

War powers request headed to Congress

White House proposal for use of military force against Islamic State militants sets up first war vote in 13 years

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proposed authorization, a Democratic official revealed.

in Iraq and neighboring Syria, imposed a violent form of Shari'ah law and killed U.S. and allied hostages.

State group and others, including members of his own party, who worry that a new authorization to use military force will lead to another American entanglement in a protracted war.

WASHINGTON — The White House was ready to share with lawmakers Tuesday its plan to seek authority for the use of mili-

Presidential counsel Neil Eggleston was set to address the Senate Democrats' luncheon, the day before President Barack Obama is expected to formally unveil his

The White House and proponents of a new authorization for use of military force argue that passage is important to show unity in the fight against militants who have seized territory

To get congressional approval, Obama must find a balance between lawmakers who want wide authority to fight the Islamic

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UAE rejoins airstrikes against Islamic State from Jordan » Page 3



United Arab Emirates pilots walk on an air base in Jordan on Tuesday. The UAE launched airstrikes targeting the Islamic State group on Tuesday, its official news agency said, marking its return to combat operations against the militants after it halted flights late last year.

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"Nobody would even think of creating a conference on hatred of Islam without Muslims or a round table on the discrimination of women without women."

— Anetta Kahane, of the Amadeu Antonio Foundation, which fights anti-Semitism in Germany, criticizing the government for excluding Jews from its new anti-Semitism commission

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Nonprofit purges execs amid probe

Top contractor for US in war zones allegedly billed for NFL tickets, alcohol

By SCOTT HIGHAM AND STEVEN RICH The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two weeks after being suspended from government work, the leading development nonprofit for the United States in Iraq and Afghanistan has purged numerous long-time senior executives amid a widening investigation of allegations of "serious" financial misconduct.

International Relief and Development, or IRD, which is headquartered in Arlington, Va., allegedly used taxpayer money for Redskins season tickets, personal travel and meals, and alcohol at company receptions and retreats, according to current and former government and nonprofit officials.

Last May, The Washington Post examined allegations of poor performance and excessive pay at IRD, which has collected \$2.4 billion since 2007 to perform some of the most ambitious projects in the war zones and elsewhere for the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID.

On Jan. 26, the USAID suspended IRD, saying the organi-



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Arthur Keys, left, meets with Abdul Manaf, center, the district governor of Nawa, Afghanistan, in 2010. Keys is the founder and former president of International Relief and Development, which is under investigation for alleged financial misconduct.

zation's "Office of the President mischarged USAID over a period of least four years," according to a copy of the suspension notice obtained by The Post. The USAID gave IRD 30 days to respond to its suspension and said IRD officials who should have been aware of the mischarges remain in positions of power.

On Friday, more than half a dozen senior IRD officials agreed to resign amid steps by the nonprofit to bring accountability to the organization. They include the chief financial officer, general counsel and chief administrative officer.

Keys, an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ

who started the nonprofit with his wife in 1998, did not respond to requests to discuss the allegations of mischarges, many of them made on Keys' American Express card, according to the officials who declined to be identified, citing the ongoing investigation.

Keys' attorney, Frederic Levy, said "multiple people" at IRD had access to the American Express card and that it is too soon to tell who made the alleged mischarges. He said an auditing firm he retained examined some of them and found that they were "properly reimbursable."

IRD officials said they are trying to convince the agency that they have tightened finan-

cial controls and restructured contracting and monitoring operations, and that they deserve another chance. Friday's resignations came as part of that effort, they said.

IRD's new president, Roger Ervin, said the nonprofit has turned over financial documents to the USAID inspector general and is making employees available for interviews.

"We are fully cooperating with the inspector general on an expedited schedule so they can make whatever assessments they need to make as soon possible," said Ervin, who held senior positions at the State Department and other organizations before joining IRD in December.

Jean Hacken, who served as IRD's chief of compliance from 2009 until her departure last year, said she frequently told senior officials in the organization about charges that she thought were not permitted. Organizations that receive federal funding are entitled to reimbursements for overhead costs, but only certain costs are allowable.

Hacken said in a recent interview that tickets to sporting events, expenses for the Yale Club and Rotary Club, and bills for personal dinners, hotel rooms and travel were being charged by IRD as overhead. Hacken said her concerns were dismissed and Keys removed her from IRD's executive management team.

"Every time I said, 'Let's make some changes,' they would say, 'Jean, stay within your lane,'" Hacken said. "I was marginalized and excluded."

Officials say attacks outside Iraq's capital kill 8

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Officials say separate attacks in Iraq have killed at least eight people and wounded 25.

Police said the deadliest of Tuesday's attacks took place in Mahmadiyah, about 20

miles south of Baghdad, where a parked car bomb ripped through an outdoor market, killing four civilians and wounding 11.

They say another bombing killed two civilians and wounded nine in Madain, about 14 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Police say a final bombing killed two soldiers and wounded five in Tarmiyah, 30 miles

north of Baghdad.

Medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't authorized to speak to journalists.

Iraqi forces are now battling the Islamic State group, which holds a third of the country and neighboring Syria.

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UAE strikes at Islamic State from Jordan

By ADAM SCHRECK
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The United Arab Emirates launched airstrikes Tuesday against the Islamic State group from an air base in Jordan, marking its return to combat operations by the Gulf nation's official halted flights late last year.

The General Command of the UAE Armed Forces said Emirates F-16s carried out a series of strikes Tuesday morning, according to a brief statement carried by the Gulf nation's official WAM news agency.

The fighters returned safely to base after striking their targets, the statement said. It did not elaborate, nor did it say whether the strikes happened in Syria or Iraq. The militants hold roughly

a third of each country in a self-declared caliphate.

The Emirates, an oil-rich federation that includes Abu Dhabi and Dubai, is one of the most prominent Arab members of the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group.

American officials say the country halted airstrikes in December after a Jordanian pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, was captured when his plane crashed behind enemy lines. Al-Kaseasbeh was later burned alive by the militants.

The Emirates had not commented on the suspension, and Tuesday's statement was the first confirmation it had restarted combat operations. It has continued to provide logistical support to the campaign by hosting coalition warplanes at its air bases on

the southern rim of the Persian Gulf.

Its return to the fight came days after it ordered the deployment of a squadron of F-16s to Jordan, a close ally of both the United States and the Emirates that has pledged harsh retaliation for the gruesome killing of its pilot.

Previous Emirati airstrikes had been in Syria, making that the most likely site of its latest targets.

American defense officials last week said they moved search-and-rescue aircraft closer to the battlefield, helping ease allies' concerns about the coalition's ability to aid downed aircrews.

The Emirati announcement came as Syrian President Bashar Assad said in comments published Tuesday that his government has been receiving general messages

from the American military about airstrikes targeting the Islamic State group inside Syria but that there is no direct cooperation.

In an interview with the BBC, Assad said the messages are conveyed through third parties, such as Iraq.

"Sometimes they convey message, general message, but there's nothing tactical," he said.

American and allied Arab planes have been conducting airstrikes in Syria as part of an international campaign against Islamic State extremists. "They share the skies with Assad's air force, which also targets the militants."

Syrian officials have maintained that they have not been consulted about the airstrikes since they started in September — only informed through third

parties in the beginning.

In the interview, Assad also denied his forces have used barrel bombs. The government's use of the crude explosive devices, usually dropped by helicopters, has been widely documented by international human rights organizations and residents of opposition-held areas in Syria. The barrel bombs, which cannot be precisely targeted, have killed thousands of civilians, according to Syrian activists.

"I know about the army. They use bullets, missiles, and bombs. I haven't heard of the army using barrels or maybe, cooking pots," Assad said, apparently making light of the allegations.

Pressed again about their use, he replied: "They're called bombs. ... There are no barrel bombs; we don't have barrels."

King has support, but economic woes threaten Jordan

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MAAN, Jordan — Although the gruesome murder of a Jordanian pilot by Islamic State militants in Syria has galvanized Jordanians behind their king, tensions stemming from high unemployment

and poverty may threaten the country's long-term stability once public anger subsides.

Jordan plays a vital role in U.S. policy in the Middle East. It is the third-largest recipient of U.S. military and economic assistance in the world, and Washington has deployed an F-16 fighter squadron and a battery of Patriot missiles to prevent a spillover of the war raging in neighboring Syria. Jordanian officials say about 1,600 U.S. servicemembers are based in the country.

For months, however, a growing number of Jordanians — from Westernized segments of the population in Amman to impoverished Jordanians in smaller communities — had been questioning whether a country tied any business joining with the United States in the fight against the Islamic State group, helping to prosecute another country's war against fellow Muslims.

All that change when the militants released a shocking video showing Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh burned to death in a metal cage. The brutality of his death enraged Jordanians, sending thousands into the streets to demand revenge. It also forced radical Muslim clerics to muffle their public sympathies for the Islamic State and join in condemning the extremists for the brutal killing.

Even the Muslim Brotherhood, a mainstream political movement long at odds with the monarchy over domestic issues, condemned

the pilot's murder, describing it as a "crime against humanity, the Quran and Islam."

"Islamic State is a group of monsters and savages who are using Islam to justify their crimes against humanity," said the Brotherhood, which boycotted the last parliamentary elections, claiming they were rigged.

The question facing King Abdullah II and his U.S. backers is whether the outrage marks a turning point in the way Jordan's public views the Islamic State threat or whether extremists will be able to exploit the intractable problems of poverty and unemployment to gain support once the public outcry subsides.

"The anger and patriotic unity people demonstrated doesn't mean they see eye to eye (with the government) on policies," said Labib Kamhawi, a Jordanian analyst and government critic. "I think this patriotic feeling will eventually evaporate and people will go back asking questions: Why do we have pushed into this (U.S.-led) coalition?"

Nowhere are the tensions in Jordan, a country of 7 million people and one of America's staunchest Arab allies, sharper than in Maan, an impoverished, dusty city of 30,000 people 135 miles southeast of Amman and 60 miles from the border with Saudi Arabia. With unemployment hovering at about 28 percent, more than double the national average, Maan has been a longtime center of opposition to the monarchy.

But in the six months since here in bloody riots over food price increases, which later spread to the rest of the kingdom. The riots prompted Abdullah's late father, King Hussein, to introduce reforms that saw the first parliamentary elections after a 22-year break, the lifting of mar-



Sheikh Mohammad al-Chalabi, who heads a militant group seeking to establish Islamic State-style rule in Jordan, says the Islamic State poses no armed threat to Jordan. He is shown in Maan, Jordan, last month.

tal law and the Muslim Brotherhood joining the Cabinet and the legislature.

Since the rise of the Islamic State, media reports say an estimated 300 youths have left Maan to join the militants in Syria. They were among more than 1,500 Jordanians who have gone to Syria to fight alongside various extremist groups, according to the International Centre for the Study of Radicalization and Political Violence.

Clashes erupted here last April after the black flags of the Islamic State appeared in the city, along with graffiti expressing solidarity with the militants. Crowds stormed several government buildings and set some on fire.

Nationwide, at least 68 people, including Islamic extremists and Muslim Brotherhood members, have been arrested since last year for suspected jihadist activities, opposition groups say.

Sheikh Mohammad al-Chalabi, who heads a militant group seeking to establish Islamic State-style rule in Jordan, has been warning that government crackdowns on

fundamentalists and continued support for the U.S.-led coalition fighting the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq will backfire on the monarchy. Al-Chalabi, who spent seven years in prison for plotting to blow up Western embassies in 2003, has also argued that the Islamic State poses no armed threat to Jordan, implying that King Abdullah's support for the coalition serves only American interests.

"I don't believe they will bring their army to invade (Jordan)," he told Stars and Stripes at his home in Maan before al-Kaseasbeh's killing. "What they want is to consolidate their position in Syria and Iraq. And they have no support here. We are patriots, we would not allow it ... but that militant movement may arise by itself in Jordan as a spontaneous reaction to the oppression we are facing domestically."

In an effort to address the economic problems fueling extremism, King Abdullah has persistently invited investment in Maan, offering tax- and customs-free incentives to garment factories whose output is granted tax

exemption in the U.S. under a free trade deal.

However little has been achieved so far as regional political turmoil continues to discourage investment. With few signs of stability on the horizon, resource-poor Jordan grapples with a swelling foreign debt that quadrupled to \$30 billion in the last decade. Added to the economic woes are a 6 percent inflation rate, high energy bills and an influx of about 1.5 million Syrian refugees who have severely taxed the country's water energy and water resources as well as education and health care systems.

Some foreign observers fear that those economic problems could exacerbate internal tensions, and again raise questions about Jordan's participation in the war against the Islamic State. That in turn could make the country vulnerable to terrorist attacks like those 10 years ago in which nearly 60 people died in al-Qaida suicide attacks on three international hotels in Amman.

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US aid worker is confirmed dead

By DEB RIECHMANN
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kayla Jean Mueller, 26, an American woman held by Islamic State militants, has been confirmed dead, her parents and the Obama administration said Tuesday.

The White House said Mueller's family received a private message from her captors over the weekend, and the information contained in that communication was authenticated by the U.S. intelligence community. It was not immediately clear how and when Mueller died.

"We are heartbroken to share that we've received confirmation that Kayla Jean Mueller, has lost her life," Carl and Marsha Mueller said in a statement. "Kayla was a compassionate and devoted humanitarian. She dedicated the

whole of her young life to helping those in need of freedom, justice, and peace."

President Barack Obama said that Mueller, who was an aid worker who assisted humanitarian organizations working with Syrian refugees, "epitomized all that is good in our world."

"No matter how long it takes, the United States will find and bring to justice the terrorists who are responsible for Kayla's captivity and death," the president said.

The White House said Obama had spoken with Mueller's parents and offered his condolences and prayers.

Mueller is the fourth American die while being held by Islamic State militants. Three other Americans — journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff and aid worker Peter Kassig — were beheaded by the group.

Journalist Austin Tice, of Hous-



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Seema Kassab, front, of the Muslim Liberty Project, takes part in a candlelight vigil to honor victims of the Islamic State group at Arizona State University in Tempe on Monday.

ton, disappeared in August 2012 while covering Syria's civil war. It's not clear what entity is holding him, but it is not believed to be the Islamic State group or the Syrian government, his family has said.

Mueller was taken into captivity in August 2013 while leaving a hospital in Syria. Her identity was long kept secret out of fear for her safety.

On Friday, the Islamic State group had claimed that Mueller died in a Jordanian airstrike. Jordan,

which has launched a barrage of strikes in recent days in retaliation for the gruesome killing of one of its pilots at the hands of the militants, disputed that report, and the White House said at the time that it had seen no evidence to corroborate the Islamic State group's claims.

Secretary of State John Kerry said the U.S. was "shaken" in its resolve to defeat the Islamic State, a group he called an "ugly insult to the civilized world."

Jordan: Nation seeks to fix economy and counter extremists

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Human rights campaigners have complained that the heavy-handed police tactics, which include controlling how clerics and other educators speak about Islam in public sermons, are damaging the right to free speech and infringe on religious liberty.

Analysts said the government should exploit the surge of patriotism to push through reforms that would include defining a role for moderate political Islam. But officials say the reforms have been slow because the king must tread a delicate line, considering the rise of militant Islam in the region following the Arab Spring uprisings, which have toppled four of his peers since 2011.

While the latest events appear to have defused the appeal of an Islamist movement, the root causes of the unrest in Maan and elsewhere have not been addressed, warned Kammawi, the political analyst. He said King Abdullah must find a way to "rehabilitate" moderate Islamists such as the Muslim Brotherhood to help win support for the government while at the same time dealing with his U.S. allies and the regional Islamic State threat.

"Some people in government believe that religion should be kept apart from politics completely, but most other Jordanians would tolerate moderate Islam having a role in political life," he said.

Musa Shtiewi, head of the University of Jordan's Center for Strategic Studies, played down the possibility of political tensions in the foreseeable future, saying that unemployment and other such problems would be "subsumed" by the public support for the monarchy.

But the government would have to adopt a long-term strategy in relation to political extremism, which would have to take into account economic policy, he said.

"I don't think the crackdown ... will create the backlash that different presentations of Jordanians will generate following the death of the pilot," Shtiewi said.

"In the past, many people were not convinced that radicalism could present a threat to Jordan. But this is a turning point in the views and perceptions of Jordanians, and everybody understands the danger. There will be no tolerance for those who support [the Islamic State] and extremism."

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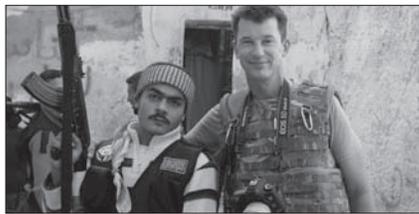
Journalist's role in videos may have raised value to group

By MITCHELL PROTHERO
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IRBIL, Iraq — The Islamic State group issued a new video Monday featuring its last known Western hostage narrating a news broadcast-like report from the Syrian city of Aleppo and its surrounding areas.

