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## BUZKASHI IS BACK

Afghan national sport kicks off another season

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A buzkashi player rounds the green flag before attempting to score a goal — by dropping a calf carcass in a chalk circle at the other corner of the field — during a match outside Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday. Buzkashi, literally, “goat grabbing,” is equal parts polo and wrestling, and is the favorite sport of northern Afghanistan.

## Islamic State reaches for Taliban territory in Afghanistan, Pakistan

The Associated Press

CAMP SHORABAK, Afghanistan — Afghanistan and Pakistan, home to al-Qaida and Taliban militants and the focus of the longest war in U.S. history, face a new, emerging threat from the Islamic State group, officials have told The Associated Press.

Disenchanted extremists from the Taliban and other organizations, impressed by the Islamic State group's territorial gains and

slick online propaganda, have begun raising its black flag in extremist-dominated areas of both countries.

In Pakistan, an online video purportedly shows militants beheading a man while pledging their allegiance to the Islamic State group. In Afghanistan, there have even been reports of militant rivalries, with clashes erupting between Taliban fighters and Islamic State militants.

Analysts and officials say the number of Islamic State supporters in the Afghan-Pakistan region remains small and that the group faces resistance from militants with strong tribal links. However, the rise of even a small Islamic State affiliate could further destabilize the region and complicate U.S. and NATO efforts to end the 13-year Afghan War.

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## Report: Series of lapses allowed sexual predator to prey on base

By JESSE BOGAN

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — A government investigation into how an Army drill sergeant was able to prey on several female trainees finds numerous lapses in reporting and protocol up and down the chain of command.

In September, military police Staff Sgt. Angel Sanchez, 30, was found guilty on a long list of egregious claims against him, such as forcing sexual

favours from young trainees.

Even before his court-martial, Sanchez admitted to having sex with three subordinates. He was then found guilty of incidents involving five more women, in what one prosecutor called an effort to fulfill “his own pornographic fantasy.”

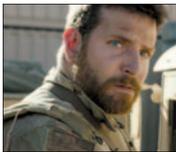
Sanchez operated under the radar at Fort Leonard Wood in south-central Missouri during an era when sexual harassment prevention has been hammered home.

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**"Prison is supposed to be tough. ... It was basically a party out there."**

— Sheriff Chris Nocco, on a Pasco County, Fla., corrections officer charged in a prison smuggling scheme

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Bahraini anti-government protesters rally in support of jailed activists in Bilad al-Qadeem, Bahrain, on Friday. Protests and daily clashes have been escalating since the arrest of Shiite opposition leader Sheikh Ali Salman on Dec. 28.

# COMING SOON

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Researchers hope this whale's genes will help reverse human aging



# Bahrain Shiites rally for jailed leader

The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Hundreds of Shiite protesters have taken to the streets of Bahrain, demanding the release of the country's largest opposition group.

Police blocked the main roads, preventing the marchers from getting access to a major highway. The protest started after Friday prayers. Some of the protesters threw Molotov cocktails at the policemen, who responded by firing tear gas and birdshot.

Many protesters carried posters of Sheikh Ali Salman, head of the al-Wefaq opposition group who has been jailed for three weeks, accused of inciting violence and calling for the overthrow of the nation's Sunni-led monarchy.

Bahrain has been mired since 2011 in near-daily protests by majority Shiites demanding a greater say in government.

Bahrain is host to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.



A Bahraini anti-government protester displays shotgun shells on his fingers as protesters throw stones and riot police fire tear gas in Bilad al-Qadeem, Bahrain, on Friday.

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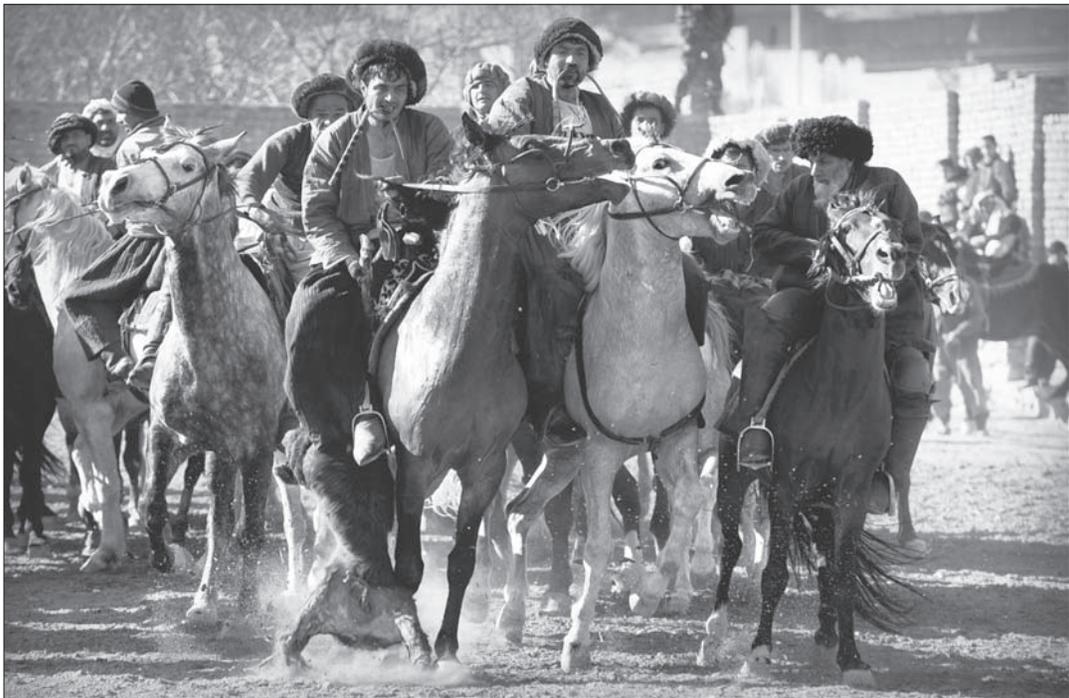
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# MIDEAST



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One rider, left, tries to keep a calf carcass from his competitors during a buzkashi match on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday. Individual riders can win money and other accolades by wrestling the calf from dozens of other competitors, carrying the carcass around a flag, and dropping it in the "end zone."



From left: Buzkashi riders wrestle over a calf carcass; crowds watch the match; and a player scores by dropping a calf carcass in a chalk circle.

# New year brings new season of buzkashi

By JOSH SMITH  
*Stars and Stripes*

**W**ith a swirl of dust, sweat and pounding hooves, the annual season of buzkashi, Afghanistan's national sport, is in full swing. The final months of winter traditionally serve as the informal season when riders mount horses to wrestle over a decapitated and disemboweled calf or goat. Buzkashi is translated as "goat dragging" in the local Persian, but a calf carcass is usually used because it lasts longer during the pulling and tugging.

A game of horsemanship that traces its roots to the medieval nomadic tribes that roamed Central Asia's steppes, buzkashi is still played in various forms across the region,

but Afghans are perhaps the most famous players. The game was immortalized by Hollywood in the third installment of "Rambo," when the action hero plays buzkashi with mujahedeen fighters before shooting down a Soviet helicopter.

The game was banned under the Taliban, but has made a comeback since the regime's fall in 2001.

Matches are notoriously haphazard affairs with widely varying or nonexistent rules, although more regulated versions have appeared in recent years. Riders usually compete as individuals and try to fight off other players to carry the carcass around a flag and across a field to a chalk circle that serves as an "end zone."



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## MILITARY



ALLISON GRINER, THE (JACKSONVILLE) FLORIDA TIMES-UNION/AP

The wife of a For the Troops founder created the recipe for the salsa. All profits go to military charities.

## For the Troops not just a name for Fla. company

By ALLISON GRINER  
The (Jacksonville) Florida Times-Union

ATLANTIC BEACH, Fla. — The request made Stan McQuiston's blue eyes bulge. There, in his company's inbox, sat an order from a soldier deployed to the Middle East. He was flabbergasted.

"It's pretty cool that we're getting requests from Afghanistan to buy our product, but it kinda offends me that they think we're going to make them pay," McQuiston said.

That's because McQuiston's company, For the Troops Inc., was founded with the goal of sending all its profits to military-related charities.

In 2012, McQuiston, 43, and friend John Reich, 52, hatched the idea to sell all-natural salsas and sauces. But they also knew from the very beginning that no money, not even a penny, would ever reach their pockets.

As career military men, Reich and McQuiston wanted it all to go back to the institution that had given them so much.

McQuiston, himself, never expected to be part of the military. He left his home when he was 15 and found that he "didn't have a lot of direction in life." Four years later, on a whim, he joined the Air National Guard. That decision would come to define McQuiston. He only recently retired, having ascended to the rank of Air Force lieutenant colonel.

But the benefits of the military also came with a toll for some. McQuiston witnessed the strain combat had on his fellow servicemen when his medical unit was deployed to war-torn Somalia. It was the early 1990s. They were fresh from basic training.

During the Somali conflict, two American helicopters were shot

from the skies by rocket-propelled grenades. That gruesome attack would be immortalized in the 2001 film "Black Hawk Down."

"One of my friends — I'm not going to name his name — was mentally affected by what he saw, all his friends getting killed and blown to pieces. And then having to take care of them," said McQuiston. "He was never the same after that day. From what I understand, he is homeless to this day."

An estimated 57,849 veterans were homeless, according to the 2013 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress. Of all 50 states, Florida had the second-highest rate of homeless veterans.

Motivated to help veterans in similar predicaments, Reich and McQuiston mined nearly \$10,000 out of their own pockets to get their business started.

So far, For the Troops' profits have been modest. Their earnings have added up to just over \$3,000. "Wish it had a bunch of zeros on it, but unfortunately that's not been the case," said McQuiston.

But what they have earned has gone to benefit charities such as Operation Homefront and Jacksonville's local United Service Organizations (USO) branch. Recently, For the Troops sponsored a free "No Dough Dinner" with Mayport's USO for active military and their families.

"There are a lot of women who come in with their children, sometimes up to four or five children. They're young, and they truly need the meal that you're providing," McQuiston said, recalling the dinner.

