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An officer assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook is greeted at the gangplank as the ship arrives in Rota, Spain, on Tuesday. The Donald Cook is the first of four Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers to be stationed in Rota.

ARIF PATANI/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

## Docked in Rota

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## Afghanistan policewoman is 'executed' in Pakistan

By HEATH DRUZIN  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — A female police officer from the volatile Afghan province of Helmand has been abducted and killed in Pakistan, her son said. She is the fourth policewoman from the province to die in the past year.

Rabia, 45, a six-year veteran of the Helmand police, was on leave when gunman dragged her out of her daughter's home in Quetta, Pakistan, on Saturday night, according to Rabia's son, Sher Mohammad. Rabia's bullet-riddled body was left on the side of the road.

Mohammad said in a telephone interview that he and his mother were taken from his sister's home by armed men, blindfolded and bound before being driven away.

"They told me they were going to kill my mother," he said. "After a son of slain Afghan policewoman Rabia

while I heard the shooting and the car driving away. Once everything was quiet, I started pulling off my blindfold with my knees and I saw my mother dead."

Helmand police spokesman Abdulhadi Chopan confirmed the report, and said Rabia, who like many Afghans goes by one name, had been working at the province's main prison in the city of Lashkar Gah. He blamed the Taliban for the killing.

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By STEPHEN BRAUN  
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WASHINGTON — A newly released email shows that 11 days after the killing of terrorist leader Osama bin Laden in 2011, the U.S. military's top special operations officer ordered subordinates to destroy any photographs of the al-Qaida founder's corpse or

turn them over to the CIA.

The email was obtained under a freedom of information request by the conservative legal group Judicial Watch. The document, released Monday by the group, shows that Adm. William McRaven, who heads the U.S. Special Operations Command, told military officers on May 13, 2011, that photos of bin Laden's remains

should have been sent to the CIA or already destroyed. Bin Laden was killed by a special operations team in Pakistan on May 2, 2011.

McRaven's order to purge the bin Laden material came 10 days after The Associated Press asked for the photos and other documents under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act.

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Adm. William McRaven  
AP

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Bacon is like heaven. If you're going to die, die with bacon on your lips and a BLT in each hand."

— Nadina Fornia, who is attending Bacon Week at an Atlantic City, N.J., casino to enjoy the meat in such far-out items as milkshakes and beer

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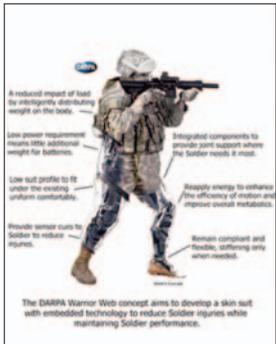
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McRaven explains 'Iron Man' suit

By JON HARPER Stars and Stripes



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is working on the Warrior Web Project, which has many of the attributes of the Army's tactical assault light operator suit concept.

WASHINGTON — Adm. William McRaven, the commander of U.S. Special Operations Command, expects special operators to be wearing tactical assault light operator suits by 2018, he told attendees of a National Defense Industrial Association symposium Tuesday.

The TALOS, dubbed the "Iron Man" suit, is the brainchild of McRaven. It is designed to enhance the survivability of personnel in the line of fire and to enhance their physical capabilities.

"Several years ago during a hostage rescue operation in Afghanistan, a SOP (special operations forces) warrior was killed going through the door," McRaven said. "Afterwards, one of the young officers asked me a question I couldn't answer. He said, 'After all these years in combat, why don't we have a way to protect our operators going through the door?' With all the advance in modern technology, I know we can do better. Consequently, at SOCOM we have established a program called ... TALOS."

TALOS is a collaborative effort involving 56 corporations, 16 government agencies, 13 universities and 10 national laboratories.

"This unique collaboration effort is the future

of how we should do business," McRaven said. Three unpowered prototype suits are being assembled and are scheduled to be delivered to SOCOM in June. The prototypes will inform the development of a deployable combat suit that should be ready by August 2018, McRaven said.

"That suit, if done correctly, will yield a revolutionary improvement in survivability and capability for special operators," he said. "If we do TALOS right, it will be a huge comparative advantage over our enemies and give the warriors the protection they need in a very demanding environment."

McRaven said that going forward, a greater portion of SOCOM funds should go to technology development and acquisitions at the expense of operations and training funds.

"Because of the nature of the fight over the last dozen-plus years, the [operations and maintenance] money has provided us the readiness, the training money. We had more of that, we focused more on that ... but we got a little bit out of balance in terms of our long-term procurement [and] our long-term [research and development]," he said. "We've got to put this back into balance in terms of the share of the pie. ... We've got to be prepared to prepare for the future."

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Photos: Joint Chiefs manual says military records are permanent

FROM FRONT PAGE

Typically when an FOIA request is filed to a government agency under the Federal Records Act, the agency is obliged to preserve the material sought — even if the agency later denies the request.

On May 3, 2011, the AP asked SOCOM's Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Division office for "copies of all e-mails sent from and to the U.S. government account or accounts" of McRaven — who was then vice admiral — referencing bin Laden. The following day, a response from the command's FOIA office to the AP acknowledged the bin Laden document request and said it had been assigned for processing.

The AP did not receive a copy of the McRaven email obtained by Judicial Watch.

The Department of Defense FOIA office told the AP in a Feb. 29, 2012, letter that it could find no McRaven emails "responsive to your request" for communications

[The email] is a smoking gun, revealing both contempt for the rule of law and the American people's right to know.

Tom Fitton Judicial Watch president

about the bin Laden material.

SOCOM is required to comply with rules established by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that dictate how long records must be retained. Its July 2012 manual requires that records about military operations and planning are to be considered permanent, and after 25 years, following a declassification review, transferred to the National Archives.

Last July, a draft report by the Pentagon's inspector general first disclosed McRaven's secret order, but the reference was not contained in the IG's final report. The email that surfaced Monday was

the first evidence showing the actual order.

In a heavily blacked-out email addressed to "gentlemen," McRaven told his unnamed subordinates: "One particular item that I want to emphasize is photos; particularly UBL remains. At this point — all photos should have been turned over to the CIA; if you still have them destroy them immediately or get them" to a blacked-out location.

UBL refers to bin Laden. At the time the IG's report came out, a spokesman for SOCOM referred questions back to the inspector general.

A CIA spokesman said at the time that "documents related to the raid were handled in a manner consistent with the fact that the operation was conducted under the direction of the CIA director," then Leon Panetta.

The CIA statement also said "records of a CIA operation such as the raid, which were created during the conduct of the operation by persons acting under the authority of the CIA director, are CIA records."

In a Jan. 31 letter to Judicial Watch in response to its request for all records relating to McRaven's "directive to purge," the Pentagon's Office of the General Counsel said it had been able to locate only one document — McRaven's redacted email.

Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton said Monday that the email "is a smoking gun, revealing both contempt for the rule of law and the American people's right to know."

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MIDEAST

# GIs in a state Soviet vets know well

## Members of Red Army who fought in Afghanistan see similarities with US troops

By JOSH SMITH  
*Stars and Stripes*

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — On a dark night in 1986, the sky above the mountain plains of Soviet-occupied eastern Afghanistan lit up. Forty fuel tankers went up in flames as mujahedeen fighters poured automatic gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades into a Red Army supply convoy stretched along a road north of Kabul.

Manning a nearby outpost of soldiers a few miles from the air base at Bagram, Tinibek Kadirov ran to pull drivers from their burning vehicles. Two of those men turned out to be from Kadirov's native Kyrgyzstan, then a republic in the Soviet Union.

Nearly 30 years later, Kadirov is helping his fellow Kyrgyz veterans as head of the Council of Veterans of the Afghan War. He recalls his ambivalence about going into battle back then.

"I didn't really want [to serve] because we knew there was a war going on and the probability of dying was very high, but I got an order," he said, speaking with Stars and Stripes in his office in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz capital.

At the time, Washington and Moscow were on opposite sides of the conflict. Today, as the United States is ending its own decade-long intervention in Afghanistan, Kadirov and other veterans of the Soviet-Afghan war see what unites them and American servicemen.

"For those people who fight — it makes no difference whether you are Russian or Kyrgyz or American — it is important to have people who understand you by your side," said Hidar Dyikanbaev, another Kyrgyz veteran, who served in Kabul from 1981 to 1983.

In 1979, the USSR invaded Afghanistan with more than 80,000 troops, fearing that the possible collapse of the government it supported would lead to instability on the Soviet border.

About half a million soldiers served there before the war was through, and 15,000 died.

The brutal tactics employed by the Soviets and their local Afghan allies led to the death of more than 1 million insurgent fighters and Afghan civilians.

Worried about a communist expansion, the U.S. and its allies in the region covertly shoveled billions of dollars into Afghanistan to train and arm the mujahedeen, who fought the Soviet-backed Afghan government.

American support for the militants still rankles Soviet veterans of that war, but they say that despite the politics they understand the young American servicemen whose lives have been defined by the conflict.

"We are all soldiers," Dyikanbaev said. He pointed out a wall at the veterans council's headquarters with the names of the more than 300 Kyrgyz soldiers killed in Afghanistan. "I took an oath, I did my duty."

Like many soldiers in any era, Dyikanbaev said a part of him was excited about being deployed.

"I wanted to see the war and test myself," he said. "In those days we did not have a lot of information beforehand about what was going on in Afghanistan, and it wasn't until we arrived that we realized that we might be in a trouble. It was a little scary, and of course I had some thoughts that I would not return home, but I adjusted."

Famed Russian war journalist Artyom Borovik wrote that in many ways the war in Afghanistan claimed the lives of those who survived as well as those who died.

We thought that we were civilizing a backwards country by exposing it to television, modern bombers, to schools," he wrote in "The Hidden War," published in 1990, just after the Soviet withdrawal. "But we rarely



PHOTOS BY JOSH SMITH/Stars and Stripes

Hidar Dyikanbaev, a native of Kyrgyzstan, points out where he served near Kabul between 1981 and 1983 during the Soviet Union's war in Afghanistan.



Left: Tinibek Kadirov, general director of the Republican Council of Veterans of the War in Afghanistan, describes an attack on a Soviet supply convoy that he survived. Right: This memorial to the soldiers who fought and died during the Soviet Union's nearly decade-long war in Afghanistan stands outside Moscow's Central Armed Forces Museum.

stopped to think how Afghanistan would influence us. Afghanistan became part of each person who fought there. And each of the half million soldiers who went through this war became part of Afghanistan — part of the land that could never absorb all the blood spilled on it."

The war neared its end as the USSR teetered on the brink of collapse.

Anatoly Ermolin, a former KGB special forces soldier who lives in Moscow, told Stars and Stripes he immediately understood how "silly" it was to be fighting and dying in Afghanistan. As the war was winding down in early 1989, he was tasked with patrolling the deserts to keep the roads open for retreating Soviet troops.

"Of course, we had nothing to do there," he said. "They said it was to help our Afghanistan brothers build socialism. It was crazy. They were a feudal people with a very uneducated population, and we were trying all this industrial development. It's another culture, it's another understanding of the world."

For the Soviet Union, Afghanistan became the equivalent of the American war in Vietnam, as veterans returned to a country disillusioned by the failure of the intervention and the political decisions that led to the debacle.

"The society of 'progressive socialism' scorned and violated one of the first laws of nature: Sacrifice your own life, but save your offspring," Borovik wrote. "It watched

obediently as an entire generation of 18-year-olds perished in the Afghan bloodbath, together with the Afghans themselves."

Today the reasons for the American intervention in Afghanistan — seemingly so clear in the first days after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — have become muddled. More than 10 years since the U.S. and its allies invaded the country with the aim of destroying al-Qaida and its Taliban host, an unrelenting insurgency continues to claim lives, and the U.S.-backed government is taking increasingly anti-American positions.

As most American troops prepare to depart the country by the end of the year, opinion polls in the U.S. show support for the war has dropped to near record lows.

The most important thing for troops coping with the return, according to Dyikanbaev, is to share and solve problems collectively.

"You have a brotherhood," he said. "Try to support each other and speak out because you understand each other in ways that others may not."

For Ermolin, staying true to himself and remembering his responsibilities was key to his transition home.

"Be good soldiers, and be good people," he said. "That is the main thing to remember."

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## MIDEAST



RAYHAT GUL/AP

**U.S. soldiers secure the site where a suicide attacker rammed a car bomb into a NATO convoy Monday in Kabul, killing two American contractors.**

## US Embassy: 2 contractors killed in Kabul blast were Americans

By **HEATH DRUZIN**  
*Stars and Stripes*

**KABUL** — Two security contractors killed by a suicide blast in Kabul on Monday were Americans, the U.S. Embassy confirmed.

The contractors were leaving one of Afghanistan's main detention centers in the east of the capital when a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden sedan next to their convoy.

An official with the National Directorate of Security said Monday that three contractors were killed in the attack. The U.S. Embassy and the NATO-led International

Security Assistance Force later said the number was two.

Insurgent group Hezbi-Islami claimed responsibility for the blast, which happened near Pul-Charki prison.

The names of the victims have not been released.

There has been a series of attacks recently in the Afghan capital at a time of year when violence generally ebbs in Afghanistan, as many insurgents spend the winter in Pakistani redoubts. Last month, insurgents attacked a Kabul restaurant popular with foreigners, killing 21 people. About a week later, a suicide bomb attack on an Afghan military bus killed four

people and wounded 22 others.

As Afghan security forces have taken over much of the day-to-day fighting, casualties among foreign troops and contractors have dropped, although they are still targeted, especially by bomb attacks.

Analysts say high-profile attacks in the capital are aimed at undermining the population's confidence in the Afghan government and its security forces as the withdrawal of foreign combat forces gathers pace.

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# DIA says Afghan forces struggling with less US help

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Afghanistan's security forces are struggling to improve their combat capability as the U.S. withdraws intelligence, reconnaissance and bomb-detection technologies, according to the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency.

The 340,000 members of the Afghan National Army and police "have shown progress in their ability to clear insurgents from contested areas but have exhibited problems holding cleared areas long-term," Army Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, director of the Pentagon intelligence agency, said in testimony prepared for a Senate hearing Tuesday.

Flynn's prepared remarks, obtained in advance by Bloomberg News, underscore the fragility of Afghan security as the U.S. and its allies continue to withdraw forces and press President Hamid Karzai to sign an agreement permitting a continued international presence after this year.

Flynn's assessment is in sharp contrast to assurances by top U.S. commanders in the field that Afghan forces are increasingly ready to take over.

Afghan forces "struggle due to the lack of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance," as well as expertise and technology for countering improvised roadside bombs, Flynn said. Senior

Taliban leaders "likely believe that they only need to continue" their present level of attacks "to be postured for victory" following a withdrawal of U.S. and allied troops and technology, he said.

Flynn also cited uncertainty about the outcome of elections planned for April to choose Karzai's successor.

"The lack of a consensus candidate could lead to a potentially destabilizing runoff election that would occur during the peak" of the insurgent fighting season and the U.S.-led alliance's drawdown, he said.

As of Jan. 28, some 2,306 Americans had been killed in Afghanistan since the U.S. invaded the country after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and 19,638 had been wounded.

Flynn's testimony was part of the annual threat assessment that U.S. intelligence agencies present to congressional committees. Citing the continued global threat of terrorism, Flynn said an al-Qaida offshoot probably will try to seize territory in Iraq and Syria this year. The unrest in both countries may strengthen the group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, he said.

While many Sunnis remain opposed to al-Qaida, they "appear willing to work tactically" with it because "they share common anti-government goals," Flynn said.

## Police: Many women who join the force face threats from family as well as insurgents

FROM FRONT PAGE

"She was brutally executed," Chopan said. "It's inhuman and un-Islamic to target a female. Taking into account Islamic rules, we have hired this woman to check female visitors to the prison — she was taking care of female prisoners, too."

Taliban spokesmen did not answer their phones Tuesday during several attempts to reach them for comment.

Helmand has become the most dangerous province for women to serve in the police, with gunmen killing Helmand's senior policewoman in September as she drove to work, just three months after her predecessor died in a similar attack. Another policewoman was also shot dead on her way to work in July.

Rabia's abduction from her daughter's home in neighboring Pakistan suggests the killers were tipped off as to her whereabouts, adding a chilling twist to the assassination campaign against Afghan

policewomen, who also face other risks. Many women who join the police face threats not only from insurgents, but also from their own family members, who often disapprove of women serving in the security forces.

**'As you choose this profession, then you must face the risks.'**

**Col. Jamila Bayaaz**  
Kabul policewoman

in such a prominent police position, said although female police face special risks, they are essential to the security forces. She encouraged them to remain courageous.

"There are a lot of problems for women working as police in Afghanistan because the situation is not good for women working for

the police," she said in a telephone interview. "There is the enemy and insecurity in the country, but as you choose this profession, then you must face the risks."

Saturday's killing appears to be part of a wider campaign of assassinations against government employees and security officials as well as others seen as supportive of the central government.

A recent report on civilian casualties from the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan recorded 605 incidents of targeted attacks against civilians in 2013 — the vast majority of which were blamed on insurgent groups — which left 743 dead and 333 injured.

There are about 2,000 female police officers in Afghanistan, a fraction of the roughly 160,000 members of the Afghan National Police and well below the target of 5,000 set by President Hamid Karzai.

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**Afghan policemen attend their graduation ceremony in Herat, west of Kabul, in December 2012. One of them was killed by gunman in Pakistan on Saturday night.**

MILITARY

# Congress pushes DOD for answers on sex crimes

BY RICHARD LARDNER  
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*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is coming under pressure to give Congress detailed information on the handling of sex crime cases in the armed forces following an Associated Press investigation that found a pattern of inconsistent judgments and light penalties for sexual assaults at U.S. bases in Japan.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who's led efforts in Congress to address military sexual crimes, is pressing the Defense Department to turn over case information from four major U.S. bases: Fort Hood in Texas, Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia, the Marine Corps' Camp Pendleton in California and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Such records would shed more light on how military commanders make decisions about court-martial and punishments in internal assault cases and whether the inconsistent judgments seen in Japan are more widespread.

The AP's investigation, which was based on hundreds of internal military documents it began requesting in 2009, found that what appeared to be strong cases were often reduced to lesser charges. Suspects were unlikely to serve time even when military authorities agreed a crime had been committed. In two rape cases, commanders overruled recommendations to court-martial and dropped the charges.

Gillibrand, who leads the Senate Armed Services personnel panel, wrote Monday to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel asking for "all reports and allegations of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault, sex in the barracks, adultery and attempts, conspiracies or solicitations to commit these crimes," for the last five years.

She said the AP's investigation is "disturbing evidence" that some commanders refuse to prosecute sexual assault cases and the Pentagon should have provided the records more quickly.

The comments may build momentum for legislation she has introduced that would strip senior officers of their authority to decide whether serious crimes, including sexual assault cases, go to trial. The bill would place that judgment with trial counsel who have prosecutorial experience and hold the rank of colonel or above. The legislation, expected to be voted on in coming weeks, is short of the 60 votes needed to prevent a filibuster.

Defense Department officials have acknowledged the problem of sexual assault in the services and said they are taking aggressive

steps to put a stop to the crimes.

"This isn't a sprint," said Jill Loftus, director of the Navy's sexual assault prevention program. "This is a marathon and it's going to take a while."