The 11-minute video featuring John Cantlie, who's been in Islamic State custody since Nov. 22, 2012, is the third on-the-scene report from the British hostage since October. It feeds growing speculation among some observers that Cantlie's talents as a news presenter have made him more valuable to the Islamic State group than just another soon-to-be-executed hostage.

"While the Islamic State has access to native British speakers, I suspect none is capable of the kind of delivery Cantlie can achieve," said Shiraz Maher, a senior fellow at King's College London who closely studies the group. "They also know that we're all much more likely to talk about and focus on a Western hostage than a random individual who's gone out



Freelance British photojournalist John Cantlie poses with a Free Syrian Army rebel in Aleppo, Syria, in November 2012.

there and joined Islamic State."

The Islamic State group's comfort level with Cantlie appears to be growing, Maher said. In contrast to the first video he appeared in, which was posted Sept. 18 and showed him sitting behind a desk dressed in the orange jumpsuit that the group's hostages have worn in videos that ended with their execution, the later videos show an evolution in his clothing — and in his apparent demeanor. "Previously, we've seen Cantlie

appear in those horrible orange overalls, evocative of captives held in Guantanamo Bay," Maher said. Even in the first of his on-the-scene reports, posted Oct. 27 from Kobani, Syria, Cantlie was dressed in black, marking him, Maher said, as a captive and subordinate.

But in the most recent videos — one from Mosul, Iraq, posted Jan. 3, and then the Aleppo one posted Monday — Cantlie is dressed in casual Western clothes, walking

among people on the streets and even, in the Mosul video, riding a motorcycle.

"I consider the entirely casual, civilian clothing he's wearing to be very significant," Maher said. "To my mind, the Islamic State is trying to send a message that Cantlie is just an ordinary person making an objective assessment of what he sees as everyday life."

In Monday's video, Cantlie is far more animated in his descriptions of life under the Islamic State group than in previous videos. He emphasizes the normality and dominance the group has established in the broad swath it controls from the Turkish border to central Iraq.

He describes a "thriving agricultural economy" and "grain silos packed to the top," countering widespread reports of shortages of all goods.

In one sequence, reporting from the Jordanian border city of al-Bab, he points to American drones overhead and claims they appear to be futile. That recalls a scene from the Mosul video in which Cantlie berates an aircraft overhead as being "useless" when it takes no action to rescue him.

was killed, but U.S. officials awaited further evidence.

The officials confirmed the death on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record.

From The Associated Press

US confirms recruiter killed in drone strike

WASHINGTON — The top recruiter for the Islamic State group's affiliate in Afghanistan was killed in an American drone

strike Monday, U.S. officials confirmed Tuesday, marking the first targeted attack on a leader of the Islamic State extremists in that country.

Abdul Rauf and seven others were killed when the strike hit their car. Officials have expressed

concerns about the Islamic State group seeking recruits in Afghanistan as U.S. forces withdraw and Afghan forces take control of the country's security.

The deputy governor of the southern Helmand province had said earlier this week that Rauf

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GOP continues push for more defense spending

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
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WASHINGTON — The Senate Armed Services Committee under John McCain continued its push Tuesday to reverse a decline in U.S. defense spending since the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Senators heard testimony from two former deputy defense secretaries who said the country should go back to the 2012 era of budget planning — a move that would result in a \$611 billion budget — to keep up with rapidly growing global threats, troop readiness and future weapons development.

The proposal would blow past mandatory defense caps this year that could keep base spending to \$523 billion, which the Pentagon and defense analysts have warned will limit the military's ability to maintain its forces and carry out missions around the world. But the defense proposal floated in the Senate also goes far beyond the White House's proposed military budget that was unveiled this month and sets the base defense spending at \$534 billion.

The steep cuts have sharply reduced military readiness, led to dangerous investment shortfalls

in present and future capabilities, and prompted our allies and adversaries alike to question our commitment and resolve," said McCain, an Arizona Republican who has been fighting defense cuts since he took over the Armed Services Committee chairmanship last month.

Reductions come at a difficult time for global security, the former defense officials said.

"The United States probably faces the most complex and volatile security situation that we've faced in a long time, if ever," said Eric Edelman, former defense undersecretary and member of the National Defense Panel. He told senators that the military is increasingly stressed by recent and impending cuts and the growing costs of keeping personnel in the field, such as retirement and health care. Meanwhile, it faces surging global challenges including the spread of Islamic radicalism in the Middle East and Africa, Russian influence in Ukraine and Iran's quest for a nuclear weapon.

New spending is needed on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, cyberspace capabilities, joint coalition command and control operations;

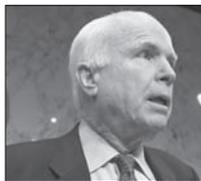
long-range strike capabilities; and electric and direct-energy weapons to ensure a continued technical edge, Edelman said.

To boost investments in the military, the Pentagon should use a budget strategy built on security needs before considering the cost, a method that was last used in 2012 under then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Edelman said.

Michelle Flournoy, also an NDP panelist and former undersecretary, said the first priority of the Senate should be repealing the cap this year on the defense budget, which would allow a modest \$17 billion increase in the base budget. The Defense Department also has an Overseas Contingency Operations budget that is not subject to the caps and the White House has proposed to fund at \$50.9 billion in 2016.

"We cannot restore readiness and invest in our technological edge unless we do so," Flournoy said.

Repealing the caps will be difficult. Congress has imposed the spending limits as part of a deal to reduce the national debt over time and, so far, a new bargain on easing or eliminating them has been elusive.



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Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., held a hearing on global challenges and national security strategy Tuesday.

The battle on Capitol Hill has pitted Republicans who want more fiscal discipline or to lift the defense caps and reduce other discretionary federal spending against Democrats who oppose taking money from other federal programs.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said the increases proposed to the defense budget on Tuesday could equal \$1 trillion over a decade. At the same time, interest on federal debt could grow to larger than the entire defense budget by 2019 if the government's spending is not reined in.

He told Edelman and Flournoy that reductions in discretionary spending are key to fixing the fiscal problems.

"You don't have the stress that we have every day with every other agency and department coming to us for more money," Sessions said.

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Officials: US closing embassy in Yemen

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is closing its embassy in Yemen amid political deadlock and deteriorating security conditions after the takeover of the country by Shiite rebels, two U.S. officials said.

The officials said diplomats were being evacuated from the country Tuesday and the embassy will suspend operations until conditions improve.

Yemen has been in crisis for months, with Iran-linked Shiite Houthi rebels besieging the capital and then taking control. The U.S. officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the closure publicly on the record.

Marines providing the security at the embassy would also likely leave, officials said, but American forces conducting counterterrorism missions in other parts of the country would not be affected.

Maj. Brad Avots, a Pentagon spokesman, would say only that the Defense Department is always assessing security conditions on the ground and the military has evacuation assets available if they are requested by the State Department.

War: Obama to seek 3-year authorization to battle Islamic State

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The White House has been seeking input from lawmakers before unveiling specifics, in hopes of ironing out differences privately and lining up support from both parties before going public with the request.

So far, no formal language has been submitted, although the White House has completed a draft, according to a senior congressional official who spoke only on condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to discuss by name a strategy being discussed privately.

In 2002, Congress passed a resolution authorizing President George W. Bush to use force against Iraq — a vote that scores of Democrats have regretted and Obama used as a cudgel against his rivals to win the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination.

Obama so far has relied on

congressional authorizations that Bush used to justify military action after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Critics say the White House's use of those authorizations to fight the terrorist group is a legal stretch at best.

The president earlier insisted he had the legal authority to deploy more than 2,700 U.S. troops in Iraq to train and assist Iraqi security forces, and to conduct ongoing airstrikes against targets in Iraq and Syria. More recently, the president has said he wants a new authorization, but has not released details.

Another congressional official said the president will ask for a three-year authorization so the next president will have to seek renewed authority to fight the Islamic State. The official said Obama wants to leave open the option to send in combat forces if needed, but is not seeking an

authorization that would permit a prolonged U.S. troop presence on the ground.

The White House request also would not restrict the fight to geographic locations, but would limit the U.S. to fighting Islamic State militants or any future group that evolves, the official said.

A congressional aide said Democrats will not rubber-stamp the White House version but will seek to rewrite it to include bipartisan views. Another congressional staffer said the debate in Congress will not necessarily flow along party lines because, for instance, conservative Republicans and liberal Democrats alike have disagreed about two major sticking points: deploying U.S. combat troops and restricting the geographic scope of the authorization. The second staffer said a final authorization will depend on the language decided on

regarding those two issues.

The four congressional officials and staffers spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss ongoing negotiations with the White House.

Before Congress ended its last session in December, New Jersey Sen. Robert Menendez, who at the time was chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, pushed his version of an authorization that would have limited operations against Islamic State to three years and allowed ground forces in some circumstances. The legislation passed out of the committee, but was never voted on by the full Senate before the session ended.

Menendez said Monday that he has not seen the final language written by the White House, but said more work will need to be done and called for a degree of flexibility.

Taliban forces assault Afghan police station

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban suicide attackers assaulted an Afghan police station Tuesday, killing one officer as a separate roadside bombing targeted a prominent female politician in the country's east, authorities said.

The attack on a police headquarters in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province saw insurgents first detonate a suicide car bomb, followed by a suicide bomber on foot, Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediq said. Three more gunmen attacked following the bombings and died in a shoot-out with police, Sediq said.

Meanwhile, the roadside bomb in Jalalabad exploded as Angeza Shinwari, a Nangarhar province councilwoman, drove past. The blast killed her driver and severely wounded Shinwari and another person, said a spokesman for the provincial governor.

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Vet recounts Williams ditching event for 'SNL'

By Patrick Dickson
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — “NBC Nightly News” anchor Brian Williams’ on-air apology last week for lying about coming under attack while on a helicopter in Iraq in 2003 rang hollow to a number of veterans — perhaps none more so than Boston firefighter Neal Santangelo.

In Sunday editions of the Boston Herald, Santangelo recounted for columnist Peter Gelzinis how, at the last minute, Williams had told organizers of a 2006 Congressional Medal of Honor banquet in the city that a “pressing engagement” would prevent him from serving as master of ceremonies and keynote speaker, which he’d agreed to do six months earlier. He would instead have time only to greet the audience.

As members of the committee that arranged the event, Santangelo and Tom Lyons were disappointed, but they arranged for a police escort to rush Williams to the airport to catch his plane back to New York City.

After the banquet, as they and other committee members relaxed

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Neal Santangelo
Boston firefighter

in the hotel lounge, Santangelo’s wife phoned to say she knew why Williams had to bail out. She was watching the news anchor ham it up with Seth Meyers and Amy Poehler in a Weekend Update sketch on “Saturday Night Live.”

In the skit, Williams was not told that he did not get the Update anchor job, and has an awkward moment with co-anchors Amy Poehler and Seth Meyers.

Santangelo wrote an angry letter to Williams a week after the banquet. “In an act of egotistical, blatant self-promotion, you deceived the (Medal of Honor) Recipients, declined to break bread with them and disrespected them,” he wrote. “You placed comedy before courage ... Your conduct was irreverent, insulting, incomprehensible and shameful. ...”

He never sent it. “I didn’t want to send it off like

some loose cannon,” Gelzinis quotes Santangelo as saying. “So, even though the local committee agreed with every word, we decided to run it past the national (Medal of Honor) society.

“And what came back to us was, ‘Yes, we agree with what you’re saying, but we don’t want to burn any bridges with this guy.’”

Williams still sits on several advisory boards of the Medal of Honor Foundation, an adjunct of the MOH society. They have declined any comment, Gelzinis wrote.

The accusation that Williams sought celebrity status, perhaps at the expense of journalistic standards, has been made elsewhere since veterans challenged his account of being aboard a helicopter forced down in Iraq in 2003.

In her Sunday column in The New York Times, Maureen Dowd

wrote: “As the performers — Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver and Bill Maher — were doing more serious stuff, the supposedly serious guys were doing more performing.

“With no pushback from the brass at NBC, Williams has spent years fervently ‘courting celebrity,’ as The Hollywood Reporter put it, guest-starring on “30 Rock,” slow-jamming the news with Jimmy Fallon and regaling David Letterman with his faux heroics. “Two of our four helicopters were hit by ground fire, including the one I was in, RPG and AK-47,” he told Letterman.

Williams is now being scrutinized for a number of stories, including telling journalism students that while covering Hurricane Katrina, he had seen a dead body floating past his New Orleans hotel room, where flooding was

not severe, and how armed gangs had run amok in the hotel.

Many of his stories, however, were told as he was out pushing his “brand” on shows such as Fallon’s or Letterman’s, and his bosses at NBC exhibited no public discomfit with his doing so.

In one of his many appearances on Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show,” he told a story of being in an Israeli Black Hawk helicopter and watching Katyusha rockets pass underneath him.

Like many of his stories, it evolved from the first telling. At the end of a nearly six-minute segment, he concludes his story by telling host Jon Stewart, “Anytime you want to cross over to the other side, baby, travel with me.”

On the “NBC Nightly News” broadcast Monday, stand-in Lester Holt said, “We want to take just a moment to tell you where Brian is tonight” ... then mentioned Williams’ note to the staff, adding that he’ll take several days off “amid questions over how he recalled certain stories he’s covered. ... He’ll be off while this issue is dealt with.”

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Cpl. Wassef Hassoun is escorted to the courtroom on Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., on Monday. He is on trial on desertion and other charges.

Opening statements due in trial of Marine who vanished

The Associated Press

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Opening statements were expected Tuesday in the trial of a U.S. Marine who vanished from his post in Iraq a decade ago and later wound up in Lebanon.

Cpl. Wassef Hassoun faces charges of desertion, larceny and destruction of property in a bench trial before the judge, Marine Maj. Nicholas Martz.

A Marine spokesman said Tuesday that court was delayed by several hours — until noon — but didn’t explain why. He said open-

ing statements were expected Tuesday afternoon.

At least one pretrial motion hadn’t been resolved as of Monday afternoon.

Prosecutors will seek to prove desertion accusations against Hassoun and that he stole a pistol.

Defense attorneys say Hassoun was kidnapped in 2004 by insurgents and later became tangled up in Lebanese courts. Prosecutors say Hassoun fled his post because he was unhappy with his deployment and U.S. troops’ treatment of Iraqis.

Contractor given more time to deliver troops’ vehicles to new duty stations

By Adam L. Mathis
Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — Thousands of servicemembers and civilians will have to wait even longer for the delivery of their personal vehicles under a new agreement between the Defense Department and contractor International Auto Logistics.

In some cases, the agreement — implemented in early December between the government and International — gives the contractor more time to deliver servicemembers’ vehicles to their new duty stations.

International has come under heavy fire since taking over the delivery contract last summer; in particular, it has been criticized for long waits for vehicle delivery.

Under the agreement, shipping times between the continental U.S. and Europe would increase the most. Data provided last week by the DOD Transportation Command show the Brunswick, Ga.-based company now has an average of about 19 more days to ship a vehicle from Germany to the continental U.S., 16 more days from England and four more days from Italy.

The actual delivery standard depends on where the vehicle was shipped to in the United States. International now has an average of about 60 days to ship to anywhere in the continental U.S. from bases in Europe.

The increase in delivery times was based partly on changes to the ocean shipping market, according to TRANSCOM. For example, the number of privately-owned U.S. flagged ships — to which Inter-

national is contractually required to give preference — has fallen to 179 in 2014 from 198 in 2012, according to the U.S. Maritime Administration.

International also is required to give preference to U.S.-flagged vessels participating in a special agreement with the DOD known as the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement. That cuts the number of qualified companies to 56.

Ken Quinn, International’s chief financial officer, said ocean carriers make changes to their shipping schedules for commercial reasons, which can further complicate the company’s ability to meet deadlines.

“We’re operating under realistic terms now. ... This is what the commercial market is today for transportation,” he said.

While the company is touting improved delivery times in recent months — Quinn said International is making 95 percent of full-service deliveries on schedule — shipments to and from the U.S. West Coast could still face delays.

West Coast ports have experienced a shipping logjam in recent

months, a situation made worse by a weekend shutdown at several ports due to a labor dispute. Col. Martin Chapin, the head of a TRANSCOM team that oversees International, said in January that the government had given the company a temporary extension of two weeks to deliver any vehicles going through the port of Los Angeles.

International hasn’t been given extra time on all of its routes, however. Shipping to and from some locations where the military assists the company in shipping vehicles, known as partial-service locations, are seeing a decrease in the time International has to ship vehicles. Under the agreement, International now has an average of about 13 fewer days for partial-service moves from Alaska to the lower 48 states, 59 fewer to ship from Australia and 34 fewer from Japan.

Chapin said servicemembers get the same entitlement as before to a rental vehicle if their delivery date is missed.

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MILITARY

Troops authorized to wear service stars on GWOT-EM

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Troops are now authorized to wear service stars on their Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal suspensions and service ribbons if they have received more than one GWOT-EM for their support of overseas operations.

The new policy, retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001, was approved by Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Jessica Wright in a memorandum issued Monday. The change went into effect immediately.