As they aim to help more and more veterans, Reich and McQuiston are setting their sights on entering the national market. Being "on every shelf, in every supermarket" is their ultimate goal.

# Report: 2014 Super Hornet crash was preventable

By MIKE HIXENBAUGH  
The (Norfolk, Va.) Virginian-Pilot

Several thousand feet above the Atlantic Ocean, a year ago Thursday, two Navy fighter jets banked toward each other at more than 400 mph.

The roaring F/A-18 Super Hornets converged, crossing within 1,000 feet before zooming back into formation and preparing to do it again.

The aerial sparring — intended to simulate a high-stakes combat engagement with an enemy fighter — is typical off the coast of Virginia Beach, where pilots from Oceana Naval Air Station regularly practice basic flight maneuvers.

But on this day, Jan. 15, 2014, something was about to go terribly wrong. The investigation that followed revealed shortcomings in pilot training, and it serves as a cautionary tale for novice fighter pilots still learning how to keep their bearings while twisting and turning through the sky at the speed of sound.

After their third round that morning, the two pilots from Strike Fighter Squadron 143 leveled off and prepared for one more drill.

In one of the jets, a young pilot was flying his first training mission since becoming qualified to use a special helmet that projects key flight data — such as air speed, altitude and target range — onto his visor.

The pilot, investigators learned later, hadn't gone through a recommended computer-based course before being cleared to fly with the visor-mounted display. In fact, the investigator discovered, out of 17 squadrons based at Oceana, none reported requiring pilots to complete the course; only one squadron was even aware it existed.

Out the left side of his cockpit, the pilot could see the other jet flying on a parallel course about 2 miles away. That pilot, a more experienced aviator, called out a signal, and the two jets again turned in toward each other.

The younger pilot pushed the throttle to maximum power and angled his jet down as he entered a left-hand turn at 12,000 feet above sea level. He began the turn at more than 400 mph, well above the recommended speed for an



GINA WOL/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

An F/A-18F Super Hornet assigned to the Pukin' Dogs of Strike Fighter Squadron 143 lands aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in 2010.

extreme nose-down maneuver.

According to the Navy flight manual, under those conditions, "It is not uncommon to accelerate uncontrollably once committed nose low in a slick Super Hornet."

Within 15 seconds, the jet had accelerated to more than 575 mph and was descending at a 70-degree angle. The pilot, while monitoring his visor-mounted display and doing his best to keep an eye on the other jet, apparently had lost track of his rate of descent.

Four seconds later, the jet was pushing 700 mph — nearly the speed of sound — and dropping fast. A warning tone sounded, alerting the pilot that he had fallen below 5,000 feet.

He pulled the throttle back to idle, but the jet continued to descend. A few seconds later — at roughly 2,500 feet above sea level and still flying at well over 600 mph — the pilot pulled the ejection handle, sending the \$85 million aircraft into the ocean and blasting the aviator up into the air.

At that speed, the ejection was especially violent, tearing off the pilot's helmet and ripping his wet suit in several places. Those who've ditched aircraft at far slower speeds say it's a miracle he didn't lose any limbs.

His parachute opened, and he drifted into the frigid sea.

"Mayday, mayday, mayday, aircraft in the water," the senior pilot called over the radio, launching a frantic rescue effort. A Navy helicopter took off from a nearby aircraft carrier. Two others took off from Norfolk Naval Station.

Fishermen — directed via radio by the pilot overhead —

sailed toward the crash site and threw a life ring and a rope, but the downed pilot was too badly injured to grab hold.

He remained in the water for nearly an hour before a Navy rescue swimmer dropped from a helicopter and hoisted him out of the ocean. By then, he was suffering from hypothermia. Both of his arms were broken. His face and head were bruised. He was slipping into and out of consciousness.

The helicopter flew him to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where he would spend days recovering. The Navy, as it does after any accident, immediately started an investigation.

The final report was direct in its opening statement: "Bottom line up front, this was a preventable mishap."

The crash was a reminder of how a small mistake in the cockpit of a fighter jet can snowball quickly. After entering the maneuver too fast, the pilot had seconds to take corrective action. But because he failed to execute standard cross checks — and because of his inexperience using the helmet-mounted display — he lost "situational awareness," the report said.

Oversights in training and mission prep were contributing factors, the investigator wrote. Every fighter pilot in the Navy was briefed on the findings. And moving forward, anyone flying with a helmet-mounted display must complete all available training courses.

A Navy spokesman declined to say whether the pilot returned to flying.

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WAR/MILITARY

# Territory: Islamic State tactics may attract youth

FROM FRONT PAGE

The Taliban remain the region's pre-eminent insurgency, with nearly 20 years of experience battling Afghan warlords and international troops. But the Taliban are "not a particularly sexy ideology or military force, and the risk lies in the Taliban looking increasingly out of date," said a Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters.

"It could be that young Afghans look to the more extreme tactics and the great glitzy publicity of IS (Islamic State)," the diplomat said. "They might find it attractive, or the Taliban might feel the need to compete and therefore become a bit more extreme and start carrying out horrific acts the way you see IS doing."

The Islamic State group controls a third of both Syria and Iraq, where it declared a caliphate governed by a harsh interpretation of Islamic law, or Sharia, and demanded the allegiance of the world's Muslims. The Taliban, by contrast, are focused on Afghanistan and Pakistan, and some leaders have even responded to past peace overtures.

Smaller militant groups in Libya, Egypt, Lebanon and elsewhere have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group's leader and self-proclaimed caliph, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, with some referring to themselves as "provinces."

In Afghanistan's southern Helmand province, residents say a former Taliban commander named Mullah Abdul Rauf has begun recruiting fighters for the Islamic State group.

"People are saying that he has raised black flags and even has tried to bring down white Taliban flags in some areas," said Saifulah Sanginwal, a tribal leader in Sangin district. "There are reports that 19 or 20 people have been killed" in fighting between the Taliban and the Islamic State group, he added.

Pakistan Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said in November that there was no Islamic State group presence, only militants using its name.

However, a government letter written a month earlier and later obtained by The Associated Press warns local officials that the Islamic State group has begun courting area militants and that the extremists claim the support of up to "12,000 followers" in northwest Pakistan.

A video released in December showed female students and teachers at Islamabad's Red Mosque, which holds great sway with Pakistan's militants, sitting under an Islamic State flag, pledging support to al-Baghdadi as cleric Maulana Abdul Aziz said



**Above:** Pakistani students shout slogans against the Islamic State group while holding a banner that reads, "Down with Islamic State," during a rally in Islamabad in November. **Left:** A man looks at graffiti supporting the extremist group as he walks past the entrance to a compound in Karachi, Pakistan.

AP photos

it would welcome the group. Last week, an online video released by the Islamic State group showed a former Pakistani Taliban spokesman pledging his support with more than a dozen others before beheading a man they identified as a soldier.

**‘It could be that young Afghans look to the ... great glitzy publicity of IS (Islamic State).’**

**Western diplomat**  
anonymously

The Pak Institute for Peace Studies, an Islamabad-based organization tracking militant groups, also issued a report calling the Islamic State group a "real and emerging threat for Pakistan."

"It has created a major survival challenge for the main militant actors who could now act to prove their operational credentials," the report said.

Taliban militants in Afghanistan and Pakistan owe their allegiance to Mullah Omar, a cleric who has led the Taliban since the 1990s but has not been seen or heard in public for years. Officials fear that an Islamic State group push into the region could bring an infusion of guns and money, sparking brutal competition among local militants disenchanted with Mullah Omar's silence and eager to prove themselves with escalating atrocities.

One former Taliban commander pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group "because he felt alienated from the Taliban leadership," said Graeme Smith, an analyst focusing on Afghanistan for the International Crisis Group.

"He seems to be doing better as a result," Smith added. "He seems to have more money and weapons than before, and people are noticing that maybe there is some actual link that is more than symbolic."

A senior U.S. State Department official, speaking this week in Pakistan on condition of anonym-

# 5 arrested for massacre at school in Pakistan

BY RAHIM FAIEZ  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan security services have arrested five men in connection with the massacre at a Pakistan military school last month that killed 150 people, most of them children, officials said Saturday.

The men, all foreigners, helped support the Dec. 16 assault by the Taliban at the Army Public School and College in the city of Peshawar, the three Afghan officials told The Associated Press.

They said the men were arrested in recent weeks near Afghanistan's eastern border with Pakistan.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't authorized to brief journalists about the arrests. Officials in Pakistan declined to immediately comment.

The attack in Peshawar, which saw seven Taliban gunmen in suicide bomb vests slaughter children gathered in the school's auditorium and hallways, shocked and enraged citizens across Pakistan.

Though the two countries long have been rivals, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has pledged to have closer relations with Pakistan.

Within 24 hours of the school attack, Pakistan's chief of army staff, Gen. Raheel Sharif, flew to Kabul to meet with Ghani to discuss closer cooperation on combating cross-border terrorism.

Western diplomats and military officials have said the level of cooperation between Kabul and Islamabad since the Peshawar attack is unprecedented.

One Western diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters, said those arrested by Afghanistan might be used in a prisoner swap deal with Pakistan. The diplomat did not say whom Afghanistan might get in return.

Both countries accuse each other of harboring terrorists on the other's territory, enabling them to plan and carry out assaults before evading across the mountainous borders they share. Pakistan is in the middle of an operation to attack suspected militant hideouts in its tribal region bordering Afghanistan.

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## MILITARY

# Scientists get a look at vets' brain injuries

By AMY ELLIS NUTT

The Washington Post

Johns Hopkins scientists have discovered what a traumatic brain injury suffered by a quarter-million combat veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan looks like and it's unlike anything they've seen before: a honeycomb pattern of broken connections, primarily in the frontal lobes, our emotional control center and the seat of our personality.

"In some ways it's a 100-year-old problem," said lead author Vassilis Koliatsos, referring to the shell-shock victims of World War I, tens of thousands of British soldiers who returned home physically sound but mentally wounded, haunted by their experiences and unable to fully resume their lives.