Col. Alan Metzler, deputy director of the Defense Department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, said numerous changes in military law and policy made by Congress and the Pentagon are creating a culture where victims trust that their allegations will be taken seriously and perpetrators will be punished. Defense officials noted that the cases in Japan preceded changes the Pentagon implemented in May.

Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Pentagon's press secretary, said Hagel will respond to Gillibrand's letter "as expeditiously as possible."

The information acquired by the AP through the open records law consists of more than 1,000 reports of sex crimes involving U.S. military personnel between 2005 and early 2013. Although the AP sought the full investigative file for the cases, to include detail-rich exhibits, the Pentagon mainly provided summaries of cases from the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

That service, which handles the Navy and Marine Corps, excised the names of U.S. commanders from the records, affording senior officers the same degree of privacy as the alleged victims. With their identities kept secret, commanders cannot be held publicly accountable for how they handled the cases.

Gillibrand's request doesn't seek the exhibits for cases. She is asking for reports and recommendations made in Article 32 proceedings, the military's version of a grand jury, and the results of all courts-martial that were convened to adjudicate rapes and other serious sex crimes.

She said it's been a struggle to get timely and accurate data from the Defense Department about sexual assault cases.

"They are maintaining a closed system when what we really need is sunshine," Gillibrand said in an AP interview. "What we really need is light and transparency so we can get to the root of the problem and then find the right solutions."

Metzler cautioned that too much openness could result in fewer victims stepping forward to report crimes.

"To suggest that we need to be very public about what's going on in each individual case risks the trust that we want to build with those victims," Metzler said. Such information, however, is publicly available in the civilian justice system.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

A visitor checks out posters by Jules Chéret, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and Théophile-Alexander Steinlen at the "Esprit Montmartre: Bohemian Life in Paris around 1900" exhibit at the Schirn Kunsthalle in Frankfurt, Germany, on Thursday.

## Famous works on display in Germany

BY MICHAEL ABRAMS  
*Stars and Stripes*

FRANKFURT, Germany — One of the must-see art exhibits of the season just opened at the Schirn Kunsthalle in Frankfurt.

"Esprit Montmartre: Bohemian Life in Paris around 1900" features more than 200 works by 26 artists.

Well-known artists such as Pablo Picasso, Edgar Degas, Vincent van Gogh, Amedeo Modigliani and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec are represented here, as are some perhaps lesser-knowns such as Louis Anquetin, Ramon Casas and the only female artists in the exhibit, Marie Laurencin and Suzanne Valadon.

Curator Ingrid Pfeiffer gathered the works for the exhibit, which runs until June 1, from some of the most renowned museums and galleries across the globe: Musée d'Orsay in Paris; the Tate Gallery in London; the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam; the Museu Picasso in Barcelona, Spain; the Kunsthaus Zurich; and the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

The exhibit is divided into sections: "Montmartre as a Village - A View of a Different Paris"; "Cafés, Absinthe Drinkers, and Variétés"; "Models, Dancers, and Prostitutes"; "The Fantasy Land of the Circus"; "The Montmartre as an Area for Outsiders and Social Change"; "The Network of Artists and Art Dealers"; and "The Poster as a New Art Form."

The era the works encompass is from the mid-1880s to the beginning of World War I.

The painting featured on the exhibit's poster and catalog, Louis Anquetin's "Femme à la violette," shows a veiled woman heavily made-up, probably a prostitute.

Another, Alexis Ménécaud-Jeanneau's "Femme à l'absinthe," shows, as the title suggests, a woman drinking absinthe, the "in" drink at the time.

The exhibit will be on display until June 1. See more photos on the Stripes iPad app and online at: [stripes.com/go/esprit](http://stripes.com/go/esprit)



A visitor looks at Louis Anquetin's "Femme à la violette" at the exhibit. The painting is also featured on the exhibit's poster and catalog.

Many of Théophile-Alexander Steinlen's works on display depict the poor people of the district, while Giovanni Boldini's "Scène de fête au Moulin Rouge" shows the upper class partying at the famed cabaret.

An interesting part of the exhibit are the posters, mostly created as advertisements for the nightclubs. A little-known item shown at the exhibit are the clubs' newspapers, which printed the lyrics to the songs sung at night and were illustrated by artists such as Toulouse-Lautrec.

If you are a fan of the artists, the era or just Montmartre and Paris, this is one exhibit you will not want to miss.

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# Seeking answers

## Marine's mother pushes probe in Okinawa death

By Travis J. Tritten  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Angela Carnero never wanted to return to Okinawa this way. Last fall, the 52-year-old New Jersey woman came to the island to visit her only son, Lance Cpl. Manuel B. Carnero. She arrived at an Okinawa police station on Monday to press authorities for answers in his unsolved death.

The 23-year-old Marine was found lying in a narrow Naha city alley just after dawn on Nov. 14, 2013, his body shattered and bleeding profusely. He was still wearing the dress shirt and shoes from a date the evening before.

Investigation of the off-base incident has fallen to Japanese police who say he died of blood loss

— his pelvis was broken — after a high fall. But many details remain unknown, and the case appears to have gone cold over the past three months, according to the family and the Okinawa prefecture police.

“It is very difficult for me to come back to the place where my son died ... but I need the reason,” Angela Carnero said.

She hopes her visit will help revive the investigation that she worries will go cold and be forgotten about.

Another meeting with Japanese police and talks with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service are planned.

Prefecture police said this month they are still uncertain why Carnero was in the Tomari neighborhood of Naha — about 12 miles from Camp Foster — where he died. He was discovered between two multi-story buildings and near a utility pole.

There are no witnesses to indicate foul play in the case, but police say they have not ruled it out. With little more to go on, the family has spent the past three months piecing together letters, text messages and conversations hoping to find some hidden clues or meanings to shed light on Carnero's death. They shared the documents and accounts with Stars and Stripes.

Manuel Carnero, who was serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, had been effusive about his first experiences on Okinawa when writing to his family in 2011. But by last year, the letters home had a somber and sometimes defeated tone. Unhappy with military life on Okinawa, Carnero wrote that he was looking forward to leaving the service and seeing his family back in New Jersey.



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Angela Carnero holds a family photo with her son, Lance Cpl. Manuel B. Carnero, whose November 2013 death on Okinawa remains under investigation.

Last spring, the situation grew worse when Carnero broke Marine Corps curfew and crashed his vehicle while texting. A close friend told the family he was drinking alcohol at the time.

The service demoted him two ranks, and Manuel Carnero was forced to cancel an upcoming visit from his mother.

**“It is very difficult for me to come back to the place where my son died ... but I need the reason.”**

Angela Carnero, mother of Lance Cpl. Manuel Carnero

arrived. This time, he had been sleeping in the passenger seat of his vehicle when a friend wrecked it while driving drunk.

Drunk and irresponsible driving is a cardinal offense among the military on Okinawa. Such misconduct often makes embarrassing international news and is deeply discouraged. It was clear to Carnero's family that he was under immense pressure from the Marines after the incidents and that some in his command were making an example of him.

He was given counseling, the family said, but the unit was still

being very hard on him. He told them he was put on restrictive movement, berated in front of his fellow Marines and given extra duties.

When reached for comment, the Corps said the unit “remains saddened by the loss of one of its Marines” and is in contact with the family.

“At this point in time there is no new information that can be released due to the ongoing investigation,” read the statement from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. “The Okinawa Prefectural Police has the lead in the investigation.”

The day before he died, Carnero went on leave, according to his family.

He was taking leave — supposedly an on-island vacation — to escape the scrutiny at work. He said he gave the service the address of a Japanese friend — an address nowhere near where his body was found. He never stayed there, the family said.

On Nov. 13, Manuel Carnero had a date at a steak restaurant with a local Japanese woman he had recently met. The two split up after and he met with a fellow Marine to drink at a couple of bars along the Kokusai Street tourist and nightlife area in central Naha.

Carnero spent the hours before dawn walking the city streets alone and speaking on his cellphone to a friend in New Jersey. The friend told his family that Carnero was drunk but coherent, and the conversation raised no red flags.

Just after 7 a.m., Carnero's body was found in a narrow concrete alley between an apartment building and a vocational school in a quiet neighborhood of the city. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital about two hours later.

# Removal of Germantown sailor made permanent

Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — A top USS Germantown sailor being investigated for sexual assault was permanently removed from command Tuesday as the investigation into the allegations continues, Navy officials said.

Command Master Chief Petty Officer Jesus Galura was temporarily relieved Jan. 7 and reassigned to Amphibious Squadron 11 headquarters at Sasebo Naval Base after allegations surfaced that he had sexually assaulted another Germantown crewmember.

Navy officials declined to comment further as the investigation continues to probe the overall command climate on-board the Whidbey Island-class dock landing ship and whether or not Galura, and potentially others, are guilty of misconduct.



Galura

The decision to permanently remove Galura from command was made Tuesday by Pacific Fleet commander Adm. Harry Harris Jr.

“Harris determined Galura's relief should be made permanent due to the length of the investigation and loss of confidence in his ability to effectively lead the Chief's Mess and be a contributing member of the command triad,” 7th Fleet spokesman Cmdr. William Marks wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

Galura's removal came less than six months after another Germantown chief petty officer was convicted by court-martial jury of sexually assaulting a sailor or he once mentored.

Galura reported to the Germantown as command master chief in August 2011, Navy officials said. He joined the Navy in 1989 at Naval Station Subic Bay, Philippines. Since that time, he has served aboard the USS Essex and the USS San Bernardino.

Command Master Chief Jeffrey Steiny has transferred from U.S. Pacific Fleet headquarters to assume Galura's duties.

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MILITARY

# Missile-defense destroyer arrives in Spain

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
*Stars and Stripes*

NAPLES, Italy — The first of four U.S. Navy destroyers to form the centerpiece of Europe's missile defense shield arrived in southern Spain on Tuesday.

The USS Donald Cook, an Arleigh Burke-class missile destroyer formerly stationed in Norfolk, Va., pulled into the U.S. Navy base in Rota around noon, according to a spokesman for U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa in Naples. Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, U.S. Ambassador James Costos and NAVEUR-AF commanding officer Adm. Bruce W. Clingan were among those gathered to greet the ship.

Spain's top naval officer, Adm. Santiago Bolibar Piñeiro, also attended the ceremony, the spokesman said.

Plans call for the USS Donald Cook to be joined by three more Arleigh Burke-class

missile-guided destroyers, which carry the Aegis weapon system, over the coming two years. All are to be stationed at the base in Rota, on the Atlantic coast north of Gibraltar.

Other pieces of the missile defense shield — known as the European Phased Adaptive Approach — include land-based Aegis interceptor batteries in Romania and Poland, radar in Turkey and a command center at the U.S. Air Force base in Ramstein, Germany.

The plan has caused a major rift with Russia, which says the shield is aimed against its own nuclear missile arsenal. The U.S. and its NATO allies insist the defense system is meant to protect Europe from potentially hostile countries in the region, such as Iran.

The destroyer detachment expands the Navy presence in Europe at a time when other services are drawing down across

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the continent. It follows the Navy's current emphasis on forward deployment, or having ships stationed closer to areas of interest.

U.S. interest in the Mediterranean has risen in recent years because of conflicts and instability across the region, from Syria to Egypt and North Africa.

The Mediterranean is also a significant waterway for commercial shipping and an access point to Middle Eastern waters from the Atlantic. The ships will make regular four-month

deployments around the Mediterranean basin.

In addition to operations related to missile defense, they will be available for other maritime security operations, bilateral and multilateral training exercises, and other NATO deployments, according to the Navy.

The three destroyers to join the Donald Cook in the coming years are the USS Ross and the USS Porter from Norfolk, Fla. Destroyer Squadron 60 in Rota will control the four ships.

The ships will add roughly 1,200 sailors and personnel and about 1,800 family members to Rota, a former submarine base. Many of the newcomers will arrive in the summer, base officials said.

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Protesters march against the relocation plan of the U.S. base in Naha, Okinawa prefecture, on Tuesday ahead of U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy's visit to the southern Japanese island.

## Okinawans rally against base plan

By KOJI UEDA  
*The Associated Press*

NAHA, Japan — Several hundred people rallied Tuesday against a contentious plan to relocate a U.S. military base to another site on Okinawa ahead of U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy's visit to the southern Japanese island.

Okinawa is home to more than half of the 47,000 American troops based in Japan under a bilateral defense pact. Kennedy, who arrived later Tuesday, is to meet with Okinawan officials and may see the base relocation site during her three-day visit, Kyodo News agency reported.

Holding signs that read, "No base!" and "Bring democracy to Okinawa," more than 300 protesters, many of them families with children, marched on the main street of Naha to the sound of drums and music, urging authori-

ties to remove the U.S. bases from the island altogether.

"We as Okinawan people gave our answers many many times that we don't want maritime bases here," said English teacher Kazue Nakamura-Huber, 47. "We want to stop the (new) base project here."

Many Okinawans feel unfairly burdened by hosting many U.S. military facilities on the island, which holds a strategic location in the East China Sea, relatively close to China and Taiwan.

The U.S. has proposed a broad plan to consolidate and reduce its troop presence in Okinawa, including a 1996 agreement to move the Marines Corps Futenma air station, which was in the middle of a populated area, to a more remote coastal area called Henoko in Nagasaki City.

The plan got a boost in December when the governor of Okinawa gave the go-ahead for land

reclamation to relocate the base, whose plans include runways extending over water.

Many Okinawans want Futenma closed and moved completely off the island. Opponents filed a lawsuit last week seeking to invalidate the governor's approval.

The plan also faces uncertainty as Nago's mayor, a vocal opponent of the relocation plan, was re-elected last month.

Wakana Toguchi, 12, a school girl who joined the rally with her family, said she hoped to invite Kennedy to visit the base relocation site planned in her town and see the beautiful sea so the ambassador understands why the base shouldn't be there.

"If I get to see Mrs. Kennedy, I will invite her and show her the beautiful sea, (rare sea animal) jugs and lots of corals," Toguchi said. "She can perhaps enjoy riding a canoe. And I must tell her not to build the base (there)."

## First lady unveils jobs pledge for vets

By JON HARPER  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — First lady Michelle Obama announced on Monday that a coalition of construction companies and associations has pledged to hire more than 100,000 veterans over the next five years.

"I know that you all have made this commitment not just because it is the patriotic thing to do, which it is," Obama told industry representatives at a symposium at the Labor Department. "You've done this because you know that it is the smart thing to do for your businesses, because you know that America's military turns out some of the highest skilled, hardest working employees this country has ever seen. And that's the particularly true when it comes to the construction sector."

[Her servicemembers] have built cities in the middle of deserts halfway around the world," she said. "They've built schools in remote villages. They've repaired complex machinery in combat zones in the middle of the night."

"In short, our troops have taken on some of the most challenging projects in some of the most inhospitable places under some of the toughest deadlines and constraints."

Companies making the pledges run the spectrum from large national firms such as Jacobs and

Bechtel to regional and local firms. Associations like the National Center for Construction Education and Research, the Home Builders Institute, The Associated General Contractors of America, and the Building Trades Association are also supporting the effort. More than 100 companies and other organizations are involved in the initiative, according to the first lady.

"Many of the skills and abilities gained during military training and service are highly transferable to the skills we require to successfully serve our clients around the world," said Lori Sundberg, the senior vice president of human resources at Jacobs. "We are proud of the veterans working at Jacobs and appreciate their military service, their dedication, and the value they add to our company."

The construction industry is expected to boom in the coming years. The Department of Labor estimates that more than 1.5 million construction jobs will be created between now and 2022.

The hiring push was spearheaded by the Labor Department and Joining Forces, a White House initiative promoted by Obama and Jill Biden to encourage organizations to hire and train veterans.

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NATION

# GOP to advance debt limit hike

## House plans separate vote on cuts that affect some military pensions

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a concession to President Barack Obama and Democratic lawmakers, House Speaker John Boehner said Tuesday the House will vote to increase the government's borrowing cap without trying to attach conditions sought by some Republicans.

"We'll let his party give him the debt ceiling increase that he wants," Boehner said, hours before the expected evening vote.

Boehner announced the plan after a poll of Republican members found insufficient support for a strategy that would have made passage of the debt limit increase conditional on a plan to reverse a recently passed cut to military pensions. Obama and congressional Democrats argued the GOP should not try to use a vote on the debt limit to extract concessions from the administration.

"We'll let the Democrats put the votes up," the speaker said. "We'll put a minimum number of (GOP) votes up to get it passed." He said he expected almost all of Obama's Democratic allies to vote for the so-called clean debt cap increase but he would be one of the few Republicans to back it as well.

Boehner's announcement came after a plan hatched on Monday to reverse the cut in military pensions as the price for increasing the government's borrowing cap got a rocky reception from skeptical conservatives.

"Right now we've got a debt ceiling bill that increases spending, which is diametrically 180 degrees opposite of what we were battling over just two years ago — where the question was how much in spending cuts we were going to get," said Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala.

Now, rather than trying to win over unhappy Republicans for the debt ceiling vote, Boehner will rely on Democrats to pass a "clean" increase in the borrowing cap through March of next year. GOP leaders had earlier attempted to build support for plans to tie

a debt cap increase to approval of the Keystone XL pipeline or repeal of part of the new health care law; both those efforts fell flat as well. He said his inability to assemble 218 GOP votes — enough to win a floor vote — for a new debt limit plan left him no alternative but to turn to Democrats.

"When you don't have 218 votes, you have nothing. We've seen that before and we see it again," Boehner said, adding that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., promised him sweeping Democratic support in Wednesday's vote.

The announcement amounted to a bitter defeat for a party that has sought to use must-pass debt ceiling measures as leverage to force spending cuts on Democrats. Republicans won more than \$2 trillion in spending cuts in a 2011 showdown, but gave Obama two debt limit increases last year with only modest add-ons.

The House now plans a separate vote on the military pensions. The cuts, just passed in December, would reduce by 1 percentage point the cost-of-living pension increases for military retirees under the age of 62. They were backed by House Budget committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis. Repealing them would cost \$7 billion over the coming decade, the Congressional Budget Office said Monday.

The reduction has sparked an uproar among advocates for veterans, and lawmakers in both parties want to repeal it.

The Senate voted 94-0 on Monday to advance a repeal of the military cost-of-living cuts, though Democrats and Republicans still disagree over whether to replace the pension curbs with cuts elsewhere in the government's \$3.5 trillion budget.

Time is running out for lawmakers to act to lift the debt limit. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew told lawmakers last week that Treasury will exhaust by Feb. 27 its ability to employ accounting maneuvers to borrow to pay its



JON ELSWICK/AP

A HealthCare.gov website page features information about the SHOP Marketplace. The Obama administration on Monday granted a delay in a requirement that companies cover workers or face fines.

# Obama again postpones mandate to provide employee health coverage

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It may take weeks to render a verdict on the Obama administration's latest health care concession to employers.

That could make a difference for Democrats battling to keep control of the Senate in the fall congressional elections.

All-important details are buried in more than 200 pages of dense Treasury regulations released Monday. The biggest change is that medium-sized firms get another delay in a heavily criticized requirement that they cover their workers or face fines.

The administration said companies with 50 to 99 employees will have an additional year to comply, until Jan. 1, 2016.

For businesses with 100 or

more employees, the so-called employer mandate will still take effect in 2015. Other newly announced provisions, dealing with technical issues such as the calculation of working hours, may help some of those firms.

