynamic position," said the 26-year-old Ganong, who's from Squaw Valley, Calif. "You can't stay aerodynamic if you get tossed around sometimes.

"I pushed hard today and it worked out."

Nyman had the fastest early run before being knocked out of the lead by Feuz. Andrew Weibrecht, racing back in the pack at No. 35, had an electric run going before slowing near the finish. He wound up tied for ninth.

Ganong is loaded with confidence these days after winning his first World Cup race on Dec. 28 in Italy. And now this, his first medal at world championships.

"All day long I was super relaxed and just having a good time," Ganong said. "It was unbelievable — skiing is the most fun thing you can do. When it works out well at a venue, on a stage like this, it's just so special."

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# HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

# Italy wrestlers step up at sectional meet

## Aviano rookie heavyweight Rivera among qualifiers for Europeans

Wrestlers south of the Alps have been sequestered from the rest of DODDS-Europe all season. But after successfully navigating Saturday's sectional meet at Aviano, some of Italy's most accomplished wrestlers are ready for the big stage at next week's DODDS European championships at Wiesbaden.

American Overseas School of Rome's Emil Jurgens, who didn't qualify last year, moved up a weight class and won at 152 pounds. "His goal was to qualify for Europeans and be the Southern sectional champion and he did it," Falcons coach Mark Kibler said.

He'll have plenty of company from familiar faces in Italy. Aviano heavyweight Joseph Rivera, a first-year wrestler, remained unbeaten at 6-0. Three other Saints qualified.

Though coach Robin Clement said at least some of his wrestlers got a wakeup call.

"It was an eye-opener and let us know where we stand in the pecking order," he said. Clement expects that Rivera will have to adjust next week as well.

"Now he'll be able to sample the high-octane wrestlers from the other side of the Alps."

Naples accounted for three first-place finishers: Jordan Hoffman (132), AJ Fisher (138), and Nathan Cairns (139).

Wildcats coach Vito Vitulli was especially pleased with Fisher, who improved to 15-2 following the sectionals. He pinned Aviano's Shawn McElwaine in 3 minutes and 7 seconds, averaging two earlier defeats this season.

Caims improved to 11-0, with two pins under 30 seconds at the meet.

Vicenza's Robert Maldonado took first at 152, improving to 12-0, but he wasn't the only one accomplishing the feat for the Cougars.

"Robert Maldonado and (Marshall) Perfetti went the whole season without a defeat," Vicenza coach Kurt York said. "That's a pretty big accomplishment."

Vicenza, who moved up to Division I this year along with Naples, is sending eight wrestlers to Europeans.

**AFNORTH:** As the field expands, so does the dominance of Lion wrestler Anthony Doerfler. The 113-pounder won his bracket in Saturday's sectional at Brussels and remains a viable contender for a European crown.

**Alconbury:** The brothers Dufresne continued to represent Dragon wrestling well in Saturday's sectional at Brussels. Chris Dufresne placed first at 195 pounds, while Nick Dufresne won the 152-pound bracket.

**Ansbach:** The Division II Cougars fell just short of an upper-division boys basketball upset Saturday in a 45-44 loss to Division I Viseck. Cedric Page was phenomenal in defeat with 23 points and 20 rebounds, both game-high totals.

**Baumholder:** The Bucs will cap a solid boys basketball season next weekend with one of the winter's toughest tests. Division III Baumholder will play a home-and-home series with Division I neighbor Kaiserslautern, hosting on Friday and hitting the road Saturday.

**Bitburg:** Standout Baron wrestler Brandon Beaumont dominated his class all season; so far the postseason is no different. The 132-pounder claimed victory in Saturday's sectional at Brussels, sending Bitburg's best hope for European gold on to the finals.

**Black Forest Academy:** The Falcon boys basketball team continued its strong recent play with a pair of double-digit defeats of Baumholder. BFA has won five of its last six games overall.

**Brussels:** Michael DeFazio led the charge as the Brigands made quick work of Menwith Hill in a pair of boys basketball wins this weekend. DeFazio went for 3/8 over the two games, including 2/5 on Friday.

**Hohenfels:** Turns out accomplished Tiger running back David Vidovic can also play quarterback. The senior boys basketball star dished out a combined 19 assists in a pair of wins over Bitburg.

**Kaiserslautern:** The Raiders showed they'd be a force to be reckoned with on both basketball fronts Friday. Kaiserslautern pulled off a sweep of rival Wiesbaden that night, including a girls win that spoiled Wiesbaden's unbeaten season.

**Lakenheath:** The confident Lancers expected postseason success all season, and they began to claim it Saturday in the wrestling sectional meet at Brussels. Lakenheath counted eight weight-class winners, ranging from 106-pounder Brandon Lovett to heavyweight Casey Fairchild, as part of the formidable squawing to next week's European tournament.

**Menwith Hill:** The Mustangs remain at risk of a winless final boys basketball season after falling to Brussels this weekend. Their last chances are a doubleheader against Alconbury next weekend and the Division III

European tournament the following week.

**Patch:** The defending Division I team wrestling champs were out in force Saturday, placing first in seven of the 14 weight classes in play at Saturday's sectional at Kaiserslautern. Reigning European champions Christopher Matzke, Matthew Bolduc and Robert Call headline the Panther contingent.

**Ramstein:** While they fell short of a win, the Royals cemented their status as a team to watch out for in the upcoming Division I boys basketball European tournament. Royal forwards Jesse Gray and Trey Bailey more than held their own against Patch's star frontcourt duo in a tantalizing 51-50 loss to the undefeated two-time defending champions.

**Rota:** Grappler Thomas Jordan punched his ticket to next weekend's European championship tournament on Saturday. His third-place finish in the sectional meet at Brussels guarantees his spot in the 152-pound bracket at Wiesbaden.

**SHAPE:** The Spartans managed to push one European qualifier through the thick of the Lakenheath-dominated sectional meet at Brussels. Carlos Ulep finished third at 113 pounds.