"When we started shelling each other on the Western Front of World War I, it created a lot of sick people," he said. "(In a way, we've gone back to the Western

Front and created veterans who come back and do poorly and we're back to the Battle of the Somme. They have mood changes, commit suicide, substance abuse, just like in World War I, and they really do poorly and can't function. It's a huge problem."

Many of the lingering symptoms of shell shock, or what today is known as neurotrauma, are the same as they were 100 years ago. Only the nature of the blast has changed, from high-explosive artillery to improvised explosive device.

Koliatsos and his team examined the brains of five recent U.S. combat veterans, all of whom suffered a traumatic brain injury from an IED but died of unrelated causes back home.

He was prompted to do this study, he said, because he's both a pathologist and a neuropsychiatrist and sees a lot of traumatic brain injury cases, both in veterans and young people who have

**'We saw a type of disease in the brain not seen before. We didn't even know if we'd see any sign of the disease.'**

Vassilis Koliatsos  
study's lead author

suffered sports collisions.

What he sees in these people is that "their attention is off, mood is off, personality is off. They're impulsive, aggressive, do poorly in school. ... I wanted to help my patients by trying to understand what is going on in their brains," he said.

What he found surprised him. "We saw a type of disease in the brain not seen before," he said. "We didn't even know if we'd see any sign of disease."

Koliatsos and his team began their research by searching for the presence of a protein called amyloid precursor protein, or

APP, which is transmitted between neurons along a fiber known as an axon.

TBIs cause those axons to break, and APP coalesces at those breaks, causing a swelling. In car accidents, those swellings are large and bulbous, but in the veterans' brains, they were medium-sized, more spheroidal and formed a honeycomb pattern near blood vessels.

The researchers also noticed that these unusual swellings were particularly evident in the frontal lobes, the seat of executive functions.

Blast injuries, in large numbers,

were not seen in combat veterans between World War I and Iraq, Vietnam, however, did produce the first diagnosed cases of post traumatic stress disorder, which Koliatsos believes has helped to further stigmatize current combat veterans who survive IED explosions but come back unable to resume their lives.

"We thought it was hysteria in World War I, and then came PTSD in Vietnam," he said, "so we continued to think of this (hidden) injuries only as psychological."

So did the poet Wilfred Owen, one of Great Britain's most famous shell-shock victims, who spent a year in a psychiatric hospital before returning to the front lines, where he was killed in action a week before the armistice. Of himself and his fellow shell-shock patients, he wrote: "These are men whose minds the Dead have ravished."

Now we know it was so much more than that.

## Schools on military bases struggle with maintenance

By BRITNEY MEJIA

Los Angeles Times

Water leaks stain the ceiling of Irving L. Branch Elementary School in Edwards, Calif. Electrical wiring is exposed, and students are careful to avoid cracks in the playground's asphalt.

"We need new stuff," sixth-grader Damian Rattler said recently while sitting in a chair held together with duct tape.

The 700-student campus is one of 10 California military base schools that the Pentagon has ranked as being in the top third of those most in need of repair nationwide.

In recent years, Congress allocated a total of \$945 million to address critical problems with capacity and conditions at public schools on military installations. To access the money, however, school districts or their states must provide 20 percent in matching funds.

California — which has more schools on the repair list than any other state — is the only one that has not raised the necessary money, Department of Defense spokesman Mark Wright said.

Although DOD didn't request 2015 funds, Congress allocated an additional \$175 million for the Public Schools on Military Installations Program in December.

Only two California school districts, Sierra Sands Unified and San Diego Unified, have said they could meet the matching requirement. Although the money allocated won't expire, it can diminish, Wright said.

"We lost millions on this program because of sequestration," Wright said, referring to the mandatory federal budget cuts of 2013.

"I think the fear is we'll lose more if we don't take care of this fast."

At Branch Elementary in the

Muroc Joint Unified School District, 60 percent of the students' parents are in the military.

"It's just sad to think that somebody is out there protecting our country, and at home their kids are going to a school with great teachers but with awful facilities," Principal Dennison Winchell said.

The needed upgrades at Branch, which ranks eighth out of 160 schools on the Pentagon's priority list, will cost \$27.8 million —

**'We need new stuff.'**

meaning that the district would have to come up with about \$5.5 million. School officials would like to

replace the roof, upgrade playground equipment and purchase new doors for classrooms and offices, which currently lock only from the outside. There also are electrical improvements to consider, such as upgrading lighting and installing air conditioning.

Public school districts are often able to cover major maintenance and construction costs with the help of voter-approved bond money generated through property taxes. That doesn't work for military base schools, which are on federal land.

Last year, the California Department of Education asked the Department of Finance to provide \$61 million in funding, which would cover the 20 percent matching for the 10 California schools on the list; the request was denied. A 2013 request was also denied. The California Department of Education is now exploring legislative solutions, a spokeswoman said.



JENNIFER HLAB/Stars and Stripes

## Home after 7-month deployment

Seaman Dorian Williams holds his 9-month-old baby, Justyn, after returning to Naval Base San Diego on Friday from a seven-month deployment in the western Pacific aboard the USS Cape St. George. The guided missile cruiser's crew and the sailors of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 78, Detachment 4, participated in RIn of the Pacific 2014, exercises Vallant Shield and Keen Swort, and community relations projects in Singapore, Guam and South Korea. "I cannot be prouder of the professionalism of my crew," said Capt. Michael P. Doran, the ship's commanding officer. "The ship excelled in every mission we were given because of their dedication and hard work."

MILITARY

# Predator: Leadership, lack of reporting called into question

FROM FRONT PAGE

A trove of public records recently obtained by the Post-Dispatch suggests that more work needs to be done to change the culture of the military.

According to the documents, high-level leaders on post "mis-handled" informal sexual harassment complaints in Sanchez's unit, E Company, 701st Military Police Battalion.

The 548 pages of documents, which include reactions, describe Sanchez as being "extremely adept at choosing his victims, place of attack, masking his misconduct from his chain of command and superiors, and maneuvering around the safeguards put in place to protect trainees."

For example, one victim — whom Sanchez forced to perform oral sex on him in a latrine — had been sleeping outside of secure quarters designed to separate male and female personnel.

The investigation found no indication that Sanchez's current or previous superiors "were aware of criminal or inappropriate behavior prior to the allegations of misconduct being reported."

## Failure to report

The investigation found trainees knew what constituted sexual misconduct. A problem, according to military records, was failure to report.

It was true of his peers and subordinates, who saw "many indications of a predator in the ranks." And it was true of six victims, who reported allegations only after a victim finally came forward.

"Can you tell me about E Company's command climate that six different victims did not come forward?" an investigator asked a military official on post after allegations came to light in January 2014. "What went wrong here?"

"I just don't know — they have a pretty good team," the official said of E Company, adding that perhaps there was shortsightedness because Sanchez was a new drill sergeant. "I firmly believe now, after seeing all the reports, that Sanchez is a predator who knows how to skirt around the checks and balances put in place to stop predatory behavior. I also believe had any cadre member truly [known] his true nature, they would have reported him."

But superiors had a much different view of Sanchez than some junior enlisted soldiers who had served with him in Afghanistan and at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska, according to investigation documents.

A first sergeant who wrote a recommendation letter in favor of Sanchez's being selected as a drill sergeant candidate said Sanchez

was the best noncommissioned officer "he had ever served alongside," an investigator noted.

But once Sanchez was selected, junior-ranking soldiers wondered how long it would take before he would be accused of sexually harassing female trainees, according to investigation documents.

"Sanchez's peers and subordinates describe him as a person who often made inappropriate comments, sexual jokes and remarks, and flirted with soldiers," one investigator noted. "His peers and subordinates failed to report this behavior to their chain of command, enabling SSG Sanchez to continue to behave in this manner for a long period of time."

## A pervasive problem

Sanchez was caught during his first cycle of being a drill sergeant at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where 24,000 people enter basic training each year.

A female soldier who had served with Sanchez in Alaska and Afghanistan told an investigator that "there was not one female in the unit that [Sanchez] did not make an inappropriate comment to or about." She said she didn't report it to command because she didn't think anything would be done.

"Also, if I report every inappropriate act or verbal harassment complaint by a male soldier toward me that I experienced during my time in the Army, it would be a full-time job," she said. "It would be all I would do. This problem is pervasive in the Army and a serious issue."

In addition to targeting trainees, Sanchez was found guilty of abusive sexual contact involving a fellow drill sergeant. That drill sergeant wept from the stand during the September court-martial, saying she was going to quit the Army out of guilt for not reporting the crime earlier.

Testimony at the court-martial also questioned leadership and its adherence to the Army program called Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP.

## Complaints discouraged

Two former E Company trainees said from the stand that the two highest-ranking members of the 701st Military Police Battalion told trainees that if they made any more SHARP complaints, the whole company would have to start basic training all over.

The testimony spawned an additional Army review of the command climate in Sanchez's unit, a Pentagon spokesman said.

According to investigation documents, the battalion command-

er and command sergeant major addressed Company E on Dec. 7, 2013, after finding out about five trainee-on-trainee sexual harassment allegations. One of the leaders later told an investigator that he'd merely wanted the trainees to stop engaging in inappropriate conduct and that it was never his "intent to stop trainees from making complaints."

A focus group of E Company trainees was formed and questioned about the short lecture in question. According to investigation documents, the group said



Sanchez

that the command officers "appeared very angry with them" and that "the message they were left with was that if there was another report or allegation of sexual harassment or assault, that they would all be recycled back to the beginning of training."

An investigator noted that the "command climate contributed to the lack of reporting from trainees on SSG Sanchez."

Among the investigation's findings on that point:

■ A drill sergeant who also served as unit victim advocate, the go-to person for trainees to report abuse, incorrectly categorized an allegation of sexual assault against Sanchez and didn't follow another procedure, which delayed awareness of a complaint to command. For a time, E Company was left without a unit victim advocate.

■ The company commander once told a trainee who had complained of sexual harassment by a fellow trainee that "sometimes you have to just deal with these situations," a deputy brigade commander told an investigator.

■ A drill sergeant who had been a former unit victim advocate told an investigator that the company commander and first sergeant didn't take SHARP serious enough, stressing that traditional basic training needs came first.