The mandate was originally supposed to take effect this year.

More than 90 percent of companies with 50 or more employees already cover their workers without the government telling them to do so. The debate has revolved around the potential impact on new and growing firms.

Most small businesses have fewer than 50 workers and are exempt from the mandate. However, employer groups were also uneasy with a requirement that defines a full-time worker as someone averaging 30 hours a week.

Republicans trying to take control of the Senate in the Novem-

ber elections have once again made the health care law their top issue, casting it as job killer. They want to use the employer mandate to build that case, with anecdotes of bosses reluctant to hire a 50th worker, or slashing the hours of low-wage workers who need to pay household bills. Monday's moves by the administration seemed calibrated to reduce that risk.

The reaction of business groups was mixed.

"These final regulations secured the gold medal for greatest assistance to retailers, and other businesses, and our employees," said Neil Trautwein, a vice president of the National Retail Federation.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce was unimpressed, calling it more of a respite than a fundamental change.

"This short-term fix also creates new problems for companies by moving the goalposts of the mandate modestly when what we really need is a timeout," Chamber President Thomas Donahue said in a statement.

The administration hasn't issued rules for reporting requirements on business and insurers, the nitty-gritty of how the coverage requirement will be enforced.

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Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, left, meets with Commissioner of Public Works Richard Mendoza as Atlanta prepared for another approaching winter storm on Monday.

## Georgia on edge as another winter wallop heads its way

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — When snow fell on Atlanta two weeks ago, downtown streets of the South's business hub were jammed with unmoving cars, highway motorists slept overnight in vehicles or abandoned them where they sat, and students were forced to camp out in school gymnasiums when roads turned too treacherous for buses to navigate.

Things promised to be different Tuesday, when another round of rain, sleet and freezing rain was expected to begin walloping the area.

That's not necessarily because city and state officials are going to be better prepared — although they promised they would be — but because many people aren't taking a chance that they will get trapped again.

"Basically, everyone from the office is going to be working from home" on Tuesday, Dakota Herrera said as he left a car park in downtown Atlanta to go to his office Monday.

Atlanta has a long and painful history of being ill-equipped to deal with snowy weather. Despite officials' promises following a crippling ice storm in 2011 that they would be better prepared next time, the storm that hit the area Jan. 28 proved they still had many kinks to work out.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal indicated on Monday that he and other state officials had learned their lesson. Before a single drop of freezing rain or snow fell, Deal declared a state of emergency for nearly a third of the state and state employees were told they could stay home if they felt conditions were

too dangerous. Schools canceled classes, and Deal urged people who didn't need to be anywhere to stay off the roads. Tractor-trailer drivers were handed fliers about the weather and a law requiring chains on tires in certain conditions.

"We are certainly ahead of the game this time, and that's important," Deal said. "We are trying to be ready, prepared and react as quickly as possible."

Memories of the last storm are still painfully fresh. Students were trapped on buses or at schools and thousands of cars were abandoned along highways as short commutes turned into odysseys. One woman gave birth on a jammed interstate. Officials reported one accident-related death.

This storm could be worse. A one-two punch of winter weather was expected for Atlanta and northern Georgia. Rain and snow were forecast Tuesday, followed by sleet and freezing rain Wednesday. Downed power lines and icy roads were a major worry.

Other parts of the South were expected to get hit as well. Alabama, which saw stranded vehicles and 10,000 students spend the night in schools during the January storm, was likely to get a wintry mix with as much as 3 inches of snow and ice forecast before lunchtime Tuesday. Parts of Mississippi also could see 3 inches of snow, and a blast of snow over a wide section of Kentucky slickened roads and closed several school districts. South Carolina could get a quarter to three-quarters of an inch of ice and as much as 8 inches of snow in some areas.

Nearly 900 flights were canceled Tuesday at airports in Atlanta, Dallas and Charlotte, N.C., according to tracking service FlightAware.

## FDA seeks more information on pill to boost women's sexual desire

By MATTHEW PERRONE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A drug-maker working to develop a pill to boost sexual desire in women says regulators are demanding more studies on the experimental drug.

Sprout Pharmaceuticals said Tuesday that the Food and Drug

Administration wants to see more data on how the company's drug, flibanserin, interacts with other medications and how it affects driving ability. Nearly 10 percent of women studied in company trials reported sleepiness while taking the daily pill.

The FDA's request represents another hurdle in the pharmaceutical industry's 15-year search for

a female equivalent to Viagra.

In a news release, Sprout Pharmaceuticals President Cindy Whitehead described the development as a "significant step toward the approval of flibanserin."

The three studies requested by the FDA are relatively small, involving 25 to 50 patients each. The company says it plans to re-submit its drug application to

## Trooper: Cop's arrest sparked harassment

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Donna Jane Watts was on patrol early one morning when a Miami police car whizzed past at speeds that would eventually top 120 mph. Even with her blue lights flashing and siren blaring, it took Watts more than seven minutes to stop the speeder.

She approached the car warily, with gun drawn, according to video from her cruiser's dashboard camera. "Put your hands out of the window! Right now!" she yelled.

The driver was Miami Police Department officer Fausto Lopez, in full uniform. Watts holstered her gun but still handcuffed him and took his weapon.

"I apologize," Lopez said, explaining that he was late for an off-duty job.

That confrontation in 2011 eventually got Lopez fired. But Watts' actions didn't sit well with many in law enforcement.

Not long after she made that traffic stop, she says, the harassment began. There were random telephone calls on her cellphone. Some were threats and some were prank calls, including orders for pizza. Unfamiliar vehicles and police cars sat idling in her cul-de-sac. She was afraid to open her mailbox.

Watts suspected her private driver's license information was being accessed by fellow officers, so she made a public records

request. She was right. Over a three-month period, at least 88 law enforcement officers from 25 different agencies accessed Watts' driver's license information, according to her lawyer.

Watts is suing those police agencies and the individual officers under the national Driver Privacy Protection Act, a 1994 law that provides for a penalty of \$2,500 for each violation if the information was improperly accessed. If all the agencies were to sue, Watts could receive more than \$500,000.

According to court documents, most of the individual officers named in Watts' lawsuit did face some disciplinary action, usually a written reprimand.

Lawyers for the agencies have asked a federal judge to dismiss the lawsuit, claiming that under the U.S. Constitution, Congress cannot hold police officers liable for merely obtaining the information, but only if they try to sell it.

The U.S. Justice Department says numerous courts have held that Congress can regulate such activity even if the items involved aren't being sold.

## San Diego to pay \$250K to settle mayor's lawsuit

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The nation's eighth-largest city will pay \$250,000 to a woman who was the first to go public with sexual harassment allegations against former Mayor Bob Filner, San Diego's city attorney announced Monday, a day before voters return to the polls to elect a new leader.

The settlement ends a lawsuit filed by Filner's former communications director, Irene McCormack Jackson, but harassment suits by two more women are pending.

McCormack was the first of 18 women to go public with harass-

ment allegations last year against the disgraced mayor, who stepped down Aug. 30 amid the scandal. She claimed that Filner asked her to work without panties, demand kisses, told her he wanted to see her naked and dragged her in a headlock while whispering in her ear. Other accusers included a retired Navy rear admiral, a San Diego State University dean and a great-grandmother.

The City Council approved the settlement Monday and McCormack will be paid a lump sum. City Attorney Jan Goldsmith said. He said the settlement was the best ending to a case that was scheduled to go to trial next year.

would be the first drug for women who report a lack of sexual desire, a market that drugmakers have been trying to tap since the blockbuster success of Viagra for men in the late 1990s. While earlier drugs worked on hormone levels, flibanserin is the first attempt to increase sexual desire by acting on brain chemicals that affect appetite and mood.

NATION

# Texans flock to pot-friendly neighbor Colo.

By MARC RAMIREZ  
The Dallas Morning News

DENVER — Here in America's Amsterdam, even locals are still getting used to the idea that they can be open about purchases once made in secret.

With Colorado's legalization of recreational marijuana use and regulated retail operations, cannabis business is smoking. Dispensaries statewide have seen sales explode — Huffington Post reported first-week sales of \$5 million — dwarfing the medical transactions legal since 2009.

Much of that interest has come from Texas — and North Texans in particular, who've long invaded the Centennial State for skiing, snowboarding and, in the days before it became widely available, even Coors beer.

The law that took effect Jan. 1 has given Lone Star leisure-seek-

ers another reason to visit — and unleashed a booming new economy enticing out-of-state entrepreneurs looking to cash in on the green rush.

"They're tracing the footsteps of those who already have moved, or plan to move, to Colorado for medical reasons.

"This is the new cash crop," said Lindsey Bartlett, a "bud-tender" at downtown Denver dispensary MMJ America, one of more than 100 medical marijuana dispensaries in Denver that applied to add retail sales operations, according to the Denver Business Journal. "It's, like, the new tourism."

Retail purchases are taxed at 25 percent, including a 15 percent excise tax and a 10 percent sales tax.

With state officials predicting almost \$600 million in annual sales, travel companies have arisen to offer excursions to plant-growing

facilities and arrange lodging at "smoker-friendly" hotels.

"We've had quite a few Texans come to Colorado to check out our new freedoms," said Peter Johnson of Colorado Green Tours, a travel outfit "serving cannabis enthusiasts from around the world."

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Lindsey Bartlett, "bud-tender" at a Denver dispensary

Not that they necessarily want DANK Colorado, a customer who'd driven in that day from Texas refused to give her name, saying she'd called in sick to her job in Coppell.

Outside Mile High Cannabis near the Denver Broncos' home

field, an older couple who'd presented Texas IDs hurried away with their purchase, refusing to talk to a reporter.

"He looked like somebody important," the doorman quipped.

At Northern Lights Natural Rx in nearby Edgewater, receptionist Ben Davis said he had seen about 10 Texans the day before. The shop, in a tidy strip plaza next to a Dunkin' Donuts, had a bright, saloonlike vibe in contrast to some other dispensaries, fronted by doormen with more of a dive-bar feel.

Maps on Northern Lights' wall told the story in pushpins. So far, the shop's out-of-state visitors had come mostly from Dallas, Austin, Minneapolis, Chicago and the eastern seaboard.

A group came in one day from Corpus Christi. The day before that, Houston. Patrons have come from beyond the U.S., too, from

nations such as Latvia, Denmark, Greece and Burkina Faso.

"We had someone from Taiwan. She was very excited," Davis said. He pointed at a spot on the map. "I was here when this guy from Salvador (Brazil) came in."

Dallas chef David Anthony Temple was among a stream of customers queued up to peruse the weedy wares of Northern Lights' back room.

Inside, buds lined shelves like mini-asteroids in glass crocks, each strain labeled with its fanciful name: Space Dawg, Cannonatic, Medicine Man, Chernobyl.

Strains are either cannabis sativa, cannabis indica or a hybrid. Sativas are known for boosting energy and offering more of a head buzz, while the relaxing indicas are more of a bedtime strain.

"One woman told me 'I can't write without my sativas!'" shop co-owner Eva Woolhisser said.

## Bacon lovers pig out on the bizarre at fest

By WAYNE PARRY  
The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Get ready for bacon like you've never eaten, drunk or worn it before.

Bacon milkshakes. Chocolate-covered bacon shaped like roses. Bacon-flavored toothpaste, dental floss and lip balm. Bacon bourbon, margaritas, beer and vodka. Bacon ice cream sundaes. A BLT sandwich with a full pound of bacon.

They're all on the menu this week as one Atlantic City casino stretches the bounds of good taste and cardiovascular health with Bacon Week. The festival at the Tropicana Casino and Resort gives new meaning to the term "pigging out."

The idea of a bacon festival is not as far-fetched as it might sound. Americans eat about 1.5 billion pounds of bacon a year, according to the National Pork Board. The website bacontoday.com counted nearly 30 bacon festivals around the country from late April through December 2013, many of whose tickets sold out in minutes.

"Bacon is like heaven," said Nadina Fornia, of Egg Harbor Township. "If you're going to die, die with bacon on your lips and a BLT in each hand."

She was drawn to the casino Monday by the promise of bacon in far-out forms, including milkshakes and beer (not in the same glass, thankfully). She also heard about the bacon-infused vodka.

"That is my quest today," she said. Fornia tried a bacon bloody mary mixed with a smoky bacon beer. Despite the overwhelming salty taste and the small strip of bacon floating in the glass, it tasted mostly like shrimp tomato juice, she said.

Nearby were chocolate-covered pretzels with crumbled bacon bits, chocolate-dripped potato chips with bacon, two kinds of pasta dishes with bacon, bacon cupcakes and bacon wrapped around a fake green stem to form roses, which were then dipped in chocolate.

"The first taste is chocolatey, then it's all



PHOTOS BY WAYNE PARRY/AP

Nadina Fornia tastes a bloody mary mixed with bacon-flavored beer at a Bacon Week festival at the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City, N.J., on Monday.

bacon," said Melissa Ehrke, of Egg Harbor Township. "I was a little surprised I liked it, 'cause' I was afraid to try it. It's that whole sweet and salty thing."

While bacon-flavored grooming items are sold at festivals around the nation, they were encountering some skepticism at the Tropicana this week.

"There are people that are just crazy for bacon," said Denise McGrath, of Neptune City. "But bacon toothpaste or floss? I'm not that crazy."

James Sanders, of New York City, was in heaven trying as many free samples of bacon-flavored items as he could get his hands on.

"I love me some bacon!" he exclaimed between bites of ... something. "I don't even know what this is, but it's got bacon in it. And it's good!"

Sanders said eating bacon is a multilayered experience.

"You keep chewing it and chewing it and the flavor comes out the more you chew on it," he said. "And then you get to the fat and that floods into your mouth. I just love it."



A wave of saltiness hits Melissa Ehrke as she tries a chocolate-covered bacon strip shaped like a rose at the bacon festival.

## Report finds recent retail cyberattacks not related

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S. government task force looking into cyberattacks against retailers says it has not come across evidence suggesting the attacks are a coordinated campaign to adversely affect the country's economy.

The National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force says the global implications of the attacks and the economic impact to private business and individual citizens cannot be overstated.

The report obtained by The Associated Press does not identify the retailers by name, but it comes after recent attacks on Target and Neiman Marcus.

The document says agencies are tracking the use of Kaptaxa, a type of malware that compromises payment information systems, and other related malware by criminal elements.

The report is the combined effort of the FBI, Secret Service, intelligence agencies and the Department of Homeland Security.

"Bringing all of the government's knowledge together to date, the report demonstrates there is no evidence of a coordinated effort — whether by criminal groups or nation states — to harm the U.S. economy," said Steve Chabinsky, a cybersecurity with cybersecurity technology firm CrowdStrike. "Plain and simple, whoever did this just wants to make a whole lot of money."

Chabinsky said the report is an effort by the government to reach out to the entire retail industry expressing the government's concern that if these intrusions are allowed to continue, the unintended consequences could have global economic impact.

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**OPINION**

**US insurance model a categorical failure**

By CHARLES LANE

The Washington Post

**T**he left-right battle that erupted over last week's Congressional Budget Office report showing that Obamacare reduces work incentives was, on the surface, yet another argument about the health care law's impact on the U.S. economy.

On a deeper level, however, what's at issue are long-standing American assumptions about government assistance and who deserves it.

In other advanced industrial democracies, especially in Europe, health insurance, pensions and even certain amounts of income support for working-age adults are considered rights, to which everyone is entitled by virtue of their membership in society and their shared vulnerability to life's vicissitudes.

In the United States, by contrast, there is more emphasis on the duty of the "able-bodied" to provide for themselves and on the idea that government benefits should be earned or, at least, ultimately traceable to one's work effort.

Hence the seemingly contradictory spectacle of conservative voters who hate "welfare" but oppose cuts to Social Security and Medicare. In their minds — and, to some extent, in reality — the latter are different because you receive benefits after a lifetime spent working and paying into the programs.

To a large extent, the U.S. health insurance system rests on this ideological foundation. Other than Medicare and Medicaid, the largest government intervention in health care is the tax break for group health plans that workers get through their employers. Another big item is government health care for military personnel, current and former, and their families — the ultimate "deserving" beneficiaries.

To be sure, Medicaid, the State Chil-

**There's just no necessary connection between how much you work and your risk of needing care.**

dren's Health Insurance Program and other programs for the poor and disabled have grown in recent years. But those expansions confirm the work-benefit link; one reason they're politically possible is because the intended recipients, children and the disabled, aren't expected to work.

That helps explain the oddest aspect of the nature of U.S. health insurance: It's categorical. In the United States, people get coverage based not on membership in society but on membership in a disassemble segment of society: elderly; disabled; military; employee, union member, child living below the poverty line and so on.

Everyone else — from relatively well-to-do self-employed consultants to dishwasher at small restaurants, for whom even tax-subsidized insurance is unaffordable — falls into the category of "other." They make do with no insurance or with whatever is available on the dicey market for individual coverage.

Because health insurance works best with a broad risk pool, and because "everyone" is the broadest possible risk pool, the categorical U.S. system is plagued by obvious yet intractable inefficiencies and inequities.

Obamacare's goal of covering "others" was therefore unwise and improper. In deference to political reality, however, the president did not offer a wholesale replacement of the categorical system; instead, he tried to fill it out with a highly regulated and subsidized individual market.

Nor did he risk a consistent attack on the

cherished idea of earned benefits in general or as it applied to health care. Sometimes, as in a speech last September, Obama depicted health coverage as a right. Yet in his first address to Congress as president in 2009, he spoke of it mainly as a means of reducing costs. He balked at a "public option." He opposed an individual mandate in his 2008 campaign, then enacted one as president.

So when the CBO confirmed that Obamacare would enable some people to cut back on their work effort and still qualify for health coverage, subsidized by the taxes of those who continue working, it had the feel of an unmaking point.

The whole point of any universal-coverage plan is to break the link between work and insurance. But Obamacare was never clearly advertised in those terms, notwithstanding the administration's after-the-fact efforts to explain why the CBO report was no big deal.

Republicans were bound to pounce on the CBO report — and many voters were bound to agree with them. Yet this is likely to prove at most a tactical victory for the GOP, and possibly a pyrrhic one. The earned-benefits approach does have advantages; quite often, in fact, as the successful bipartisan reforms that linked welfare to work during the Clinton administration show.

Linking health insurance to work, however, is a bad idea. There's just no necessary connection between how much you work and your risk of needing care. Eventually, the United States must move from a categorical approach to health insurance to a system in which one, whether through Obamacare or some less-convoluted plan,

That fact will remain long after this CBO kerfuffle is over, and Republicans are bound to have to face it. We all are.

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**Poorer for sharing name with terrorism suspect**

By JAMILA TRINDLE

Foreign Policy

**T**he U.S. sanctions blacklist is meant to stop terrorists, drug lords and weapons traders from getting access to their money. Unfortunately, it also encases a lot of people who just happen to have the same name as one of those alleged criminals. Professor Stephen Law, who shares the name of a prominent heroin dealer in Myanmar, has discovered that firsthand.

The British Stephen Law is a soft-spoken professor at the University of London where he has taught philosophy for 17 years and plays the drums in a band called The Heavy Deaxters. He's also the author of books like "Believing Bull---: How Not to Get Sucked Into an Intellectual Black Hole." The one in Myanmar is a wealthy drug kingpin who was sanctioned by the Treasury Department in 2008 and again in 2010 because of his ties to the country's ruling junta. Treasury officials said Law's father, who was arrested in 1997, received lucrative government construction contracts because of his close ties to the regime. The second Law uses several aliases and is believed to split his time between Myanmar and Singapore.