**Sigonella:** The Division III Jaguars recorded an impressive boys basketball sweep over Division II Aviano this weekend. The predictable heroics of Chris Moore, Thomas Wray and Jason Berlin and an unexpected boost from freshman Alex Ogletree in Saturday's triple-



JASON DUNN/Stars and Stripes

**Aviano heavyweight Joseph Rivera celebrates after pinning Naples' Jelin Mims at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Rivera pinned Mims in 15 seconds.**

overtime thriller fueled the perfect weekend.

**Viseck:** The Falcon girls basketball team finally broke a season-long unbeaten streak by beating Ansbach. They'll look to add to that total next weekend at regional and divisional rival Patch.

**Wiesbaden:** Two streaks ended for Warrior basketball this weekend. The previously undefeated girls took their first loss in a doubleheader split with Kaiserslautern, while the boys broke a seven-game losing streak Saturday against the Raiders.

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**Kaiserslautern's Junice Moore, left, and Wiesbaden's Catherine Klein fight for the ball during a game at Wiesbaden on Saturday. Wiesbaden won 45-26. Kaiserslautern handed the Warriors their first loss of the season on Friday night.**

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Casper, winner of 51 PGA events, dies at 83

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Billy Casper, one of the most prolific winners on the PGA Tour, died of a heart attack Saturday at his home in Utah. He was 83.

Bob Casper said his father died quickly and peacefully with wife Shirley at his bedside. They had been married 62 years.

Casper passed out in the clubhouse at the Masters last year, had work on his heart and recovered from a bout of pneumonia over Thanksgiving that kept him hospitalized for a month. His son said Casper was going to cardio rehab for the last four months and was doing well until he started to feel badly in the last week.

In any other era, Casper might have commanded more attention than he did.

"I think it is fair to say that Billy was probably underrated by those who didn't play against him," Jack Nicklaus said Saturday night. "Those who did compete against him knew how special he was."

Casper won 51 times on the PGA Tour, putting him at No. 7 on the career list behind only Sam Snead, Tiger Woods, Nicklaus, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer and Byron Nelson. His three major championships include the 1966 U.S. Open, one of golf's most remarkable comebacks. He rallied from a seven-shot deficit on the back nine at Olympic Club to tie Palmer, and beat him in an 18-hole playoff.

Casper also won the 1959 U.S. Open at Winged Foot and the 1970 Masters. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1978.

In other golf news:

■ Two poor chips wound up costing Harris English three shots. He battled just to get birdie chances on the South Course at Torrey Pines and only converted two of them. He wound up with a 1-over 73 and a share of the lead with J.B. Holmes on Saturday in the Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego.

■ Bart Bryant holed out with a 6-iron from 195 yards on the par-5 18th hole for the first double eagle on the Champions Tour since 2010, giving him a share of the second-round lead in the Allianz Championship at Broken Sound in Boca Raton, Fla.



Billy Casper, left, is helped into the Masters jacket by 1969 Masters champion George Archer after Casper won the Masters title in Augusta, Ga., on April 14, 1970. Casper died Saturday at his home in Utah.

■ Gerina Pillier topped the leaderboard at 10 under when third-round play in the Pure Silk-Bahamas LPGA Classic was suspended because of darkness.

■ Austria's Bernd Wiesberger shot a 9-under 63 to open a two-stroke lead in the Malaysian Open at 17-under 199.

### Bills to sign Incognito, key figure in scandal

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills have agreed in principle to sign Richie Incognito, the offensive guard who has been out of football since 2013 after being one of the central figures in the Miami Dolphins' bullying scandal.

The Bills announced the move in a two-paragraph release Saturday night.

Incognito has not played since being suspended and missing the final eight games of the 2013

season.

The discipline came after an NFL investigation determined Incognito and two other Dolphins offensive linemen engaged in persistent harassment of teammate Jonathan Martin, who left the team. Martin spent last season with San Francisco.

### Cuba, Mexico to meet in Caribbean Series final

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Frederick Cepeda went 4-for-4 and drove in five runs, leading Cuba over Venezuela 8-4 Saturday night and into the championship game of the Caribbean Series.

Cuba will play Mexico for the title. The Cubans had won only one previous game in this tournament going into this semifinal while Venezuela had been undefeated.

Mexico beat the Dominican Republic 5-4 earlier Saturday

with Terance Marin pitching six strong innings. Mexico (3-2) is looking for its third consecutive title and fourth in five years.

In other baseball news:

■ Teams improved to 3-1 in salary arbitration when the Pittsburgh Pirates beat second baseman Neil Walker on Saturday and the Oakland Athletics defeated pitcher Jarrod Parker.

Walker was awarded \$8 million instead of his \$9 million request in a decision by Gil Vernon, Steven Wolf and Mark Burstein. Walker led NL second baseman with a career-best 23 homers last year, when he made \$5.75 million. He hit .271 with 76 RBIs in 137 games for the Pirates, who earned their second straight NL wild-card berth.

Parker was given an \$850,000 salary by Elizabeth Neumeier, Robert Herzog and Mark Trivings instead of his request of \$1.7 million. A 26-year-old right-hander, Parker was sidelined after getting hurt during spring training and having elbow ligament-replacement surgery for the second time.

### Clippers' Paul fined for criticizing female official

NEW YORK — Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul has been fined \$25,000 for criticizing a female official after a loss at Cleveland.

The NBA announced the fine on Saturday. Paul was given a technical by rookie referee Lauren Holtkamp on Thursday night in the third quarter of a 105-94 loss to the Cavaliers, a game that featured five technicals against the Clippers.

After the game, Paul called the technical on an inbound play "ridiculous" and said "this might not be for her." Holtkamp is one of two female officials in the NBA.

In other NBA news:

■ Clippers All-Star forward Blake Griffin needs surgery to remove a staph infection in his right elbow, and coach Doc Rivers says it "could be a while" before he can return.

The team made the announcement Sunday before its game against the Thunder.

Griffin will undergo the surgery Monday in Los Angeles. He will be re-evaluated after the All-

Star break.

### Gasquet wins in France, Janowicz retires

MONTPELLIER, France — Local favorite Richard Gasquet won the Open Sud de France when Jerzy Janowicz retired because of illness while trailing 3-0 in the first set on Sunday.