**'If I report every inappropriate comment or sexual harassment complaint by a male soldier toward me that I experienced during my time in the Army, it would be a full-time job. It would be all I do.'**

anonymous female soldier served with Staff Sgt. Angel Sanchez at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

## Avoiding detection

Sanchez mainly avoided detection during the night shift, when he was the only drill sergeant on duty at the barracks. He evaded the "battle buddy" policy strictly enforced in basic training. Trainees aren't supposed to go anywhere alone. Drill sergeants also had battle buddies; however, one drill sergeant usually works alone for the overnight shift.

There are alarms on barracks doors that separate male and female trainees, but the alarms didn't prevent Sanchez from going into the female sleeping quarters alone. One of Sanchez's victims was separated from her peers after being accused of sexual harassment of another trainee. Sanchez portrayed himself as a mentor to her and later forced her to perform oral sex on him in a latrine.

An investigator said video surveillance could have helped prevent Sanchez from isolating trainees. The investigator also recommended more frequent checks by commanders during the night shift.

In a statement released last week, a post spokesman said the Sanchez case had triggered a

widespread review of SHARP personnel and systems at Fort Leonard Wood.

At the national level, the Army has taken steps to ensure leaders are aware of the lessons learned from the incident, a Pentagon spokesman said.

Maj. Gen. Leslie Smith, commander of Fort Leonard Wood, said in a recent interview at the post that there were good people who did the right thing in the Army, and people who didn't — "just like outside the gate." He said he was a firm believer in the military's judicial system and the practice of holding people accountable.

"From the time that it was discovered to the time the guy was court-martialed was nine months," Smith said. "Guaranteed, it won't be that way in the civilian court."

He added that Sanchez "was a leader that took advantage of people, and he was dealt with, the chain of command was dealt with, all of those things were dealt with at the appropriate level."

A military judge recommended that Sanchez receive a 20-year sentence. Smith will have the ultimate authority on sentencing once a few more legal technicalities in the case are wrapped up.



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**'I firmly believe now, after seeing all the reports, that (Staff Sgt. Angel) Sanchez is a predator who knows how to skirt around the checks and balances put in place to stop predatory behavior.'**

military official at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

## NATION

# Obama comes out swinging against new Iran sanctions

By JOSH LEDERMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Friday criticized congressional attempts to slap fresh sanctions on Iran, warning such a move likely would destroy nuclear talks and would increase prospects for a military showdown. Vowing to veto any sanctions that reach his desk, Obama pleaded, "Just hold your fire."

In an unusual move by a foreign leader, British Prime Minister David Cameron said he was personally calling U.S. senators to say that new sanctions would drive a wedge through international unity.

Standing side by side with Cameron at the White House, Obama said world powers would be sympathetic to Iran and would blame the U.S. if Congress moved ahead with more sanctions while fragile negotiations are underway. At that point, Obama argued, the world would lose its best chance to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

"Congress should be aware that if this diplomatic solution fails, then the risks and likelihood that this ends up being at some point a military confrontation is heightened—and Congress will have to own that as well," Obama said in his most impassioned rebuke yet of the actions effort.

The U.S., the U.K. and other world powers are struggling to

reach a framework accord with Iran by March, with hopes of finalizing a longer-term deal by July that would limit Iran's ability to produce a nuclear weapon. Secretary of State John Kerry has spent much of the week huddled in European hotels with his Iranian counterpart, Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif, as both countries seek to infuse the talks with fresh urgency.

But in Washington, many lawmakers are so skeptical of the negotiations that they have insisted the U.S. move forward with additional sanctions to keep tightening the screws on Tehran.

A tense exchange between Obama and a top Democrat this week illustrated the degree to which Obama's diplomacy with Iran has rattled even members of his own party.

At a closed-door strategy meeting with Senate Democrats, Obama and Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., traded arguments about whether fresh penalties would undermine or bolster the negotiations. It was then that Obama renewed his longstanding vow to veto sanctions legislation passed by Congress while talks are still ongoing.

"We just have a fundamental disagreement," Menendez told reporters Friday in New Jersey. "It is counterintuitive to understand that somehow Iran will walk away because of some sanctions that would never take place if they strike a deal."

# GOP field scrambles as RNC sets debate plan

By STEVE PEOPLES  
AND THOMAS BEAUMONT  
The Associated Press

CORONADO, Calif. — As the leading GOP prospects for the White House ramp up their national outreach, Republicans unveiled plans Friday for a primary season aimed at keeping the nominee unscathed and ready to take on the Democratic candidate heading toward Election Day.

State Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, "We're not going to have a circus."

However, buzz that 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney was considering a third campaign built throughout the RNC's three-day nesting, culminating in his public confirmation of that during the closing banquet Friday.

"I'm giving some serious consideration to the future," Romney told more than 200 party activists, leaders and former aides.

With his wife, Ann, at his side, Romney said, "The most frequently asked question I get is, 'What does Ann think of all this?'

She believes that people get better with experience, and heaven knows I have experience running for president."

The RNC also approved plans Friday to cut the number of presidential primary debates in half compared with 2012, while seeking to introduce what a spokesman called "an element of conservatism" to those asking the questions. The first of nine scheduled debates is set for Ohio in August, with the criteria for participation still to be resolved. Roughly 25 Republicans are weighing presidential bids.

The changes are intended to give the GOP's next presidential nominee an easier path to the White House, two years after Romney emerged from an extended primary contest bruised and low on campaign cash.

"Keep in mind, 2016 could be a do-or-die moment for our party," said Priebus, who was elected to a record third term as RNC chief.

"For almost everything we do, we have to ask ourselves, 'Is this helping us win the White House?'"



PAUL SANCYA/AP

April DeBoer, right, speaks as her partner, Jayne Rowse, left, looks on during a news conference Friday in Ferndale, Mich.

# High court sets stage for historic gay rights ruling

By MARK SHERMAN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear arguments on whether same-sex couples have a right to marry everywhere in America sets the stage for a potentially historic ruling on one of the country's most sweeping social issues.

The court announced Friday it will take up gay-rights cases that ask it to overturn bans in four states and to declare for the entire nation that people can marry the partners of their choice, regardless of gender. The cases will be argued in April, and a decision is expected by late June.

The court chose not to decide this issue in 2013, even as it struck down part of a federal anti-gay marriage law that paved the way for a wave of lower-court rulings across the country in favor of same-sex marriage rights.

But the momentum has shifted dramatically in the United States in recent months in favor of gay marriage.

America has seen a rapid, dramatic change in public opinion and laws regarding same-sex marriage. State legislatures have been approving it and, often when they haven't, courts have stepped in to allow it. Same-sex marriage is now legal in 36 of the 50 U.S. states, meaning 70 percent of Americans now live in states where it is legal.

Until now, the Supreme Court, the only tribunal that can reconcile inconsistent rulings among federal appellate courts, has avoided settling the issue for the

entire U.S.

"The country is ready for the freedom to marry today," said James Esques, leader of the American Civil Liberties Union's same-sex marriage efforts.

The appeals before the court come from gay and lesbian plaintiffs in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee. The federal appeals court that oversees those four states upheld their same-sex marriage bans in November, reversing pro-gay rights rulings of federal judges in all four states. It was the first, and so far only, appellate court to rule against same-sex marriage since the high court's 2013 decision.

One of the plaintiffs, James Obergefell, said he was crying "tears of joy and sadness" after the court accepted his appeal. In 2013, Obergefell flew to Maryland with his dying partner, John Arthur, so they could marry before Arthur's death. The couple sued to force Ohio to list Arthur as married on his death certificate, which would allow the men to be buried next to each other. Arthur died 15 months ago.

"I can't wait to walk up those steps and have the Supreme Court understand that we're just like everyone else," Obergefell said.

Attorney General Eric Holder said the Obama administration would urge the court "to make marriage equality a reality for all Americans."

On the other side, advocates for traditional marriage want the court to let the political process play out, rather than have judges order states to allow same-sex

couples to marry.

"The people of every state should remain free to affirm marriage as the union of a man and a woman in their laws," said Austin R. Nimocks, senior counsel for the anti-gay marriage group Alliance Defending Freedom.

In October, five states asked the court to step in to preserve their bans on same-sex marriage. The justices declined without an explanation and subsequently refused to block lower court rulings from taking effect in other states while appeals were pending.

Now there are just 14 states in which same-sex couples cannot wed.

The court's decision to get involved is another marker of the rapid change that has redefined societal norms in the space of a generation.

The court will be weighing in on major gay-rights issues for the fourth time in 27 years. In the first of those, in 1986, the court upheld Georgia's anti-sodomy law in a devastating defeat for gay-rights advocates.

But the three subsequent rulings, all written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, were major victories for gay men and lesbians.

The court is extending the time it usually allows for argument from an hour to 2½ hours. The justices will consider two related questions. The first is whether the Constitution requires states to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The other is whether states must recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

NATION

# Natives restless in Hawaii

Some seek return to sovereignty as US mulls tribal recognition

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ  
The Associated Press

WAIMANALO, Hawaii — Pookela Rodenhurst lives as if he's back in the Hawaiian Kingdom. He hunts for sea turtles, watching for the game warden behind his back. He forages for herbs in the Koolau Mountains. He drives without a license because he won't agree to abide by state laws.

Rodenhurst and other Hawaiian nationalists who long for a return to the days when the islands were ruled by royal families are increasingly dominating the debate about the future of the islands' indigenous people. And their insistence on someday restoring the kingdom threatens to overshadow a federal proposal that could, after years of lobbying by advocates, offer Native Hawaiians some of the same privileges that have long been available to other native groups.

Many years before Hawaii became a tourist destination, the Hawaiian Kingdom ruled over the islands and held treaties with dozens of countries. It was overtaken by a group of American businessmen 122 years ago, on Jan. 17, 1893, and was annexed five years later.