The two Laws have little in common except their name, and the fact that it appears on the Treasury Department sanctions list has hit each of them hard. The British Law says that bank transfers in Europe take weeks to get to him and that packages

from abroad often fail to arrive. When an American friend sent him a drum, it was held up at customs and then sent back to the United States. When he asked his bank why a travel reimbursement from Austria was held up, they wouldn't tell him.

"I've always understood what it was or why it was happening to me," Law said.

Law, who describes himself as a "fairly well-known atheist in the UK," first thought his religious views might have somehow landed him in hot water. Then someone on Twitter alerted him to the Treasury Department list, which includes the name Stephen Law.

Law recently wrote a letter to the Treasury Department complaining about his problems accessing his own money or receiving gifts from abroad, but the department has yet to respond or take steps to ensure he isn't confused with the Law in Myanmar.

The British Law's troubles are the inadvertent byproducts of the U.S. government's ongoing push to cut off alleged drug kingpins, war criminals and nuclear weapons proliferators from the international financial system. Washington uses targeted sanctions to single out individuals and companies and make it illegal for U.S. banks and companies to interact with them. While broad trade embargoes against countries like Cuba haven't worked, freezing the assets of individuals has proven a successful tool for pressuring them into doing what the U.S. government wants, whether that's

ending support for terrorists or giving up ties to narcotics trafficking.

When the Treasury Department adds a new name to the list, it issues a press release that includes their reason for the new designation. Banks and companies are responsible for making sure they don't do business with the sanctioned person. Because the fines can be so high — the Treasury Department raked in \$137 million for sanctions violations in 2013 — companies are often extremely cautious about handling transactions for people whose names are at all similar to those on the list. Most major banks check transactions against rosters maintained by outside companies like Thomson Reuters. If a name is too similar to those on the sanctions list, the transactions will be held up while banks methodically check the person's address and birthdate to make sure they're not aiding an alleged terrorist.

Treasury officials declined to comment on Law's case, but a spokeswoman said they "always endeavor to make public all available bio-identifier information — including addresses, dates of birth, places of birth, and passport numbers, among other information." Law, for his part, has taken to the Internet to express his exasperation.

"This has proved frustrating, time-consuming and also costly to me personally," Law wrote in a blog post. It's incredibly stupid to put me and every other 'Stephen Law' on the planet."

OPINION

# To move Putin on Syria, reference Leningrad

By TRUDY RUBIN

The Philadelphia Inquirer

What's the connection between the Soviet Olympics, Syria and the Nazi starvation siege of Leningrad in World War II? Answer: Vladimir Putin.

In 1941, Nazi Germany began an 872-day siege of the Soviet city of Leningrad designed to starve its population into surrender. The Nazi tactic claimed 1 million lives, and its horrors will never be forgotten by Russians. For Putin, the Leningrad blockade has a very special meaning, since he was born there soon after the war.

Putin's older brother died during the siege, and his mother "stayed alive by a miracle," he has said. Just last month, Putin attended memorial services on the 70th anniversary of the city's liberation. He's so sensitive on the topic that the Kremlin is pushing to close TV Rain (Russia's last independent cable station) because it asked viewers whether Leningrad should have surrendered.

Yet, with the Olympics underway in Sochi, Putin is still backing a Syrian regime that has blockaded many towns and neighborhoods for more than a year. The choice: Surrender or starve.

Shades of Leningrad, indeed. With the world's eyes on Sochi, some had hoped that Putin might be open to humanitarian appeals on Syria during the Olympics. (No one doubts that Russian pressure could force Bashar Assad to let in more humanitarian aid.)

Forty-seven prominent diplomats and human rights activists, including Madeleine Albright and 2003 Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi, have asked the Russian leader to "Give the world a real Olympic Opening — Open Syria to life-saving aid."

Many humanitarian organizations have called for a binding U.N. Security Council resolution (one is now being drafted by Western and Arab nations, to be introduced later this month) that would call for unhindered delivery of humanitarian



ALEXANDER ZEMLIANCHENKO/AP

**Police detain a protester in Moscow on Saturday during a rally against the decision of Russian cable and satellite companies to drop the channel TV Rain. The independent station came under attack after asking viewers whether the Soviet Union should have surrendered Leningrad to save the lives of the 1 million people who died during the Nazi siege of the city in World War II.**

aid to Syrian civilians. Russia has already made clear it opposes the idea.

True Russian indifference to civilian suffering in wartime is nothing new. I watched in 1995 as Russian heavy artillery relentlessly pounded civilian apartment buildings for hours on end in the Chechen capital, Grozny.

But the cynicism of the Russian stance is illustrated by the deal they brokered last week to permit limited food deliveries to a besieged area of the city of Homs and allow a few hundred women, children and elderly to leave. The deal was pending for weeks, but was announced only now to take the heat off Putin in Sochi.

Meanwhile, as a Dutch priest trapped in

Homs related, via Skype, to London's Daily Telegraph, residents were being driven mad with starvation, feeling "abandoned" by the world.

Already the Homs deal looks like a government trap aimed at retaking the city. Evacuated civilians may disappear into deadly Syrian prisons. They are being pressured to provide the names of all men left behind, who will then become targets. Once the evacuees are gone, Syrian forces will likely starve and bomb the rest.

Moreover, the plight of the 2,500 Syrians trapped in Homs barely conveys the horrors that Syrians are enduring, in large part due to government tactics. Nine million Syrians, approaching half the prewar

population, have fled abroad or are internally displaced. Regime planes rain barrel bombs filled with shrapnel onto civilian housing.

More than 242,000 Syrians live under siege, and 3 million more live in "hard to reach" areas, rarely able to access humanitarian aid deliveries, largely due to blockage by the regime.

In October, the U.N. Security Council unanimously called for all Syrian sides to facilitate humanitarian aid, but Russia refused to permit a binding resolution. The impact of that statement has been almost nil.

Nor did the first round of Syrian peace talks in Geneva — widely viewed as a failure — produce any movement on humanitarian issues. The second round began Monday with dismally low expectations.

U.S. officials still cling to the dim hope that they can persuade Putin to lean on Assad, at least on humanitarian issues. But if the spotlight of Sochi can't be used to move Putin, it's hard to see what will.

So it is essential that the administration throw its full weight behind a strong and binding U.N. resolution penalizing any side that blocks humanitarian aid to Syrian civilians — and press for its introduction this week. The resolution should not be watered down further to satisfy the Russians.

It should contain a paragraph referencing in full detail the tragedy of the Leningrad siege and comparing the Nazis' use of starvation tactics to the similar behavior of Assad.

If Moscow vetoes that resolution, the onus will be on Putin.

A Russian veto might convince the White House that it needs to revisit its Syria strategy, and add more muscle, if it wants Putin to take the Geneva talks seriously. If the memory of his mother's suffering doesn't move Putin, President Barack Obama should finally recognize the need to play hardball.

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# Reported death of American exceptionalism is false

By CLIVE CROOK

Bloomberg News

For insights into American exceptionalism, it's good to talk to an immigrant. I happen to be one. I didn't choose the U.S. at random as the place I wanted to live and work; I'm here because I think America is not just different but better. If you ask this would-be U.S. citizen, the country's virtues vastly outweigh its failings, large though some of those failings may be.

I understand why many people are sick of the subject. On one level, the claim that the U.S. is different is trivial. Every country is different. And the claim of exceptional status shades easily into arrogance and chauvinism. But the U.S., I think, does stand apart — and some of the things that make it not just different but exceptional deserve to be valued and preserved.

In an essay for the National Journal, Peter Beinart announced "The End of American Exceptionalism." It isn't quite over yet, he argued, but it's on the way out. He looks at three distinguishing characteristics — religion, patriotism and economic opportunity — and finds that the U.S. is becoming more ordinary. He says there's every reason to expect that trend to continue.

It's an excellent article and I think correct on many points. In a rejoinder, Peter Berkowitz rightly takes Beinart to task for blaming the Republican Party for this convergence to the norm — a dubious claim, but inessential to Beinart's main thesis. The changes Beinart describes are real. The U.S. is gradually becoming a more secular country. Its ability and desire to project power around the globe (not the same thing as patriotism, but let that pass) are diminishing. As for economic mobility, it isn't so much that America's advantage is declining as that the country wasn't exceptional to begin with.

Actually, it would be easy to bolster Beinart's case. I'd add that the country's sense of itself as exceptional rests partly on sheer economic might. Without that, the question of what to do with its overwhelming military power wouldn't arise. Convergence is in train here, too. In the coming decades, the U.S. will most likely retain its lead in per capita incomes, but it can't expect to remain the world's biggest economy or pre-eminent military power.

Judged by any of these metrics, America is fated to be less exceptional with time. The question is how much these metrics matter. Despite mostly agreeing with Beinart about the trends he examines, and even thinking he understates the case in

some respects, I don't see the weltspring of American exceptionalism falling in the foreseeable future.

The abiding source of American exceptionalism, I'd submit, is the American character. That is a difficult thing to quantify, hence easily dismissed, but not everything that matters can be measured.

Anybody who's lived and worked in other countries can't fail to be struck by it. It is antithetical to the national character as irony. Americans work incredibly hard, and they take play so seriously it's comical. They're acquisitive and competitive, but they're also friendly, as well as amazingly open to interaction with other people and to joint endeavors in business and with neighbors.

With strangers, they're both welcoming and demanding (which the British find especially odd). They detest incompetence and won't settle for mediocrity. They're pragmatic — they believe in what works — yet they're reluctant to compromise. They venerate innovators and risk-takers. They see failure as a temporary setback. They expect to rely on themselves and ask the same of others. They don't think the world owes them a living.

Live somewhere else for a while, then tell me you think those traits are universal.

All this goes a long way to explain America's extraordinary economic success. The same goes for the country's political institutions — themselves a result of the underlying culture. I'm not the first to notice that American culture is communitarian and individualist at the same time. There's a kind of reverence for popular sovereignty and the institutions that express it, including the Constitution and the flag, but that is combined with suspicion of government. On the one hand, "We the people." On the other, "Don't tread on me." The result, by the standards of other advanced economies, is a bound on the size and scope of the state.

All these are things I admire. Admittedly, I was predisposed to admire the U.S., and it's true I've accentuated the positive. The same character traits produce other equally distinctive results: needlessly vituperative politics; a zeal for incarceration; legalism carried to the point of insanity — I could go on. But I'm here because I admire this country and its people, and I admire them because they're different — very different. The cultural roots, I'm certain, go deep. I'll be surprised if America doesn't stay very different for a long, long time.

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WORLD

# Al-Qaida move tests US post-9/11 law

By KAREN DEYOUNG AND GREG MILLER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is engaged in a debate about the extent of the president's powers to use lethal force against terrorist organizations, and the deliberations have been accelerated by al-Qaida's recent decision to sever ties with a violent Islamist group in Syria.

The focus of internal discussions is whether a law giving the president authority to attack al-Qaida affiliates still applies to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, the group that was disavowed last week by U.S. intelligence officials.

Current and former U.S. intelligence officials said that last week's expulsion marked the first time that al-Qaida had ejected a group that had formally joined its fold, a potentially risky move at a time when the terrorist network's affiliates have largely replaced its core group in strength and relevance.

According to some administration lawyers and intelligence officials, the expulsion of Islamic State removes the group from the short list of al-Qaida "associates" that the president has virtually unlimited powers to attack under a law passed days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The group has emerged over the past year as a ruthless player in the Syrian civil war and one whose ability to project its power — and recruits — beyond the immediate battlefield is worrying Western intelligence agencies. On Monday, more than 20 Islamic State recruits were killed when a bomb exploded during a class on suicide bombings, Iraqi officials said.

The unofficial list of al-Qaida affiliates is now down to four: the powerful offshoots in Yemen and North Africa; Somalia-based al-Shabab; and Jabhat al-Nusra, an Islamic State rival within the Syrian opposition to President Bashar Assad.

Others think Islamic State can still be targeted because of its long-standing al-Qaida ties and parallel ambitions.

Officials who spoke about intelligence matters on the condition of anonymity stressed that the administration has not made any ruling on the subject.

What appears at first glance to be a legal debate over an arcane dispute among terrorists is largely theoretical, since the administration has no current intention of attacking in Syria or Iraq. But the answer has major implications for a far more important issue — what to do about the post-Sept. 11 law authorizing the use of force as the Afghanistan War winds down and an increasingly decentralized al-Qaida becomes more of a shared ideology than an organized hierarchy.

In recent years, as new groups have posed threats to the United States and to its overseas personnel, the administration has adopted an increasingly elastic

definition of the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force, or AUMF, to include groups it says are associated with the al-Qaida and Taliban organizations explicitly covered by the law.

In a major national security speech in May, however, President Barack Obama said he wanted to "refine and ultimately repeal" the AUMF and would work with Congress to come up with an alternative better suited to current reality.

"The default position is to do nothing," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., a member of the House Intelligence Committee.

Continuing to rely on the AUMF as the legal justification for counterterrorism operations "becomes increasingly strained when you're not using it in the theater of war, you're not using it against organizations that existed on 9/11" and one of the most violent groups "is not even affiliated with al-Qaida anymore," Schiff said in an interview.

## Warlord Kony benefits from chaos in CAR

KAMPALA, Uganda — A new report says the fugitive African warlord Joseph Kony may be getting a "lifeline" from chaos in the Central African Republic, where sectarian violence has displaced nearly 1 million people.

The report released Tuesday by groups that monitor the Lord's Resistance Army — Invisible Children and the Resolve — said rebel attacks increased in 2013, and rebels may be using looting raids in eastern Central African Republic to resupply commanders.

Kony, an infamous warlord who abducts children, is believed to be hiding in the Central African Republic. The groups say instability is making it more difficult for African troops and U.S. advisers to target rebels.

## Grenades thrown at moviegoers in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Police said assassins threw three grenades inside a cinema in northwest Pakistan, killing at least 10 people.

Police officer Kamal Khan said initial reports show one grenade struck the main door, then the attackers threw two more inside the theater. He said about 80 people were watching the movie at Shama cinema when Tuesday's attack occurred in Peshawar. Khan said more than 20 people were wounded.

No one claimed responsibility for the attacks, which came days after Pakistan began a peace process with the Taliban to end the violence that has killed more than 40,000 people in recent years.

## 1 survives, 102 die in Algerian C-130 crash

ALGIERS, Algeria — An Algerian civil defense commander says one person survived and all 102 others died in the crash of a military transport plane in eastern Algeria.

Commander Farid Nechad, who is based in Algiers, said 55 bodies had been recovered so far from Tuesday's crash and everyone besides the survivor is presumed dead.

The U.S.-built C-130 Hercules transport crashed in a mountainous area about 30 miles southeast of the city of Constantine.

## Seoul: Rival Koreas to hold high-level meeting

SEOUL, South Korea — The two Koreas will hold their highest-level talks in years on Wednesday, South Korean officials said, in a possible sign that North Korea wants a quick improvement in ties and the resumption of lucrative cooperative projects.

Officials said Tuesday the meeting was requested by North Korea, which has launched a recent charm offensive after raising tensions last spring with repeated threats of nuclear strikes against Seoul and Washington.

Wednesday's meeting has no fixed agenda.

From The Associated Press

# 15 killed by gunmen in Iraq assault

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Militants in Iraq attacked military barracks in a remote area in the country's north and killed 15 troops overnight, officials said Tuesday, the latest blow to the government's efforts to achieve stability.

According to two police officials, an unknown number of gunmen staged the assault on the barracks in Ayn al-Jahish village outside the northern city of Mosul late Monday.

The troops are in charge of protecting an oil pipeline that sends Iraqi crude oil to international markets and guarding a nearby highway. Attacks on the pipeline are common in that area near Mosul, a former insurgent stronghold about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad.

Eight of the soldiers were beheaded during the attack while the rest were killed by gunfire, a medical official said. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The brazen attack comes amid a surge in violence to levels unseen in Iraq since 2008. It's been a most serious challenge to the Shiite-led government's efforts to achieve stability.

Sporadic clashes continued Tuesday in some parts of Ramadi, with only limited success by security forces.

Meanwhile, in Fallujah, masked and armed al-Qaida-linked militants in traditional Afghan two-piece clothing were seen in the city's main intersections, checking the IDs of passers-by.



**Above:** A resident moves sandbags to protect a property from flooding in the village of Datchet, England, on Tuesday. The River Thames has burst its banks after reaching its highest level in years, flooding riverside towns upstream of London. Residents and British troops piled up sandbags to protect properties from the latest bout of flooding, but the river overwhelmed their defenses in several places Monday, including Datchet.

**Right:** A woman sits in a boat pulled by a companion through a flooded Datchet street.

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## WIRED WORLD

# Shooting TV, not terrorists

By ANGELA CHARLTON  
The Associated Press

**T**hat drone you might have spotted hovering and zipping around the Sochi Olympic slopes isn't searching for terrorists or protesters hiding behind the fir trees.

It's being used to transmit live video of snowboard and ski jump competitions to a screen near you.

Unlike military drones, which often look like a remote-controlled airplane, the creature floating around Sochi resembles a huge flying spider. Drones are increasingly common at sporting events, and this Olympics is the highest-profile showcase yet for their use in broadcasting.

Here's a few questions and some answers about the drone and its place at the Sochi Games.

#### Why use a drone to film Olympic events?

"We can go really, really close. And we are really quiet, so nobody is distracted," said pilot and cameraman Remo Masina, who has used drones to film skiers in Switzerland for commercials.

And it's cheaper than a camera crew on a helicopter.

A drone with mounted camera can cost anywhere from a few thousand dollars to \$37,000 for a top-of-the-line Ikarus from Britain's Heliqub, which is advising broadcast clients in Sochi on using drones, said Heliqub's Justin Pringle.

That compares with the cost of a few thousand dollars an hour to rent a helicopter with pilot, not including the camera crew and equipment.

Flexibility is key. Drones allow unique angles and "allow more height than a crane, but are able to get lower than a helicopter," said a statement from Olympic Broadcasting Services, which provides the official world feed of all the events at the games and is using one drone in Sochi.

Broadcasting live from a remote-controlled device is more complicated than recording, but not hugely so. It requires an extra transmitter to send back live video, which adds weight and limits how fast the drones can fly. But Masina, who is not involved in the Olympic footage, said he can still fly a

drone at up to 40 mph while transmitting a high-definition, live image.

#### How do the drones work?

The legs of this flying spider hold the rotors that spin around to keep it airborne. The drone then has a flight deck that holds the flight control system with GPS for navigation, sensors and receivers. Then there's the camera, which can be mounted in the middle or suspended below the flight deck.

Back on the ground, the pilot has a control deck, with monitors that show a real-time view of what the camera is capturing, as well as flight details including altitude, speed, rate of descent and ascent, and how much power is left in the battery.

#### Couldn't a drone crash onto the crowd?

It could, but so could a much heavier helicopter.

Masina said chances of drone crashes are close to zero when a drone is handled by an experienced pilot, because the drones are programmed to return to base at the slightest problem — such as a low battery, rough winds or a malfunction.

#### Could hackers divert a drone?

It's possible. While military drones use encrypted GPS signals for navigation, the GPS signals used by civilian drones don't have that protection.