The fourth-seeded Gasquet, who did not lose a set this week, lifted the trophy for the third time after winning in 2006, when the tournament was held in Lyon, and 2013.

In other tennis news:

■ Andreas Seppi earned his 10th singles win this year in defeating Marcel Granollers of Spain 7-6 (5), 6-1 to reach the Zagreb Indoors final on Saturday in Croatia.

■ Venus Williams defeated Maria Irigoyen of Argentina 6-1, 6-4 on Sunday to advance the United States to the Fed Cup playoffs in April and a chance to return to the World Group, which comprises the top eight teams.

Williams' victory on outdoor clay gave the United States an unassailable 3-1 lead in the best-of-five World Group II tie.

Earlier Sunday Paula Ormaechea of Argentina defeated Coco Vandeweghe 6-4, 6-4. Vandeweghe filed in for Saraana Williams, who did not play because of illness.

### Simpson breaks US women's indoor record

BOSTON — Jenny Simpson broke the U.S. women's two-mile indoor record Saturday in the New Balance Indoor Grand Prix, a year after she miscounted the laps and had his nothing left for the final 200 meters.

Pushed by the enthusiastic fans, the 23-year-old Simpson finished in 9 minutes, 18.3 seconds to break the mark of 9:23.38 set by Regina Jacobs in 2002.

American Bernard Lagat finished second in the 3,000 meters behind Ethiopia's Dejen Gebremeskel, but his time of 7:48.33 smashed the masters world record of 8:01.44. Lagat turned 40 on Dec. 12.

Gebremeskel finished in 7:48.19.

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**Bruins' David Pastrnak, left, moves to get around Islanders center Brian Strain at Saturday in Boston. The Bruins won 2-1.**

Roundup

# Rask, Eriksson lift Bruins past Isles

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Loui Eriksson scored the go-ahead goal with 7:34 left in the third period and Tuukka Rask stopped 39 shots to lift the surging Boston Bruins to a 2-1 victory over the New York Islanders Saturday night for their ninth win in 12 games.

Patrice Bergeron added a first-period, power-play goal for the Bruins, who have collected points in 14 of their last 16 games (10-2-4).

John Tavares had a power-play goal for the Islanders, who have lost four of five. Former Bruin Chad Johnson made 34 saves.

In a pregame ceremony, Rob Gronkowski and other Patriots such as wide receiver Julian Edelman, Inebacker Rob Ninkovich and defensive end Chandler Jones, were honored by the Bruins.

Gronkowski emphatically spiked the pregame ceremonial puck — as he does with the football when he scores a touchdown — to the delight of the sellout crowd at TD Garden.

The Patriots beat the Seattle Seahawks 28-24 in the Super Bowl last Sunday.

**Kings 4, Lightning 2:** Justin Williams had two goals and Los Angeles got a rare road win, beating the Lightning and snapping Tampa Bay's franchise-record 10-game home winning streak.

Tampa Bay got goals from Nikita Kucherov and Victor Hedman. It was the Lightning's first loss at home since losing 5-3 to Washington on Dec. 9.

**Predators 3, Rangers 2:** Mike Ribeiro scored with 7:14 left in the third period and host Nashville bounced back from a rare home loss to beat New York.

**Wild 1, Avalanche 0:** Charlie Coyle scored and Devan Dubnyk stopped 18 shots for his fourth shutout in nine starts with Minnesota, leading the Wild past visiting Colorado for their fifth straight win.

**Red Wings 3, Coyotes 1:** Petr Mrazek stopped 22 shots, including a third-period penalty shot, and Detroit moved into a first-place tie in the Eastern Conference with a victory over host Arizona.

**Sabres 3, Stars 2:** Jhonas Enroth made 38 saves and Chris Stewart assisted on all three goals for Buffalo in its first victory at home in more than a month.

**Maple Leafs 5, Oilers 1:** Interim coach Peter Horachek scratched David Clarkson and started James Reimer and host Toronto snappd an 11-game winless streak, beating Edmonton.

**Canadiens 6, Devils 2:** Tomas Plekanec and Dale Weise each scored twice and P.K. Subban assisted on three power-play goals as host Montreal beat New Jersey.

**Andrei Markov and Lars Eller** also scored for the Canadiens, who topped two goals for the first time in five games.

**Blue Jackets 4, Senators 1:** Curtis McElhinney stopped 34 shots and Columbus scored four goals in the third period to beat host Ottawa.

**Canucks 5, Penguins 0:** Ryan Miller made 31 saves for his sixth shutout of the season and 35th of his career, leading host Vancouver past Pittsburgh.

**Hurricanes 5, Sharks 4:** Andre Sekera and Victor Rask scored 3:41 apart late in the third period and Carolina beat host San Jose.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division |    |    |        |       |     |
|-------------------|----|----|--------|-------|-----|
| GP                | W  | L  | OT Pts | GF GA |     |
| Detroit           | 51 | 31 | 12     | 158   | 139 |
| Tampa Bay         | 54 | 33 | 16     | 5     | 71  |
| Montreal          | 51 | 28 | 17     | 6     | 137 |
| Boston            | 50 | 28 | 17     | 7     | 63  |
| Florida           | 51 | 27 | 18     | 6     | 125 |
| Toronto           | 54 | 23 | 27     | 4     | 50  |
| Ottawa            | 51 | 20 | 22     | 9     | 49  |
| Buffalo           | 46 | 22 | 19     | 5     | 100 |

| Metropolitan Division |    |    |        |       |     |
|-----------------------|----|----|--------|-------|-----|
| GP                    | W  | L  | OT Pts | GF GA |     |
| Pittsburgh            | 53 | 30 | 15     | 8     | 158 |
| N.Y. Islanders        | 53 | 33 | 18     | 1     | 67  |
| Washington            | 53 | 30 | 16     | 4     | 104 |
| N.Y. Rangers          | 50 | 30 | 16     | 4     | 81  |
| Philadelphia          | 50 | 22 | 22     | 8     | 52  |
| New Jersey            | 51 | 23 | 25     | 3     | 121 |
| Carolina              | 51 | 23 | 25     | 3     | 132 |
| Carolina              | 52 | 19 | 26     | 7     | 45  |