Now, the U.S. government is considering extending to Native Hawaiians the same type of tribal recognition that many American Indian tribes have had for generations, potentially giving special status to more than 200 programs and securing lots of federal money, including nearly \$14 million for health care, \$32 million for education and \$10 million for housing. The issue has



CATHY BUSSEWITZ/AP

Pookela Rodenhurst takes care of a heiau, a Native Hawaiian spiritual site where ancestors are honored, in Waimanalo, Hawaii, in July.

**“They have no business to come out here and try to engage us and treat us like Indians.”**

**Pookela Rodenhurst**  
Hawaiian nationalist

reawakened distrust between moderates who generally support the idea and absolutists who want to see the kingdom rebuilt, even if it means chasing an all-but-unattainable goal — dissolving the state of Hawaii.

Rodenhurst insists the American government is “belligerently occupying Hawaii.”

“They have no business to come out here and try to engage us and treat us like Indians,” he said.

Resentment over the annexation is nothing new among Native Hawaiians, but it resurfaced in

June, when the U.S. Department of Interior began considering extending tribal status, which moderates believe is a far more realistic goal than somehow reversing Hawaiian statehood.

“People will criticize that federal recognition is not the end-all, be-all for Hawaii’s population, but it is what I believe is achievable in my lifetime,” said Michelle Ka’ihane, president and CEO of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

Advocates have been seeking federal recognition for more than

a decade. Separately, Native Hawaiians have also been organizing their own tribal government — a step that some feared would be upended by federal recognition. Skeptics would prefer to be recognized as an independent nation on equal footing with the U.S., instead of a nation within a nation.

The Native Hawaiian Roll Commission collected more than 125,000 names of people eligible to elect leaders and eventually draft a constitution.

Former Hawaii Gov. John Waihee is chairman of the commission. He said a new tribal government could negotiate with the U.S. to return military and other lands to Native Hawaiians.

For Rodenhurst, restoration of the Hawaiian Kingdom would mean a return to laws that allow him to fish in areas that are off-limits, a tradition his family practiced for centuries.

“It’s like an infringement of my spiritual rights,” Rodenhurst said. “You’re interfering with me feeding my family. Not that I can’t go buy chicken at Safeway, but that’s my spiritual time.”

Ka’ihane questions whether it’s reasonable to imagine the U.S. withdrawing from Hawaii. She believes she’s among a silent majority of Native Hawaiians.

“What would the economy be? How would we take care of our people?” she asked. “Unless we can amend the U.S. Constitution, there’s no undoing of statehood.”

Still, even if federal recognition occurs, that would not necessarily prevent eventual independence from the United States, Ka’ihane said.

“I don’t believe that the only solution for me is that I have to un-become a U.S. citizen,” she said. “I also don’t believe that folks who fight for independence should stop that fight.”

## Study: Festivals spur spikes in Ecstasy, caffeine in water supply

By RACHEL FELTMAN  
The Washington Post

It turns out that massive music festivals might not just be a noise disruption for locals — they might be causing issues for nearby aquatic life, too. According to a study published Wednesday in the journal Environmental Science & Technology, these events could be introducing dangerous drugs like Ecstasy and ketamine into the water supply, leaving traces of them in rivers and soil.

The study is part of an effort to research so-called “emerging contaminants,” (ECs) or things like drugs (both prescribed and recreational) and hygiene products that end up in waste water. According to recent studies, only about half of these contaminants

are actually removed during the water treatment process. So eventually they can end up here and in our drinking water — and in our fish.

Researchers were particularly interested in how certain events — like football games, holiday weekends, and tourist attractions — could cause spikes or even changes in these sneaky contaminants.

After all, it stands to reason that an influx of people (especially a large group all doing the same activity) would have an effect. The researchers measured contaminant levels in Hengchun, a popular vacation destination in Taiwan.

Contaminants were higher in Hengchun rivers than in other areas, despite the low population of the town. That wasn’t unex-

**During the ‘Spring Scream’ in Taiwan, researchers found big spikes in drugs like Ecstasy, ketamine and caffeine in the local rivers.**

pected — since the area is popular with tourists, it often has extra people hanging around. These areas also showed a lower concentration of illicit drugs.

So the researchers also weren’t surprised that contaminants spiked during popular travel times, like weekends and seasons with good weather.

But during the “Spring Scream,” an event

that draws over 600,000 young music fans to the beach town, things got a little crazy.

Daily sampling during the week of Spring Scream found big spikes in drugs like Ecstasy, ketamine and caffeine. Meanwhile, more benign drugs — like ibuprofen — were relatively consistent before, during and after the concerts.

This isn’t the first indication that sewage can be affected by one-off events. Studies of water near universities have found spikes in amphetamine (taken illicitly by many students to enhance their studying) during exam periods, for example. Another study found that levels of party drugs like cocaine and Ecstasy spike in the London area on weekends.

NATION

# Academy head responds to Oscar firestorm

By SANDY COHEN  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Responding for the first time to the firestorm of criticism over the lack of diversity in this year's Oscar nominations, film academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs says the all-white acting slate inspires her to accelerate the academy's push to be more inclusive. She also hopes the film industry as a whole will continue to strive for greater diversity.

The first black president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences spoke out Friday night in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press about the Oscar nominations and the widespread criticism that followed.

All 20 of this year's acting contenders are white and there are no women in the directing or writing categories. After the nominations were announced Thursday morning, the hashtag #OscarsSoWhite started trending on Twitter.

The Asian Pacific American Media Coalition issued a statement Friday saying the nominations balloting "obviously reflects a lack of diversity in Oscar voters as well as in films generally."

Yet Boone Isaacs insisted the academy is "committed to seeking out diversity of voice and opinion" and that outreach to women and artists of color is a major focus.

"In the last two years, we've made greater strides than we ever have in the past toward becoming a more diverse and inclusive

organization through admitting new members and more inclusive classes of members," Boone Isaacs said. "And, personally, I would love to see and look forward to see a greater cultural diversity among all our nominees in all of our categories."

She declined to address whether she and the academy were embarrassed by the slate of white contenders, instead insisting that she's proud of the nominees, all of whom deserved recognition.

She explained that while each branch comes up with its own criteria for excellence and each nominates its colleagues, all voting is individual and confidential.

For instance, only directors can suggest best director nominees and only actors can nominate actors. But the entire academy membership can submit suggestions for best picture.

"There is not one central body or group of people that sit around the table and come up with nominations," she said. "It really is a peer-to-peer process."

With all the accolades the civil rights drama "Selma" has received since its Christmas opening, some felt its failure to garner nominations for director Ava DuVernay or star David Oyelowo reflected a racial bias.

"What is important not to lose sight of is that 'Selma,' which is a fantastic motion picture, was nominated for best picture this year, and the best picture category is voted on by the entire membership of around 7,000 people," Boone Isaacs said.



WAL-MART INC. VIA THE GRAYSON COUNTY (KY) SHERIFF'S OFFICE/AP

Dalton Hayes, 18, and Cheyenne Phillips, 13, walk into a South Carolina Wal-Mart recently. The couple are suspected in a multistate crime spree.

# Police say teenage crime spree suspects becoming dangerous

The Associated Press

LEITCHFIELD, Ky. — Police say two teenage sweethearts have blazed a trail of crime across the South, leaving in their path a string of stolen vehicles and pilfered checks and stirring concern about their increasingly bold behavior.

Dalton Hayes, 18, and his girlfriend, Cheyenne Phillips, 13 — who apparently had convinced Hayes and his family that she was 19 — so far have eluded capture and are now believed to be cruising around in a stolen truck with two guns.

"There's going to come a time when we're not going to see him as an 18-year-old kid," said Norman Chaffins, sheriff in Grayson County, Ky., where the pair disappeared nearly two weeks ago.

"We're going to see him as someone who's stolen three vehi-

cles with two handguns in them, and the outcome is not going to be good for either one of them if they don't turn themselves in."

Hayes and Phillips vanished Jan. 3 from their small hometown in western Kentucky, the sheriff said. Since then, authorities believe the two have traveled to South Carolina and Georgia.

Hayes' mother urged the young couple to surrender.

"I pretty much cry myself to sleep every night worrying about where they are and if a police officer or any random individual tries to pull them over and isn't so nice and hurts them," Tammy Martin said.

The couple had been dating for about three months. The girl portrayed herself as being 19, and the family, including Martin's son, believed her, she said.

By the time her son realized she was a mere 13, "he was al-

ready done in love with her," Martin said.

When he hit the road, Hayes was running away from trouble back home. He faces burglary and theft charges in his home county, stemming from an arrest late last year, according to Grayson County court records.

He was planning to be at the local judicial center on Jan. 5 to find out if a grand jury had indicted him on the charges, his mother said. His case did not come up, but by that time, the teens were gone.

The sheriff said the couple's behavior is "becoming increasingly brazen and dangerous."

"They're going on people's property," he said. "They're forging checks to get money. ... They could have stopped in Kentucky, but they didn't."

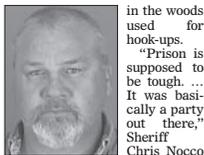
Since they have no source of money, he added, "they're going to get desperate."

# Police: Guard, 2 strippers smuggled booze, drugs into Fla. prison

By TAMARA LUSH  
The Associated Press

LUTZ, Fla. — It was a Florida prison inmate's escape that led investigators down a rabbit hole of sin involving a corrections officer and two strippers. The sheriff says brokered deals for malt liquor, cigarettes and "conjugal visits in the woods."

It all unfolded in September, when inmate Jason Adams escaped from a work crew in suburban Pasco County, about 30 miles north of downtown Tampa. The corrections officer overseeing the crew, Henry Blackwelder, didn't tell his superiors of the escape until three hours later. When investigators arrived, they found empty cans of Straw-Ber-Rita and Four Loko malt liquor, empty packets of synthetic marijuana known as "Spice," and a blanket



Blackwelder

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Adams, who was serving a six-year sentence for burglary and grand theft when he escaped, was caught a day later riding a bicycle. He sneaked away after asking to relieve himself in the woods and never coming back.

Nocco said his arrest unraveled Blackwelder's scheme.

Blackwelder, 45, immediately resigned after the escape. Ac-



Morgan

ording to a report, detectives found that Adams left the work crew on several occasions to buy booze, smokes and Spice at Blackwelder's behest. Blackwelder then would get his work crew to smuggle the goods into the prison, the report said.