Servicemembers are allowed to wear only one GWOT-EM suspension or service ribbon on their uniform, even if they participated in multiple operations and received more than one award.

In the past, there was no way to tell by looking at a servicemember's uniform how many GWOT-EMs they had received. The new policy has changed that. Troops may now wear a service star for each subsequent award.

For example, if a servicemember received a GWOT-EM for participating in Operation Enduring Freedom and one for Operation Iraqi Freedom, they may now wear one service star on their suspension or service ribbon to indicate a second award; if they received three medals for participating in OEF, OIF and Operation New Dawn, they may wear two service stars, and so on.

The five approved operations are:

- Enduring Freedom (inclusive dates: Sept. 11, 2001-TBD).
- Iraqi Freedom (inclusive

dates: March 19, 2003-Aug. 31, 2010).

- Nomad Shadow (inclusive dates: Nov. 5, 2007-TBD).

- New Dawn (inclusive dates: Sept. 1, 2010-Dec. 31, 2011).

- Inherent Resolve (inclusive dates June 15, 2014-TBD).

Although the Afghanistan component of OEF ended Dec. 31, OEF counterterrorism operations continue elsewhere in the world, including the Middle East, Africa and the Philippines.

U.S. troops participating in Operation Freedom's Sentinel, the follow-on training and counterterrorism mission in Afghanistan, will not be eligible for the GWOT-EM. However, the Pentagon is staffing a request to make those troops eligible for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. That request is expected to be



The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, front and back.

approved, according to a defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity because no final decision has been announced.

Operation Freedom Sentinel will help support the NATO-led Operation Resolute Support in Afghanistan.

U.S. troops in Afghanistan who participate in Operation Resolute Support will be eligible for the NATO Medal but not the GWOT-EM, according to defense officials.

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DOD names new chief of suicide prevention office, elevates position

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Keita Franklin became the new director of the Defense Suicide Prevention Office on Monday as the Pentagon continues to grapple with mental health problems plaguing the force.

There were 479 suicides across the force in 2013, the most recent calendar year for which final Defense Department statistics are available.

There were 259 suicides among the active-duty troops and 220 among Reserve and National Guard members, according to the latest DOD Suicide Event Report.

For comparison, the 479 number is greater than the number of U.S. troop fatalities sustained during any year of Operation Enduring Freedom (which encompasses the Afghanistan War) except in 2010, when 499 servicemembers died.

The suicide rate for the active-duty component in 2013 was 18.7 percent, according to the report. Suicide rates for the Reserve and National Guard components were higher, at 23.4 and 28.9, respectively.

The ground forces, after years of grinding counterinsurgency warfare, have higher rates of suicide than the other services, according to DOD data. Suicide rates for the active components of the four services were:

- Army: 23.0 (per 100,000).
- Marines: 23.1.
- Air Force: 14.1.
- Navy: 13.4.

The suicide prevention office aims to reduce those numbers. "I am very pleased to have Dr.

Franklin take the lead in this very important mission," Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Jessica Wright said in a news release.

Franklin's position has been elevated to a career Senior Executive Service position.

Wright said the move is "reinforcing the department's commitment to decreasing incidence of suicide and increasing resiliency across the armed forces."

Franklin has a history of working on behavioral health issues, according to biographical information furnished by the DOD. Most recently, she was head of the Behavioral Health Branch at Marine Corps Headquarters. In that role, she led five behavioral health programs, including suicide prevention.

Franklin has also worked for both the Air Force and the Army, supervising family programs at the installation and regional levels.

Her primary area of interest is post-traumatic stress symptoms and how those symptoms affect family functioning, according to the DOD.

Her post-doctoral research examines the impact of deployment and psychological well-being on family relationships.

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Franklin



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The South Korean amphibious assault ship ROKS Dokdo transits alongside the USS Bonhomme Richard and other ships during last year's U.S.-South Korean Sang Yong, or Double Dragon, exercise. The annual drill is planned to include smaller units of Marines this year.

Officials: N. Korea has no bearing on drill size

By ERIK SLAVIN
AND YOO KYONG CHANG
Stars and Stripes

The decision to downsize a U.S.-South Korean amphibious drill slated for March was made last year and has nothing to do with recent demands by North Korea, officials from both countries said Tuesday.

The Ssang Yong, or Double Dragon, exercise will likely have several thousand fewer servicemembers participating than it did last year.

The annual exercise includes U.S. Navy and Marine Corps and South Korean personnel staging an amphibious landing. It included 7,500 Marines and thousands more sailors last year in what Pentagon officials called the largest-scale effort since it began in recent years.

This year's exercise will focus on units smaller than the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, which comprises thousands of Ma-

ines in ground, aviation and fleet roles. Figures for U.S. involvement have not been released.

"The Ssang Yong drill hasn't been carried out on brigade level every year," South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok told reporters. "Generally ... it has been scaled up in even-numbered years and reduced in odd-numbered years."

Some South Korean media reports speculated that North Ko-

rean demands to halt U.S.-South Korean exercises as a precondition for talks might have contributed to the smaller exercise, a notion both sides ridiculed Tuesday.

Plans for Ssang Yong, which falls under the umbrella of the larger Key Resolve/Foal Eagle exercises, were made more than a year ago, U.S. officials said.

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Rich and Kathy Melvin shovel in front of their house Tuesday in Somerville, Mass., after the winter's latest snowstorm left the Boston area with another 2 feet of snow.

Boston transit is crippled by latest Northeast snow

By BOB SALSBERG
AND DENISE LAVOIE
The Associated Press

BOSTON — A relentless storm that dumped deep snow on parts of the Northeast was finally expected to wind down on Tuesday but not before bringing the Boston-area public transit system to its knees and forcing some communities to consider tossing piles of snow into the ocean to help relieve clogged streets.

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker gave another day off to nonemergency state workers in the hardest-hit areas and the schools remained closed for another day.

To make matters worse, forecasters said more snow was possible on Thursday.

Boston-area subways, trolleys and commuter rail trains ground to a halt Monday evening and were scheduled to remain idle Tuesday. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority said it needed the break to clear snow and ice from tracks and to assess equipment damaged by the spate of storms.

Baker said he was frustrated by the problems on the MBTA, the nation's oldest transit system, and promised a "long conversation" with transit officials on how to improve matters once the weather subsides.

Amtrak canceled portions of its passenger train service linking upstate New York to New York City because of the storm Monday, and hundreds of flights were canceled at New England airports. Officials at Boston's Logan International Airport said they hoped normal passenger service would resume by midday Tuesday.

A 60-year-old man who had just finished work at a supermarket bakery died after being struck in a parking lot by a private snowplowing truck. Police interviewed the driver of the snowplow but no charges were immediately filed.

Massachusetts environmental officials gave cities and towns with no place else to put accumulating snow the green light to dump some into the ocean or other bodies of water if necessary.

The Department of Environmental Protection on Monday cited the challenges involved in

getting rid of the historic snowfalls. Local communities may seek permission to take emergency steps that allow disposal of snow into open water, which is normally prohibited.

Massachusetts emergency management officials urged residents and business owners to take steps to clear snow from roofs vulnerable to collapse under the weight of the snow. Several partial roof collapses were reported on Monday.

Two high-profile Massachusetts trials have been further delayed by the snow. State court officials said testimony in the murder trial of former New England Patriots football star Aaron Hernandez would not resume until Wednesday. Jury selection for the federal trial of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who is accused in the April 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, also was called off on Tuesday.

Some parts of the region were buried in up to 2 feet of snow. The storm on top of two others that hit recently has shattered snowfall records for a 30-day period in the city.



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Taylor LaBrecque digs her car out of a snow pile on Beacon Hill in Boston on Monday.

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NATION

Gunman leads LAPD on wild stolen-car chase

The Associated Press

MONTEBELLO, Calif. — A gunman driving an allegedly stolen car led police on a wild chase Monday on roads and freeways east of Los Angeles, smashing into other cars and veering through oncoming traffic before he stole a second car at gunpoint and ran down a crowded street.

Los Angeles police opened fire, wounded him and finally arrested him.

Officers shot the man as he ran on a roadway and appeared to be trying to steal yet another car before he was handcuffed and taken to a hospital in an ambulance, police spokeswoman Rosario Herrera said.

Police did not release the name or location of the man, but said he was still alive

several hours after the Monday night shooting and that he is between 20 and 30 years old.

The woman whose car was stolen at gunpoint on live TV was not hurt but was deeply shaken afterward.

“He just came up to me and pointed the gun at me and told me to get out of my car,” Elizabeth Yarahuan, 22, told KABC-TV as she tried to fight back tears. “I unbuckled myself and I opened the door and ran out. It was horrible. I don’t wish that on nobody.”

The chase began at about 5 p.m. with officers answering a report of a possible stolen car east of downtown, police said.

The Toyota sped through South Gate and other cities southeast of Los Angeles. The car zoomed through traffic, some-

‘If he would’ve hit me hard in the front, I would’ve been gone. He was going so fast.’

Martha Duron
sideways by fleeing gunman

copters hovered overhead, he pulled what appeared to be a gun, stole Yarahuan’s car and took off.

That car raced along Interstate 710 and

times going the wrong way, and struck cars at least four times before it was finally unable to continue.

The man, wearing a white T-shirt, jumped out and tried to steal another car. As television news helicopters hovered overhead, he pulled what appeared to be a gun, stole Yarahuan’s car and took off.

state Route 60 with at least eight patrol cars in pursuit. The car finally veered onto an off-ramp and onto a Montebello street, where it became wedged between two other vehicles in traffic.

The man jumped out and pulled open a door on a stopped SUV as police chased him. He tried to stop another car that took off before pursuing officers took him down.

No officers were hurt, but there was no immediate word on whether any other motorists were hurt.

Driver Martha Duron said she was fine after her car was sideswiped, but it could easily have been different. “If he would’ve hit me hard in the front, I would’ve been gone,” she told KCAL-TV. “He was going so fast.”

Restrictions on guns face fight in Vt.

By Dave Gram

The Associated Press

MONTPPELLIER, Vt. — One of the most liberal states in the country also is one of the most passionate about defending the right to bear arms, a fact that is coming to the fore following proposed legislation to expand background checks and add other gun regulations.

Hundreds of Vermont residents were expected to pack the state House chamber for a public hearing Tuesday night on Senate Bill 31, which would expand background checks from retail to private gun sales, step up reporting about people deemed psychologically unfit to have a gun and add state jurisdiction to what is now just federal enforcement of the ban on convicted felons possessing guns.

The bill has drawn strong opposition from powerful gun-rights groups and from Gov. Peter Shumlin, a Democrat and lifelong hunter.

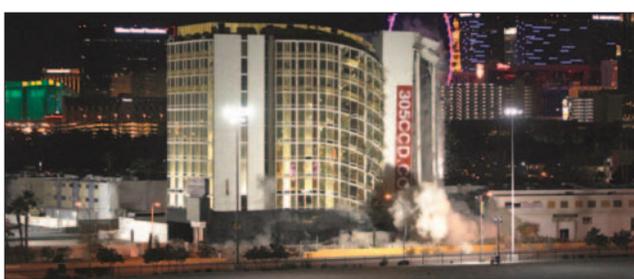
Why the Second Amendment fervor in a state that Election Day exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and other media have found to be among the most liberal?

“I think it’s a result of years and years of Vermonters respecting guns as a tool to manage wild-life and to put food on the table,” Shumlin said in an interview. “That’s what motivates us to own a gun. It’s not necessarily what motivates someone who lives in Manhattan to own a gun.”

Hunters have nothing to worry about, said Ann Braden, of Brattleboro, president of the group Gun Sense Vermont, which supports the measure.

“This legislation doesn’t affect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. It’s focused exclusively on keeping guns out of the hands of convicted abusers, violent felons and drug traffickers,” she said.

But the gun-rights groups are adamant. “No more gun-control bills,” said Bill Moore, of Vermont Traditions Coalition. “We don’t need them in the safest state in the nation.”



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Off-strip Clarion in Vegas taken down

Only dust and debris remain after the implosion of the Clarion hotel and casino early Tuesday in Las Vegas. The 12-story, 200-room Clarion became the 13th hotel to gain implosion infamy in a town that explodes the old to make way for the new. It opened in 1970 as the Royal Inn and over the years was called the Debbie Reynolds for its one-time owner, as well as the Greek Isles and the Paddle Wheel.

Police: Girl charged with murder shows no remorse

By Mark Gillispie

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — An 11-year-old suburban girl charged with murder in the beating death of a 2-month-old who was staying overnight with her and her mother expressed no remorse over the infant’s death, police said.

The 11-year-old, her mother and the baby girl, Zuri Whitehead, were on a couch downstairs when the mother fell asleep at about 3 a.m. Friday, Wickliffe police Chief Randy Ice said at a news conference Monday. The mother was awakened less than an hour later by her daughter, who was holding the badly injured infant. Ice said the 11-year-old took the infant upstairs. When she returned downstairs, the infant was bleeding and her head was badly swollen, he said.

The 11-year-old’s mother immediately called 911, Ice said. Zuri was flown to a children’s trauma center in Cleveland, where she died.

Ice said the girl did not show any remorse. “I’m not sure she appreciated the gravity of what she did,” he said.

Juvenile Judge Karen Lawson entered a not guilty plea for the girl at a detention hearing on Monday and ordered that she undergo a competency hearing.

The police chief said the mother of the 11-year-old and Zuri’s mother, Trina Whitehead, have known each other for five or six years but aren’t related. Trina Whitehead has three other children and had the girl’s mother keep Zuri, of Cleveland, overnight to give her a breather.

The Associated Press is not naming the 11-year-old girl or her mother because of her age.

Neither Ice nor a Lake County juvenile court official could recall a murder suspect being that young. Court administrator Chris Simon said 13 is the youngest age that children are typically detained at the county’s juvenile detention center, where the girl is being held.

WORLD



MICHEL SPINGLER/AP

A Femen activist is taken away by police on Tuesday outside the courthouse in Lille, France, where Dominique Strauss-Kahn was on trial on charges related to a sex ring.

Strauss-Kahn at trial: I didn't know women were prostitutes

The Associated Press

LILLE, France — Disgraced former International Monetary Fund boss Dominique Strauss-Kahn told a French court Tuesday that he was unaware that women who participated in orgies at luxury hotels in Paris and Washington were prostitutes.

Strauss-Kahn, 65, and 13 co-defendants are on trial, accused of aggravated pimping in connection with a sex ring centered on the Hotel Carlton in Lille.

In his first testimony since the trial began Feb. 2, Strauss-Kahn reaffirmed his long-standing defense that he did not know of the "prostitutional character" of the women who took part in his orgies. Strauss-Kahn's arrival at the courthouse was disrupted by three topless protesters from the provocative group Femen, who were detained by police.

Strauss-Kahn's chances of be-

coming French president were ruined over a separate sex scandal in New York.

The economist, known widely as DSK, faces as many as 10 years in prison and a \$1.7 million fine if convicted.

The court has so far heard testimony from some of Strauss-Kahn's fellow defendants, who include a Belgian brothel owner, local businessmen, a police officer and hotel staff accused of organizing sex parties for Strauss-Kahn's benefit.

One of the prostitutes, called Mounia in court, testified that while she never discussed payment with Strauss-Kahn, everyone involved knew she was a prostitute. "For me it was clear that I was there as a prostitute," she said.

It's not illegal to pay for sex in France, but it is against the law to solicit or to run a prostitution business.

Anti-Semitism group doesn't include Jews

BERLIN — Leading Jewish groups have slammed the German government for creating a new commission on anti-Semitism without including a single Jew.

Julius Schoeps, from the Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies, on Tuesday called it "a unique scandal" that the Interior Ministry did not include any Jewish scientists or community leaders on the commission it created to fight anti-Semitism and support Jewish life in Germany.

Anetta Kahane, from the Amadeu Antonio Foundation, against anti-Semitism said, "Nobody would even think of creating a conference on hatred of Islam without Muslims or a round table on the discrimination of women without women."

They announced the creation of an alternative commission that will stress the Jewish perspective.

Germany's Interior Ministry has an immediate comment on the criticism.

Prosecutors: Concordia deaths due to captain

GROSSETO, Italy — Prosecutors at the 2012 Costa Concordia shipwreck trial are insisting the captain's failure to promptly order an evacuation of the cruise ship is the sole reason why 32 people died.

A verdict is expected this week for Francesco Schettino, accused of causing the shipwreck near the Italian island of Giglio and of manslaughter and abandoning ship before all 4,200 aboard were evacuated.

Prosecutor Alessandro Leopizzi told the court Tuesday in Grosseto there would have been time for everyone to survive had Schettino promptly ordered an evacuation after the Concordia smashed into a reef. Instead it was "each man for himself," Leopizzi said of the chaotic evacuation.

Co-prosecutor Stefano Pizzi called Schettino's conduct "reprehensible" and contended he tried to dump blame on others.

Schettino's defense claims equipment problems complicated the evacuation.