### Western Conference

| Central Division |    |    |        |       |     |
|------------------|----|----|--------|-------|-----|
| GP               | W  | L  | OT Pts | GF GA |     |
| Nashville        | 52 | 34 | 12     | 6     | 74  |
| St. Louis        | 52 | 34 | 12     | 7     | 166 |
| Chicago          | 52 | 32 | 18     | 2     | 66  |
| Winnipeg         | 51 | 26 | 18     | 6     | 67  |
| Minnesota        | 51 | 20 | 6      | 25    | 147 |
| Colorado         | 52 | 22 | 20     | 11    | 55  |
| Dallas           | 52 | 23 | 8      | 21    | 54  |

| Pacific Division |    |    |        |       |     |
|------------------|----|----|--------|-------|-----|
| GP               | W  | L  | OT Pts | GF GA |     |
| Anaheim          | 54 | 28 | 19     | 7     | 75  |
| San Jose         | 54 | 28 | 19     | 3     | 103 |
| Vancouver        | 51 | 29 | 17     | 3     | 61  |
| Edmonton         | 51 | 20 | 26     | 5     | 109 |
| Los Angeles      | 50 | 22 | 18     | 12    | 56  |
| Arizona          | 51 | 23 | 25     | 3     | 121 |
| Edmonton         | 53 | 14 | 30     | 9     | 37  |

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

### Saturday's games

Nashville 3, N.Y. Islanders 1  
 Los Angeles 4, Tampa Bay 2  
 Toronto 5, N.Y. Islanders 1  
 Buffalo 3, Dallas 2  
 Toronto 5, Edmonton 1  
 Montreal 6, New Jersey 2  
 Columbus 4, Ottawa 1  
 Minnesota 1, Colorado 0  
 Detroit 3, Arizona 1  
 Vancouver 5, Pittsburgh 0  
 Carolina 5, San Jose 4

### Sunday's games

Chicago at St. Louis  
 Nashville at Florida  
 Philadelphia at Washington  
 N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo  
 Anaheim at Tampa Bay  
 Dallas at N.Y. Rangers  
 Dallas at Winnipeg  
 Montreal at Boston

### Monday's games

Edmonton at St. Louis  
 Los Angeles at Columbus  
 Colorado at Minnesota  
 Arizona at Chicago  
 Calgary at New York  
 Tuesday's games  
 Dallas at Boston  
 Ottawa at Buffalo  
 Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders  
 N.Y. Islanders at Montreal  
 Philadelphia at Montreal  
 Anaheim at Florida  
 Tampa Bay at Nashville  
 Phoenix at Winnipeg

### Wednesday

**Wild 1, Avalanche 0**  
 Colorado 1 0 0-0  
 Minnesota 1 0 0-1

**First Period—**1, Minnesota, Coyle 7 (Scuderi, Niemi), 1:22.  
**Shots on Goal—**Colorado, 4-5-9-18. (Scuderi, Niemi), 17-2-2.

**Power-play opportunities—**Colorado 0 of 2; Minnesota 0 of 3.  
**Goals—**Colorado, Varlamov 14-12-7 (29 shots-28 saves). Minnesota, Dubnyk 16-2-2 (18-18).  
**A—**19,244 (17,954). T—2:32.

### Canucks 5, Penguins 0

Pittsburgh 0 0 0-0  
 Vancouver 2 2 1-5  
 (Wasth, Miller), 7:13 (gp). 2, Vancouver, Horvat 5 (Dorsett), 10:46.

**First Period—**1, Vancouver, Matthews 5 (Vrbata), 15:02. 4, Vancouver, Kasparov 1 (Wey), 15:12.  
**Second Period—**5, Vancouver, D.Sedin 11 (Burrows, H.Sedin), 2:05 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal—**Pittsburgh 7-10-14-27. (Wasth, Miller), 17-2-2.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Pittsburgh 0 of 4; Vancouver 2 of 5.  
**Goals—**Pittsburgh, Greiss 5-3-3 (27 shots-22 saves). Vancouver, Miller 25-13-1 (31-31).  
**A—**18,870 (18,910). T—2:39.

### Red Wings 3, Coyotes 1

Detroit 1 0 2-3  
 Arizona 0 0 1-1

**Second Period—**1, Detroit, Sheahan 9 (Datsyuk, Miller), 8:21 (pp).  
**Third Period—**2, Detroit, Tatar 23 (Datsyuk, Miller), 13:03. Eklund 2 (Miller, 16 (Moss, Yandle), 18:04. 4, Detroit, Helm 11 (Tatar, Kronwall), 18:44 (en).  
**Missed Penalty Shot—**Detroit, Ar. 11:38 third.  
**Shots on Goal—**Detroit 11-9-9-26. Arizona 7-10-6-23.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Detroit 1 of 6; Arizona 0 of 2.  
**Goals—**Detroit, Mrazek 13-4-1 (22 shots-23 saves). Arizona, M.Smith 9-2-5 (25-23).  
**A—**17,125 (17,125). T—2:28.

### Maple Leafs 5, Oilers 1

Edmonton 0 0 1-1  
 Toronto 3 0 2-5  
**First Period—**1, Toronto, Faulk (Holland, Gardiner), 8:56 (pp). 2, Toronto, Kessel 21 (Gardiner, Franson), 10:34. 3, Toronto, Reilly 25 (S, 2:26.  
**Third Period—**4, Toronto, Santorelli 11 (Kotlarski, S), Toronto, Holland 9 (Robidas), 9:58. 6, Edmonton, Gazdic 1 (Klinkhammer, Kurland), 12:57.  
**Shots on Goal—**Edmonton 8-12-3-23. Toronto 9-11-8-28.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Edmonton 0 of 2; Toronto 1 of 3.  
**Goals—**Edmonton, Fasth 5-13-2 (28 shots-23 saves). Toronto, Reimer 7-11-0 (33-31).  
**A—**19,248 (18,819). T—2:31.