A team at the University of Texas successfully hacked a drone in an experiment in 2012 through something called "spoofing," or sending the drone incorrect information about its location. Todd Humphreys, head of the school's Radionavigation Lab, told a Congressional hearing it would be very difficult for an ordinary person to spoof a drone, although it might be within the capability of a terrorist or criminal network.

Cybersecurity has been a fear in Sochi, given the huge numbers of people in a relatively compact space and the sharp reputation of Russian hackers.

Since the video drones are not armed, there's a limit to the damage a hacker could do with them.

#### Are drones legal to fly?

Local laws vary widely in terms of who can fly drones, where and for what purpose. Many countries impose restrictions for reasons of security and privacy, and so they won't interfere with airplanes.

For the Sochi Games, Olympic Broadcasting Services said a flight plan must be filed with the Russian civil aviation authority and permission obtained from local Russian police and the FSB, the successor to the KGB.

The Russian government also bought a fleet of drones to help spot terrorists or troublemakers in the Sochi area, operated by its security services.

#### So, is this the future of sports video?

Masina doesn't hesitate. "For sure."



A drone camera flies around the course during a freestyle skiing slopestyle training session last week at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park ahead of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

SECRET GERTS/AP

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Bus crash on snowy road injures at least 20

**PA** CUMBERLAND VALLEY TOWNSHIP — A tour bus going too fast on a snow-covered road crashed in southwestern Pennsylvania on Sunday, sending more than 20 passengers to the hospital with minor injuries, officials said.

State police said bus driver Terrence Harold Shultz, 65, lost control and crashed into an embankment around 2:20 p.m. on Route 220 in Cumberland Valley Township, about 5 miles from the Maryland border.

The bus was traveling "at a speed that was greater than is reasonable and prudent for the conditions," according to the state police report. Officials did not say how fast the bus was traveling.

## Crash that killed 5 still under investigation

**FL** TAMPA — Florida Highway Patrol troopers said they're trying to determine what entrance a driver took on Interstate 275 to end up going the wrong way and crashing into a car carrying four University of South Florida students.

All five died in the Sunday morning crash.

The crash claimed the lives of Jobin Joy Kuriaikose, 21, of Orlando; Ankeet Harshad Patel, 22, of Melbourne; Imtiyaz Ilias, 20, of Fort Myers; Dammie Yesudhas, 20, of Melbourne; and the unidentified driver of the 2001 Ford Expedition that crashed head-on into them.

The Tampa Tribune reported that the driver of the wrong-way car has not yet been identified because the body was so badly burned in the crash.

## Researchers looking into starfish deaths

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Starfish at the Anchorage Museum have shown signs of a wasting disease reported up and down the West Coast, and eight had to be euthanized last fall.

The creatures are dying of sea star wasting syndrome, an affliction that causes white lesions to develop on the starfish's skin and an unnatural twisting of the arms, the Anchorage Daily News reported. The starfish die after they lose their arms and their tissues soften.

Marine scientists say the disease is killing massive numbers of starfish colonies up and down the West Coast, and it has been observed as far south as San Diego.

## Woman dies when her parachute fails to open

**UT** SPRINGDALE — A Utah woman attempting a parachute jump near Zion National Park died when her parachute failed to open, park officials said.

Amber Bellows, 28, fell about 2,000 feet to the ground Saturday afternoon. She had been attempting the jump from Mount Kinne-sava, in the southern part of the



AL BEHRMAN/AP

## Providing comfort

Amanda Broughton, left, comforts one of her twin sons while her partner, Michele Hobbs, top left, stands behind her Monday at a news conference in Cincinnati. Four legally married gay couples filed a federal civil rights lawsuit Monday seeking a court order to force Ohio to recognize same-sex marriages on birth certificates despite a statewide ban. Broughton is the birth mother of the twins.



COURTESY OF THE LOWRY PARK (FLA.) ZOO/AP

## Maternal monkey

"August," a female Angolan Colobus monkey, holds her newborn offspring on Tuesday in Tampa, Fla. Colobus monkeys share the responsibility of caring for the young with other females in the group. That benefits the mother as well as the other females, who gain maternal experience.

## THE CENSUS

# 3,000

The approximate number of birds rescued in a cock-fighting bust in New York last weekend that resulted in nine arrests. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said "Operation Angry Birds" was the largest cock-fighting bust in New York state and among the largest in U.S. history. The operation targeted locations in Queens, Brooklyn and Ulster County with assistance from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



park famous for its soaring red rock formations.

Bellows hiked to the top of the mountain Saturday morning with her husband, Clayton Butler, 29. The Salt Lake City couple had married just two weeks before.

Bellows jumped first, around 4 p.m., but her parachute did not open. Her husband jumped after her but could not reach her body. It took him two hours to hike down the mountain and notify park officials, who found her body Sunday morning.

## Police: Woman fires shot over wrong order

**MI** GRAND RAPIDS — Police said a woman fired a shot into a Michigan fast-food restaurant's drive-thru window after workers got her burger order wrong a second time.

The shot was fired around 3 a.m. Monday at a McDonald's in Grand Rapids. No one was hurt, and the suspected shooter was in custody.

According to investigators, two women became angry when workers got their order wrong Sunday evening. The customers were told their next meal would be free. The women returned to the drive-thru early Monday. The workers again got the meal wrong.

Police said the passenger got out of the car, yelled at the workers, pulled out a gun and fired into the window.

The customers took off, but police tracked them down because they left a phone number following the first order.

## 2 teens rescued from ice sheet on river

**MD** PASADENA — Anne Arundel County officials said firefighters rescued two teens stuck on an ice sheet on the Magothry River.

Emergency workers called to Jeronco Way in Pasadena on Sunday afternoon found the teens stuck on a sheet of ice about 25

feet from a pier. Temperatures were in the low 30s at the time, and snow flurries were falling.

Fire department spokesman Jack Beal said the teens stepped out onto the ice from another nearby pier, but the ice they were standing on broke away.

Crews used an inflatable boat to bring the teens back to shore, and the teens were treated for exposure.

## Hearing in 'OINK' plate lawsuit is rescheduled

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — A central Indiana judge has delayed until April a hearing in a police officer's lawsuit that accuses state officials of violating his rights by revoking his vanity license plate "OINK."

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles in July stopped offering vanity plates until the case is decided.

Marion County Judge James Osborn approved a request from BMV attorneys to push back a planned March hearing until

April 9. Greenfield police Officer Rodney Vawter's lawsuit contends that the BMV's decision to revoke his vanity license plate violated his free speech rights. The agency revoked his plate after three years, saying its content was "offensive or misleading."

## Intruder brings candy, returns and won't leave

**PA** STATE COLLEGE — Police have jailed a central Pennsylvania man on criminal trespass charges after he dropped off Valentine's Day chocolates at an apartment, then refused to leave after returning a short time later.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Alex Balgobin, 24, who was arrested Saturday evening by police in State College.

Police told the Centre Daily Times that Balgobin dropped off the box shortly before 5 p.m. with a note on one side of the candy box that said "where?" and a note on the other side saying, "She's beautiful."

Police said the apartment residents didn't know Balgobin and were puzzled when he returned an hour later, sat down to watch TV and refused to leave.

Police arrived, arrested and removed Balgobin, who allegedly told officers he knew he wasn't supposed to be there.

From wire reports

FACES



AP

**Shirley Temple as she appeared in the 1936 film "Poor Little Rich Girl."** Temple, who began acting at 3, received an honorary Academy Award in 1934 for her contributions as a child film star.

# Child star Temple dies at 85

The Associated Press

WOODSIDE, Calif. — Shirley Temple, the dimpled, curly-haired child star who sang, danced, sobbed and grinned her way into the hearts of Depression-era moviegoers, has died, according to publicist Cheryl Kagan. She was 85.

Temple, known in private life as Shirley Temple Black, died Monday at about 11 p.m. at her home near San Francisco. She was surrounded by family members and caregivers, Kagan said.

"We salute her for a life of remarkable achievements as an actor, as a diplomat, and most importantly as our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and adored wife for fifty-five years of the late and much missed Charles Alden Black," a family statement said.

A talented and ultra-adorable entertainer, Temple was America's top box-office draw from 1935 to 1938, a record no other child star has come near. She beat out such grown-ups as Clark Gable, Bing Crosby, Robert Taylor, Gary Cooper and Joan Crawford.

In 1999, the American Film Institute ranking of the top 50 screen legends ranked Temple at No. 18 among the 25 actresses. She appeared in scores of movies and kept children singing "On the Good Ship Lollipop" for generations.

Temple was credited with helping save 20th Century Fox from bankruptcy with films such as "Curly Top" and "The Littlest Rebel." She even had a drink named after her, an appropriately sweet and innocent cocktail of ginger ale and grenadine, topped with maraschino cherry.

Temple blossomed into a pretty young woman, but audiences lost interest, and she retired from films at 21. She raised a family and became active in politics. She held several diplomatic posts, including ambassador to Czechoslovakia during the collapse of communism in 1989.



Nick Ut/AP

# Comic claims 'Dumb Starbucks'

**Canadian comedian Nathan Fielder of the Comedy Central show "Nathan For You" comes forward Monday as the brailchild of "Dumb Starbucks," a parody store in Los Angeles that created quite a buzz from the corner of a strip mall over the weekend. Starbucks Coffee spokeswoman Laurel Harper said the store is not affiliated with Starbucks and, despite the humor, the store cannot use the Starbucks name. Los Angeles County health inspectors shut the store down for operating without a valid permit.**

# TNT cancels Darabont's 'Mob City'

From wire reports

Frank Darabont's post-"Walking Dead" work life is off to a zombie-crawl, with TNT deciding to cancel his 1940s noir drama "Mob City."

The series was billed as a three-week television event, with two back-to-back episodes trying to capitalize on the idea of binge-viewing. Although it was publicized as a limited series, it had the potential to continue if ratings proved sufficient. The show failed

to make a dent with its December rollout — its two-hour premiere opened soft, with just over 2 million viewers.

Adapted from John Buntin's nonfiction book "L.A. Noir: The Struggle for the Soul of America's Most Seductive City," the series focused on the sometimes bloody dynamic between LAPD Chief William Parker (Neal McDonough) and gangsters Ben "Bugsy" Siegel (Ed Burns) and Mickey Cohen (Jeremy Luke).

### Other news

■ "The Book of Mormon" broke the record for the highest weekly gross for a national tour. The musical took in \$2,802,606 over for the week ending Sunday at Atlanta's Fox Theatre, surpassing "Wicked" (\$2,755,070, 2012).

■ Gabriel Axel, director of the film "Babette's Feast," which made him the first Dane to win an Oscar for best foreign film, died Sunday at 95.

# Meyers picks Armisen as bandleader

The Associated Press

Seth Meyers said former comedy colleague Fred Armisen will lead the band when he takes over NBC's "Late Night."

Meyers tweeted Monday that his former "Saturday Night Live" castmate will "curate and lead" the band and run it even while shooting his IFC comedy series "Portlandia." NBC confirmed the news.



Armisen

Armisen, best known as a comic performer from "Portlandia" and his decade at "SNL," got started in show business as a drummer, principally for the punk-rock band Trenchmouth in the 1990s.

He will handle vocals and guitar for "Late Night's" 8G Band. Other players include Seth Jabour on guitar, Syd Butler on bass, Eli Janney on keyboards and Kimberly Thompson on drums.

"Late Night with Seth Meyers" premieres Feb. 24. "Portlandia" returns for its fourth season three days later.

# Fall, Timberlake among U2's first guests

Jimmy Fallon is premiering his new show with a bang.

NBC announced Monday that Will Smith will appear on the Feb. 17 debut of "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon." U2 will perform.

Justin Timberlake will close out the week, which will also include appearances by first lady Michelle Obama, Will Ferrell, Tracey Cooper, Kristen Wiig and Jerry Seinfeld.

Lady Gaga, Arcade Fire and Tim McGraw will perform during the week.

# Newscaster apologizes for mixing up black actors

The Associated Press

A Los Angeles newscaster apologized to Samuel L. Jackson on Monday for confusing him with fellow actor Laurence Fishburne during a live TV interview.

KTLA entertainment reporter Sam Rubin was interviewing Jackson on Monday morning about the film "RoboCop" when he asked the actor if he'd gotten a lot of reaction to his recent Super Bowl commercial.

When Jackson asked, "What Super Bowl commercial?" Rubin realized his mistake and began to apologize. It was too late.

"You're as crazy as the people on Twitter," an animated Jackson, who was doing the interview by satellite from Atlanta, told Rubin. "I'm not Laurence Fishburne. We don't all look alike. We may be all black and famous but we don't all look alike."

As Rubin, who is white, tried to apologize, a smiling Jackson went on at length, listing various black actors and their commercials.



Jackson



Fishburne

Video of the exchange quickly went viral.

"I'm the 'What's in Your Wallet,' black guy," he said of his own commercial for a credit-card company. "He's the car black guy. Morgan Freeman is the other credit-card black guy. You only hear his voice, though, so you probably won't confuse him with Laurence Fishburne."

Fishburne, as the character Morpheus from

the "Matrix" movies, appeared in the Super Bowl commercial for Kia automobiles.

The pair eventually got back to talking about "RoboCop," with Jackson telling Rubin how highly he regards Michael Keaton and Gary Oldman, who appear in the film with him.

"You do know who they all are though, right?" he teased. "Just in case they have some of them on the show. So some work. Do some research. Make sure you don't confuse them with those other white actors."

When he returned to the air 30 minutes later, Rubin apologized profusely, saying he has interviewed Jackson several times and does indeed know who they are.

"I really pride myself on the fact that unlike a lot of people who do this kind of work, more often than not I really do know what I'm talking about," he said. "But I didn't 30 minutes ago and I'm really embarrassed about it, and I very much apologize to Samuel L. Jackson and anyone else who was offended for what was a very amateur mistake."

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Fed chair makes first public comments

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said that if the economy keeps improving, the U.S. central bank will take "further measured steps" to reduce the support it's providing through monthly bond purchases.

In her first public comments since taking over the top Fed job last week, Yellen said Tuesday that she expects a "great deal of continuity" with her predecessor, Ben Bernanke. She signaled that she supports his view that the economy is strengthening enough to withstand a pullback in stimulus but that rates should stay low to fuel further growth.

Yellen's remarks to a House of Representatives committee signal that the Fed will keep its key short-term rate near zero for a prolonged period. That message could be reassuring to investors.

In her remarks, Yellen said the Fed is monitoring volatility in

global markets but doesn't think it poses a serious risk to the United States.

"Since the financial crisis and the depths of the recession, substantial progress has been made in restoring the economy to health and strengthening the financial system," Yellen said in her testimony for the House Financial Services Committee. "Still, there is more to do."



Yellen

Yellen, the first woman to lead the central bank in its 100 years, is delivering the Fed's twice-a-year report to Congress a week after being sworn in to succeed Bernanke. He stepped down Jan. 31 after eight years as chairman.

Many economists think the Fed bond buying, which totaled \$85 billion a month during 2013, will be reduced in \$10 billion increments this year until the purchases are eliminated in December. After the two \$10 billion cuts in December and January, the level of bond buying stands at \$65 billion. The purchases of Treasury and mortgage bonds are aimed at stimulating the economy by keeping long-term borrowing rates low.

"Yellen repeated the Fed's assurances that it intends to keep its key short-term rate near zero "well past" the time the unemployment rate drops below 6.5 percent as long as inflation remains low. Many economists don't expect short-term rates to be increased until late 2015.

The unemployment rate in January fell to 6.6 percent, the lowest point in more than five years. Still, in her testimony, Yellen said the unemployment rate remained "well above levels" that Fed officials think are consistent with its goal of maximum employment. She said the job market still faces

problems. "Those out of a job for more than six months continue to make up an unusually large fraction of the unemployed," she said. "The number of people working part time but would prefer a full-time job remains very high."

She said the Fed expects the economy to expand at a moderate rate this year, with unemployment continuing to fall and inflation moving up toward the Fed's 2 percent target.

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### MARKET WATCH

Feb. 10, 2014

<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	<b>+7.71</b>
15,801.79	
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	<b>+22.31</b>
4,148.17	
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>+2.82</b>
1,799.84	
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>+2.18</b>
1,118.73	

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 12)	\$1.4029
Dollar buys (Feb. 12)	€0.7128
British pound (Feb. 12)	\$1.69
Japanese yen (Feb. 12)	100.00
South Korean won (Feb. 12)	1,046.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.6405
Canada (dollar)	1.1047
China (Yuan)	6.0601
Denmark (Krone)	5.4707
Egypt (Pound)	6.9637
Euro	\$1.3641/0.7331
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.5213
Hungary (Forint)	226.19
Israel (Sheqel)	1.7273
Japan (Yen)	102.21
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2825
Norway (Krone)	6.1364
Philippines (Peso)	45.00
Poland (Zloty)	3.10
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2707
South Korea (Won)	1,072.00
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8971
Thailand (Baht)	32.81
Turkey (Lira)	2.1557

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### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.07
6-month bill	0.07
30-year bond	3.67

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### WEDNESDAY IN EUROPE



### THURSDAY IN THE PACIFIC



### Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	54	22	Clr	Chatanooga	40	30	Snow	Fort Wayne	22	-6	PCldy	Louisville	34	26	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	26	-3	Clr	Chicago	23	00	Clr	Fresno	70	44	PCldy	Lubbock	56	24	Clr
Albany, N.Y.	25	-2	Clr	Cincinnati	31	03	Clr	Goodland	41	22	PCldy	Macon	37	35	PCldy
Albuquerque	59	31	Clr	Cleveland	24	-2	Clr	Grand Junction	42	22	Clr	Madison	23	-1	Snow
Allentown, Pa.	27	-1	PCldy	Colorado Springs	50	21	Clr	Grand Rapids	24	4	Clr	Medford	53	45	Rain
Amarillo	52	24	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	32	31	Clr	Great Falls	51	26	Snow	Memphis	39	23	Clr
Anchorage	16	3	Clr	Columbus, Ga.	39	36	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	29	25	Snow	Miami Beach	83	69	Clr
Ashville	29	25	Snow	Columbus, Ohio	29	-1	Clr	Hartford	24	5	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	58	27	Clr
Atlanta	33	19	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	20	-1	Clr	Hellensburg	24	5	PCldy	Milwaukee	22	0	PCldy
Atlantic City	32	7	Snow	Corpus Christi	57	36	PCldy	Hennepin	51	23	Clr	Missoula	41	29	Snow
Baltimore	29	13	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	47	26	PCldy	Honolulu	68	53	PCldy	Mobile	68	53	PCldy
Baton Rouge	44	35	Clr	Dayton	27	-2	Clr	Houston	52	31	Clr	Montgomery	40	39	Rain
Bilings	48	24	Clr	Daytona Beach	78	59	Clr	Huntsville	37	33	Snow	Nashville	39	24	Clr
Birmingham	36	33	Snow	Denver	51	21	PCldy	Indianapolis	27	1	PCldy	New Orleans	47	42	Rain
Bismarck	28	34	Clr	Des Moines	28	10	Snow	Jackson, Miss.	38	33	Clr	New York City	26	13	Clr
Boise	44	34	Rain	Detroit	20	-5	PCldy	Jacksonville	61	48	Clr	Newark	26	13	Clr
Boston	24	9	Clr	El Paso	52	19	Clr	Janeau	29	6	Snow	Norfolk, Va.	27	26	PCldy
Bridgeport	25	10	Clr	Elkins	28	-4	Snow	Key West	32	10	Clr	North Platte	38	16	PCldy
Brownsville	59	37	PCldy	Erie	66	31	Clr	Kansas City	30	10	Clr	Oklahoma City	44	21	Clr
Buffalo	24	-2	Clr	Erie	66	31	Clr	Knoxville	40	29	Rain	Omaha	36	16	PCldy
Burlington, Vt.	16	-11	Clr	Eugene	53	44	Rain	Lake Charles	48	34	Clr	Orlando	81	59	Clr
Caribou, Maine	43	22	Clr	Fargo	10	-5	PCldy	Las Vegas	71	45	PCldy	Pasadena	53	10	Rain
Casper	43	22	Clr	Fargo	10	-5	PCldy	Las Vegas	71	45	PCldy	Pendleton	50	38	Clr
Charleston, S.C.	41	32	Clr	Flagstaff	57	23	PCldy	Lincoln	37	19	PCldy	Peoria	25	12	PCldy
Charleston, W.Va.	36	15	Clr	Flint	21	-5	PCldy	Little Rock	37	19	PCldy	Philadelphia	28	12	PCldy
Charlotte, N.C.	30	17	Snow	Fort Smith	42	20	PCldy	Los Angeles	77	52	Clr	Phoenix	81	52	Clr
															PCldy
															Shreveport