From The Associated Press

Ukraine fighting intensifies

Rebels said to have shelled town far behind front lines ahead of peace talks

The Associated Press

SARTANA, Ukraine — Fighting in eastern Ukraine intensified on Tuesday ahead of much-anticipated peace talks, with both sides claiming significant advances and the government accusing the rebels of shelling a town far behind the front lines.

The intense fighting, which the U.N. said has killed more than 5,300 people since April, comes ahead of a crucial summit involving Western leaders on Wednesday, as well as peace talks later Tuesday.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko told Parliament that Russia-backed rebels launched an artillery strike on the town of Kramatorsk, which is more than 30 miles away from the front line. Poroshenko said the first round of rocket fire hit the headquarters of the Ukrainian command in eastern Ukraine and the second landed in a residential area.

The government-controlled Donetsk regional administration said seven people were killed while 16 people were injured in the residential area and 10 more at the military headquarters.

Kramatorsk was the site of major fighting until July when pro-Russia separatists retreated.

Local website Donetskije Novosti posted photos from the scene, showing an artillery shell stuck in the ground next to a residential building and two bodies

lying nearby.

Rebels denied any involvement in the attack.

The volunteer Azov battalion, loyal to Kiev, said on social media Tuesday that it captured several villages northeast of the strategic port of Mariupol, pushing the rebels closer to the border with Russia. However, rebel military spokesman Eduard Basurin said in a televised news conference that the rebels have not retreated.

The Azov said rebels shelled the village of Kominternove, east of Mariupol, causing unspecified civilian casualties. An Associated Press reporter at a government checkpoint between there and government-controlled Mariupol was told of ongoing fighting several miles away. Two ambulances and four pickup trucks carrying Ukrainian troops were seen coming from the direction of Kominternove toward Mariupol.

Oleksandr Turchynov, chairman of the Ukrainian Security and Defense Council, visited the battalion Tuesday and said the government offensive aimed to bolster the defense of Mariupol and "protect civilians from artillery strikes."

The rebels reported advances, too. Basurin said late Monday that they have surrounded the railway hub of Debaltseve, the focus of fierce fighting in the past weeks, cutting it off from a major highway. A video posted online by a rebel-sympathizing web-

site showed the separatists moving along the highway while the bloodied bodies of Ukrainian soldiers lay on the side of the road.

At least seven Ukrainian troops were killed overnight in the east, Ukrainian military spokesman Anatoly Matyukhin said Tuesday. In the rebel stronghold of Donetsk, which comes under constant shelling, two civilians were killed and 12 injured.

The fierce fighting and a mounting death toll comes amid renewed efforts to work out a peaceful solution in a conflict that has displaced at least 1 million people and left the powerhouse of the Ukrainian economy in ruins.

Representatives of Ukraine, Russia, rebels and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe were meeting for long-anticipated talks later Tuesday to lay the groundwork for a meeting Wednesday between the leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Germany and France.

The Kremlin on Tuesday warned the West ahead of the talks against sending weapons to Ukraine or putting pressure on Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told the Russian News Service radio station on Tuesday that any talk about imposing new sanctions on Russia or arming the Ukraine government would destabilize the situation in Ukraine.

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WORLD

Experts eye ways to trap hackers

Analyzing activity to detect suspicious patterns may be more effective than relying on firewalls

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Ever since the Internet blossomed in the 1990s, cybersecurity was built on the idea that computers could be protected by a digital quarantine. Now, as hackers routinely overwhelm such defenses, experts say cybersecurity is beyond due an overhaul.

Their message: Neutralize attackers once they're inside networks rather than fixating on trying to keep them out.

First they need to persuade a conservative business world to gamble on a different approach. And having sold generations of defensive systems that consistently lagged the capabilities of the most advanced hackers, the industry itself must overcome skepticism it's flogging another illusion of security.

According to U.S. cybersecurity company FireEye, 229 days is the median length of time attackers lurk inside their victim's computers before being detected or revealing themselves, underscoring the weakness of conventional tools in identifying sophisticated intruders.

The traditional defenses must "have a description of the bad guys before they can help you find them," said Dave Merkel, chief technology officer at FireEye Inc. "That's just old and outmoded. And just doesn't work anymore. There's no way to guarantee that you never are the victim of cyberattack."

Merkel said that in the worst case he knows of, attackers hid themselves for years.

Experts aren't recommending organizations stop deploying perimeter defenses such as antivirus software or firewalls that weed out vanilla threats. But they say a strategy that could be likened to laying traps is needed to counter the sophisticated hacks that can cause huge losses.

The weakness of relying on a firewall is that it's like building a fence around a housing complex

but not hiring a guard to patrol the interior streets, said Ed Amoroso, chief security officer at AT&T.

The hackers who targeted Anthem, the second-biggest U.S. health insurer, and accessed personal information of 80 million customers, may have been inside its system for more than a month before being detected, according to the company.

The amount of data copied and removed from Sony's systems should have set off internal alarms long before Sony workers found their PCs taken over by malware, said Mike Potts, CEO of Lancope, a network security company based in Alpharetta, Ga.

The cybersecurity industry characterizes such long-term intrusions as advanced persistent threats, or APT. They are often sponsored by states and target valuable commercial and military information.

In South Korea, where government agencies and businesses have come under repeated attacks from hackers traced by Seoul to North Korea, several security firms have jumped on the growing global trend to develop systems that analyze activity to detect potentially suspicious patterns rather than scanning for known threats.

Kwon Seok-chul, CEO at computer security firm Cuvepia Inc., said it has been tough to convince executives that it's more effective to catch bad guys after they've infiltrated a network instead of trying to keep them out, which he believes is impossible anyway.

Kwon said his company's latest monitoring program keeps a log of all activity, dividing it into authorized users and possible attackers. When certain conditions are met, the program sounds an alarm. A response team can sit back and watch what hackers copy and respond before damage is done, he said. The security team can cut the hacker's connection or trick the intruder into stealing empty files.



Models pose with a Samsung smart TV during a press conference in Seoul, South Korea, last month. New technology in the TV has raised privacy concerns.

Samsung reveals potential for smart TVs to eavesdrop

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Watch what you say in your living room. Samsung's smart TV could be listening. And sharing.

Voice recognition technology in the South Korean company's Internet connected TVs captures and transmits nearby conversations.

The potential for TVs to eavesdrop is revealed in Samsung's smart TV privacy policy available on its website.

"Please be aware that if your spoken words include personal or other sensitive information, that information will be among the data captured and transmitted to a third party through your use of Voice Recognition," the policy said.

For the voice command feature to work, the TV listens for speech which is translated by third-

“ Please be aware that if your spoken words include personal or other sensitive information, that information will be among the data captured and transmitted to a third party through your use of Voice Recognition. ”

Samsung smart TV privacy policy

Samsung said data collection is aimed at improving TV performance but users can disable it.

In a statement, the company said it takes consumer privacy "very seriously."

"We employ industry-standard security safeguards and practices, including data encryption, to secure consumers' personal information and prevent unauthorized collection or use."

It is not the first time that smart TVs sparked privacy concerns. In 2013, the owner of a LG Electronics smart TV revealed it was sending information about his viewing habits back to the company without consent and without encrypting data.

LG has also experimented with displaying targeted ads on its smart TVs, which requires collecting and utilizing user data, such as their location, age and gender.

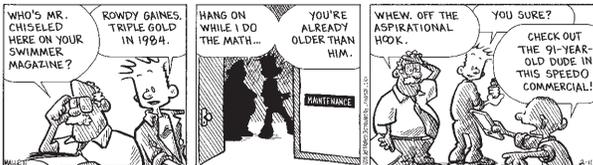
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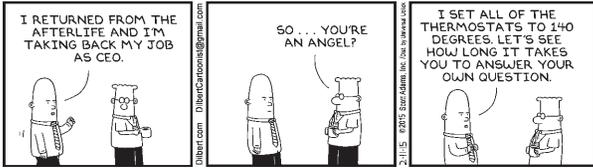
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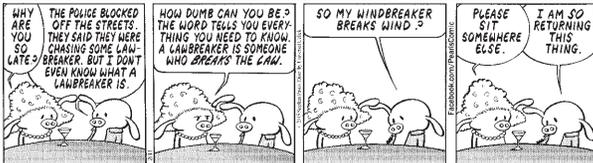
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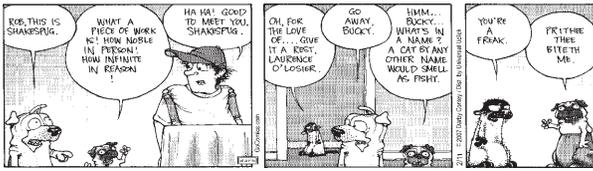
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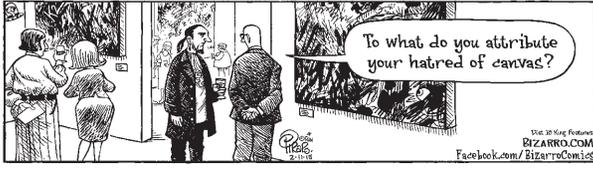
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 - 18 Confuse
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 - 24 AMPAS award
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 - 32 Oliver Twist's request
 - 33 No longer stylish
 - 34 Dresses (in)
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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2-11 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptiquip: I TOLD THAT FELLOW HE'D PROBABLY NEED TO APPLY ANOTHER LAYER OF POLISH, BUT I WAS RE-BUFFED.

Today's Cryptiquip Clue: X equals S

BUSINESS/WEATHER

China fines US chipmaker \$975M

By Joe McDonald
The Associated Press

BEIJING — China fined chipmaker Qualcomm Inc. \$975 million in the biggest of a wave of anti-monopoly penalties that have rattled foreign companies.

Qualcomm abused its dominance in wireless technology to charge manufacturers "unfairly high" licensing fees, a Cabinet agency announced Tuesday. China is the world's biggest producer of mobile phones and other wireless devices, and Beijing has complained about the high cost of technology licenses.

China has launched a series of anti-monopoly investigations over the past two years against foreign automakers, technology suppliers and other companies in an apparent effort to force down prices.

Business groups say the secretive way the investigations are conducted is alienating companies, but regulators deny they are treated unfairly.

Qualcomm, one of the biggest makers of chips used in mobile phones, said Monday it also agreed to change some of its practices for licensing technology to Chinese companies.

San Diego-based Qualcomm expressed disappointment with the findings by the Chinese Cabinet's National Development and Reform Commission, but said it will not contest the matter.

The fine was the highest imposed to date by Chinese authorities on a foreign company. It was twice the size of the \$492 million fine for GlaxoSmithKline, a British pharmaceutical company, in September in a bribery case.

The NDRC said Qualcomm improperly bundled unrelated licenses with mobile-phone technology, forcing Chinese customers to pay for licenses they didn't need.

"Qualcomm's acts to eliminate or restrict market competition, hinder and inhibit technological innovation and development

and harm the interests of consumers violate China's anti-monopoly law," the agency said in a statement.

Qualcomm said it will offer licenses for its current 3G and 4G Chinese patents separately from licenses to its other patents. It also will give existing licensees in China an opportunity to adopt the new terms for sales of branded devices for use in China going back to Jan. 1.

"We are pleased that the investigation has concluded and believe that our licensing business is now well positioned to fully participate in China's rapidly accelerating adoption of our 3G/4G technology," Derek Aberle, president of Qualcomm, said in a statement.

Qualcomm, of Washington, makes most of its profit from licensing fees paid by companies that use its chips. China accounts for about half the company's revenue.

The NDRC said the fine was calculated on the basis of 8 per-

cent of Qualcomm's 2013 revenue in China.

Business groups welcomed the enactment of China's anti-monopoly law in 2008 as a step toward clarifying operating conditions. Since then, they have said it is enforced more actively against foreign companies than against local rivals.

That has fueled sentiment among foreign companies that they are less welcome in China.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 11)	\$1.1589
Dollar buys (Feb. 11)	€0.8629
British pound (Feb. 11)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Feb. 10)	¥116.00
South Korean won (Feb. 11)	₩1,063.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5237
Canada (dollar)	1.2531
China (Yuan)	6.2443
Denmark (Krone)	6.5763
Egypt (Pound)	7.6314
Euro	\$1.1314/0.8838
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7540
Hungary (Forint)	273.36
Israel (Sheqel)	3.8695
Japan (Yen)	119.35
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2955
Norway (Krone)	157.73
Philippines (Peso)	44.35
Poland (Zloty)	3.71
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7521
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3564
South Korea (Won)	1,098.79
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9253
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.63
Turkey (Lira)	2.5919

(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 non-local currency exchange rates (i.e., Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	7.75
Federal funds market rate	0.11
3-month bill	0.36
3-year bond	2.56

MARKET WATCH

Feb. 9, 2015

Dow Jones Industrials	-95.08	17,729.21
Nasdaq composite	-18.39	4,726.01
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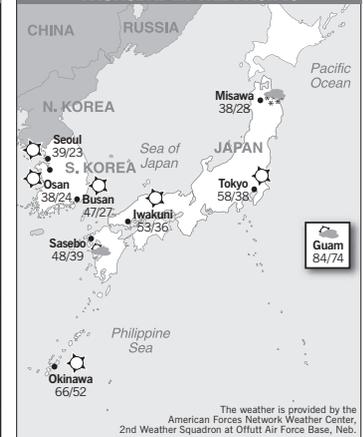
WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



WEDNESDAY IN EUROPE



THURSDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	59	31	Cir	Fort Wayne	35	19	Cldy	Louisville	52	29	Cldy	Pocatello	51	30	Cir	Sioux City	30	24	Cldy
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Akron, Ohio	37	19	Cldy	Chicago	34	26	Snow	Goodland	48	32	Pdly	Macon	61	35	Cir	Portland, Me.	56	40	Snow	South Bend	32	20	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	25	4	Cldy	Cincinnati	46	28	Cir	Grand Junction	54	28	Pdly	Madison	31	25	Cldy	Providence	57	18	Snow	Spokane	50	36	Cldy
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Birmingham	62	32	Cir	Des Moines	32	29	Cldy	Jackson, Miss.	68	34	Cir	New York City	29	22	Pdly	St. Thomas	82	78	Pdly	Washington	43	29	Cir
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WIRED WORLD

Tracking the future

NHL looking to bring 'Sportvision' technology to the ice

The Associated Press

Imagine tracking Sidney Crosby's every move on the ice in real time. It may not be far off.

The NHL is experimenting with player tracking technology that could be available as early as next season for broadcasters and fans.

During last month's All-Star game in Columbus, Ohio, chips were put in jerseys and pucks to track everything from speed and movement to shift length and ice time. The success of this first experiment could make it more widespread.

"We're not exactly sure where this will all take us," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said in Vancouver, British Columbia. "Ultimately, we are hoping to deliver the kind of data that will create insights and tell stories that avid and casual hockey fans will enjoy."

"We are attempting to embark upon a journey that, hopefully, will enable us to create and then maintain a digital record of everything in our game and compile a complete digital history."

Sportvision, the same company responsible for first-and-10 lines in football and "K zone" strike-zone mapping in baseball, has worked with the NHL for six years to get to this point. In co-operation with the NHL Players Association, each player had a chip in the collar of his jersey during All-Star weekend. Chips were in each puck so infra-red cameras in the ceiling of Nationwide Arena could track every movement.

With this technology, teams, players and fans can see how fast a player is skating, his top speed and average.

The league and NHLPA must come to an agreement before there's even a consideration about having player tracking in place for real games. It's much more available data, and with that comes some hesitancy on behalf of some players.

"We haven't finished discussing all that with the players," NHLPA executive director Don Fehr said. "Are there issues some players are concerned about? Sure. But it falls into the generalized category of creating meaningless statistics."

Sportvision CEO Hank Adams thinks there's a use for the stats. TV networks cans determine speed and movement in real-time, with lots of information to mine.

"I'd say all around it was a success for us," Adams told The Canadian Press. "We were very pleased and at some point, hopefully, it translates into something more long-term. But that's yet to be seen."

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Gary Bettman
NHL commissioner

Stumbling blocks exist, but the expectation is the technology will be ready for games by next season or after. Some things, like hits, giveaways and takeaways will remain subjective, and video review will still be necessary to determine goals.

But the aim is to make everything more precise: What's a shot on goal?

How much time did a team spend in the offensive zone? How long was that shift? In theory, this would replace the hand scoring that currently exists and subjectivity would be taken out of the equation on shots and saves.

Mathieu Schneider, a former defenseman now working as special assistant to Fehr, voiced excitement but some trepidation.

"This is the first step, but these are the discussions we're having with the players right now," Schneider said. "There still needs to be that sense from the guys that it's not going to get overused or used improperly."

Bettman thinks it's too early to tell how it plays out.

"We're still testing."

Bettman said. "But I do believe we will get to a place where we'll have better access to what's going on in the game for media, broadcasters and our fans."

The Pittsburgh Penguins' Sidney Crosby skates during a game in February. Soon, fans may be able to track Crosby's every movement on the ice as the NHL works to adapt "Sportvision" technology — most commonly seen today in displaying the 1st-and-10 lines in football and strike zone mapping in baseball — to deliver NHL fans new levels of statistics and information.