### Canadiens 6, Devils 2

New Jersey 0 1 0-2  
 Montreal 0 3 3-6  
**First Period—**1, New Jersey, Camalleri 18 (Hornbeck, Jarry), 1:35.  
**Second Period—**2, Montreal, Markov 6 (Subban, Desharnais), 11:23 (pp). 3, Montreal, Eller 9 (Subban), 12:20 (pp). 4, Montreal, Plekanec 14 (Subban, Gonchar), 19:50 (pp).  
**Third Period—**5, New Jersey, Josefsson 3 (Rutty, Zidlicky), 3:01. 6, Montreal, Plekanec 15 (Gallagher, Markov), 12:04. 7, Montreal, Weise 7 (Desjardins, Desharnais), 12:24. 8, Montreal, Weise 8 (Paciorrey, Desharnais), 15:18.  
**Shots on Goal—**New Jersey 3-9-11-23. Montreal 14-16-14-44.  
**Power-play opportunities—**New Jersey 0 of 1; Montreal 3 of 3.  
**Goals—**New Jersey, Kinkaid 2-4-3 (44 shots-38 saves). Montreal, Price 28-11-2 (23-21).  
**A—**21,287 (21,273). T—2:32.

### Sabres 3, Stars 2

Dallas 0 1 1-2  
 Buffalo 1 2 0-3  
**First Period—**1, Buffalo, Myers 3 (Stewart, Girgensons), 18:17.  
**Second Period—**2, Buffalo, Ennis 13 (Stewart, Moulton), 3:43 (pp). 3, Buffalo, Girgensons 14 (Zadorov, Stewart), 5:28. 4, Dallas, Seguin 29 (Klingberg, Spezza), 15:23 (pp).  
**Third Period—**5, Dallas, Eakin 10 (Klingberg, Garbutt), 9:47.  
**Shots on Goal—**Dallas 15-16-9-40. Buffalo 8-13-2-24.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Dallas 1 of 2; Buffalo 1 of 3.  
**Goals—**Dallas, Lindback 2-8-0 (24 shots-38 saves). Buffalo, Enroth 13-20-2 (40-38).  
**A—**18,426 (19,070). T—2:34.

### Bruins 2, Islanders 1

N.Y. Islanders 0 1 0-1  
 Boston 0 1 0-2  
**First Period—**1, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 24 (Nielsen, Hamon), 9:06 (pp). 2, Boston, Bergeron 14, 13:12 (pp).  
**Third Period—**3, Boston, Eriksson 12 (Soderberg, Kelly), 12:26.  
**Shots on Goal—**N.Y. Islanders 13-16-11. Boston 9-10-27.  
**Power-play opportunities—**N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3; Boston 1 of 3.  
**Goals—**N.Y. Islanders, Johnson 6-7-0 (36 shots-34 saves). Boston, Rask 22-12-7 (40-39).  
**A—**17,565 (17,565). T—2:29.

### Blue Jackets 4, Senators 1

Ottawa 0 0 1-1  
 Columbus 0 0 4-4  
 Ottawa 0 0 1-1  
**First Period—**1, Columbus, 0 of 1-1 (Hartnell, Johansen), 4:13. 2, Columbus, Foligno 21 (Goulet, Miller), 5:23. 3, Ottawa, Conroy 5, 10:22. 4, Columbus, Hartnell 12 (Savard, Atkinson), 18:44 (en). 5, Columbus, Lessia 6 (Coul, Calvert), 18:47.  
**Shots on Goal—**Columbus 12-12-9-33. Ottawa 11-13-13-33.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Columbus 0 of 1; Ottawa 0 of 1.  
**Goals—**Columbus, McElhinney 7-8-1 (36 shots-34 saves). Ottawa, Lehner 7-11-2 (23-20).  
**A—**16,891 (19,153). T—2:23.

### Kings 4, Lightning 2

Los Angeles 3 0 1-4  
 Tampa Bay 0 0 1-2  
**First Period—**1, Los Angeles, Toroff 1:33. 2, Los Angeles, Williams 14 (Lewis, Muzzilli), 12:30. 3, Los Angeles, Williams 5 (Regehr, Kopitar), 15:58.  
**Second Period—**4, Tampa Bay, Kucherov 19-58.  
**Third Period—**5, Tampa Bay, Hedman 7 (Callahan), 1:24. 6, Los Angeles, Williams 15 (Gaborik, Regehr), 7:46.  
**Shots on Goal—**Los Angeles 9-15-5-29. Tampa Bay 9-10-9-28.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Los Angeles 5 of 2; Tampa Bay 0 of 2.  
**Goals—**Los Angeles, Quick 18-15-10 (28 shots-26 saves). Tampa Bay, Bishop 26-33 (9-6). Nashville, 0 (pp) second, 20-19.  
**A—**15,304 (15,204). T—2:53.

### Predators 3, Rangers 2

N.Y. Rangers 0 1 1-2  
 Nashville 0 2 1-3  
**Second Period—**1, N.Y. Rangers, Nash 33 (Brassard, Hayes), 11:49 (pp). 2, Nashville, Joel 6 (Bourque, Jankowski), 19:30. 3, Nashville, Weber 12 (Josi, Cullen), 19:20.  
**Third Period—**4, N.Y. Rangers, McDonough 4 (Zuccarello, Brassard), 1:27. 5, Nashville, Ribeiro 11 (Jones, Forsberg), 12:45.  
**Shots on Goal—**N.Y. Rangers 10-12-10-32. Nashville 8-10-5-21.  
**Power-play opportunities—**N.Y. Rangers 1 of 2; Nashville 1 of 1.  
**Goals—**N.Y. Rangers, Talbot 5-5-1 (23 shots-20 saves). Nashville, Rinne 30-7-2 (32-30).  
**A—**17,329 (17,113). T—2:32.