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### National Temperature Extremes

Hi: Mon., 84, Borrego and El Centro
Rain: San, Calif.
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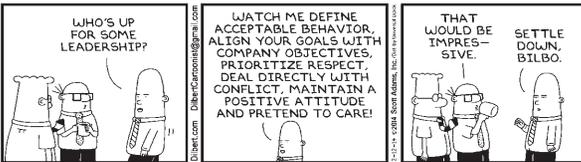
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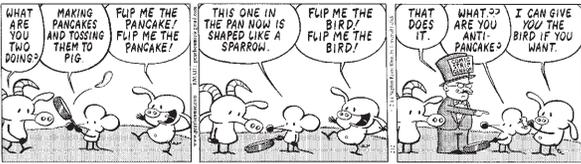
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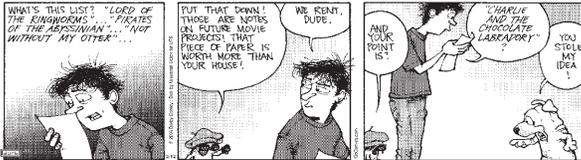
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ACROSS

- 1 Automaton, for short
- 4 Texas city
- 8 Fellow
- 12 "Go, team!"
- 13 Verve
- 14 State
- 15 Chowed down
- 16 Minstrel
- 18 Bundle of wheat
- 20 Spud's cousin
- 21 Missing
- 24 Greeting
- 28 Cast a vote
- 32 Yuletide refrain
- 33 Japanese sash
- 34 One of Ben Franklin's certainties
- 36 Hollywood trickery, for short
- 37 Mentor
- 41 Become upright
- 43 Blackthorn fruit
- 44 Pool stick
- 46 Peace symbol
- 50 Pavlova, e.g.
- 55 Spelling contest
- 56 Neighborhood
- 57 Drench
- 58 Playwright Levin
- 59 Paruse
- 60 Vats
- 61 Solidify

DOWN

- 1 Bikini tops
- 2 Vow
- 3 Quaker's address
- 4 Duck feature
- 5 Chicken-king link
- 6 — Tech
- 7 Sans siblings
- 8 Don Draper's series
- 9 Rude
- 10 Civil War VIP
- 11 Mess up
- 17 "That feels good" star
- 19 The entirety
- 22 Pierce
- 23 Second-largest state
- 25 Lombod, e.g.
- 26 Toy block name
- 27 Hodgepodge
- 28 Marshes
- 29 Touch
- 30 Old Italian money
- 31 Farmer's home?
- 35 People of Bratislava
- 38 Nude
- 40 "Of course"
- 42 Payable
- 45 Formerly, formerly
- 47 Heron's cousin
- 48 "American Gigolo" star
- 49 Spruced up
- 50 Tavern
- 51 Exist
- 52 Meadow
- 53 Doctor's note
- 54 Catch

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Roundup

## Kansas State upends No. 7 Kansas in OT

The Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State's Will Spradling remembers beating Kansas back in 2011, how the students flooded out of the stands in Bramlage Coliseum and joined in a merry celebration at midcourt.

He ought to remember Monday night just as vividly.

The senior guard scored 15 points and was instrumental in holding his young team together down the stretch, helping the Wildcats upend the No. 7 Jayhawks 85-82 in overtime.

"I've played in this game three times now," Spradling said of the annual Sunflower Showdown in Manhattan, which Kansas State had won just twice in 25 tries in Bramlage.

"People were asking me if I'd be nervous today, and really I wasn't nervous at all, until I got into the gym," Spradling said. "But I came out ready to play."

So did the rest of the Wildcats, who blew a nine-point lead with less than 2 minutes left in regulation, but persevered in overtime to pick up another signature victory.

And just like they did three years ago, all those students flooded the court to celebrate.

"I could be more proud of our guys, so happy for them, the seniors," said Kansas State coach Bruce Weber, who'd never beaten the Jayhawks in five tries. "We've talked about leaving a legacy, and to get this on their résumé, for the rest of their life, they can remember this."

Marcus Foster scored 20 points to lead the Wildcats (17-7, 4 Big 12), despite turning his ankle in the second half and needing a walking boot for the post-game news conference.

"Marcus is Marcus," Weber said of the freshman. "He hit a lot of big shots."

So did Kansas freshman An-



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Kansas guard Andrew Wiggins, right, and Kansas State guard Will Spradling chase the ball during the second half on Monday in Manhattan, Kan. Kansas State defeated No. 7 Kansas 85-82 in overtime.

drew Wiggins, who scored 16 points. It was his putback off his own miss with 6.9 seconds left that forced overtime — only for the Wildcats to answer the call.

"Give them credit though," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "That's kind of deflating the way we came back against them, and they came back in overtime."

Perry Ellis finished with 19 points for the Jayhawks (18-6, 9-2), while Naadir Tharpe added 13 and Brannen Greene scored 10, making two key baskets near the end of regulation.

"I thought momentum was on our side," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

Tarik Black even scored the opening basket of overtime, but every time the Jayhawks tried to build a lead, the Wildcats had an answer — a three-point play by Foster, a free throw by Omari Lawrence, or a big putback from unheralded big man D.J. Johnson, who had nine points.

"We felt good. We felt energized," Ellis said. "We just couldn't get no stops. We couldn't get no stops in the second half and overtime."

Still, it wasn't over until Foster's two free throws with 21.9 seconds left gave Kansas State an 83-79 lead, and Wiggins missed a three-point shot at the other end. Black missed another shot, and the

Wildcats finally corralled the rebound, allowing time to run out.

"If we lost, it would have been a heartbreaker," Weber said.

**West Virginia 102, No. 11 Iowa St. 77:** Remi Dibo scored a career-high 20 points as host West Virginia handed Iowa State its most lopsided loss in three years.

Jwan Stanton added 19 points and Eron Harris and Terry Henderson each had 16 points for the Mountaineers (15-10, 7-5 Big 12).

Iowa State (18-5, 6-5) had five players in double figures, led by Georges Niang's 17 points. But Mlayin Ejim, coming off a Big 12-record 48 points and a career-

high 18 rebounds against TCU, was held to six points on 1-of-9 shooting.

**No. 17 Virginia 61, Maryland 53:** Joe Harris scored 19 points and host Virginia stretched its winning streak to eight games by beating Maryland in its last visit as an ACC rival.

Malcolm Brogdon added 14 points and Akil Mitchell had 13 for the Cavaliers (20-5, 11-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who continued their best start in conference play since the 1981-82 team opened 12-1.

Seth Allen scored 15 points and Dez Wells had 12 for Maryland (14-11, 6-6), which had won three of four.

**Georgetown 83, Providence 71:** D'Vauntes Smith-Rivera scored 22 points, including his first successful three-point attempt in more than two weeks, and host Georgetown overcame a scoring spree from Bryce Cotton to pull away.

Smith-Rivera had missed 17 consecutive three-pointers entering the game, but he went 2 for 4 from long range against the Friars, including a crucial three that gave the Hoyas a 65-59 lead with 3:52 to play.

Markel Starks added 14 points for the Hoyas (15-9, 6-6 Big East), who have won four straight to complete a climb back to .500 in the conference. Georgetown shot 47 percent and committed only five turnovers.

**Miami 77, Florida St. 73:** Donovan Kirk scored 16 points as visiting Miami earned a rare Atlantic Coast Conference win against rival Florida State.

The win was just the third in conference play for the Hurricanes and the second on the road against the Seminoles in eight attempts.

Rion Brown finished with 14 points for Miami (12-12, 3-8) while Tonye Jekiri chipped in 15.

## Resilient Duke back in top 10 after January slump

By JOEY MCCREARY

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke is back in the top 10.

All but written off as title contenders after an early January slump, the eighth-ranked Blue Devils (19-5, 8-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) enter their heated rivalry later this week with North Carolina on quite a roll.

Their only loss in the past month came in overtime at No. 3 Syracuse. They're in the top 10 for the first time since December and are finally playing like the team anointed as the preseason favorite in the new-look ACC.

"I think our team is the best it's been right now," coach Mike Krzyzewski said Monday. "And I think we're very good. But ... we can lose really easier than last year's team."

They proved that a few times earlier this season — and that led to questions about whether this Duke team was overrated.

But since hitting rock bottom in a 72-59 loss at Clemson on Jan. 11, the Blue Devils have shown a renewed commitment to defense and it's paid off at the other end of the court.

"We realize that playing defense and locking in on the defensive end is the way we're going to win," senior captain Tyler Thornton said. "Early in the season, we relied a lot on our offense and trying to outscore people, but we weren't playing defense and using our athleticism and our speed and our quickness to our best abilities."

In each of their seven wins since then, they haven't allowed more than 68 points. Each of the five teams that beat Duke so far scored at least 72.

And they've forced at least 10 steals three times in the last month after doing it only twice in their first 16 games.

"I definitely think we've been playing with an edge, just because we've taken some tough losses," forward Amile Jeffer-

son said. "We think about our past games, our past losses, it puts a fire in us. ... Right now, we're just playing with a fire and a fight."

Krzyzewski said the Blue Devils "have had a lot of growing up to do because our two most talented players had never been through this before," referring to Mississippi State transfer Rodney Hood and freshman Jabari Parker.

Parker has come on strong lately, scoring at least 20 points in three of his last four games, and is averaging a team-best 19.2 points.

That's significant step forward for the phenom, who found himself benched for the final 4½ minutes of a loss at Notre Dame on Jan. 4. A week later, Duke shot 25 percent in the second half against Clemson and was outbounded 48-30. After that game, the Blue Devils sank to No. 23 in the AP Top 25 — their lowest ranking since they dropped entirely out of the poll in February 2007.

"We were down at the bottom, about to be kicked out of the Top 25, and our noses were rubbed in the dirt a little bit," Hood said.

After the Blue Devils sweated out a 69-65 home victory over Virginia, Krzyzewski vowed to "do a better job" and said "we're all in today."

They've been tough to beat ever since.

Their six wins since then have come by an average of 22 points, and the one loss in that stretch — a 91-89 defeat in overtime against Syracuse before more than 35,000 people in the Carrier Dome — came in one of the most memorable games of the year.

They may have turned their season back around, but they insist they haven't proven anything yet and vow to attack the rest of the schedule with the same mentality they've taken during the past month.

"We're still not out of it," Hood said. "We're still got the same mindset."

## SPORTS BRIEFS/OLYMPICS



TONY DEJAN/AP

Left fielder Michael Brantley batted .284 with 10 homers and 73 RBIs in 151 games for the Cleveland Indians last season. A person familiar with the deal said the Indians have agreed to a 4-year, \$25 million contract pending a physical with Brantley, who was Cleveland's most consistent player last season.

## Briefly

## Source: Tribe rewards Brantley with 4-year, \$25 million deal

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Michael Brantley did anything and everything for the Indians last season. His versatility and consistency has been rewarded.

Brantley was agreed to a long-term contract with the Indians, a person familiar with the deal told the AP on Tuesday. Cleveland's most consistent player in 2013, Brantley will sign a four-year, \$25 million deal once he passes a physical, says the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract can't be finalized until he undergoes the medical examination.

The Indians are reporting to spring training in Goodyear, Ariz., this week, and it appears they'll open camp by announcing their commitment to Brantley. Brantley moved from center field to left last spring when the Indians signed free agent Michael Bourn. The switch didn't rattle Brantley, who batted .284 with 10 homers and 73 RBIs in 151 games and he excelled in the field by not making an error and recording 11 assists.

In other baseball news:

■ Right-handed reliever Tyler Clippard and the Washington Nationals have agreed on a one-year contract, avoiding arbitration. Clippard earned \$4 million in 2013 and was 6-3 with a 2.41 ERA and 73 strikeouts in 71 innings.

■ Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim slugger Albert Pujols and former St. Louis Cardinals scout Jack Clark avoided a court battle Monday when Clark issued a retraction and a public apology for comments he made last sum-

mer on a radio show accusing Pujols of using performance-enhancing drugs.

■ The Atlanta Braves are planning to honor the 40th anniversary of Hank Aaron's record 715th home run in a pregame ceremony before their home opener against the Mets on April 8.

The team also announced Tuesday that the Braves will wear a commemorative patch on the right sleeve during the season. The patch, shaped like home plate, carries the number 715, Aaron's autograph and a "40th Anniversary" banner.

### Ex-NFL player Boyd gets prison for tax fraud

AUSTIN, Texas — Former NFL player Greg Boyd has been sentenced to almost three years in prison for income tax fraud.

A statement issued by the U.S. attorney's office in Austin says Boyd was sentenced to two years and nine months in prison. He could have gotten up to nine years in prison.

A jury found Boyd guilty in November of filing fraudulent income tax returns in 2004, 2005 and 2006, reporting no income each year. Boyd said he believed that only federal employees, federal contractors and investors in federal securities owed income taxes.

In other NFL news:

■ Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam announced Tuesday that CEO Joe Banner will step down in the next two months and general manager Michael

Lombardi is leaving the team.

Haslam also said assistant GM Ray Farmer, who was pursued by Miami to be the Dolphins' GM this winter, has been promoted and will immediately take over the team's football operations and lead the Browns during free agency and draft.

■ The Seattle Seahawks signed three players on Monday to futures contracts, including former New York Giants tight end Travis Beckum. Seattle also signed linebacker Mike Taylor and defensive back Terrance Parks.

■ Former All-Pro linebacker Joey Porter has rejoined the Pittsburgh Steelers as a defensive assistant coach.

Porter joined the Steelers staff after receiving his first coaching experience at his alma mater last season as a student assistant on Colorado State coach Jim McElwain's staff while taking classes to complete his degree. Porter worked with the Rams' pass rushers, including linebacker Shaquil Barrett, who posted 12 sacks.

Porter played 13 NFL seasons with Pittsburgh, Miami and Arizona and was a four-time All-Pro.

### Venus Williams wins opener at Qatar Open

DOHA, Qatar — Venus Williams eased past Croatian qualifier Petra Martić 6-2, 6-2 to line up a second-round match with former Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitová in the Qatar Open on Monday. Williams was broken only once, when she led Martić 4-0.

## Figure skating

## Russian pair leads after short program

By Rachel Cohen

The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Tatiana Volozozhar and Maxim Trankov took the lead Tuesday in the Olympic pairs competition after the short program, putting them in position to win another figure skating gold medal for host Russia.

The reigning world champions scored 84.17 points to lead Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy of Germany by 4.53.

Fellow Russians Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov are in third place.

Volozozhar and Trankov skated a sharp short program Thursday

to help the Russians win gold in the first Olympic team event. They were even better Tuesday as they sought to restore the country's dominance in pairs.

Russia or the Soviet Union had won gold in pairs in 12 straight Olympics before the streak ended four years ago. Even worse, the Russians failed to take home any pairs medal in 2010.

Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir were the top American team, finishing the short program in ninth place with a score of 67.44 points. Felicia Zhang and Nathan Bartholomew, the other United States pair, were 11th with 56.90 points.



IVAN SEKRETAREV/AP

Tatiana Volozozhar and Maxim Trankov of Russia compete in the Olympic pairs short program figure skating competition at the Iceberg Skating Palace on Tuesday in Sochi, Russia.

## Plushenko to skate 7th, Chan 21st in men's short

By Barry Wilner

The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Evgeni Plushenko didn't get any edge in the draw for Thursday's men's short program at the Sochi Games.

The four-time Olympic figure skating medalist will skate seventh out of 30. Skaters prefer not to go early for fear the judges will score them lower to leave room for succeeding competitors.

Plushenko helped Russia to the team gold by finishing second to Yuzuru Hanyu in the short program of the new competition, then winning the free skate. He won the 2006 gold medal and also has silvers from 2002 and 2010.

There was conjecture the 31-year-old veteran would drop out of the men's event; Russia has only one slot.

But Plushenko made it clear after the team competition that if his doctors gave him the go-ahead — he says he's had 12 operations, and he has been plagued by knee and back problems in recent years — he would remain in the Games.

Three of the medals favorites landed in the 19th through 21st spots: Japan's Hanyu, Spain's Javier Fernandez and Canada's Patrick Chan, a three-time world champion. Hanyu beat Plushenko and Chan in the men's team short program, then the Japanese and Canadian skaters each skipped the free skate portion that Plushenko won.

American champ Jeremy Abbott will go 11th and teammate Jason Brown drew the 16th spot. Abbott said Tuesday he is eager to atone for a poor seventh-place finish in the short program that put the United States in a bind in the team competition. A strong overall squad lifted the Americans to a bronze medal.

Abbott was extremely upset that he did not get my team," he said. "There's no perfect mindset when you go out to compete. Just make sure there are no other thoughts intruding.

Daisuke Takahashi of Japan, the 2010 bronze medalist, will be 29th, followed by countryman Tatsuko Machida to round out the field.

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## US Nordic combined has tough act to follow

By DENNIS PASSA  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Among the tough acts to follow at the Olympics, none may be tougher than the U.S. Nordic combined team's attempt to match at Sochi what it did in Vancouver.

In 2010, the U.S. ended a medal drought in the ski jumping and cross-country combination. Billy Demong took gold on the individual large hill, his teammate Johnny Spillane got silver; Spillane added silver in the normal hill; and the Americans took team silver.

They face a daunting task to equal that effort.

Spillane has retired, Demong is back and Todd Lodwick, a member of the silver-medal team from 2010, is competing in his sixth Olympics, but is fighting a shoulder injury.

Bryan Fletcher, on the team with his younger brother Taylor, is the top-ranked American, 13th in World Cup standings.

The elder Fletcher, who survived a seven-year battle with leukemia as a child, is coming into the Sochi Games with six top 10 finishes since early December, but none on the podium.

"I think that situation is a little bit different. Those World Cups were several weeks ago," Fletcher said Monday. "I am working to figure out the rhythm of this hill, and we'll see what happens."



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

**Todd Lodwick is fighting a shoulder injury in his sixth Olympics in Nordic combined.**

Demong, competing at his fourth Olympics, is the next-best American, ranked 24th, followed by Taylor Fletcher at 28 and Lodwick at 53.