DARRYL DYCK, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police: Man jumped at mall after friend's dare

NY WEST NYACK — Police say a man who jumped between floors of a suburban New York mall is hospitalized with a broken leg and other injuries.

Clarkstown police said the Park Ridge, N.J., man jumped from the second to the first floor of the Palisades Center on Sunday after a friend dared him to do it.

Police said Nicholas Diblasi, 21, is charged with second-degree reckless endangerment.

Police told the (White Plains) Journal News that Diblasi was found conscious, dazed and “seemingly intoxicated.”

Deployed troops can send singing Valentines

NC FORT BRAGG — Fort Bragg soldiers who are deployed can send free singing Valentine’s Day messages to their spouses.

The Fayetteville Observer reported the Golf Capital Chorus of Pinehurst is offering free singing Valentine’s Day messages this year. Dirk Curl, with the chorus, said the messages will be delivered Friday and Saturday.

The retired Army colonel said this year’s Valentines includes a barbershop quartet that will perform two love songs and provide a rose, a box of chocolates and a card from a deployed servicemember.

Curl said the chorus also offers the services to civilians for \$50. The proceeds go to children’s charities.

Commission considers self-serve beer, wine

MI LANSING — Self-serve beer and wine could be in the works for Michigan bars and restaurants.

The Detroit News reported that a rule change proposed by the state Liquor Control Commission would have Michigan join other states that permit such sales.

The proposal falls in line with an effort by the commission to update regulations dating to the post-Prohibition era and to shed ones that no longer make sense.

Commission Chairman Andrew Deloney said, “We feel sorry for something folks in the industry would have to available, but at the same time we recognize the issue of public health.” The commission decided against having liquor included in the proposal.

The proposed change is drawing opposition from groups that fear self-serve options could lead to more alcoholism and underage drinking.

Zoo: Name roach after your ex for Valentine’s

NY NEW YORK — The Bronx Zoo has an offer you can’t refuse.

This Valentine’s Day, name a Madagascar hissing cockroach after your ex or a loved one who’s an incredibly good sport.

The Name-a-Roach program was launched in 2011. Apparently



DAVID EULITT, THE KANSAS CITY (MO.) STAR/AP

Superhero stroll

A group of superheroes walks the sidewalks of the Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., on Sunday to promote the upcoming Planet Comic to be held in March. From left are Michael Wheeler as the jogging Superman, Caylen Conzard as The Hulk, Ornatayo Hassan as Rogue, Jason Jefferies as Wolverine and Monica Brown as Storm.

people are still coming out of the woodwork to participate.

The zoo said Monday that thousands of “hopeless romantics” have taken advantage of the strange sweetheart deal. Each recipient is emailed a local certificate. The \$10 cost goes to the Wildlife Conservation Society.

The San Francisco Zoo has a similar promotion — you can adopt a hissing cockroach or a giant scorpion for a \$25 or \$50 donation, respectively.

Funeral held for teen in selfie murder case

PA PITTSBURGH — A funeral was set for a 16-year-old boy found shot in his home, who police say was later pictured in a selfie taken by the teen charged with killing him.

Ryan Mangan’s funeral was Monday at Sacred Heart Church in Jeannette. He was found fatally shot in his home about 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Police arrested Maxwell Morton, 16, also of Jeannette, and charged him with criminal homicide. Police said they identified Morton through a selfie he posted online showing himself next to Mangan’s body, which police said they found in the same position and condition as in the picture.

Morton faces a preliminary hearing Feb. 19.

Man held after dead animals found on ranch

OK MUSKOGEE — A 54-year-old man was arrested after eastern Oklahoma

THE CENSUS



RYAN GARZA, DETROIT FREE PRESS/AP

James Robertson, of Detroit, stands next to his free 2015 Ford Taurus from Suburban Ford in Sterling Heights, Mich., on Friday.

\$350K

The amount collected in an online fundraiser for a Detroit man who says he walks 21 miles to and from his job in the suburbs. After the Detroit Free Press wrote about James Robertson, 56, and his situation earlier this month, Wayne State University student Evan Leedy, 19, launched the crowdfunding campaign with an initial goal of raising \$5,000 to buy him a car. On Friday, Robertson was given a donated Ford Taurus by a car dealer.

authorities said they found dozens of dead animals on his ranch.

The Muskogee County District Attorney’s Office expected to charge him with multiple counts of cruelty and neglect.

The Muskogee County sheriff told Tulsa World that about 30 dead horses and seven dead cows were found on the man’s 360-acre ranch this past weekend. Animal control officials received a report from someone who spotted dead

horses on the man’s property.

The sheriff said crews are trying to move about 200 live animals from the ranch. Veterinarians said many are infected with parasites.

Worker has perfect attendance for 50 years

OH ASHLAND — It’s uncommon for someone to work five decades for the same

company and even rarer to accomplish what one north-central Ohio man recently achieved: 50 years of perfect attendance.

Ron Kline started at Mansfield Plumbing as a cleanup worker in January 1965, when he was 20. Now he’s 70 and still making deliveries for the plumbing fixture manufacturer in Ashland.

Kline said the secret to his stellar record is having fun. The father of 11 said he likes being active and doesn’t plan to be, in his words, one of those “people who retire and die in a year or two.”

His good attendance dates to childhood. Kline said in 12 years of school, he missed only one day — for his grandmother’s funeral.

Rescuers save woman on rock quarry ledge

AL AUBURN — Authorities said a woman was rescued from a cliff wall after falling about 100 feet and becoming trapped on a ledge 60 feet above the bottom of a gravel pit.

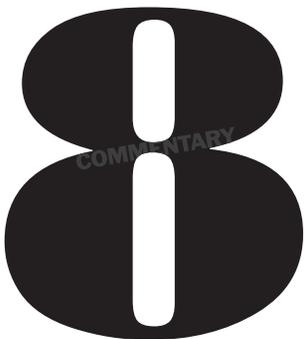
Auburn Police Capt. William Mathews said rescue crews were responding to the rock quarry near Chewacha State Park around 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Mathews said the 20-year-old woman was injured at the rock facing of the quarry.

The Opelika-Auburn News reported that crews found her injured to the point that she could not climb to the top or come down from the ledge. Rescuers used a basket to remove her from the cliff. Mathews said she suffered moderate injuries.

From wire reports

FACES



great, weird Beck songs that are better than anything on Grammy-winning 'Morning Phase'

By DAVID MALITZ
The Washington Post

When Kanye West went on a rant about "artistry," directed at album of the year winner Beck (and the Grammys in general), it was a poorly chosen target. To be sure, Beck's "Morning Phase" is nothing more than pretty landscape music; but that doesn't change the fact that Beck has a 20-year-deep discography that's consistently been forward-thinking, genre-jumping and high quality in a way that parallels West's career.

If Kanye (or anyone else) needs a reminder of Beck Hansen's "artistry," here's a quick mix of eight career-spanning songs that show his ability to be great and weird.

'Soul Suckin' Jerk'

Beck's 1994 breakout, "Mellow Gold," remains his masterpiece, in all of its haphazard, cut-and-paste, genre-mashing glory. "Loser" is the generation-defining hit, but "Soul Suckin' Jerk" is just as silly and more deranged.

'Debra'

If Beck looked particularly shocked upon receiving his album of the year honor, part of that was certainly due to the presenter — none other than His Purple Majesty, Prince. Beck's 1999 album, "Midnite Vultures," was a clear homage to Prince, no song more direct in its tribute than "Debra," the greatest ever tale of love that begins at JCPenney.

'Fume'

Remember CD singles? The "Loser" single is one of the best the format has ever offered; this song, about the trouble with doing nitrous while listening to Moby Hatchet, is the highlight.

'Gamma Ray'

This surfy song about the apocalypse is one of Beck's best efforts of the past decade. The B-side cover by the late Jay Reatard is even more impressive.

'Thunder Peel'

Around the release of "Mellow Gold," Beck sandwiched two albums that confounded his new fans. One of those, "Stereopathetic Soul Manure," collected random bursts of noise, acoustic ramblings and something called "Satan Gave Me a Taco."

'Cyanide Breath Mint'

His other '94 album was the acoustic "One Foot in the Grave," which many Beck "purists" will say is his best work. This slacker, stream-of-consciousness campfire singalong is one of its best tracks.

'Lazy Flies'

Before "Morning Phase," there was 2002's critically adored "Sea Change." Before "Sea Change," there was 1999's "Mutations," Beck's first (and dare I say best?) attempt at major-label melancholy.

'Sissynck'

After "Loser," many thought Beck was ticketed for one-hit-wonder land. But 1996's "Odelay" established him as a career artist. "Where It's At" and "Devil's Haircut" are deservedly loved singles, but this spaghetti-Western-funk hybrid is one of the tracks that makes the album a classic.



Autumn De Wilde

Courtesy of Nasty Little Man

Ex-rap mogul to remain jailed

From wire reports

Marion "Suge" Knight will remain behind bars for the next six weeks in a murder case while lawyers prepare for a hearing that prosecutors said Monday could include evidence of other crimes.

Knight is charged with murder, attempted murder and hit-and-run after he struck two men in a Compton, Calif., parking lot during a Jan. 29 confrontation. His lawyers say the men were struck by accident as Knight tried to escape an attack.

The decision to keep him jailed came at a hearing that also shed light on Knight's hospitalization last week after he pleaded not guilty.

His attorney, David Kenner, said the co-founder of Death Row Records passed out and had serious breathing problems after his arraignment. He didn't elaborate but said he doesn't think his client is receiving adequate care.

"Right now we're at the mercy of what the Los Angeles County jail decides is appropriate or not appropriate," Kenner said in court.

Knight sat with his head cocked to the side during much of the hearing, which was convened to discuss possible bail.

A prosecutor and Knight's attorneys sought a delay to prepare for the next hearing, which Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Barnes said might include evidence of a "very large stack of uncharged crimes."

She declined to comment. Kenner said he had not seen any details but is not worried. He expects to challenge the claims in court and "make sure what we're getting is the truth."

Knight, 49, is due back in court on March 20. If convicted, he could be sentenced to life in prison.



Knight

Big debut for 'Breaking Bad' spinoff

The "Breaking Bad" spinoff broke view records: The premiere of "Better Call Saul" walked away with cable ratings records for AMC on Sunday.

An average of 6.9 million total viewers tuned in to "Saul," according to Nielsen. That audience skewed young, with 4.4 million viewers ages 18 to 49, making "Saul" the best-performing series premiere among that demographic in cable history.

A spinoff and prequel to the acclaimed meth drama "Breaking Bad," "Saul" stars Bob Odenkirk as sleazy lawyer Jimmy McGill (later known as Saul Goodman) and was co-created by Vince Gilligan, the mastermind behind "Breaking Bad."

At least some of "Saul's" success was due to scheduling. It aired right after the season 5 premiere of the zombie smash "The Walking Dead," which drew a gigantic audience of 15.6 million total viewers.

Other news

■ A former child star on the 1990s sitcom "Moesha" who was arrested on Feb. 1 in Arizona on suspicion of drunken driving has been sentenced to a year of unsupervised probation. Officials say Marcus Paulk, 28, pleaded guilty Monday to a misdemeanor count of driving under the influence.

■ A man who slashed two members of the popular Japanese female pop group AKB48 last year has been sentenced to six years in prison. Kyodo news service says that Satoru Umetani, 24, was sentenced Tuesday after pleading guilty to attacking the 19-year-old singers with a saw at a fan event in May in northeast Japan. A male staffer who tried to protect them was also injured. All three were hospitalized overnight.

■ Hundreds of people lit candles, shined flashlights and held their glowing cellphones toward the sky as they gathered in suburban Atlanta on Monday night to pray for the late Whitney Houston's daughter, Bobbi Kristina Brown, who is fighting for her life in a hospital after being found face-down in a bathtub late last month.

■ For his next book, Jon Krakauer is looking into a series of campus rapes at the University of Montana. Krakauer's "Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town" will be released April 21, Doubleday announced Monday. Krakauer's other works include "Into the Wild," "Under the Banner of Heaven" and "Where Men Win Glory."

WORLD



DARKO VOJNOVIC/AP

Women display a Pirot carpet showing the Serbian coat of arms in January in the eastern Serbian town of Pirot.

Carpet weavers in east Serbia won't let their old craft die out

By JOVANA GEC
The Associated Press

PIROT, Serbia — A Pirot carpet has magical powers, they say, its colorful patterns and symbols designed to bring luck and protect from evil. Nearly every home in this eastern Serbian town has one — big or small, rolled out on the floor, wrapped around the furniture or hung on the wall.

Yet Pirot's centuries-old craft of carpet weaving is in danger of dying out and a group of women have been fighting to keep it alive.

Pirot carpet-weaving is "in the biggest crisis in its history ... a rare craft on the verge of extinction," the Lady's Heart group says.

Famous for their beauty and part of Serbia's rich heritage,

Pirot carpets are made by local women from locally-bred wool according to special rules laid down for hundreds of years.

"It is a very slow process," said Slavica Ciric, who launched the Lady's Heart business several years ago with the help of the authorities and donors including the U.S. Agency for International Development. It takes a long time to weave a Pirot carpet.

Sitting on low wooden benches, the women work gently, using nothing but their fingers to weave through wool stretched on vertical looms. Because the carpets are hand-made, with complex geometrical designs, one weaver produces less than a square meter per month, Ciric said.

Marina Cvetkovic, from Belgrade's Ethnographic Museum, said Pirot carpets are known for

their rich colors and composition. There are nearly 100 known Pirot motifs and shapes. Original Pirot carpets are extremely dense, thin and have the same design on both sides. The town, near the boundary with Bulgaria, used to lie on an important East-West trading route.

"We know for sure they existed in the 18th and 19th century, but some experts believe they go back to the 16th," Cvetkovic said.

Weavers have dropped from 5,000 women a century ago to only about 10 professionals and several older women today, Ciric said. Still, she said, they love what they do.

"For most people, those are just colorful carpets, but we see more," she said. "We see a story unfolding through symbols and colors."

Croatian dog gets no-barking order

By DARKO BANDIC
The Associated Press

PEROJ, Croatia — Medo is in trouble for doing what all dogs do: barking.

A fed-up neighbor in a northern Croatian village won a temporary court order that says Medo must stop barking at night. If not, owner Anton Simunovic must pay some \$3,160.

The 3-year-old mutt, now confined in a barn between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. instead of being allowed to roam, is the only dog in Croatia slapped with a no-barking injunction.

The charges filed by the neighbor say Medo affected her health by barking all the time. Simu-

novic said that is untrue. "He barks normally, like any dog does," Simunovic said. "He barks when he sees a cat, or if someone unknown comes to his territory."

Medo's troubles have triggered widespread social media interest in the region. More than 30,000 fans have joined a Facebook page supporting Medo since the case hit the headlines earlier this year. Dog owners have sent hundreds of photos of their pets offering solidarity. Even some cats have joined the campaign.

A court in the town of Pula still has to make a final ruling, with the neighbor seeking euro1,400 in damages. She did not comment.



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Medo barks as his owner attempts to keep him quiet Monday in Peroj, Croatia.

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OPINION

Why military pensions are 'bloated'

By MEGAN McARDLE
Bloomberg News

To an outsider, military pensions sound ridiculous: you can put in 20 years starting in your late teens or early 20s and "retire" at the time when most people are hitting their peak earning years. Obviously, that's a very expensive benefit for the government to provide. Should we ratchet up the retirement age? Some economists think we should. People supporting the status quo will probably argue that the military is more physically demanding than most jobs, and therefore you have to expect people to retire earlier. But the pension is available to everyone in the military, not just infantrymen. Moreover, it is disproportionately used by officers, not enlisted men, and by the time they have 20 years in, officers are spending a lot less time hauling heavy things and running around in the mud.

But there's another problem with rejiggering the Army's pension schedule, and that's the way it interacts with the "up or out" system that the military uses for officers' careers. Basically, officers who don't get selected for promotion get fired.

The military is not the only institution that uses this method. It's also popular with consultancies, law firms and investment banks. That system is archaic and barbaric, and whatever it gains you in reduced payroll costs, it loses you in accumulated human capital, and it also earns you a backstabbing or two.

Of course, no one asked me, and I expect that those sorts of firms will continue to use up-or-out pyramids for the foreseeable

If we move the nation's military members off the current defined-benefit system, we are probably going to have to make up for it in some other way.

future. But what do all these firms have in common with each other, and not with the military?

They pay really well. The senior people who survived the tournament get paid even better, of course. But even the entry-level jobs pay better than most of the alternatives.

The upside is true in the military. It pays badly in the beginning and it pays badly at the end, relative to what those folks could have been making if they'd been steadily moving up through the ranks in a normal industry. There are all sorts of ancillary benefits, of course, but also all sorts of ancillary costs, such as the fact that your employer expects you to pick up and move your whole family somewhere else every few years ... which is not just inconvenient but, in this modern day, plays hell with the career prospects of your spouse.