### Hurricanes 5, Sharks 4

Carolina 1 2 2-5  
 San Jose 0 1 3-4  
**First Period—**1, Carolina, E.Staal 17 (Turley, Jo Staal), 19:02.  
**Second Period—**2, Carolina, Nestrasil 2 (Semin, Seaman), 5:33. 3, San Jose, Hertl 9 (Tierney, Desjardins), 8:26. 4, Carolina, Lindholm 10 (Gallo), 10:13 (pp).  
**Third Period—**5, San Jose, Herti 10 (Hartman, Tierney), 2:27. 6, San Jose, Couture 12 (Kernaghan, Marissa), 3:40. 7, Carolina, Sekera 2 (McCluggage, Faulk), 15:02. 8, Carolina, Rask 8 (Lindholm, Faulk), 18:50 (en). 9, San Jose, Marleau 11 (Hertl), 19:10-27.  
**Shots on Goal—**Carolina 14-10-6-30. San Jose 19-10-27.  
**Power-play opportunities—**Carolina 1 of 4; San Jose 0 of 1.  
**Goals—**Carolina, Ward 13-18-2 (27 shots-23 saves). San Jose, Niemi 22-16 (26-26).  
**A—**17,139 (17,562). T—2:23.



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**Canucks' goalie Ryan Miller, right, makes the save as Alexander Edler, left, checks the Penguins' Steve Downie during Saturday's game in Vancouver. British Columbia, Miller stopped 33 shots in Vancouver's 5-0 shutout of Pittsburgh.**



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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# UNC coaching great Smith dies at 83



PHIL COALE/AP

In this Jan. 22, 1997 photo, North Carolina head coach Dean Smith yells at his players during an ACC game against Florida State in Tallahassee, Fla. Smith, the Tar Heels basketball coaching great who won two national championships, died "peacefully" at his home Saturday night. He was 83.

## Jordan: Smith was 'second father'

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Michael Jordan called North Carolina coaching great Dean Smith the most influential person in his life other than his parents.

Smith died Saturday night at 83. In a statement on Twitter released through his business manager, Jordan says Smith was "more than a coach — he was a mentor, my teacher, my second father. Coach was always there for me whenever I needed him and I loved him for it."

The former NBA superstar and Charlotte Hornets owner says Smith taught him not only about the game of basketball, but about "the game of life."

Jordan played three seasons for Smith from 1981-84. When he was a freshman he helped lead the Tar Heels to a national championship in 1982, hitting a 16-foot jump shot in the final seconds to beat Georgetown.

— The Associated Press



FILE PHOTO/AP

In this May 5, 1984 photo, Michael Jordan, left, and Tar Heels coach Dean Smith are shown at a news conference in Chapel Hill, N.C., where Jordan announced he would forfeit his final year of college eligibility to turn pro.

## Two-time national champion, Olympic gold medal winner leaves unparalleled legacy

By Aaron Beard  
The Associated Press

Dean Smith, the coaching innovator who won two national championships at North Carolina, an Olympic gold medal in 1976 and induction into basketball's Hall of Fame more than a decade before he left the bench, has died. He was 83.

The retired coach died "peacefully" at his North Carolina home Saturday night, the school said in a statement Sunday from Smith's family. He was with his wife and five children.

Smith had health issues in recent years, with the family saying in 2010 he had a condition that was causing him to lose memory. He had kept a lower profile during that time. His wife, Linnea, accepted the Presidential Medal of Freedom on his behalf from President Barack Obama in November 2013.

Roy Williams, the current North Carolina coach who spent 10 years as Smith's assistant, said Smith "was the greatest there ever was on the court but far, far better off the court with people."

In a career that spanned more than 40 years, Smith coached the likes of Michael Jordan and James Worthy and influenced the game and how it is played in ways that are unrivaled.

His "Four Corners" time-melting offense led to the creation of the shot clock to counter it. He was the first coach at North Carolina, and among the first in the segregated South, to offer a scholarship to a black athlete.

He was a direct coaching descendant of basketball's father, James Naismith, playing and later coaching at Kansas for the inventor of the game's most famous student, Jayhawks coach Phog Allen.

Smith would pass lessons learned in Kansas along at North Carolina, adding more than a few of his own. He tutored perhaps the game's greatest player, Jordan, and two of basketball's most successful coaches, fellow Hall of Famers Larry Brown and Williams.

The numerical record of his accomplishments is staggering. His only losing season came in his first, and he left the game having surpassed Kentucky's Adolph Rupp as the winningest men's basketball coach in Division I history.

Along the way, more than 95 percent of Smith's lettermen graduated from one of the nation's premier public universities.

Though he never ran for office, Smith also helped shape political and social views in North Carolina as coach of the state's beloved Tar Heels. At the urging of his

### Dean Smith coaching record

|               | W          | L          | Pct         |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1961-62 UNC   | 8          | 9          | .471        |
| 1962-63 UNC   | 15         | 6          | .714        |
| 1963-64 UNC   | 12         | 4          | .800        |
| 1964-65 UNC   | 15         | 9          | .625        |
| 1965-66 UNC   | 16         | 11         | .593        |
| 1966-67 UNC-V | 26         | 6          | .813        |
| 1967-68 UNC-V | 29         | 4          | .875        |
| 1968-69 UNC   | 27         | 6          | .844        |
| 1969-70 UNC   | 18         | 9          | .667        |
| 1970-71 UNC   | 26         | 6          | .813        |
| 1971-72 UNC-V | 26         | 5          | .839        |
| 1972-73 UNC   | 25         | 6          | .758        |
| 1973-74 UNC   | 22         | 6          | .786        |
| 1974-75 UNC   | 23         | 8          | .742        |
| 1975-76 UNC   | 25         | 4          | .862        |
| 1976-77 UNC-V | 28         | 5          | .848        |
| 1977-78 UNC   | 23         | 8          | .742        |
| 1978-79 UNC   | 23         | 6          | .793        |
| 1979-80 UNC   | 23         | 8          | .734        |
| 1980-81 UNC-V | 29         | 8          | .784        |
| 1981-82 UNC-V | 32         | 2          | .938        |
| 1982-83 UNC   | 28         | 8          | .778        |
| 1983-84 UNC   | 23         | 3          | .903        |
| 1984-85 UNC   | 27         | 9          | .750        |
| 1985-86 UNC   | 28         | 6          | .824        |
| 1986-87 UNC   | 32         | 4          | .889        |
| 1987-88 UNC   | 27         | 7          | .794        |
| 1988-89 UNC   | 29         | 4          | .794        |
| 1989-90 UNC   | 21         | 13         | .618        |
| 1990-91 UNC-V | 29         | 6          | .829        |
| 1991-92 UNC   | 23         | 0          | .697        |
| 1992-93 UNC-V | 34         | 4          | .895        |
| 1993-94 UNC   | 28         | 8          | .800        |
| 1994-95 UNC-V | 28         | 6          | .823        |
| 1995-96 UNC   | 21         | 11         | .656        |
| 1996-97 UNC-V | 28         | 7          | .800        |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>879</b> | <b>254</b> | <b>.776</b> |