Blackwelder enlisted two exotic dancers who also worked at a convenience store, documents show, to help with the smuggling.

One of the women, Jessica Morgan, 24, told deputies "she knew it was wrong" but did it because she



Petty

had fallen in love with one of the inmates on the work crew. Morgan and Stacy Petty, 46, told officials they met with the inmates once per week for about a year.

Blackwelder was paid with cash and food for the contraband and would finish any leftovers from the food the two women brought for their inmate boyfriends, Nocco said.

"He was like Yogi Berra out there, eating their leftovers," said Nocco, who held a news conference on Tuesday and stood behind a table stacked with contraband, including "Scooby Snax" Spice

packets. Blackwelder was charged Tuesday with official misconduct, unlawful compensation for official behavior and smuggling contraband into a state correctional facility. He was released on bail Wednesday. It is not clear if he has an attorney.

Morgan and Petty were charged with introducing contraband into a state correctional facility, giving alcohol to an inmate, and giving articles of food and clothing to an inmate. They are both being held on \$20,000 bail at the Pasco County Jail, and records do not list an attorney for them.

Nocco noted that the work crew trusts went on even after Blackwelder resigned, leading Nocco to wonder if there aren't more corrections officers involved.

WORLD

# Terrorist in France attacks buried discreetly



SIDAL DARBBOU/AP

Demonstrators in Algiers, Algeria, burn a representation of a French flag Friday during a protest against cartoons published in the French magazine *Charlie Hebdo*.

## Muslims deery cartoon; 4 dead in Niger

BY ADIL JAWAD  
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*The Associated Press*

KARACHI, Pakistan — Muslim anger flared over a French satirical weekly's latest caricature of the Prophet Muhammad, with four people reported killed and dozens injured at a protest Friday in the West African country of Niger, and violent clashes between demonstrators and police in Pakistan, Jordan and Algeria.

Supporters say the cartoon on the cover of *Charlie Hebdo* is a defiant expression of free speech following a terrorist attack on the publication's Paris offices that killed 12 people on Jan. 7, but many Muslims viewed it as another attack on their religion.

The new issue has a drawing of Muhammad, with a tear rolling down his cheek and a placard

that reads "Je Suis Charlie" — a saying that has swept France and the world since the killings. The depiction of the prophet is deemed insulting to many followers of Islam.

A French cultural center was set ablaze by protesters in the town of Zinder in southern Niger, and one security officer and three demonstrators were killed in the melee, said Interior Minister Hassoumi Massaoudou. Another 20 security officers and 23 civilians were injured, he said.

The government of Niger, a former French colony, has banned the sale of *Charlie Hebdo*.

Many of the protests across the Muslim world began after midday prayers Friday, Islam's holy day.

Demonstrations were held in the Pakistani cities of Karachi, Lahore and the capital of Islamabad.

BY GREG KELLER  
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*The Associated Press*

PARIS — City officials in Reims say one of the terrorists responsible for deadly attacks last week that killed 17 people was buried in the eastern French city over their objections and despite concerns that the grave could become a shrine for extremists.

Said Kouachi, the elder of the two brothers who together gunned down 12 people Jan. 7 in their attack on the satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo*, was buried at the demand of the French government, Reims city officials said in a statement Saturday.

"Given the risk of disturbance of the peace and in order to quickly turn the page of this tragic episode, it was decided to do the burial quickly," the city said.

Earlier in the week Reims Mayor Arnaud Robinet said he'd "categorically refuse" a request by Kouachi's family to bury him in Reims, where he lived before police killed him and his brother Jan. 9. "I don't want a grave that serves to attract fanatics. I don't want a place that promotes hate," Robinet said in an interview on France Info radio Thursday.

Speaking Saturday on BFM TV, Robinet said he was forced to allow the burial by the government, which enforced a French law that grants a right to be buried in the town of last residence.

"He was buried last night, in the most discreet, anonymous way possible," Robinet said in an interview on French television channel BFM TV. Robinet said he didn't know where Kouachi was buried in the cemetery, which he didn't identify.

Antoine Flasaquier, a lawyer for Kouachi's widow, said the burial took place overnight "in the greatest discretion and dignity." Flasaquier said the widow did not attend the burial for fear she'd be followed by reporters and give away the location of the grave.

Two other terrorists killed in shootouts with police following

last week's attacks await burial. Cherif Kouachi will be buried in his hometown of Genevilliers, outside Paris. City officials there say they wanted to avoid "all useless and indecent polemic" over the burial and said Kouachi would be buried in an anonymous grave "to avoid all risk of disturbance to the peace and to preserve the town's tranquility."

The debate over where to bury the terrorists echoed the one nearly three years ago over the burial of Mohamed Merah, who killed three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers in Toulouse in 2012. Then-President Nicolas Sarkozy intervened to allow the burial over the objections of Toulouse's mayor.

Meanwhile in Belgium, paratroopers fanned out to guard possible terror targets across the country, including some buildings within the Jewish quarter of the port city of Antwerp. It was the first time in 30 years that authorities used troops to reinforce police in Belgium's cities, and came a day after anti-terror raids netted dozens of suspects across Western Europe.

Belgium has increased its terror warning to 3, the second-highest, following the anti-terror raids of Thursday which left two suspects dead, damage to property had been planned imminent attacks on police and their offices.

Justice Minister Koen Geens told VTM network Saturday that "we hope the worst has been avoided but we need to prepare for the most difficult to come."

Some 150 paratroopers were watching synagogues in Antwerp, the Jewish Museum in Brussels and other selected building across the nations. The figure could be double in the coming days until the situation will be reviewed next week.

Not everyone thought this would calm nerves. "You know, when people see the soldiers on streets they will get scared. That could make more problems than solutions," said student Greg Verhoeven in Antwerp.

## Storm cuts short pope's trip to typhoon-hit Philippine city

BY JIM GOMEZ  
AND NICO WINFIELD  
*The Associated Press*

TACLOBAN, Philippines — Pope Francis traveled to the far eastern Philippines to comfort survivors of devastating Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, then cut his own trip short because of another approaching storm.

In a windy and rainy morning Mass with a crowd that included Haiyan survivors, he conceded it was hard to find the right words when surrounded by so much pain.

"So many of you have lost everything," Francis told 150,000 Catholic faithful gathered in an open field near the airport in Tacloban, the city hit hardest by Typhoon Haiyan. "I don't know what

to say to you, but the Lord does know what to say to you. Some of you lost part of your families. All I can do is keep silent. And I walk with you all with my silent heart."

Many in the crowd wept as Francis spoke, overcome by the memory of the Nov. 8, 2013, storm that leveled entire villages with ferocious winds and 21-foot waves and left more than 7,300 people dead or missing. Francis joined them in solidarity, even donning the same yellow rain poncho over his vestments that Mass-goers were given because of the rain.

Tropical Storm Mekkhala was expected to make landfall on nearby Samar Island in the late afternoon or early evening with winds between 60 and 80 mph,

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Pope Francis

the weather bureau said.

Francis drew applause when he told the audience that he had decided to visit the city of 200,000 in the eastern Leyte province in the days immediately after the storm.

"I wanted to come to be with you. It's a bit late, I have to say, but I am here."

Francis spoke in his native Spanish — which he reverts to when he wants to speak from the heart. He ditched his prepared homily and instead composed a brief prayer off the cuff that began: "Thank you, Lord, for striving our pain. Thank you, Lord, for giving us hope."

As he spoke, the winds whipped

the altar cloth and threatened to topple over the candlesticks.

After the Mass, his motorcade took him past cheering crowds to an abbreviated lunch with 30 survivors of Haiyan, and then to a cathedral in the city of Palo.

Entering without the usual ceremony and procession, Francis took the microphone and told a surprised crowd that he would have to leave at 1 p.m., four hours ahead of schedule.

"I apologize to all of you," he said, speaking in Italian through a translator. "I am sad about this, truly saddened."

The pope said the pilots of the Philippine Airlines jet told him the weather would worsen after 1 p.m. "We barely have time to get to the airplane," he said.

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OPINION

Don't deny Islam-terror attack link

By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS

I suspected it would happen, just not as quickly as it did. Whenever acts of terror are committed in the name of Islam, there is generally a counter-attack from the enlightened, usually secular, but always "progressive," flank of society in which the Islamic jihad is conflated with all types of religious fundamentalism. It can be seen in newspapers' letters to editors talking about how the Paris attacks were not about radical Muslims and that other religions and other groups are equally guilty of violence, people like abortion clinic bombers and Jewish settlers in Israel and the Western colonialists and our jailers at Abu Ghraib and Gitmo, and so forth.

It is seen in the columns from those on the left (and from conservatives at the New York Times, who in the real world would be considered liberals) who say "I am not Charlie" because they think that reprinting the offensive cartoons of Muhammad is sheer bigotry, not an attempt to honor free speech.

It is heard in the comments from representatives of the Muslim community and their supporters of all faiths, or none, who say again and again that these vicious attacks do not represent the religion of peace.

I actually agree with that last statement, because in a world where more than a billion people honor Muhammad, the incidence of jihadist terror is statistically small. As an immigration lawyer, I know that most of the victims of fundamental Islamism are themselves members of the larger faith, and do not deserve to be lumped together with their homicidal brothers and sisters.

But I do not agree that fundamentalism of any stripe is comparable to what happened in Paris. To journalists in the Middle East, to 3,000 Americans in New York, to café patrons in Sydney, to subway passengers in London, to schoolchildren on buses in Tel Aviv and to 2,000 Nigerians in their villages.

When former Philadelphia Inquirer political cartoonist Tony Auth depicted Supreme Court justices with papal miters on their heads because he believed there was too much Catholic influence on the court, there was no parades of angry nuns with blazing torches in the streets of Philadelphia.

When he again depicted the Star of David in barbed wire, as if Israel had created a concentration camp to house the



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Supporters of a Pakistani religious group rally Thursday in Lahore, Pakistan, to protest caricatures published in the French magazine Charlie Hebdo.

poor Palestinians, there were no bombings at the Inquirer building sponsored by the Israeli Consulate.