Military pensions are extremely generous compared with those in the private sector, but without them, we might have to pay more, or watch the quality of the mid-career officer corps decline. Note that the biggest industry that uses the up-or-out

13th Amendment's legacy can't be downplayed

By ALLEN C. GUEZLO

As the 150th anniversary of the Civil War winds down toward its conclusion this spring, it's difficult to not look back on the four years of this sesquicentennial and wonder why it all seemed so lackluster. Unlike the centennial in 1961-65, Congress decided not to create a national commission. And President Barack Obama took a pass on the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address.

But the most surprisingly lackluster remembrance was the one that just slipped by us — the 150th anniversary of the passing of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery in the United States.

A century and a half ago, this nation poured out billions of dollars and more than 600,000 lives in the Civil War. We even did what Americans had not tried to do for 60 years — we laid hands on our founding document, the Constitution, and wrote an amendment. The Constitution had been considered so sacrosanct that, once the first 12 amendments were adopted, not even Abraham Lincoln was eager to alter it. "Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution," he said in 1856. "That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties."

But something has to be done about slavery. The breakaway Confederacy made its attempt at secession and independence precisely to protect slavery within its boundaries, and the labor of 3.9 million black slaves contributed hugely to the Confederacy's early success.

Try as he might, Lincoln could find no way to subdue the Confederacy without undermining slavery, too. He hoped, during the first few months of his presidency, that he could offer federal buyouts to purchase

and liberate slaves. But their owners threw the proposals back in his face. He then issued an Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863, freeing by presidential declaration the slaves in the rebel states. But he had to live with the uncertainty that, once the war was over, the federal courts might declare the proclamation unconstitutional.

By 1864, Lincoln had concluded that only one way to pass the Constitution, specifically outlawing slavery, would ever rip slavery up by the roots. But an initial push in Congress for such an amendment stalled in the House of Representatives. As the Confederacy began to collapse under Union pounding, Lincoln was faced with a savagely ironic predicament: The Union might win the war and subdue the Confederacy, but the states that had tried to secede in 1861 would be returned to the Union in 1865 with some slaves freed by the proclamation but the legal status of slavery still intact and ready to start again.

It was only with Lincoln's tremendous re-election mandate in 1864 that fresh momentum to pass an abolition amendment asserted itself. We saw how shrewdly Lincoln and congressional Republicans directed that momentum in Steven Spielberg's widely acclaimed "Lincoln" in 2012. And the movie did not exaggerate the joyful pandemonium that broke out on the floor of the House when the amendment squeaked through on Jan. 31, 1865.

"I wish you could have been here the day that the constitutional amendment was passed forever abolishing slavery in the United States," wrote Charles Douglas to his father, the black abolitionist Frederick Douglass. "Such rejoicing I never before witnessed, cannons firing, people hugging and shaking hands, white people, I mean, flags flying ... I tell you things are progressing finely."

system without paying big salaries — academia — makes up for it by giving the winners a paycheck for life, which is even more extreme than a military pension.

I'm against tenure, and I'm generally also against backloading compensation in the form of defined-benefit pensions. These systems are terrible for workers who don't stay long enough to qualify for a pension, and they're not good for the workforce as a whole, either. It encourages risk-averse time serving at the expense of your organization's mission, not to mention clogging your organizational chart with burned-out characters who ought to go do something else but won't leave until they get that golden ticket.

But I also recognize that de-emphasizing backloaded compensation means that you have to pay more up front, right now. No, don't wave around actuarial charts showing that your new plan has just as high an expected value as the old one; the workers won't buy it, and I'm not buying it, either. You're asking them to take more risk, and just as in financial markets, you're going to have to pay them to do so. I think that's a good idea — that ultimately, doing so creates more value for everyone.

What you can't do isinker with one part of the system and expect all the other parts to stay the same. If we move the nation's military members off the current defined-benefit system, we are probably going to have to make up for it in some other way. Especially once the nation's politically powerful veterans groups get involved.

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To Indiana Congressman George Julian, "It seemed to me I had been born into a new life, and that the world was overflowing with beauty and joy, while I was inexpressibly thankful for the privilege of recording my name on so glorious a page of the nation's history."

In Philadelphia, the Union League resolved that the "House of the Union League shall be decorated with the National Flag, during the day, and in the evening shall be illuminated."

Sadly, no similar rejoicing marked the 150th anniversary of the amendment. And there are reasons. The 13th Amendment gave blacks "nothing but freedom" and did little to promote their integration as equal citizens. Like the Emancipation Proclamation (which also disappeared from the Civil War sesquicentennial's calendar), the amendment is an irritating reminder that slavery really was the root cause of the Civil War.

And perhaps the abolition of slavery, 150 years later, is taken so much for granted that we forget how much slavery had been the norm for human societies, and freedom the hard-won exception. Even today, human trafficking flourishes under the radar of Western nations, and terrorism and failed states in the rest of the world have reintroduced human slavery with dismaying ease.

The 13th Amendment was not merely an incident in the long-past details of the American Civil War. It was a blow against centuries of oppression and exploitation everywhere. If we cannot find enough in that to celebrate, then we have a far bigger problem at hand than mere historical amnesia.

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OPINION

Germany's PEGIDA movement defeated itself

By Rick Noack
The Washington Post

Only a few weeks ago, Germany's PEGIDA movement attracted tens of thousands of supporters every Monday and was on its way to become a political power.

Then, things started to go poorly for the German anti-Muslim protesters.

Authorities canceled one of the marches due to a terrorism threat after the attacks in Paris. Then, it was revealed that PEGIDA's leader, Lutz Bachmann, had posed as Hitler. Bachmann said he would resign, but then he changed his mind. Instead, PEGIDA's more moderate organizers left in protest and founded a new, more moderate movement that has so far failed to attract substantial support.

By Monday, the number of supporters of PEGIDA—or, Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West—in Dresden had dropped from 25,000 on Jan. 12 to 2,000. Monday's march could mark the beginning of the end of a movement that shocked domestic and foreign observers with its loudest Islamophobic message, but also with the more hidden, xenophobic and sometimes openly racist remarks of its supporters.

Why did PEGIDA lose so many supporters so quickly? Here are three possible reasons for the sudden decline.

1. Infiltrating within PEGIDA's leadership. The PEGIDA march Jan. 12, which marked the peak of support for the movement, al-

ready foreshadowed its decline.

Kathrin Oertel — one of the most prominent leaders of the group, who would later resign — said then in an interview that the goals of PEGIDA were not directed against Islam. Instead, she said, one should try to achieve a more successful assimilation of immigrants, but also try to prevent the supposed "Islamization" of democratic institutions.

According to multiple studies, many Germans even agreed with some of Oertel's goals then. Other PEGIDA supporters, however, had much more radical ideas. One of them, for instance, proposed when talking to a TV crew to throw refugees out of planes — and he was not alone with his extreme position, as other interviews showed. On Jan. 12, it became clear that PEGIDA's leadership had to decide what it wanted to become: a melting pot for a minority of right-wing racists or a movement for middle-class citizens concerned about the sudden influx of refugees.

Unable to make such a decision, PEGIDA's 12-strong leadership split amid growing legal challenges and philosophical differences.

2. National opposition was too strong, and the gains of the movement were minimal. In January, pro-tolerance demonstrations started to outnumber their anti-Islam counterparts nationally, and social movement scholars predicted that PEGIDA would quickly start to decline. That PEGIDA was unable to turn the movement's goals into actual political successes did not help.

3. Many PEGIDA supporters



Participants in a PEGIDA rally demonstrate in front of the Frauenkirche cathedral in Dresden, Germany, on Monday.

wanted to voice local criticism, and were shocked when they found themselves on international front pages.

Their message — primarily directed against Chancellor Angela Merkel and local politicians — suddenly became a concern for Dresden's tourism sector and its enterprises. Abroad, tourist attraction Dresden started to be portrayed as a xenophobic no-go zone.

When authorities prohibited Dresden's PEGIDA march Jan.

19 due to a potential terrorist attack, the feeling of power many had enjoyed when they joined the protests turned to fear.

4. Similar, smaller protest marches in other cities failed.

5. The protesters could not agree on a common agenda. Recently, confusion had grown about the actual goals of PEGIDA and other similar groups. Studies by Dresden's Technical University as well as the Berlin-based scientific center WZB had found indications that many protesters

marched out of a deeper frustration with Germany's political elite more generally and not out of fear of Islam or an Islamization of German society, specifically.

6. Furthermore, neo-Nazis dominated several PEGIDA offshoots. More moderate PEGIDA supporters did not want to be associated with the right-wing extremist protesters at some smaller marches that were organized in support of the larger Dresden-based movement.

The decline of the PEGIDA movement does not indicate a sudden change of mind of thousands of anti-Muslim protesters, though. PEGIDA's arguments will remain a challenge to liberal and conservative German politicians alike.

Political scientists say the marches have divided the population of Dresden in particular into PEGIDA sympathizers and opponents.

On Friday, the city will commemorate the 70th anniversary of its bombing by Allied forces, which killed about 25,000 civilians, according to some estimates. Given the trauma of that event, one would think Dresden's citizens should have a good deal of empathy for refugees displaced by newer wars.

For that reason, even as PEGIDA seems to be in decline, one crucial question remains unanswered: If an anti-refugee and anti-Islam movement arises in a city with such a tragic history, could it re-emerge elsewhere?

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Killing of Jordanian pilot might not be a tipping point

By Aaron David Miller

Acts of individual violence and terrorism seem at times to be transformative, representing tipping points or triggers that put into motion transformative events. The 1914 assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, for example, triggered a set of pre-wired alliances that led to World War I, the self-immolation of a Tunisian fruit seller triggered what came to be known as the Arab Spring.

The same logic is now being used to characterize the savage and horrific burning death last month of Jordanian pilot Muath al-Kaseasbeh. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., said this latest Islamic State atrocity must be a "game changer" for President Barack Obama.

The congressman's words are understandable. This act of violence seems to go beyond the horrific baseline the Islamic State has established. But as tempting as it may be to see the killing as a transformative act, it probably won't be. And here's why.

There's no doubt that the Islamic State has miscalculated. Its attacks against two Japanese nationals and the burning of the

Jordanian pilot reflect a frustrated and perhaps even failing policy. It received no ransom money for the hostages and surrendered leverage by reportedly killing the pilot weeks before negotiations even began. What did it get was a public backlash in Jordan and throughout the region that led to the execution of two militants held by Jordan, one of whom was the prisoner the Islamic State originally wanted in a trade.

That said, the question is what will be the lasting impact and damage to the Islamic State?

The Jordanians are effective warriors, but how might they hurt Islamic State and how badly? In recent days, Jordan has conducted intense airstrikes against Islamic State targets. Still, Jordanian public opinion overwhelmingly backed the government after al-Kaseasbeh's killing, is fickle.

After the Islamic State captured al-Kaseasbeh in December, there was building resentment on the streets questioning whether this was Jordan's fight. If the Jordanian military is contemplating commando raids or sustained airstrikes, it risks the capture of additional pilots or soldiers.

Presumably, any actions Jordan takes against the Islamic State would be in concert with

coalition strategy. That would be driven mostly by available targets. A high-profile Jordanian military role against high-value Islamic State leadership targets would be better, but those opportunities are rare.

Could al-Kaseasbeh's killing cause such revulsion that it spurs the Arab states into more effective and concerted action? There was widespread condemnation and anger in the Middle East over it, including in Syria, Iran, Qatar, Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Indeed, getting Sunni Arab states such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to own the fight against the militants has been a U.S. goal. And Washington has had some success. But it's hard to see what else key Arab states would be willing to do or what they could do.

Further, keeping the coalition intact may not be easy over time. The UAE worried about what might happen if its pilots were to be taken hostage and temporarily suspended its airstrikes. It has now agreed to deploy additional aircraft to Jordan. But will Arab states be willing to sustain their role?

No Arab state would be prepared to send large numbers of ground troops into Syria or, for

that matter, Iraq for much the same reason. Efforts to counter radical Islamic ideology would be helpful and perhaps would do more to prevent the flow of gulf money to militants in Syria. But that effort never has had much success.

As for the United States, al-Kaseasbeh's killing and the Islamic State's claim that Jordan's retaliatory airstrikes killed the American aid worker kidnapped last year only adds to the confusion about American efforts to deal with the militants. Other than additional military coordination with Jordan, we can expect continuation of the overall strategy to check Islamic State gains in Iraq and the plan for assisting Iraqi forces in retaking the city of Mosul and other areas lost to the militants. The air campaign will continue against the Islamic State in Syria. Any broader shifts in U.S. policy as a result of the killing, such as deploying large numbers of ground forces, seems unlikely.

There's no doubt that the Islamic State has fallen on harder times. The loss of Kobani in northern Syria, difficulty in making further gains in Iraq and the problems of governance have combined to check its momentum from last year.

But the inconvenient truth is that ungoverned spaces in Syria and Iraq present huge opportunities for the Islamic State and other Islamist groups. No governance or bad governance in these unhappy lands, combined with sectarian divides deepened by post-Iranian policies in Iraq and President Obama's "red lines" in Syria, alienate Sunni Muslims and keep the recruitment pool for the Islamic State very deep.

President Barack Obama understandably talks about degrading and ultimately defeating the Islamic State. But the latter seems highly unlikely. The war will be long and the field of battle broadened to include places such as Yemen, Libya and, as we've seen, France, Belgium and other parts of Europe.

The horrific fate of Jordan's pilot is less a transformative act that will hasten the Islamic State's end and is more a brutal reflection of the sadistic enemy we face.

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INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), under order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Storm and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at stripes.com or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in



Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world now serves stateside forces and veterans. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.

STARS AND STRIPES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

2014 VFW News Media Award – For outstanding contribution to a better understanding of our American way of life and its institutions and interests by honest and forthright reporting.

2013 Best American Newspaper Narrative Writing Contest – Notable Narrative Winner
Recipient: Martin Kuz: "Soldiers Recount Attack"

2013 National Headline Awards – Second Place: News Series (Forever After: A Warrior Wounded; A Family Challenged)

2013 min Best of Web: Redesign – Honorable Mention
Stripes UK website

2011 Military Photographer of the Year – Honorable Mention
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Breaking News Photography (Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those I love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism – Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headline Awards – First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism – George Polk Award for Military Reporting
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Baron

2009 min Editorial & Design Awards – Editorial Print / Special Supplement: HEROES 2009; Custom Publication Design: Stripes GAMER

2007 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano; Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery Photography; Fred Zimmerman

2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Steve Lower Photography; Terry Boyd

2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Series

2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award – First Amendment, Finalist

SKIING/SPORTS BRIEFS



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Slovenia's Tina Maze races down the course during the women's alpine slalom competition Monday in Beaver Creek, Colo. Maze won gold in combined, her third medal of the world championships.

Maze claims third medal

Slovenian gets gold in combined; tearful Vonn doesn't finish

By PAT GRAHAM
The Associated Press

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — Tina Maze pulled off an impressive feat on the soft snow — a cartwheel in ski boots. Her racing wasn't too bad, either.

Maze captured gold in the Alpine combined Monday, earning her third medal of the Beaver Creek world championships on a warm afternoon when Lindsey Vonn failed to finish the slalom.

Leading after the downhill portion, the Slovenian standout used a clean slalom run to finish in a combined time of 2 minutes, 33.37 seconds. Nicole Hosp of Austria was second, 0.22 seconds behind, and fellow Austrian Michaela Kirchgasser earned third.

"If I didn't win today I wouldn't have felt good," Maze said. "It was a lot of pressure today. It's not easy to race like that. I was really nervous before the slalom."

"This was a hard win." And a difficult day for Vonn, who struggled in the downhill portion, with the icy surface bothering her surgically repaired right knee. Later, in the slalom, she straddled a gate just before the first interval, ending her day.

Vonn was in tears after the race — overwhelmed by the pressure of racing in front of a hometown crowd. She will race in one last event, the giant slalom, on Thursday.

"I'm just really disappointed," said Vonn, whose lone medal at worlds so far is a bronze in the super-G. "I really tried that hard as I could. I came up short. That's disappointing for myself, my family and my fans. I didn't figure out this hill at all."

Maze certainly is dialed in at Beaver Creek. She adds this



ALESSANDRO TROVATI/AP

The U.S.'s Lindsey Vonn runs off the course during the slalom portion of the Alpine combined competition in Beaver Creek, Colo.

gold to the silver she won in the super-G and gold in the downhill last week. She's trying to match Norwegian great Lasse Kjus, who earned medals in all five disciplines at the 1999 worlds in Beaver Creek.

Fatigue is starting to play a factor. Maze said she's exhausted from all the races and training sessions. She has a few rest days before the giant slalom and slalom on Saturday.

The 31-year-old Maze may be tired, but she still had plenty of energy to celebrate. After seeing her winning time on the scoreboard, she held her left ski pole in the air. Then, she lifted her right one and urged the crowd to stand up in the bleachers. She then clicked out of her skis and did a cartwheel — her signature move after wins.