x-National Champions

y-Final Four

### Tournament history

All-time record: 65-27

National Championships: 1982,

1991, 1992

National Finals: 1968, 1977,

1981-82, 1992

Final Fours: 1967-69, 1972, 1977,

1981-82, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997

pastor, he recruited blacks to his team, and in 1967 made Charlie Scott the first black scholarship athlete at North Carolina and one of the first in the South.

He was active in politics, often supporting Democrats and liberal candidates. Smith's church served as a base for his advocacy. He joined the Baptist congregation soon after arriving in Chapel Hill, helping build it from a 60-person gathering on campus to a full church with 600 parishioners. It was hosted from the Southern Baptist Convention and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1992 for licensing a gay man to minister.

"He was willing to take controversial stands on a number of things as a member of our church — being against the death penalty, affirming gays and lesbians, protesting nuclear proliferation," said Robert Seymour, the former pastor at Binkley Baptist Church. "He was one who has been willing to speak out on issues that many might hesitate to take a stand on."

More than 50 of Smith's players went on to play professionally in the NBA or the ABA, and more played overseas.

In addition to wife Linnea, Smith is survived by daughters Sandy, Sharon, Kristen and Kelly; son Scott; and several grandchildren.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



PHIL SANDLIN/AP

Kentucky guard Aaron Harrison scored 23 points in the Wildcats' 68-61 victory over Florida on Saturday.

# Kentucky holds off Florida

## No. 1 Wildcats improve to 23-0 after road challenge from SEC nemesis

BY MARK LONG  
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Top-ranked Kentucky handled another tough test.

This one was on the road and against Southeastern Conference nemesis Florida.

Aaron Harrison scored 23 points, Karl-Anthony Towns added 19 and the Wildcats remained unbeaten with a 68-61 victory over the Gators on Saturday night.

Willie Cauley-Stein chipped in 13 points, highlighted by a thunderous dunk over freshman Devin Robinson in the second half, and the Wildcats (23-0, 10-0 Southeastern Conference) snapped a three-game losing streak against the Gators (12-11, 5-5).

"You cannot have fun if the other guy's punching you in the eye,"

Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "That is not fun. You have to be ready to punch before he punches you. If you're getting licks in first, you'll have a ball. It is fun! But if you come in that ring and all of a sudden your head is moving side to side and your chin, it ain't fun."

Florida swept all three meetings last season, winning in Lexington, in Gainesville, and in the SEC tournament. Both teams advanced to the Final Four, but have gone in different directions.

This one was closer than most expected. Even Florida coach Billy Donovan said this week that there was a "huge discrepancy" in talent between the two teams. Donovan added: "I wouldn't say it's just our team. It's everybody."

But the Gators played one of their best games of the season and kept it tight.

"Did we maybe make a step? Was it because of how poorly we played at Vandy? Was it because we were Kentucky?" Donovan said. "I think we'll find out as we move forward as a team. This is the first time in 23 games I felt like our team played to win the game instead of being wrapped up and consumed with themselves."

Florida led by nine in the first half and used a 6-0 run to go up 44-42 midway through the second. But Cauley-Stein's dunk proved to be the turning point. Robinson turned the ball over on one end, and Cauley-Stein was the beneficiary on the other. He caught a pass in transition near the foul line, took two steps and then slammed it over Robinson. He was fouled on the play and made the free throw to put Kentucky ahead for good.

## Roundup

# No. 3 Virginia stops Louisville's second-half rally

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Virginia couldn't have been much better on defense in the first half against No. 9 Louisville.

The way the third-ranked Cavaliers (21-1, 9-1) played it in the second half almost cost them the game.

Malcolm Brogdon scored 15 for Virginia, which held the Cardinals scoreless for a stretch of 12 minutes spanning halftime, then had to withstand a furious rally for a 52-47 victory Saturday night that left both head coaches frustrated with their teams.

The Cardinals' last basket in the first half came with 10:32 remaining, and they were fortunate to only trail 24-13 at intermission. Cavaliers coach Tony Bennett acknowledged that the half was about as close to perfect a team can play.

"The second half, it wasn't there," Bennett said.

Louisville had a lot to do with that, said coach Rick Pitino.

"We worked really hard [for] three days a way to beat their defense and then ignored it in the first half," he said.

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Terry Rozier scored 16 points, Montrezl Harrell had 12 and Chris Jones III for the Cardinals (19-4, 7-3 Atlantic Coast Conference). But only one other player scored and they had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Anthony Gill added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Cavaliers, who played the second half without scoring leader and defensive stopper Justin Anderson with an injury to his left hand. Bennett announced after the game that Anderson broke a finger on his

left (shooting) hand and would have surgery Sunday. He's expected to miss 4-6 weeks.

**No. 2 Gonzaga 81, San Francisco 70:** Kyle Wiltjer scored 29 points and made a pair of three-pointers in a key second-half run that helped visiting Gonzaga win its 17th straight.

**No. 4 Duke 90, No. 10 Notre Dame 60:** Justise Winslow had 19 points and 11 rebounds, and host Duke (20-3, 7-3 ACC) used a huge early run to rout Notre Dame.

**No. 5 Wisconsin 65, Northwestern 50:** Bronson Koenig scored a season-high 16 points, Sam Dekker also had 16 and host Wisconsin (21-2, 9-1 Big Ten) won its sixth straight game.