I'm also unaware of any rampages instigated by the Dalai Lama in response to the grossly obese Buddha statue at Philadelphia restaurateur Stephen Starr's Buddhakan establishment.

Clearly, the vast majority of Muslims are not jihadists, although not enough of them have distanced themselves vigorously from jihadist acts with a ringing denunciation of terror. Statements such as "Islam is a religion of peace" and "these people do not represent us even though we understand that they feel marginalized" are not as strong as "these are monsters and deserve to rot in hell for their crimes against humanity."

However, it is ridiculous to even suggest that there is any parity at all between abortion clinic bombers and members of al-Qaida, the Islamic State, ISIS, ISIL or whatever other acronym we need to use to keep up with the changing face of terror.

In the first place, most clinic protestors are peaceful, if not annoying. The number of clinic bombings pale in comparison to the victims of jihadist attacks, and it's been about a thousand years since Christians regularly targeted entire populations of those who didn't share their religion, give or take an Inquisition.

I really don't mean to be flippant about this, but it's unnerving to see how some people will insist on minimizing the religious aspect of Islamic terror by doing

some very gross and poorly thought-out comparisons with other faiths and other instances of violence. We do the Muslim world no favor by ignoring the role that the Quran has played in the blueprint of extremism or by exaggerating the role of the Bible. It is not bigotry to point out that while the majority of Muslims reject terror, the vast majority of those acts of terror are perpetrated, at least in this day and age, by those who invoke Allah as their protector.

Some are trying to dilute the relevance of Islam in the recent Paris attacks in good faith. They don't want to heap any more shame or blame upon communities that they already view as victimized and marginalized. That's both understandable and laudable. But that does not permit them to make broad generalizations about how "all extremism is wrong," thereby implying that all religions are equally responsible for acts of terror. They are clearly not, and those who deny this are sociological ostriches hiding their heads in some very dangerous sand.

There are bad Christians, bad Hindus, bad Buddhists, bad atheists and very good Muslims. That's irrelevant to what happened in Paris last week, because the blood wasn't on their hands: it dripped from palms that, at other times, were raised in prayer to Allah. And until we admit that without equivocating, we are ensuring that more blood will flow.

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Cuba still cracking down on dissidents

Orange County Register editorial

Nineteen-year-old twin brothers Bianco and Diango Vargas Martin were turned out of a Cuban prison recently. They are two of 53 dissidents released by the government of Raul Castro as part of an agreement with the Obama administration for "normalized" relations between Washington and Havana.

"We welcome this very positive development," said State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf, "and are pleased that the Cuban government followed through on this commitment."

Well, we, too, welcome the release of the 53 Cuban political prisoners, while at the same time noting that the Obama administration actually presented a longer list during its secret negotiations with Havana before settling for the 53 detainees the communists grudgingly agreed to set free. We also note that the fortunate 53 were

not released unconditionally. For instance, the brothers Vargas, sentenced to two and a half years in prison for membership in a peaceful opposition group, Unión Patriótica de Cuba, may not travel beyond their province and must regularly report to Cuban authorities.

And that's not the only condition faced by the 53. In an appearance Monday on "CBS This Morning," Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a Cuban-American, said that all the releases were warned "that if they take up the cause of democracy, they'll be right back in jail."

Meanwhile, Amnesty International has certain misgivings about the Castro regime's bow to Washington.

Erika Guevara Rosas, the organization's director for the Americas, pointed to "incredibly worrying reports about a rise in harassment and short-term detentions of dissidents throughout 2014, which have continued in recent weeks."

The Cuban Commission for Human Rights and National Reconciliation reported last week there were 8,899 short-term detentions of dissidents and activists in 2014, up from 6,424 in 2013. And the harassment and short-term detentions continue in 2015.

On New Year's Day, Cuban performance artist Tania Bruguera was arrested — the third time in two days — for attempting an "open mike" performance in Havana's Revolution Square in which members of the public would be invited to express themselves for one minute each. In addition to the artist, another several dozen activists and dissidents were similarly rounded up by Cuban state security.

Despite her arrest, Bruguera supports diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States. But, as demonstrated by her unjust detention, the despotic Castro regime still has far to go before earning such status.

OPINION

# Beyonce offers positive message for women

By **ALYSSA ROSENBERG**  
The Washington Post

Since Mike Huckabee announced that he was leaving his Fox News show to contemplate another run for the presidency, his most visible campaign issue appears to be an attempt to launch the War on Beyoncé. In his new book, he compares the singer to a prostitute and her husband Jay-Z to a pimp who has encouraged her to put herself on sexual display for public consumption, and calls her music "mental poison." And now in an interview with People magazine to promote that book, Huckabee grouches about the Obamas' willingness to let their daughters listen to Knowles-Carter's music, telling the publication "I don't understand how on one hand they can be such doting parents and so careful about the intake of everything—how much broccoli they eat and where they go to school...and yet they don't see anything that might not be suitable" for their lycrics.

Anyone who's read this column recently knows that I don't think much of Huckabee's skills as a cultural critic. So to help him understand what's going on, and why this fight might play well in the primaries but is doomed in the general election, here are 10 lessons that Sasha and Malia Obama might be getting from Queen Bey other than being an education in killer dance moves. This may be pop feminism, but Beyoncé's message comes through clearly, even if Huckabee's getting distracted by her outfits and dance moves. And it's a much easier sell than the idea that women should reject a terrific track—or our own empowerment.

1. You should never let sexist double standards deter you from the pursuit of success: In a line that could be applied to a massive number of situations where women are described as difficult for better or for ill, it would be like citing as proof of fortitude and vision, Beyoncé insisted that a "Divva is a female version of a hustla." If she's undeterred by anyone who wants to put down her work ethic, neither should anyone else be.

2. Having a well-established professional life will bolster you in times of heartbreak: "Now that you're out of my life, I'm so much better." You thought that I'd be weak without you, but I'm stronger / You thought that I'd be broke without you, but I'm richer," Beyoncé and her Destiny's Child colleagues sang in "Survivor." "You thought that I'd be stressed without you, but I'm chillin' / You thought I wouldn't sell without you, sold 9 million." In a so-



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**Beyoncé and Jay-Z perform during their On the Run tour in Paris last year. Mike Huckabee, who is considering another presidential run, has a negative view of the performers in his new book.**

ciety that encourages women to venerate their romantic relationships above all else, it's good for girls to hear that developing a robust career means you'll have something else in your life if you're single or go through a rough breakup.

3. But when someone you love tells you good things about yourself, believe them: "When I'm standing in this mirror after all these years / What I'm viewing is a little different / From what your eyes show you / I guess I didn't see myself before you," Beyoncé explained in "Superpower." It's a great model for what a supportive romantic relationship between two working partners might look like. I imagine Ben Wyatt and Leslie Knope from "Parks and Recreation" kiss each other tenderly to this song at least once a week.

4. Hurting yourself to meet a beauty standard that comes to no one naturally has fewer benefits than you might expect: "Mama said, you're a pretty girl / What's in your head it doesn't matter / Brush your hair, fix your teeth / What you wear is all that matters," Beyoncé argues in "Pretty Hurts." "Just another stage / Pageant the pain away." It's a lot easier to find guides to beauty techniques than it is to find instruction in inner development. Girls always need to hear that just because there are

fewer immediate incentives to do the latter doesn't mean it's not the most important part of yourself to care for.

5. With that said, enjoy your awesomeness: Feminism doesn't require anyone to reject beauty altogether. The great, sarcastic choruses of "I woke up like this" in "Flawless" are simultaneously a rejection of the idea that anyone was born airbrushed and a call to enjoy the goods you've got. (It also emphasizes that no woman should ever be treated as less than totally committed to her career for devoting time to her family, too.)

6. If you've got it, brag on it: Beyoncé's "Ego" is ostensibly about a man with a lot of self-confidence and other, er, sizable endowments. But in it, she's very clear that she has a sense of her own assets. "I walk like this cause I can back it up / I, I talk like this cause I can back it up," she tells listeners. If the Obamas want their daughters to make like Charlize Theron and negotiate for what they're worth once they reach the workplace, "Ego" is the perfect psych-up track before they head into negotiations with their future bosses.

7. Being grown-up is absolutely wonderful and youthful irresponsibility is overrated: "I remember being young and so brave / I knew what I needed," Bey sings

in "Grown Woman." "I was spending all my nights and days laid back day dreaming / Look at me I'm a big girl now, said I'm gon' do something / Told the world I would paint this town / Now b\_\_ I run this." If pop music is normally about a celebration of the excesses of youth, part of what's striking about Beyoncé's music over the past couple of years is how dedicated it is to the pleasures of adulthood and the power that can come to women with age.

8. Having your own money is delightful: Consumption isn't everything, but being dependent on someone else isn't a great idea, not least because you're denied the pleasure of buying them gifts with your own cash. "Yup, I put it on him, it ain't nothing that I can't do / Yup, I buy my own, I deserve it, buy his s\_\_ too," Beyoncé sings in "Countdown." (Bonus message: Enjoying occupying a feminine role, like cooking dinner in your high heels is not incompatible with achieving professional success.) And Destiny's Child made the same point in "Independent Woman."

9. If you're lucky enough to have a fulfilling job, you have an obligation to make the most of it: In "Ghost," Beyoncé muses on the creative advice she's getting from her label in the same verse as she considers what it means to have a job that's entirely about economic survival. "I don't trust these record labels, I'm torn," she says in one breath, before pivoting to "All these people on the planet working 9 to 5 just to stay alive." It's a great reminder that if you're lucky enough to be able to choose your profession on the basis of personal fulfillment, as the Obama girls seem likely to be, you really ought to use that position to create or do something you genuinely care about.

10. How run the world? Girls (or in this case, their parents): This track is actually one of my least favorite of Beyoncé's empowerment tracks, because of its '90s-throwback aura. But I do appreciate one part of Beyoncé's analysis: The idea that having to balance multiple obligations and unfamiliar expectations gives women skills that men aren't required to develop. "We're smart enough to make these millions / Strong enough to bear the children / Then get back to business," she insists. Would it be better if we didn't have to be in that position? Sure, but we might as well take advantage of the resilience we develop in the meantime.