"Winning is always amazing," said Maze, who sang along with her national anthem as she wiped away tears.

By her standards, Maze had what she called a solid downhill,

but certainly not one of her best. That made her a little anxious for the slalom, especially running last and the sun baking the snow.

With the snow deteriorating, Maze took a conservative approach through the grooved-fence course. Then, near the bottom, she found another gear.

"You had to go for it and I did my best," she said.

Hosp and Kirchgasser led a strong showing by the Austrians. The country had four skiers in the top 10, including Anna Fenninger, who finished fourth. Fenninger won the super-G at worlds last week and was second in the downhill. She was third after the morning downhill, but couldn't hold her place.

For Hosp, it's another silver at a big event. She finished second in the event at the 2014 Sochi Games, behind Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany. Hoefl-Riesch was the defending champion at worlds, but didn't defend her title this season after stepping away from skiing.

Briefly

St. Andrews club announces first female members

The Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — The Royal and Ancient Golf Club announced its first seven female members, including Swedish great Annika Sorenstam and Britain's Princess Anne.

The club voted in September to end 260 years of male-only exclusivity by voting in favor of inviting women to join.

R&A captain George Macgregor described the admittance of seven female honorary members as "an historic day for the club."

Sorenstam, a 10-time major champion from Sweden, wrote on Twitter: "I am very honored to be one of the lucky ladies."

Princess Anne, who competed in equestrian for Britain at the 1976 Olympics and is an IOC member, is the only female honorary member who hasn't played golf competitively.

Anne is the fourth member of the royal family to become an honorary member of the R&A, joining her father Prince Phillip, brother Prince Andrew and the Duke of Kent.

Two other British honorary members are Laura Davies, who has won four majors, and Belle Robertson, an amateur great.

Two U.S. women were admitted: Renee Powell, only the second black player to compete on the LPGA Tour, and Louise Suggs, a co-founder and former LPGA president who won 11 majors.

Completing the list is Frenchwoman Lally Segard, who won 14 titles before becoming president of the World Amateur Golf Council, which is now known as the International Golf Federation.

Joyce, Angels agree to \$4.75M, 1-year deal

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Los Angeles Angels and outfielder Matt Joyce have agreed to a \$4.75 million, one-year contract, avoiding arbitration.

Los Angeles acquired Joyce in a trade with Tampa Bay in December. He is expected to serve as the Angels' primary designated hitter and is a candidate for the No. 2 spot in the batting order, which would allow A.L.MVP Mike Trout to hit third in front of Albert Pujols.

US drawn against Italy in Fed Cup playoffs

LONDON — The U.S. will have to beat Italy in Italy for the first time in 16 years to return to the top tier of the Fed Cup.

Italy and the Americans were drawn on Tuesday in the World Group playoffs from April 13-19.

In other pairings, the Nether-

lands will host Australia, Poland will play at home against Switzerland, and Canada will welcome Romania.

Led by Serena and Venus Williams, the U.S. beat Argentina 4-1 in Buenos Aires last weekend to advance to the playoff round.

Former Canadiens coach Ruel dies at 76

MONTREAL — Claude Ruel, who coached the Montreal Canadiens to the Stanley Cup title in 1969, has died. He was 76.

Ruel, a gifted hockey and baseball player in the 1950s before losing sight in his left eye, died Monday at his home in Longueuil, Quebec. He had spent his entire hockey career in the Canadiens organization, mostly in scouting and player development.

Although he liked to work in the background, Ruel twice served as head coach of the Canadiens from 1968-70 and from 1979-81.

U.S.'s Young defeats 8th-seed in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Donald Young of the United States defeated eighth-seeded Frenchman Adrian Panarino in straight sets 6-3, 7-6 (5) Monday afternoon in the opening round of the Memphis Open.

Young ousted Panarino, the only seeded player in action Monday, in an hour and a half.

The Memphis Open is the former U.S. Indoor that was renamed when the USTA took over the tournament last year.

The tournament's top four seeds, including two-time defending champion and top seeded Kei Nishikori of Japan and American John Isner, the tournament's No. 3 seed, received opening-round byes and are not scheduled to play until later in the week.

Burton hired for Sprint ride with BK Racing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jeb Burton has landed a seat in the Sprint Cup Series just days before teams report to Daytona International Speedway.

BK Racing snagged Burton for the No. 26. The 22-year-old son of former Daytona 500 winner Ward Burton had no job after sponsorship for his Truck Series team fell through two weeks ago.

Burton has run two full seasons in the Truck Series, and finished a career-best fifth in 2013. He has never raced at NASCAR's top level.

J.J. Yeley will drive the No. 23 for BK Racing this year. Johnny Sauter will drive the No. 83 car in the Daytona 500.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kentucky having to work harder to stay unbeaten

By GARY B. GRAVES
The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Top-ranked Kentucky keeps racking up victories and is now just two away from matching the best start in program history.

The unbeaten Wildcats hope their pursuit for perfection restores some of their swagger as well.

Make no mistake, Kentucky relishes remaining unbeaten along with being mentioned alongside the 1965-66 "Rupp's Runts" squad that also started 23-0.

But the extra effort needed last week to beat Georgia and Florida — both heavy underdogs — by 11 and seven points respectively also suggests the long season that basically began last summer in the Bahamas is wearing on the Wildcats (10-0 Southeastern Conference).

"It's typical this time of year," Kentucky coach John Calipari said of his team's stamina during Monday's SEC coaches' teleconference.

"Our season was stretched out a little bit. [It] started down in the Bahamas and so it's a long year. [And] we're trying to do this without Trey [Lyles, sidelined by illness]. We're basically holding down the fort without Trey."

To that end, the coach has tried to address that issue by giving players extra days off such as Sunday in hopes of recharging them. The Wildcats know they'll need more of an edge in Tuesday night's next road test at LSU (17-6-4).

"I think every team really wants to beat us just because we have the No. 1 ranking at the moment and just that bulls-eye on our backs," point guard Andrew Harrison said. "I've been trying to tell the team, just take it personal. They're trying to rush the floor on us and everything. Don't let them do that."

After rallying for a halftime tie at Florida on Saturday, the Wildcats showed resolve in the second half to eventually pull out a 68-61 victory. The highlight was 7-footer Willie Cauley-Stein's full-extension dunk in transition that seemed to motivate Kentucky.

Calipari wants to see that intensity more often, and especially at a sold-out Pete Maravich Assembly Center that figures to be even louder than Gainesville's O'Connell Center was on Saturday.

"We had a great warm-up game, you could say, at Florida," freshman forward Karl-Anthony Towns said. "The crowd was amazing there and we just have to come [Tuesday], be mentally focused. We have to do what we have to do."

LSU beat Kentucky last February in Baton Rouge for its lone win in the past eight meetings.

The Tigers hope their venue provides a follow-up to Saturday night's 71-60 win over Alabama that featured a reshuffled lineup including sophomore Tim Quarterman and freshman Jalyn Patterson in the backcourt.

That duo combined for 21 points and 15 rebounds, contributions that seemed to boost leading scorer Jordan Mickey (17.0 points per game) and fellow forward Jarrell Martin. Those Tigers regulars had 24 and 16 points respectively against the Crimson Tide.

"We just tried to shake things up to spread the ball around," LSU coach Johnny Jones said.

Kentucky's task is getting scoring from more players than it did against Florida. Five players comprised the Wildcats' scoring with Aaron Harrison (23 points) and Towns (19) leading the way.

Florida also penetrated the lane often against Kentucky, which concerned Calipari more than the scoring. Lyles' absence had a lot to do with that, and the Wildcats are hopeful he can return soon to improve things there.

Despite all that, Kentucky still took control of the game at a venue where it had recently struggled, and now seeks more consistency.

"We have been so competitive that we really go at it and we really keep ourselves focused," Towns said. "We just do a great job of just making sure every day when we come into the gym we're trying to improve on some aspect of our game or as a team. The biggest thing is we're doing that every day and that's what people are seeing the results of."



Florida guard Eli Carter tries to get to the basket against Kentucky guard Devin Booker, left, and forward Karl-Anthony Towns on Saturday. The Gators' ability to penetrate worried Wildcats coach John Calipari.



MARK WALLHEISER/AP

Duke guard Quinn Cook beats Florida State's Devon Bookert to the basket in the first half on Monday in Tallahassee, Fla. Cook scored a season-high 25 points to help the Blue Devils hold off the Seminoles.

Top 25 roundup

Cook helps Duke escape

Blue Devils finish a tough stretch by holding off Florida State

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Mike Krzyzewski has seen how this grueling stretch has affected his Duke team: three wins in six days.

And he has also seen the Blue Devils go from struggling in Atlantic Coast Conference play after back-to-back losses to North Carolina State and Miami in mid-January to winning eight of their last nine.

"My team has been through the ringer," Krzyzewski said after No. 4 Duke held off Florida State 73-70 on Monday night. "They've come out pretty well. Winning all but one of those. We have to get a little bit refreshed right now."

Duke deserves the break. Especially after a close call against Florida State.

Quinn Cook scored a season-high 26 points and Jahli Okafor was 5-for-5 from the floor in the second half and finished with 13 points against Florida State. Tyus Jones added 16 points, 12 assists and six rebounds for Duke (21-3, 8-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), which won its fourth straight.

But this one came with some last-minute drama. Florida State pulled within one at 70-69 as Xavier Rathan-Mayes drove the lane for a layup after dribbling under the basket with 11 seconds to go. But the Seminoles couldn't close the gap any further in the final seconds.

Devon Bookert scored a career-high 23 points for FSU (13-12, 5-7 ACC). Bookert shot 6-for-8, but was fouled twice in the closing seconds before he was able to get a shot off.

Bookert made just one of four free throws in the final seconds, including a last attempt that he intentionally missed but Cook rebounded.

"Like most great teams, they found a way to counter every surge that we made," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said.

While the Seminoles kept Okafor in check in the first half, holding him to just two points on a pair of free throws in eight minutes, he broke out in the

second half.

He had eight points in less than three minutes early in the second half, the last one an emphatic dunk to put Duke ahead 40-29 with 17:14 left in the game.

Okafor has scored in double figures in 24 straight games, breaking Johnny Dawkins' record for the longest scoring streak by a Blue Devils freshman.

No. 17 Oklahoma 94, No. 14 Iowa State 83: At Norman, Okla., TaShawn Thomas had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Oklahoma defeated Iowa State to claim sole possession of second place in the Big 12 and send a message to the rest of the league.

"The statement is letting everybody know that we're trying to come back and show that we're for real," said Buddy Hield, the conference's leading scorer. "The Big 12 is tough. Winning a game like this shows that Oklahoma is no joke."

Isaiah Cousins scored 19 points, Hield scored 17 and Ryan Spangler added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Sooners (17-7, 8-4 Big 12), who won their fifth straight. Oklahoma shot 51 percent from the field, had just seven turnovers and scored a season-high point total.

Dustin Hogue scored a season-high 19 points, Jameel McKay scored 16 and Naz Long and Bryce Dejean-Jones added 14 for the Cyclones (17-6, 7-4), who had won three of four.

No. 21 Oklahoma State 74, No. 16 Baylor 65: At Waco, Texas, Le'Bryan Nash scored 22 points and Phil Forte had 16 of his 18 after halftime as Oklahoma State rallied past Baylor, the Cowboys' third consecutive win over a Top 25 team.

It's the first time Oklahoma State (17-7, 7-5 Big 12) has won three straight games against ranked teams during a regular season.

Taurean Prince had 20 points for Baylor (18-6, 6-5), which had won three conference games in a row by at least 18 points since a 64-53 loss at Oklahoma State only two weeks ago. Rico Gatherers had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Bears, his fourth consecutive game with at least 15 rebounds.

NFL

NFL's troubles continuing in new year

League makes some progress, but player conduct issues have not slowed down

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

Commissioner Roger Goodell declared at the Super Bowl that the NFL made "enormous progress" on social issues after last year's incessant barrage of disturbing developments, led by the Ray Rice domestic violence and Adrian Peterson child abuse crises.

That bombardment hasn't much abated in 2015, with at least eight players arrested, a star suspended, an agent indicted and a Hall of Famer fired.

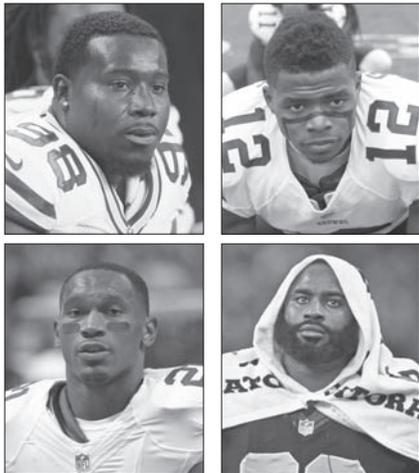
Also enmeshed in the headlines are Johnny Manziel checking himself into a treatment program and the murder trial of Aaron Hernandez getting under way.

All of this against the backdrop of the league's investigation into whether the Super Bowl champion Patriots surreptitiously provided under-inflated footballs for their AFC championship win.

"It's a discouraging start to the new year," said Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida. "But my hope is it's an anomaly for 2015."

The players' union maintains it's not a one-way street, noting that several instances of owner misconduct went unpunished last year, raising questions about the congruity of Goodell's discipline.

The union cited the cases of the Vikings' Ziggy Wilf, the Cowboys'



Packers nose tackle Letroy Guion, top left, the Browns' Josh Gordon, top right, Cowboys running back Joseph Randle, bottom left, and Saints linebacker Junior Galette are among the more than half-dozen players arrested or charged since Jan. 1.

Jerry Jones and the Browns' Jimmy Haslam. "Anytime there are off-field incidents by players, we are disappointed, but we need to put things in some perspective," NFLPA president Eric Winston said. "These incidents are exceptions and not reflective of our membership. This union is focused on supporting players, educating players, fighting for due process and fairness. We are not opposed

to discipline as we believe everyone should be held accountable for their actions, but there is so much attention on discipline that the other areas tend to get ignored in the public. We will not ignore them."

Former NFL coach Tony Dungy suggested the players' alleged misdeeds are reflective of society at large, commonplace when young players go from strict schedules to offseason freedom.

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Tony Dungy
Former NFL coach

"The one thing that we have to be careful about is to think it's all of a sudden gotten worse or these guys are different," Dungy said. "I think we can get lost in 'Oh yeah, we had 10 or 12 incidents' and forget that the other 1,790 guys are doing quite well."

Troy Vincent, NFL executive vice president for football operations, said: "Our young men are presented with the greatest platform in the world and how they carry that responsibility determines public perception. Our efforts are focused every day on raising the standard of excellence. We take the approach of shared responsibility and personal accountability in that we have resources and mentors in place to assist these young men where they are challenged. It is their responsibility to utilize them."

A steady stream of arrests and charges since Jan. 1 include:

- Colts linebackers Josh McNary (rape), D'Qwell Jackson (assault) and Andrew Jackson (drunken driving);
- Packers defensive tackle Letroy Guion (drugs);
- Saints pass rusher Junior Galette (assault);
- Jets running back Chris Johnson (weapons);
- Bears cornerback Tim Jennings (drunken driving).

In Kansas, police are investigating domestic abuse claim against Cowboys running back Joseph Randle made by an ex-

girlfriend a day after his arrest at a Kansas hotel on a drug charge that's been dropped. The probe continues.

Browns receiver Josh Gordon was suspended for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell received 15 months' probation in a first-offender's program following his August arrest on marijuana charges. Cardinals running back Jonathan Dwyer pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor and was placed on probation in a case stemming from alleged assaults on his wife last year.

And Warren Sapp was fired as an NFL Network analyst after his arrest on suspicion of soliciting a prostitute and allegedly assaulting two women.

Panthers defensive end Greg Hardy faces possible NFL discipline even though prosecutors Monday dismissed domestic violence charges against him after the accuser couldn't be found.

Finally, there's the specter of Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston going No. 1 in the draft despite a history of questionable off-field behavior.

Dungy said he didn't think most teams would place a higher priority this year on character given all that's transpired, insisting, "Guys with talent are always going to have a place to play."

AP Photo Football Writers Barry Wilner and Rob Maaddadi contributed.

Briefly

Ed Sabol, founder of NFL Films, dies at age 98

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL said that NFL Films founder Ed Sabol has died. He was 98.

The league said he died Monday at his home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Sabol was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2011. During his tenure at NFL Films from 1964-1995, the organization won 52 Emmy Awards.

Working with his son, Steve, Sabol introduced a series of innovations taken for granted today, from super slow-motion replays to blooper reels to sticking microphones on coaches and players. And they hired the "Voice of God," John Facenda, to read lyrical descriptions in solemn tones.

A star swimmer at Ohio State who had a brief stage career, Sabol was in the overhead business with his father-in-law in Philadel-

phia before he formed Blair Productions, a film company named after his daughter.

NFL panel to assess L.A. stadium plans

LOS ANGELES — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has established an internal committee to review stadium options in Los Angeles and coordinate any possible move to Southern California.