**Arizona State 81, No. 6 Arizona 78:** Bo Barnes scored 18 points, including a key three-pointer late, and Arizona State (12-1, 4-6 Pac-12) pulled off a second straight home upset over Arizona.

**No. 7 Villanova 69, No. 24 Georgetown 53:** Darrun Hilliard scored 15 points and Josh Hart had 13 to help host Villanova avenge its worst game of the season.

**Oklahoma State 67, No. 8 Kansas 62:** Le'Bryan Nash scored 18 points to help host Oklahoma State upset Kansas.

**No. 11 Iowa State 75, Texas Tech 38:** Jameel McKay scored 17 points on 7-for-7 shooting in his first start and keyed a strong defensive effort for host Iowa State.

**No. 12 North Carolina 79, Boston College 68:** Isaiah Hicks scored 21 points, Brice Johnson had 20 points and 10 snapped a two-game losing streak.

**No. 13 Utah 79, Colorado 51:** Brandon Taylor scored 18 points on a career-best six three-pointers and visiting Utah routed cold-shooting Colorado.

**No. 14 Northern Iowa 69,**



ANDREW SHURTLEFF/AP

Louisville defenders watch as Virginia guard Justin Anderson (1) dunks during the second half Saturday in Charlottesville, Va. No. 3 Virginia defeated No. 9 Louisville 52-47.

**Drake 53:** Seth Tuttle scored 16 points, Matt Bohannon added 14 and host Northern Iowa earned its 11th straight victory.

**No. 19 Baylor 87, No. 15 West Virginia 69:** Rico Gathers had 17 points and 17 rebounds for visiting Baylor.

**No. 16 Wichita State 78, Missouri State 35:** Fred VanVleet had 10 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in just 24 minutes for host Wichita State's first triple-double in 43 years.

**St. Bonaventure 73, No. 18 VCU 71:** Marcus Poesley scooped in a 6-footer off the backboard at the buzzer, lifting host St. Bonaventure over injury-depleted VCU.

**No. 21 Oklahoma 68, TCU**

**56:** Ryan Spangler scored 21 points in visiting Oklahoma's victory over TCU.

**No. 22 Butler 83, DePaul 73:** Kellen Dunham hit four three-pointers and scored 24 points for host Butler.

**No. 23 SMU 68, Tulsa 57:** Nic Moore and Cannen Cunningham led a 15-0 second-half run and Southern Methodist handed host Tulsa its first American Conference loss.

**No. 25 Texas 61, Kansas State 57:** Isaiah Taylor scored 23 points, including two free throws with a second left, in visiting Texas' victory.

**Navy, 67, Army 59:** Zach Fong scored a career-high 23 points and Worth Smith hit three

big baskets late to give host Navy a season sweep of Army for the first time since 2011 in the annual Star Game.

Trailing 57-56 with five minutes to go, Smith scored seven straight points for Navy for a 63-59 lead with 1:18 remaining. Tilman Dunbar made four consecutive free throws in the final minute.

Navy (9-15, 5-7 Patriot League) leads the all-time series 75-57.

Tanner Plomb scored 17 points and Kevin Ferguson had 12 for the Black Knights (14-9, 5-7).

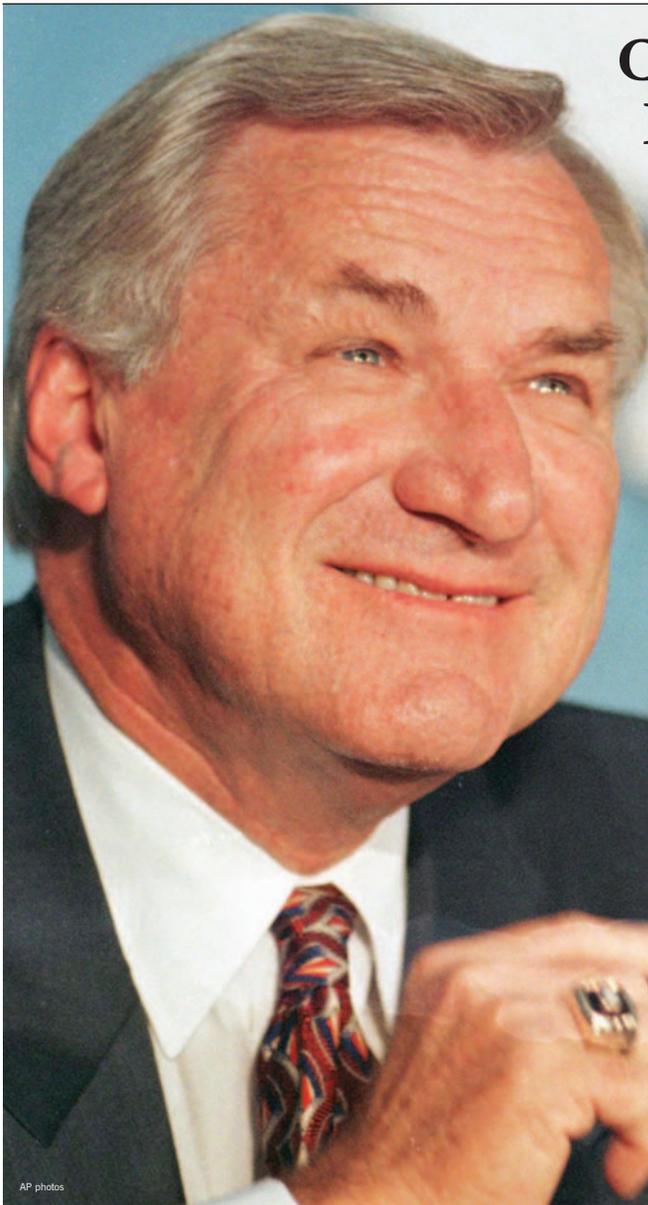
**Air Force 73, Wyoming 50:** Zach Kocur did not miss a shot on his way to 14 points and host Air Force knocked off Mountain West Conference leader Wyoming.

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Coach. Teacher.  
Father. Leader.  
Champion.

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