The 33-year-old Demong said he is not far from retirement and is hoping to go out with another Olympic medal.

"It was really final that I was done after this," Demong said. "Unless I'm here in a different sport or capacity in four years' time, it's totally off the table."

The 37-year-old Lodwick competed at four World Cup events in December but wasn't able to crack the top 10 in any of them. He injured the shoulder in Chaux Neuve, France, during the second week of January.

He carried the U.S. flag in the Opening Ceremony, making the hard work he did in physical therapy to get to Sochi pay off.

"Of course after the crash it was devastating and a mental challenge," Lodwick said. "I knew I was going to get here one way or the other. So carrying the flag and what that represents was kind of winning a medal in itself."

The only bright spot recently for the Americans was a team bronze medal at the world championships last year, where they won the cross-country portion thanks to Taylor Fletcher, whose specialty is that portion of Nordic combined.

He says the cross-country course here — built next to the ski hill for the first time at any Olympics — suits him.

"The conditions might be sloppy and sticky and you have to be controlled," Taylor Fletcher said. "I can hold a pace pretty well and hopefully catch as many people as possible."

Lodwick shares his teammate's confidence, saying the Americans should not be written off despite their recent lack of podium results in the World Cup.

"Hey, that's not a bad thing," Lodwick says when asked if the U.S. team didn't raise expectations with its stellar medal showing at Vancouver.

"We haven't competed yet. It's time to unleash again. Anything is possible at the Olympic Games. It's a whole new animal."



LUCA BRUNO/AP

**Ted Ligety makes a jump during super-combined downhill training Tuesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.**

## Ligety gets in first training

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Ted Ligety took his time showing up at the Sochi Olympics, finally taking his first training run Tuesday — two days after the first men's Alpine race and nearly a week after many competitors began preparing on the hill.

That was by design. Four years ago, the American got to Whistler, British Columbia, ahead of the Vancouver Games as early as anyone, with a lot of attention and expectations thrown his way thanks to a gold medal from the 2006 Turin Games. Having thrived in his Olympic debut, he did not repeat that success in 2010, failing to finish one event and coming in fifth, ninth and 19th in his others.

"He was in Whistler for a long time before his real events, and he just got stale there, from being there that long," U.S. men's head coach Sasha Reierick said after Ligety was 15th in Tuesday's practice, covering the Rosa Khutor downhill course in 2 minutes, 0.92 seconds, 4½ seconds slower than teammate Bode Miller.

"That's part of the reason we just brought him in just today,"

Reierick said, "knowing there's a sacrifice on the front side, but there's a benefit on the back side."

So while Miller and others were racing for medals last weekend, Ligety was resting and relaxing in Zurich before flying to Russia on Monday night. His first event is the super-combined on Friday.

Ligety arrives at the Sochi Olympics as a known quantity, someone who not only already has a gold medal but who also dominated the 2013 world championships. His three titles — a second consecutive in the giant slalom, his specialty, along with wins in the super-combined and super-G — made him the first man with at least that many at a world since Jean Claude Killy earned four all the way back in 1968.

"I'm feeling similar to how I did last year," Ligety said. "I don't know if that'll equal the same results. That'd be nice. I'm definitely feeling I'm well-prepared."

He was not perfectly prepared for the last Winter Games. Yes, he was skiing well. But he acknowledges now he didn't have the right mindset. Finishing ninth in the giant slalom in 2010 served as a kick to the gut.

"Ever since then, I've raised my intensity and skied at a level where I'm happy every time I get to the finish line, whether that's winning or blowing out or getting third place," said Ligety, 29. "I just want to be happy that I pushed myself as hard as I could every single run, every single race. And that's ended up being a much better strategy for me."

Ligety has been as dominant at giant slalom as anyone has been in any event in recent years, winning four of the past six World Cup discipline titles, and three of this season's six races.

First comes the super-combined, which adds time from one downhill run and one slalom run. When Ligety won it in 2006, it was known as the combined, and added one downhill to two slaloms.

"I didn't want to become just a 'one-hit wonder' and only win one Olympic gold medal and then not do anything else, whether it was the World Cup or world championships or Olympics," Ligety said. "I think that was a good motivator for me to work even harder and get even better at my sport. I guess winning the second one has been more difficult than winning the first one."

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## Scoreboard

### Medals table

Through Tuesday (7 of 8 events Tuesday) (25 of 28 total events)				
Nation	G	S	B	Total
Norway	4	3	2	9
Canada	4	3	2	9
Netherlands	4	3	2	9
United States	2	1	4	7
Russia	1	3	3	7
Germany	0	3	1	4
Sweden	0	3	1	4
Austria	0	2	1	3
Czech Republic	0	2	1	3
Slovenia	0	1	2	3

### Snowboard

**At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia**  
**Men's Halfpipe Finals**  
(Start position in parentheses)

**Run 1**

- (11) Ayumu Hirano, Japan, 90.75.
- (2) Zhang Yiwei, China, 87.25.
- (6) Iouri Podtatchikov, Switzerland, 86.50.
- (2) Shi Wancheng, China, 81.00.
- (7) David Habluetzel, Switzerland, 80.75.
- (1) Tim-Kevin Ravnljak, Slovenia, 72.25.
- (8) Danny Davis, Highland, Mich., 53.00.
- (8) Christian Haller, Switzerland, 46.25.
- (10) Taku Hiroaka, Japan, 45.50.
- (4) Kent Callister, Australia, 40.00.
- (12) Shaun White, Carlsbad, Calif., 35.00.
- (5) Greg Bretz, Mammoth Lakes, Calif., 21.75.

**Run 2**

- (6) Iouri Podtatchikov, Switzerland, (86.50) 94.75.
- (11) Ayumu Hirano, Japan, (90.75) 93.50.
- (3) Taku Hiroaka, Japan, (45.50) 92.25.
- (2) Shaun White, Carlsbad, Calif., (35.00) 90.25.
- (7) David Habluetzel, Switzerland, (80.75) 88.50.
- (1) Tim-Kevin Ravnljak, Slovenia, (72.25) 85.00.
- (4) Kent Callister, Australia, (40.00) 68.50.
- (3) Zhang Yiwei, China, (87.25) 58.50.
- (8) Christian Haller, Switzerland, (46.25) 51.25.
- (8) Danny Davis, Highland, Mich., (53.00) 49.25.
- (5) Greg Bretz, Mammoth Lakes, Calif., (21.75) 26.50.
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**Final Ranking**

- Iouri Podtatchikov, Switzerland, (86.50) 94.75
- Ayumu Hirano, Japan, (90.75) 93.50
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7. Shi Wancheng, China, (81.00) 25.00
8. Tim-Kevin Ravnljak, Slovenia, (72.25) 16.50
9. Kent Callister, Australia, (40.00) 68.50
10. Danny Davis, Highland, Mich., (53.00) 49.25

### Luge

**At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia**  
**Women's Single**

**Final Ranking**

- Natasha Gonschiorer, Germany, 3:19.768.
- Jessica Hoeffner, Germany, 3:20.907.
- Emily Hamlin, Remsen, N.Y., 3:21.145.
- Kimberly Kough, Canada, 3:22.067.
- Kirby Callaghan, Canada, 3:21.895.
- Anne Wischniewski, Germany, 3:21.960.
- Tatjana Nesterova, Russia, 3:22.006.
- Natalia Khvorova, Russia, 3:22.067.

**U.S. Finishers**

- Kate Hansen, La Canada, Calif., 3:22.667.
- Summer Britcher, Glen Rock, Pa., 3:24.143.

### Speedskating

**At Sochi, Russia**  
**Women's 500**

**Final Ranking**

- Lee Sang-Hwa, South Korea (1:37.42); 1:37.42
- Olga Fatkulina, Russia (2:37.77); 3:47.91
- Margot Ber, Netherlands (3:35.21); 3:37.71
- Zhang Hong, China (3:37.58); 3:37.71
- Natasha Heidra, Japan (3:37.88); 3:47.72
- 1:15.61.
- Christina Zwarg, Germany (8:37.93); 5:37.73
- Wang Beixing, China (6:37.82); 6:37.82
- Heather Richardson, Hong Kong, N.C., (4:37.88); 4:37.88
13. Britney Elms, Ocala, Fla. (17:38.10); 38:37.11
15. Laura Cholewicki, Rock Hill, S.C. (18:38.10); 38:37.11
19. Sugar Todd, Milwaukee (28:39.27); 28:39.27
- 118.53.

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David J. Phillip/AP

### Gold medalist South Korea's Lee Sang-hwa picks up a flag pole stopper among the women's 500-meter speedskating at the Adler Arena Skating Center on Tuesday in Sochi, Russia.

### Biatlon

**At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia**  
**Women's 10km Pursuit**

**Penalty in parentheses**

1. Darya Domracheva, Belarus, 29:30.7
2. Tora Berger, Norway, 30:08.3 (1)
3. Teja Gregorin, Slovenia, 30:12 (1)
4. Gabriela Soukaiova, Czech Republic, 30:18.5 (1)
5. Vajl Semerenko, Ukraine, 30:23.6
6. Anastasiya Kuzmina, Slovakia, 30:29.1 (2)
7. Olga Vilukhina, Russia, 30:32.9 (1)
8. Karim Oberhofer, Italy, 30:37.8 (1)
9. Susan Dunklee, Barton, Vt., 31:11.6
10. Sarah Stodebaker, Boise, Idaho, 35:00 (5)
11. Annelies Cook, Saranac Lake, N.Y., 36:20.9 (5)

### Cross-Country skiing

**At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia**  
**Men's Sprint Free**

**Semifinals**

**Heat 1**

1. Ola Vigen Hattestad, Norway, 3:36.33
2. Teodor Peterson, Sweden, 3:36.48
3. Anders Gloersen, Norway, 3:36.95
4. Marcus Hellner, Sweden, 3:36.98
5. Erik Brandsdal, Norway, 3:37.09
6. Anton Gafarov, Russia, 6:25.95

**Heat 2**

1. Sergey Ustulupov, Russia, 3:37.07 (3)
2. Emil Jonsson, Sweden, 3:37.43 (3)
3. Bernhard Tritscher, Austria, 3:37.64
4. Alexey Petukhov, Russia, 3:37.89
5. Petter J. Northug, Norway, 3:38.28
6. Federico Pellegrino, Italy, 3:38.99

**Women's Sprint Free**

**Heat 1**

1. Ola Vigen Hattestad, Norway, 3:38.39
2. Teodor Peterson, Sweden, 3:39.61
3. Emil Jonsson, Sweden, 3:38.13
4. Anders Gloersen, Norway, 3:42.05
5. Sergey Ustulupov, Russia, 4:22.48
6. Marcus Hellner, Sweden, 5:24.31

**Semifinals**

**Heat 1**

1. Maiken Caspersen Falla, Norway, 2:35.00 (2)
2. Jessa Fabjan, Slovenia, 2:36.02 (2)
3. Ida Ingemarsdotter, Sweden, 2:36.05 (1)
4. Astrid Uhrenhojdt Jacobsen, Norway, 2:36.32 (1)
5. Strina Lindholm, Sweden, 2:36.42
6. Aurea Jean, France, 2:38.28

**Heat 2**

1. Ingvild Flugstad Ostberg, Norway, 2:36.66 (3)
2. Sophie Caldwell, Peru, Ut., 2:36.67 (3)
3. Gaia Vuerrich, Italy, 2:36.87
4. Denise Herrmann, Germany, 2:36.94
5. Katja Visnar, Slovenia, 2:37.76
6. Marit Boergen, Norway, 2:52.27

### Figure skating

**At Sochi, Russia**  
**Pairs Short Program**

1. Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov, Russia, 94.17 (0)
2. Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy, Germany, 79.64 (0)
3. Ksenia Stolova and Fedor Klimov, Russia, 75.21 (0)
4. Wang Qiang and Tong Jian, China, 73.30 (0)
5. Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, Canada, 74.21 (0)
6. Kirsten Moore-Towers and Dylan Moscovitch, Canada, 70.92 (0)
7. Peng Cheng and Zhang Hao, China, 70.59 (0)
8. Vera Bazarova and Yuri Larionov, Russia, 69.66 (0)
9. Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir, United States, 67.44 (0)
10. Vanessa James and Morgan Cipres, France, 65.36 (0)

**Women's hockey**  
**Preliminary Round**

**Group A**

United States	W	LOTF	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Canada	2	0	0	6	12	1
Finland	0	2	0	0	6	6
Switzerland	0	2	0	0	14	0

**Group B**

Sweden	W	LOTF	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Japan	2	0	0	6	8	0
Finland	0	2	0	0	1	3
Switzerland	0	2	0	0	1	3

**Saturday, Feb. 8**

Group A: United States 2, Finland 1  
Group A: Canada 5, Switzerland 0

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

Group B: Sweden 1, Japan 0  
Group B: Russia 4, Germany 1

**Monday, Feb. 10**

Group A: United States 3, Switzerland 0  
Group A: Canada 2, Japan 2

**Tuesday, Feb. 11**

Group B: Sweden 4, Germany 0  
Group B: Russia 2, Japan 2

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

Group A: Switzerland vs. Finland

### Men's curling

**Country**

W-4	W-3	W-2	W-1
China	2-0	2-0	2-0
Norway	2-0	2-1	2-1
Switzerland	1-2	1-2	1-2
United States	0-2	0-2	0-2
Germany	0-2	0-2	0-2
Russia	0-2	0-3	0-3

**Monday, Feb. 10**

Group A: Canada vs. United States  
Group B: Japan vs. Germany  
Group B: Sweden vs. Russia

**Tuesday, Feb. 11**

Switzerland 7, Sweden 6  
China 9, Canada 6  
China 9, United States 4  
Britain 9, Germany 6

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

Denmark vs. United States  
Norway 7, United States 4  
Denmark 11, Russia 10  
Switzerland 5, Canada 4  
Sweden 8, Britain 4

**Country**

W-4	W-3	W-2	W-1
Switzerland	2-0	2-0	2-0
China	2-0	2-0	2-0
Canada	2-0	2-0	2-0
Japan	2-0	2-0	2-0
Sweden	2-0	2-0	2-0
Denmark	2-0	2-0	2-0
United States	0-2	0-2	0-2

**Monday, Feb. 10**

Canada 9, China 6  
China 9, United States 4  
Sweden 6, Germany 4  
Sweden 6, Russia 4

**Tuesday, Feb. 11**

Switzerland 7, Denmark 6  
Canada 9, Sweden 3  
Russia 9, United States 6  
South Korea 12, Japan 7  
Britain 12, United States 3  
Switzerland 8, South Korea 6  
Japan 8, Denmark 3  
China 7, Russia 6

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

Japan vs. Russia  
United States vs. China  
South Korea vs. Sweden  
Canada vs. Britain

### Freestyle skiing

#### Tuesday

#### At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia

**Women's Slopestyle**

**Finals**

**Run 1**

1. Dara Howell, Canada, 94.20.
2. Devin Logan, West Dover, Vt., 85.40.
3. Anna Segal, Australia, 77.00.
4. Emma Dahlstrom, Sweden, 72.80.
5. Yuki Tsubota, Canada, 69.40.
6. Silvia Bertagna, Italy, 69.60.
7. Eveline Bhdend, Switzerland, 68.40.
8. Kerri Herman, Breckenridge, Colo., 56.60.
9. Julia Krass, Hanover, N.H., 42.40.
10. Katie Summehayes, Britain, 19.40.
11. Kim Lamarr, Canada, 15.00.
12. Camilla Berra, Switzerland, 5.60.

Referees: Rafael Regazzoni (1); Dion Newport (2); Gregorj Tuschler (3); Dion Newport (3); Gregorj Tuschler (3); Switzerland; Michael Atkinson (15).

**Run 2**

1. Kim Lamarr, Canada, (15.00) 85.00
2. Emma Dahlstrom, Sweden, (72.80) 75.40
3. Katie Summehayes, Britain, (19.40) 70.60
4. Eveline Bhdend, Switzerland, (58.40) 63.20
5. Dara Howell, Canada, (94.20) 48.40
6. Julia Krass, Hanover, N.H., (42.40) 38.60
7. Kerri Herman, Breckenridge, Colo., (56.00) 35.40
8. Camilla Berra, Switzerland, (5.60) 30.40
9. Devin Logan, West Dover, Vt., (85.40) 30.00
10. Anna Segal, Australia, (77.00) 28.80
11. Yuki Tsubota, Canada, (71.60) 28.80
12. Silvia Bertagna, Italy, (69.60) 21.80

Referees: Rafael Regazzoni (1); Dion Newport (2); Dion Newport (3); Gregorj Tuschler (4); Switzerland; Michael Atkinson (15).

#### Final Ranking

- Dara Howell, Canada, (94.20) 48.40
- Devin Logan, West Dover, Vt., (85.40) 30.00
- Kim Lamarr, Canada, (15.00) 85.00
- Anna Segal, Australia, (77.00) 28.80
- Emma Dahlstrom, Sweden, (72.80) 75.40
- Yuki Tsubota, Canada, (71.60) 28.80
- Katie Summehayes, Britain, (19.40) 70.60
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- Kerri Herman, Breckenridge, Colo., (56.00) 35.40
- Camilla Berra, Switzerland, (5.60) 30.40
- Julia Krass, Hanover, N.H., (42.40) 38.60
- Silvia Bertagna, Italy, (69.60) 21.80

#### Monday

#### At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia

#### Men's Slopestyle

**Finals**

**Run 1**

1. Alexandre Smolyanov, Russia, 24.37 (0)
2. Philippe Marcus, Canada, 24.32 (0)
3. Mikael Kingsbury, Canada, 24.31 (0)
4. Marc-Antoine Gagnon, Canada, 23.42 (0)
5. Dmitriy Reihard, Kazakhstan, 23.10 (0)
6. Benjamin Cavet, France, 22.27 (0)
7. Matt Graham, Australia, 21.78
8. Alex Bilodeau, Canada, 22.49 (0)
9. Patrick Denen, United States, 22.27 (0)
10. Choi Jae-Woo, South Korea, 22.11 (0)
11. Pavel Kolmakov, Kazakhstan, 21.82 (0)

**Run 2**

1. Mikael Kingsbury, Canada, (24.31) 21.82
2. Alexandre Smolyanov, Russia, (24.37) 21.82
3. Philippe Marcus, Canada, (24.32) 21.82
4. Marc-Antoine Gagnon, Canada, (23.42) 21.82
5. Dmitriy Reihard, Kazakhstan, (23.10) 21.82
6. Benjamin Cavet, France, (22.27) 21.82
7. Matt Graham, Australia, (21.78) 21.82
8. Alex Bilodeau, Canada, (22.49) 21.82
9. Patrick Denen, United States, (22.27) 21.82
10. Choi Jae-Woo, South Korea, (22.11) 21.82
11. Pavel Kolmakov, Kazakhstan, (21.82) 21.82

**Country**

W-4	W-3	W-2	W-1
Canada	2-0	2-0	2-0
China	2-0	2-0	2-0
Japan	2-0	2-0	2-0
Sweden	2-0	2-0	2-0
Denmark	2-0	2-0	2-0
United States	0-2	0-2	0-2

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Switzerland 7, Denmark 6  
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South Korea 12, Japan 7  
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**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

Japan vs. Russia  
United States vs. China  
South Korea vs. Sweden  
Canada vs. Britain

OLYMPICS

# Larger ice, exciting contests make for compelling hockey

By JIM LITKE  
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — The ice surface is bigger, the pay non-existent and what used to mean bragging rights around the world in the days of dueling superpowers counts for less now that everyone wound up on the same side of capitalism.