The move was outlined in a league memo obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

It comes about a month after a development group that includes a company controlled by St. Louis Rams owner Stan Kroenke announced plans to build an 80,000-seat stadium in the Los Angeles suburbs.

The proposal that envisions a stadium rising on the site of a

former horse track in Inglewood once again raises the possibility that Los Angeles could get another NFL team after a two-decade drought.

Ex-Raven Lewis auctions gift Super Bowl ring

BALTIMORE — Former Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis has auctioned a Super Bowl ring he received as a gift from team owner Steve Bisciotti.

The item received a winning bid of \$50,820 on Goldin Auctions. The Ravens say Lewis sold the ring because he's having money problems, and they're OK with his decision.

The ring celebrates Baltimore's Super Bowl victory over San Francisco following the 2012 season.

Lewis played with Baltimore

from 2000 to 2006. But Bisciotti gave Lewis the ring because the running back is a member of the team's Ring of Honor.

Raiders hire Woodson as assistant coach

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders have hired Hall of Famer Rod Woodson as assistant defensive backs coach.

The Raiders announced the addition of 11 assistants Monday to fill out Jack Del Rio's staff.

The other new hires are Sam Anno (defensive assistant), Tim Holt (assistant offensive line), Jake Peet (senior offensive assistant), Nick Holz (quality control, offense), Travis Smith (quality control, defense) and Brent Vieselmeyer (assistant linebackers).

Joe Gomez also was hired for strength and conditioning, with

Darryl Eto, Kevin Kijowski and Wesley Miller as his assistants.

Woodson is in his second stint as a Raiders coach. He was on Hue Jackson's staff in 2011.

Shula hired by Chargers as defensive coach

SAN DIEGO — Chris Shula, the grandson of former Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula, has been hired by the San Diego Chargers as a defensive quality control coach.

A former linebacker at Miami of Ohio, Shula was assistant linebackers coach at Ball State in 2010 and then spent three seasons as an assistant at Indiana, working primarily with the defensive backs.

He is the son of former NFL coach David Shula.

NBA



RIK BOWMER/AP

Kings center DeMarcus Cousins is an All-Star for the first time and is among those players eager to participate in the showcase since his team is 18-32 and well out of the playoff hunt.

Around the NBA

Expanding All-Star break gets a tryout this season

Doubling days off between games presents new challenges

By ANTONIO GONZALEZ
The Associated Press

The All-Star break is almost here.

The NBA's elite will flock to New York later this week for the annual sports spectacle, culminating with the marquee game at Madison Square Garden on Sunday night. It's a time for the league to showcase itself and its stars, and it's a chance for players and coaches to pause from the regular season's 82-game grind.

And unlike in past years, everybody might actually be able to unwind.

The NBA doubled the days off between games this season after players encouraged Commissioner Adam Silver to rework the schedule. Teams will have a minimum break of eight days between games, allowing even those who participate in All-Star weekend to get a few days of real rest.

While nobody will complain about it, the extended break presents new challenges. Players will need to stay in rhythm, and coaches will need to keep them focused.

"I always thought the games were a little ragged after a four-day break. After an eight-day break, I'm not sure what to expect," said Warriors coach Steve Kerr, who is leading the Western Conference All-Star team.

Kerr, like most coaches, is telling his players to take a couple of days off to rest their bodies and then do some light conditioning and basketball activities to keep their bodies in tune. He's asking Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson not to overexert themselves with travel and the dizzying haze that is All-Star weekend.

Of course, most players are happy to participate in the league's showcase, especially younger ones and those on losing teams. After all, it's the only opportunity all season to get away from the tedious time with their teams.

"Once that is over, it's back to reality," said Sacramento Kings center DeMarcus Cousins, a first time All-Star. "It's just going to be a break from reality."

Games will resume on Thursday, Feb. 19, though most teams don't begin playing again until Feb. 20 and 21. The format is a one-year test and the league will discuss future scheduling in the offseason.

"It's different," Dallas Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "The good thing is with the longer break there are two practice days coming off of it, so I think it'll be fine. I give Adam a lot of credit. He listened to the players about this and really immediately gave them what they asked for."

Here are some other things to keep an eye on in the NBA this week:

Heating up in Cleveland: Miami makes its first trip to Cleveland since LeBron James returned to the Cavaliers over the summer. The Heat beat the Cavs 101-91 on Christmas in Miami, but Cleveland is rolling now. The Cavs had won 12 straight until losing Friday at Indiana, and improved to 32-21.

Memphis on the move: The Grizzlies have won 13 of their last 15 games to climb to the No. 2 spot in the West — three games behind Golden State. The Grizzlies, who beat West-leading Golden State on Sunday, host Brooklyn on Tuesday and visit Oklahoma City on Wednesday before the break.

Coaching changes: Jacques Vaughn became the second coach fired this season when Orlando dismissed him on Thursday with a 15-37 record. Sacramento was 11-13 when it fired Michael Malone on Dec. 14.

Late break: The Cavs and Bulls will be the last teams to start the All-Star break. The Central Division rivals will have the stage to themselves Thursday night when they play in Chicago. The Cavs won the first two meetings.

Stat of the week: The Warriors became the seventh team in NBA history to have two or more players score 50 points in a game in the same season. Stephen Curry had 51 points in Golden State's 128-114 win over Dallas on Wednesday night after Klay Thompson tallied 52 against Sacramento on Jan. 23. The "Splash Brothers" are the first teammates with 50-point performances in the same season since Jamal Mashburn and Jim Jackson in 1994-95 with the Mavericks.

Roundup

Clippers' Jordan dominates Mavs

The Associated Press

DALLAS — DeAndre Jordan is settling in for a month without All-Star partner Blake Griffin, so the Clippers center will take any night when his job can be a little easier.

Like, for example, a game without Mavericks center Tyson Chandler guarding him in the post.

Jordan had 22 points and a career-high 27 rebounds, and Los Angeles won 115-98 Monday night after the Mavericks' lost Chandler and Monta Ellis to injuries in the first 4 minutes.

With Dallas' interior defense and rebounding gutted by the loss of Chandler, Jordan led the way as the Clippers stopped a season-high four-game losing streak. Chris Paul finished with 25 points and 13 assists.

"You never want to see somebody get hurt," Jordan said. "At this point, we just need as many wins as we can get. We've just got to be able to take advantage of everything. Keep working on us. Don't worry about other people."

Chandler injured his left ankle just 39 seconds in when he was fouled on a layup attempt by Spencer Hawes and went to the locker room about a minute later. Ellis joined him there with 8:03 left in the first quarter after hurting his left hip.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle didn't have an update on either player after the game.

The Dallas injuries came on a night that started with news that Griffin would be out three to four weeks after surgery earlier in the day for a staph infection in his right elbow.

Charlie Villanueva tried to keep Dallas in the game by scoring 13 points in the last 5 minutes of the first quarter and finished with a season-high 26.

But the Mavericks, already

missing point guard Rajon Rondo with an orbital bone fracture, just couldn't keep up without their leading scorer in Ellis and primary rim protector in Chandler.

The best illustration of the struggle came early in the fourth quarter, when guard Devin Harris tried to keep Jordan from scoring by grabbing him and throwing him to the ground as the shot went in. Jordan, who also had three blocks, missed the free throw, but the Clippers still had their biggest lead to that point at 98-80.

"He looked like Wilt Chamberlain out there playing in 1963 — really, he did," Carlisle said. "He played great and we didn't have any good answers."

Warriors 89, 7ers 84: Stephen Curry scored 20 points, Leandro Barbosa had 16 off the bench and Golden State snapped Philadelphia's four-game home winning streak.

Klay Thompson and former Sixer Andre Iguodala added 13 points apiece for the Warriors (41-9), who have won four of five and two straight after opening their four-game road trip with a loss to the Hawks on Friday.

Hawks 17, Timberwolves 105: Al Horford scored a season-high 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds and DeMarre Carroll added a career-best 26 points to lift Atlanta over host Minnesota.

Paul Millsap had 19 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Hawks (43-10), who bounced back from a loss to Memphis the previous night. The NBA-leading Hawks still have not lost back-to-back games since Nov. 11.

Wizards 96, Magic 80: John Wall fell one point shy of his first triple-double of the season, Marcin Gortat had 14 points and 14 rebounds, and host Washington beat Orlando to sweep the season series.

Wall hit a three-pointer early in the third quarter to open an 11-0 run that put Washington in control. He wound up with nine points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds after missing a floater with about 50 seconds left.

Heat 109, Knicks 95: Chris Bosh scored 32 points, Mario Chalmers added 18 and host Miami pulled away from New York.

Carmelo Anthony scored 26 points for the Knicks, who became the first NBA team this season to be guaranteed of finishing with a losing record. Anthony left in the fourth quarter after he got his knee re-taped, but never returned.

Bucks 103, Nets 97: Kris Middleton scored 12 of his 18 points in the third quarter, and host Milwaukee rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat Brooklyn.

Jazz 100, Pelicans 96: At New Orleans, Gordon Hayward scored 25 of his 32 points in the second half and overcame a 14-point, third-quarter deficit.



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Clippers center DeAndre Jordan grabs a rebound on Monday against the Mavericks. Jordan had 22 points and a career-high 27 rebounds in the victory.

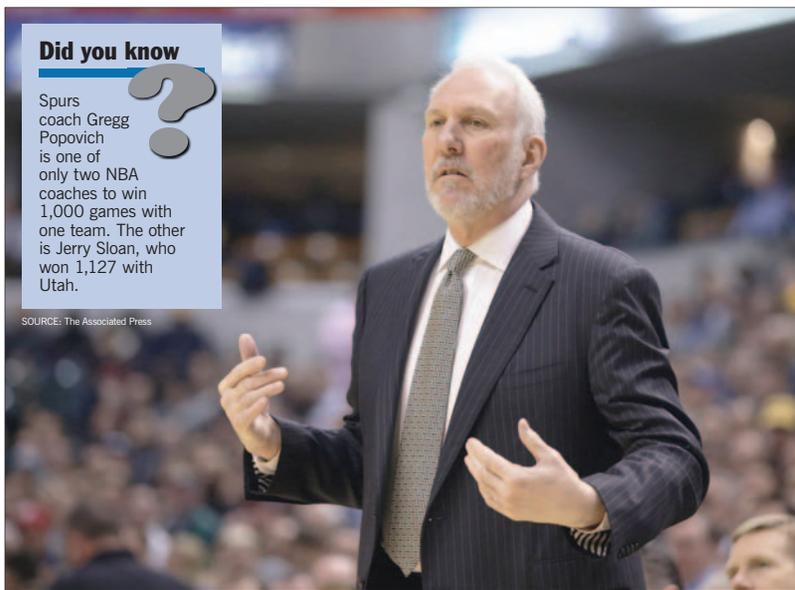
NBA

Did you know

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich is one of only two NBA coaches to win 1,000 games with one team. The other is Jerry Sloan, who won 1,127 with Utah.



SOURCE: The Associated Press



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

San Antonio head coach Gregg Popovich watches during the first half of Monday's game against Indiana in Indianapolis.

Elite club's new member

Spurs' Popovich ninth coach to win 1,000 games

By MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Gregg Popovich spent 19 seasons teaching his players how to use teamwork and ball movement to break down defenses.

The philosophy still works. On a night San Antonio started the fourth quarter in a 14-point hole at Indiana, Popovich's principles paid off again as Marco Belinelli freed himself with a pump fake and hit an 18-foot baseline jumper to give San Antonio a 95-93 victory that made Popovich the ninth member of the NBA's 1,000-win club.

"It was looking bleak for a while, but the second group came out there and gave us a lot of energy and the starters came back in and executed pretty well," the Spurs' long-time coach said.

Popovich has won plenty of games this way over the years, and Monday night was not much different.

Instead of relying on his big three — Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker — Popovich was content to let the supporting cast do some heavy lifting. They didn't let him down.

When Kawhi Leonard drove toward the lane, he saw Belinelli in the left corner. The Italian guard barely beat the shot clock, and then the Spurs' defense challenged George Hill's three-pointer from the top of the key, which came up short.

Popovich celebrated in his typical low-key manner: He walked to midcourt, put an arm around Pacers coach Frank Vogel,



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

San Antonio's Marco Belinelli puts up the game-winning shot in the Spurs' 95-93 victory over Indiana.

hugged one of his former players and stoically strolled into the Spurs' locker room.

Only two coaches, Phil Jackson and Pat Riley, reached 1,000 wins faster than Pop. Only one other coach, Jerry Sloan, achieved the feat with one team. Sloan won 1,127 games with Utah. Popovich is 1,000-462 in 19 NBA seasons, all with San Antonio.

And it came on the most fitting stage of all for an Indiana native. Popovich was born in the northwestern part of the Hoo-

sier State and grew up playing high school basketball in Merrillville, Ind.

But it was Popovich's players who wanted the win most, especially after blowing their first chance Sunday night in Toronto.

"We had a great opportunity. We were up three with one minute to go and we were playing," Parker said after scoring 19 points. "And the same thing, we couldn't make a shot, but it happens. We made it up today."

The difference was evident as San Antonio methodically erased a nine-point deficit over the final 5½ minutes by following Popovich's game plan.

After deactivating the uninjured Ginobili, he carefully tracked the minutes of Parker and Duncan. Each played 30 minutes, 23 seconds and didn't enter the fourth quarter until just before the closing ring began.

Duncan wound up with 15 points and eight rebounds. The Pacers still couldn't win it.

"We just weren't solid enough down the stretch and gave them too many extra possessions," Pacers forward David West said. "We're disappointed we let this game get away."

West finished with 10 points and a season-high 18 rebounds. Rodney Stuckey had 19 points as the Pacers' three-game winning streak ended.

Indiana was ahead 79-65 after three quarters and still led 91-82 with 5:35 to go, but managed just one more basket, a 20-foot pull-up jumper from Stuckey with 2:33 left.

Siblings: 'A lot of pride' for Gasol brothers

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Jose Calderon, a longtime teammate of the Gasols on the Spanish national team.

"We've been working together and playing together for so many years, so it's like a brother, like family. I think it's really great for Spanish basketball, for Spain, even for the NBA. You've got two brothers starting for two different conferences. I don't know if that is going to happen again in basketball."

Pau, 34, is in his first season with the Chicago Bulls and was elected to start for the Eastern Conference. Marc, who has followed Pau as Memphis' man in the middle, was voted by fans to start for the West.

It's the first time two brothers will start the All-Star Game. They are the first siblings to play in the same game since Tom and Dick Van Arsdale in 1970 and '71.

"It's a beautiful thing. We are a lucky family," Pau said during a conference call with his brother.

It's the fifth All-Star appearance for Pau, who was a star from nearly the minute he came to the NBA. He was the 2002 Rookie of the Year and the MVP of the 2006 world basketball championship, and he won two titles with the Lakers after they acquired him from Memphis during the 2007-08 season.

Success for the 30-year-old Marc, whose draft rights were traded from the Lakers to the Grizzlies in the deal, was slower and a little more unexpected — except for Pau.

"I'm just happy to see him do so well and also with his team, with the Grizzlies, a franchise that has also been a big part of my career," Pau said. "Just overall, a lot of pride, a lot of joy to see your brother do so well, and I know he's going to continue to do well."

Time together is rare during the season — especially now that they are in different conferences. So they will enjoy these days in New York, along with parents, wives, kids and other supporters.

And Marc should have plenty of them inside Madison Square Garden. A free agent this summer who could draw interest from the Knicks, he laughed off the idea that he might receive some of the loudest cheers Sunday.

"I think there's going to be many more popular guys than me in that arena, but I don't know how it's going to go," he said. "It's going to be one very unique night and I can't wait to enjoy it."



JIM MONE/AP

Marc Gasol, right, has developed into a force in the middle for Memphis since his rights were traded to the Grizzlies by the Lakers for his brother Pau.

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NBA

Did you know

Pau and Marc Gasol will make history when they become the first brothers to start the All-Star Game. Tom and Dick Van Arsdale played in the All-Star Game in 1970 and '71, but didn't start.



Brothers in arms

Gasols first siblings to start All-Star Game

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Marc Gasol can hardly wait for one of the NBA All-Star Game's most mundane moments. "I'm just really excited for the jump ball," he said.

That's because it will be against his big brother.

Teammates with their national team, once traded for each other and sharing a lifetime love of basketball that developed in their grandmother's backyard

in Spain, Marc and Pau Gasol will make history as the first brothers to start in the All-Star Game.

"That jump ball is going to symbolize a lot of things, different ways to do things with the same kind of goal and what we stand for as players and as men, so that jump ball is going to be unique," Marc said Monday. "It's hard to put into words what that jump ball is going to mean."

Not for those who know the brothers best.

"When you're close to somebody like I am with those two guys, you feel really special," said Knicks guard
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Chicago's Pau Gasol, left, and his brother, Memphis' Marc Gasol vie for a jump ball at the start of a game Dec. 19 in Memphis, Tenn.

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