The trade-off is that you might see one, and as many four, hockey games better-played than anything in an entire season of National Hockey League contests.

Here's a look at the upcoming Olympic men's hockey tournament.

**1 Home cooking:** Both of the United States' wins were earned on home ice, in 1960 and 1980, as was Canada's eighth and most recent. Nobody else has turned the trick. Russia has never played host to a Winter Games and hasn't been part of a gold-medal winner since the Unified Team in 1994 (and the Soviet Union dynasty before that). But nothing short of a title here is going to fly with generations reared on tales of the "Big Red Machine," especially since goaltending legend Vladimir Taratkin, serving as the Russian federation boss, is around to stir those memories.

**2 Canada takes a backseat to no one:** Arguments over where the game originated continue until today. But there's no question who owns the modern version. The Canadians won the first Olympic tournament in Chamonix, France — scoring 122 goals and allowing just three along the way — and have added seven since. The Soviet Union won seven, including a stretch of four straight (five if you count the Unified Team), followed by the United States and Sweden with two each.

**3 The big sheet:** The return to the European-sized rink — 200 feet long by 100 feet wide — will give hosts Russia and the nine other European teams a better chance of taking down Canada and the United States. The extra 15 feet on each side — a combined 3,000 square feet larger than the NHL version — minimizes drawn by making it harder to check oppo-

nents and gives speedsters like the Russian duo of Alex Ovechkin and Ilya Kovalchuk and Swedes Erik Karlsson and Carl Hagelin more room to maneuver.

**4 Crosby vs. Ovechkin, or Magic vs. Bird, Part II:** Canadian Sidney Crosby and Russian Alex Ovechkin were part of the same rookie class, two of the most-touted youngsters ever to arrive in the NHL. Hockey has been portraying their rivalry as the game's version of Magic vs. Bird ever since, but so far it's been all one-sided. Crosby has a Stanley Cup and scored the game-winner against the United States in overtime to lock up gold at Vancouver, he's also the game's highest earner.

**5 A Finn and a prayer:** Age might be just a number, but Finland's team could be mistaken for hockey's version of a retirement home. Finland's Teemu Selanne tops the "grizzled veterans" list here at 43, but the Czech Republic's Jaromir Jagr, who turns 42 during the tournament, is close behind. Throw in countrymen Sami Salo (39) and Kimmo Timonen (38) and the Finns win the trifecta. Runner-up goes to the Czech Republic, with Patrik Elias and Lubo Visnovsky (37) and an honorable mention each for Sweden's Daniel Alfredsson and Latvia's Sandis Ozolinis (both 41).

**6 You look familiar, too:** By paying top dollar and scouring the globe for talent, the NHL has its hooks in nearly every top-flight player that will make the dozen national rosters. The Chicago Blackhawks and St. Louis Blues both have a league-high 10 skaters at the Olympics, representing five and six different nations, respectively. "There's a good chance," Chicago coach Joel Quenneville said matter-of-factly, "that somebody's going to come back with a gold medal."

**7 Can we talk about this?:** Hockey players have been known to drop their gloves faster than a dirty diaper at the hint of a fight breaking out. There will be no shortage of violence here, but fistcuffs will be in short supply. That's largely because the Olympic rules, unlike the NHL's, require any player

mixing it up to receive a 5-minute major AND a game- or match misconduct penalty.

**8 NHL's best dance?:** As Philadelphia owner Ed Snider was still complaining about past and present NHL decisions shutting down league play for two-plus weeks to accommodate the Olympics. "It's ridiculous, the whole thing is ridiculous. I don't care if it was in Philadelphia, I wouldn't want to break up the league." The NHL first came in 1998 and so far commissioner Gary Bettman has been able to paper over differences among his owners to return. But the league has refused to commit beyond Sochi.

**9 Best game ever:** The prime minister was there. So was musician Neil Young and even "Star Trek" actor William Shatner beamed himself down to take in the 2010 Vancouver final between the United States and Canada. The moment Crosby's game-winner crossed the goal line, all of Canada exhaled and everyone who played in it can still look one another in the eye every time their paths cross in the future and remember the magic they created.

**10 How far to the nearest Ikea?:** About 185 miles north, a fact that might come in handy depending on which team underperforms the most. The U.S. team in Nagano was expected to medal, but started out with a loss to Sweden and griped the rink was too big. They barely beat Belarus and said their egos might be inflated, too. Then they did the "Late Show," followed by the "Late, Late Show," in which team members led partynotes up and down Chuodori Street until 5 a.m. Then they called off practice the next morning, lost to Canada by three goals and didn't find anything easy to beat until they turned their attention to the furniture in their Olympic village rooms. Said Keith Tkachuk, memorably summing up the experience after the Czech Republic beat the best American team money could buy and sent it packing: "The biggest waste of time. Ever."



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Chicago Blackhawks teammates Jonathan Toews, left, and Patrick Kane will be on opposing sides when the Olympic hockey tournament begins on Wednesday. Toews is the captain of Team Canada while Kane will suit up for the United States. Toews and the Canadians open with Norway in a Group B game while the U.S. battles Slovakia in a Group A match.

# NHL friends are now foes on ice

By LARRY LAGE  
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — When the puck drops at Sochi's Games, friends will become foes.

The Czechs will face the Swedes on Wednesday, just four days after Boston beat Ottawa 7-2 in one of the NHL's last matchups before its Olympic break.

David Krejci and Loui Eriksson both had two assists for the Bruins in the rout. On Wednesday, the forwards will be playing against each other and for their countries — Krejci for the Czech Republic and Eriksson for Sweden.

Most of the 18 preliminary-round games will feature NHL teammates as temporary opponents.

Chicago Blackhawks stars Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews are not scheduled to face each other in the preliminary rounds, but both are hoping for a U.S.-Canada rematch in the elimination round.

"We're always, in a fun way, competing against each other on a daily basis," said Toews, who helped the Canadians beat the Americans for the gold in 2010. "We'll be competitive if we get a chance to play each other.

"One guy is not going to want the other to get the best of him."

The Los Angeles Kings have six Olympians, representing four countries. Trash-talking began soon after the rosters were set throughout the room with the different teams, there's always been ribbing going on," Canada's Jeff Carter said.

Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville has an NHL-high 10 of his players in the Olympics, spread out over five teams.

Quenneville can see a trio of Swedes — Niklas Hjalmarsson, Johnny Oduya and Marcus Kruger

— gang up on the Czech Republic's Michal Rozsival on Wednesday. The next day, he can watch Kane get tested by Slovakia's Marian Hossa and Michal Handzus.

"It's going to be great watching these guys play," Quenneville said. "I think they're going to learn a lot being on that stage, in critical situations and big moments. There's a good chance somebody's going to come back with a gold medal."

Sidney Crosby scored the gold-medal winning goal in overtime at the Vancouver Games. There's a chance he might have to beat Pittsburgh Penguins teammates to repeat when the tournament becomes a win-or-go-home format.

Before the elimination games, Crosby will be on the ice against two Penguins, Finland's Olli Maatta and Jussi Jokinen, in the final preliminary-round game on Sunday. Sid the Kid might move on to see more familiar faces such as Evgeni Malkin if Canada faces the Russians, and Paul Martin and Brooks Orpik if it goes against the Americans again.

"It's always a little weird," Crosby acknowledged. "But once you get out there, you'll know it's the same game. You've got to go out there and play the same way."

Sochi marks the fifth time the NHL has halted its games for two weeks to allow players to participate in the Olympics.

"It's two weeks of your life to give it your all for your country," Kane said. "It's not Chicago playing against Philadelphia or Detroit. All those cities are rooting for you when you're over there. To have 300 million people have your back and cheering for you to win for the gold medal, it's pretty amazing to think about."

AP Sports Writer John Wawrow in Buffalo, N.Y., contributed to this report.



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Players for the Czech Republic listen as coach Alois Hadamczik draws up a play during a training session at the Bolshoy Ice Dome on Saturday in Sochi, Russia.

## OLYMPICS

# White finishes fourth; I-Pod takes gold

By EDDIE PELLIS

*The Associated Press*

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Shaun White lost to a kid they call the “I-Pod,” and now, he may never hear the end of it.

An Olympic shocker this was. How big? White, the best snow-boarder of his era, didn’t even bow in a medal. He finished fourth. The 27-year-old American, who opted out of the Olympic slopestyle debut and put all his chips in the

halfpipe, where he hoped to win a third straight gold, got knocked off by Iouri Podladtchikov, the Russian-born inventor of the trick White could not master.

The Japanese pair of Ayumu Hirano and Taku Hiraoka won silver and bronze, and the Americans were shockingly shut out on the halfpipe for the first time since the sport was introduced to the Olympics in 1998.

I-Pod’s tricks called the “Yolo” — You Only Live Once — and

when Podladtchikov, who now lives in and competes for Switzerland, landed it successfully at an event in Europe last season, White watched on his computer and knew what he had to do next. It unraveled early.

White’s first attempt at the Yolo ended with a fall straight on his backside. For some reason, he tried to pull off another of his double-cork tricks but missed that, too — his board and backside getting caught on the lip of

the pipe in an awkward and certainly painful fall.

I-Pod had scored an 86.5 in his first run — clearly in medal contention — and then came the run that won it. The trick includes a total of 1440 degrees of spin — two head-over-heels flips and two 360-degree turns.

Four years ago, it was unthinkable. But not anymore.

I-Pod landed it and even though he only threw five tricks, when most riders were trying six in a

supersized, super-slushy halfpipe, the judges liked what they saw.

White didn’t fall, but rather skittered down the pipe on his landing. The landing on his last double cork was less than perfect, too — his knees buckled and nearly touched the snow.

When his fourth-place score, a 90.25 came up, he broke into a big smile. He gave Podladtchikov a big hug and mused his hair: That kid earned it. And the champion had nothing to complain about.

## Medals roundup

# American Logan takes silver in slopestyle skiing

*The Associated Press*

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Devin Logan had “the look” in the starting gate, the one described as her “eye of the tiger” gaze.

Bopping to the music blaring from her headphones, even dancing a little bit, Logan was so transfixed that U.S. freestyle coach Mike Jankowski knew it meant only one thing — something big was about to go down.

She slithered and soared through the soft, slushy course Tuesday at Rosa Khutor Extreme Park, landing just about every trick on her way to a silver medal in the Olympic debut of women’s ski slopestyle.

Canada’s Dara Howell won with a score of 94.2 in what she called the “best run I’ve ever done in my entire life.”

Logan definitely knows the feeling. “That couldn’t have felt any better,” said Logan, whose run scored 85.4. “I’m really happy with my skiing.”

It was almost as if she knew exactly what the judges were looking for on her run.

Maybe that’s because she does.

Logan spent last season learning how to judge slopestyle events and overseeing some contests. She had nothing else to do as she recovered from a right knee injury in which she tore her ACL and meniscus.

“They want to see technical rail skills,” said Logan, of West Dover, Vt. “And then different grabs, left and right spinning, switch spinning and going big and holding your grabs and looking as clean as possible.”

So she gave the judges just that, with her own style thrown in. She thought her score was fitting, too, but wouldn’t say otherwise even if she didn’t think so.

Not after sitting on that side of the table.

“It’s very difficult, because you only got one chance to see a run,” said Logan, who tours 21 on Monday and plans to celebrate with a trip to Las Vegas. “You don’t get any replays. You have however long our run takes to put down all the notes you can see.”

She definitely felt Howell’s score was correct, especially after landing a switch-900, which is essentially 2½ spins off axis.

“Dara had the sickest run of the day,” Logan said.

### Speedskating

South Korea’s Lee Sang-hwa lived up to her favorite’s role in women’s 500-meter speedskating, turning in the two fastest runs to win gold.

Lee dominated the World Cup circuit this season, winning every event she entered, and kept up that form at Adler Arena to take her second straight Olympic 500 title.



SERGEI GUTS/AP

**American Devin Logan takes a jump during the women’s freestyle skiing slopestyle final Tuesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. Logan won the silver medal.**

She led after the opening heat and went even faster the second time around the big oval, an Olympic-record time of 37.28 seconds to beat the mark of 37.30 set by Catriona Le May Doan at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Lee’s combined time of 1 minute, 14.70 seconds was also an Olympic mark, beating Le May Doan’s record of 1:14.75 at the high-altitude Utah Olympic Oval.

When Lee saw the winning time, her head dropped back in obvious relief. She slapped her coach’s hand and grabbed a South Korean flag, reveling in a triumph that seemed assured the moment she toed the line in Sochi.

The only real race was for second and third. The Russian crowd roared when

Fatkulina took the host country’s second speedskating medal, finishing in 1:15.06.

Margot Boer claimed bronze with a combined time of 1:15.48, giving the Netherlands its eighth speedskating medal in Sochi.

The Americans have yet to make the podium.

Heather Richardson, who came into the Olympics ranked second in the World Cup standings, was fourth after the opening round and figured to put up a better time in her second race, finishing up on the outside lane. She actually went slower, dropping all the way to eighth.

### Biathlon

After three kilometers, Darya Dom-

racheva took the lead and never looked back.

Domracheva started Tuesday’s women’s biathlon 10K pursuit 32 seconds behind sprint champion Anastasiya Kuzmina, but she overtook her Slovakian rival after the first shooting and raced ahead.

The Belarusian biathlete could even afford to miss the 20th and final target and still comfortably win the gold medal in 29 minutes, 30.7 seconds.

Tora Berger of Norway was 37.6 seconds behind to take silver. Teja Gregorin of Slovenia trailed Domracheva by 42.0 to claim bronze.

It was Domracheva’s second Olympic medal but first gold. She won bronze in the 15K individual race in Vancouver four years ago.

### Cross-country skiing

On a day of slips, falls and crashes, Ola Vigen Hattestad took the safest route to an Olympic gold — staying in front from beginning to end.

The Norwegian won the men’s cross-country freestyle sprint after dominating every stage from qualifying to an eventful final, where three of his rivals were involved in one big crash. Hattestad avoided the mayhem by staying well in front, and then held off Teodor Peterson of Sweden for the gold medal.

“The final was maybe a little crazy,” Hattestad said.

It certainly was for Emil Jonsson of Sweden, who had all but given up earlier in the race after running out of energy but ended up with the bronze after Sergey Ustiugov, Marcus Hellner and Anders Gloersen crashed.

Jonsson had dropped far back and was cruising home when Gloersen, who was in third, fell in the treacherous downhill curve and hit the protective barrier. That ended up dragging down Ustiugov and Hellner as well, and suddenly Jonsson had passed them all and had a clear path to the bronze.

### Moguls

Canada’s Alex Bilodeau defended his gold medal in Olympic men’s moguls on Monday night, fending off rival Mikael Kingsbury to become the first freestyle skier to win consecutive Olympic titles.

Bilodeau put together a perfect run in the finals to make history, posting a score of 26.31 on the slushy course in the medal round on Monday.

Kingsbury endured a slight form break in the middle of his run and ended up with silver. Alexandr Smyslyayev of Russia took bronze.

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FELIPE DANA/AP

The United States' Kikkan Randall competes Tuesday during qualifying for the cross-country sprint in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

Cross-country skiing

# Randall out in qualifying

## American medal hopes dashed as Norwegians take gold, silver

By **MATTIAS KAREN**  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Kikkan Randall's attempt at becoming the first American woman to win an Olympic cross-country skiing medal fell well short Tuesday when she was eliminated in the quarterfinals of the women's individual freestyle sprint.

Randall finished fourth of six skiers in a tough heat that featured defending champion Marit Bjørgen of Norway and German sprint specialist Denise Herrmann. Those two advanced, along with Gaia Vuerich of Italy, who had the second best time of the third-place finishers in the five heats.

Randall, a two-time World Cup sprint champion, waited to see if her time would be good enough as well, but then shrugged to the camera when she found out it wasn't.

"I've been thinking about this race for a long time," Randall said. "It was really happy with the way the preparation has been coming into the games. I felt really

strong and ready to go today. My No. 1 goal was to come in ready to go and fight for the medal and give it everything I had. And I did do that today."

It wasn't supposed to end so quickly though. Randall had won two World Cup sprint races in January and was seen one of the biggest challengers to Bjørgen coming into the Olympics. Randall led her quarter-final heat coming into the final straight but was quickly overtaken by Bjørgen and Herrmann, before Vuerich pipped her at the line. The Italian finished 0.05 seconds ahead of Randall, which was good enough to advance.

"I knew it was going to be a really tough quarterfinal with Herrmann, Bjørgen, these are all women you can easily see in the final," Randall said. "I was feeling really good and was ready to come off that final turn and have a good finish stretch, but that final gear wasn't quite there and unfortunately I fell apart a little bit before the finish. (Five) hundreds of a second is an incredibly close margin and I am sure I will be living those moments hundreds of

Luge

# Hamlin ends US drought

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Finally, Olympic gold for Germany's Natalie Geisenberger.

Finally, Olympic anything for Erin Hamlin and the United States.

Leaving no doubt that she absolutely rules her sport, Geisenberger won the women's luge gold medal at the Sochi Games on Tuesday — posting the second-largest victory margin in Olympic history. Her final time was 3 minutes, 19.768 seconds, 1.139 seconds better than German teammate Tatjana Huefner, the 2010 gold medalist.

And Hamlin finished third, grabbing the first medal for any American singles luge athlete at the Olympics, 50 years after luge first appeared at the games. So in the sport's golden anniversary as part of the Olympics, Hamlin came up with bronze, a feat that will surely go down as perhaps the greatest moment in USA Luge history.

U.S. individual sliders had been fourth on three occasions at the Olympics, but never any better. So every four years, the same question gets asked — when will an American break through?

Hamlin, a native of Remsen, N.Y., finally put an end to that.

Hamlin finished 0.236 seconds behind Huefner in the race for silver, but held off Canada's Alex Gough by 0.433 seconds for the final spot on the flower stand. It was the fifth Olympic medal for USA Luge, the first four — two silvers and two bronzes — coming in doubles races.

When Hamlin crossed the line, that medal finally clinched, she threw her arms skyward, then covered her face briefly with her hands. U.S. coach Mark Grimmette — a doubles medalist for the Americans — raced over to offer congratulations, and men's slider Chris Mazdzer reached down from the bleachers to hand Hamlin the U.S. flag.

"It's amazing," Hamlin said. "It's surreal, really."



MATTIAS SCHRAEDER/AP

Norway's Maiken Caspersen Falla celebrates winning the gold medal.

times in my head."

There was an American in the final, however, as Sophie Caldwell surprisingly advanced and finished sixth. Maiken Caspersen Falla led a Norwegian double to take gold. Ingvild Flugstad Ostberg narrowly beat Vesna Fabjan of Slovenia in a photo finish for the silver, giving Norway its first 1-2 finish in a women's cross-country event at the Olympics.



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Erin Hamlin won the United States' first-ever medal in luge singles Tuesday, capturing the bronze medal in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

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Two-time gold medalist  
falls short of podium

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Defending gold medalist Shaun White competes in the halfpipe Tuesday, finishing fourth overall.

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