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# For Romney, third presidential run not the charm

By **JONATHAN BERNSTEIN**  
Bloomberg News

Yeah, this one isn't gonna fly. Mitt Romney's third campaign for the White House got off to a good start — for about three days. The backlash last week came not just from core conservatives, who have never been enthusiastic about the ideological shamsen, but also from just about everyone who isn't a die-hard Romney supporter. This group includes quite a few mainstream conservatives, according to Washington Post and New York Times reporting.

What is Team Romney's answer to those who say he's had his chance?

"If that's the case, then Ronald Reagan never would have become president," said Eric Fehrnstrom, Romney's longtime spokesman. "Reagan ran three times. Mitt

learns from experience. If he does run, he will run his strongest campaign yet."

Yeah. I can just imagine all the Republican contenders and conservative leaders going all Bentsen on the Mittster, as the Wall Street Journal did Wednesday. Does Romney really want to die on this hill?

Between Reagan's first (1968) and second (1976) presidential runs, he went from being an inexperienced governor who had given an impressive speech for Barry Goldwater in 1964 to being a successful two-term governor who continued to consolidate his position as leader of the conservative movement. Then, in the run-up to his third try in 1980, Reagan remained the clear conservative leader. A real, influential leader: His attack on the Panama Canal treaties, for example, made opposition to them the standard conservative

position.

In other words, Reagan didn't just get better at running for president. He was a much more impressive politician with far more accomplishments by 1980 than he had been in 1968.

Romney? Not so much. He first ran for president as a successful one-term governor, although he had to repudiate much of what he had done when he moved to the national stage. He ran for president a second time as a successful one-term governor. He is now running for president yet again as — a successful one-term governor.

As far as I can see, he has done exactly zero to enhance his credentials apart from having now developed extensive experience in running for president. If he has ever been an influential leader among Republicans on any policy position, I've clean

forgotten about it.

More to the point, no one has rallied to Romney's side other than his core supporters, and reporters are having no trouble finding 2012 supporters who are willing to distance themselves publicly from his third effort. And not only has no one dropped out of the race in the last week since Romney and Jeb Bush stepped up their efforts, other than the already bearded Paul Ryan, but Rand Paul, Chris Christie, Scott Walker and others are ramping up their own campaigns.

Right now, the odds of Romney's campaign fizzling out before summer appear to be higher than the odds of his making it to New Hampshire, let alone repeating as the Republican's presidential nominee.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Family says dog died saving their lives in fire

**SD** MISSION HILL — A family of seven in the Mission Hill area who lost their home and pet dog to a fire say the 2-year-old Lab is a hero for alerting them to the emergency.

Izzy the dog awakened Adam and Sadie McGruder at about 5 a.m. Wednesday by bouncing on their bed. The couple rushed through the house to rescue their five daughters.

Adam McGruder told KELLO-TV that it was "just a matter of minutes" before the house was engulfed, and the family was unable to find Izzy in the thick smoke and get the dog out of the house.

Sadie McGruder said Izzy died saving their lives, and she's heartbroken.

## Police charge man with stealing \$37K in coins

**GA** DALTON — Police have charged a metro Atlanta man with stealing \$37,000 worth of rare coins from a shop in northwest Georgia.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported that London Harris, 37, was charged last week with felony theft in Dalton, where a store owner reported the theft in mid-November. Dalton police spokesman Bruce Frazier said Harris went into the store Nov. 17 and asked to see several coins before distracting the store owner and concealing a box of coins under his jacket.

Police said Harris was arrested at Northlake Mall in metro Atlanta on Dec. 26 after another store owner recognized him from a previous theft. Dalton police charged him Tuesday with the coin theft. Police said Harris is suspected in thefts in at least six jurisdictions.

## Small dog missing in car theft found safe

**ID** BOISE — Minnie the miniature pinscher isn't offering any details about her adventure, but the small dog that was inside a 71-year-old man's Cadillac when it was stolen is safely back home.

Boise police said Thursday that Minnie showed up at her owner's former home, where the current resident recognized her and called the owner. Dog and owner were soon reunited.

Police said the man left his car warming up early Wednesday morning, then heard it speeding away. The vehicle was later found abandoned nearly 5 miles away, but Minnie wasn't inside.

Police said the owner is excited and thankful to have his dog back.

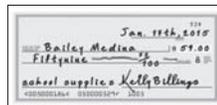
## Lottery worker faces 2 felony fraud charges

**IA** DES MOINES — An Iowa lottery worker who illegally played the lottery won a multimillion-dollar jackpot in 2010 and asked others to help claim it, authorities said Thursday after announcing fraud

## THE CENSUS

# 635

The number of convicts sought in Alabama who owe nearly \$200,000 in fines, court costs and restitution to business owners and other victims. District Attorney Doug Valeska said each person has either been convicted or pleaded guilty to at least one misdemeanor count of writing bad checks. "Now they're just trying to hide and get away with it," he said. Authorities are offering \$100 rewards for information leading to any of the 635 people wanted in the bad check cases.



LARRY DEKLINSKI, THE (SHAMOKIN, PA.) NEWS-ITEM/AP

## Going down in flames

Flames shot through the roof of the Northumberland County Prison in Sunbury, Pa., on Wednesday. Dispatchers said the blaze was reported just after 2 p.m. at the nearly 140-year-old jail, which is about 40 miles north of Harrisburg. Firefighters battled the blaze for hours as prison staff worked to remove the 208 inmates housed there, according to WNEP-TV. All the prisoners were evacuated safely. Officials say the prison is a total loss, according to the TV station.

charges against him. Eddie Raymond Tipton, 51, of Norwalk, is being charged with two felony counts of fraud. Authorities have been trying to identify the winner of the \$14.3 million Hot Lotto ticket since a New York lawyer tried to claim the ticket shortly before the one-year deadline in 2011.

Tipton, who is the director of information security for the Multi-State Lottery Association in Iowa, is being held at the Polk County Jail on \$10,000 cash-only bond.

## Fire department fined for ice bucket challenge

**KY** FRANKFORT — State regulators have fined the City of Campbellsville Fire Department \$25,000 for improper training and equipment in an incident that killed one firefighter and injured three more while trying to help a college marching band participate in the ice bucket challenge.

The fire department has until Feb. 2 to contest the citation, which was issued by the Kentucky

Office of Occupational Safety and Health.

State officials say the department did not make sure firefighters wore protective helmets designed to reduce electric shocks and allowed untrained people too close to a power line.

Tony Grider, 41, died after the ladder he was on got too close to a power line while firefighters were attempting to spray water on the Campbellsville University marching band.

## Skunks now target of rabies vaccine air drops

**TX** BRENHAM — Skunks are now the main target in a vaccine bait air-drop program credited with eliminating rabies strains that infect coyotes and gray foxes in Texas, state health officials said Thursday.

The Texas Department of State Health Services program has operated since 1995 and is costing \$4 million this year.

It involves dropping about 2.7 million doses, in fishmeal-coated packets for wildlife to eat, according to agency spokesman Chris

Van Deusen.

He said the packets won't harm pets and proved safe in tests involving more than 60 species of animals. People should avoid the bait because wild animals are less likely to eat packets that carry a human scent, Van Deusen said.

## Man uses 'spy pen' to photograph people

**PA** INDIANA — A western Pennsylvania man has pleaded guilty to invasion of privacy for using a "spy pen" camera to take pictures of his friends, relatives and co-workers.

But the Indiana Gazette reported that prosecutors dropped related felony charges as part of Thursday's plea deal by Wesley Lear, 57, of Blairsville.

State police said Lear had used a computer to superimpose the faces of those he photographed onto images of nude bodies of adults and children and circulated them on the Internet. But five felony charges, including child pornography possession, were dropped in exchange for his plea to the misdemeanor invasion of privacy charge.

## Inmate who escaped tries to flee courtroom

**CA** STOCKTON — A jail inmate suspected of trying to rob a bank after escaping from a Central California work camp tried to escape again during a courtroom appearance.

The Stockton Record reported that Pedro Arquiaga, 20, jumped over a Stockton courtroom barrier and tried to run through a side door Thursday morning.

He was captured. Arquiaga sustained minor injuries during the escape attempt.

In December, Arquiaga ran away from the San Joaquin County Jail's Honor Farm.

Officials say he was being held there related to an earlier crime and was facing charges of burglary, possession of burglary tools, receiving stolen property, auto theft, hit and run and resisting arrest.

He was on the run for about a week and apprehended Jan. 3 after Stockton police say he tried to rob a bank.

From wire reports

LIFESTYLE



Hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail celebrate their milestone near Hank Magnuski's pop-up cafe east of San Francisco Bay. Magnuski offers them coffee, cake and fresh fruit as they emerge from a rigorous 300-mile stretch.

Courtesy of Hank Magnuski

# Aided by angels

## Hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail get an assist from good Samaritans

BY CHRIS ERSKINE  
Los Angeles Times

By any measure, the Pacific Crest Trail is a beastly thing, an anacoda that slithers up the entire length of California and all the way to Canada, some 2,650 rugged miles. That's approximately 6 million steps — some of them glorious, many of them merciless.

But along the way, mercy is at hand. Near the southern trail head, Sandy and Barney Mann open up their five-bedroom San Diego home to up to 60 hikers a night. They even pick them up from the airport and ferry them and their gear to the starting point an hour east.

Up the trail, in Agua Dulce, Donna and Jeff Sauley not only provide a night's rest to more than 1,000 hikers a season, they offer food and shelter to their dogs, horses and the occasional llama.

East of the San Francisco Bay Area, Hank Magnuski functions as a sort of outdoors concierge, erecting a pop-up cafe to provide hot coffee and fresh fruit topped by whipped cream to hikers coming off a particularly grueling 300-mile stretch.

They are part of a small network of outdoor Samaritans called "trail angels."

These volunteers assist long-distance hikers on one of the most grinding outdoor challenges in the world — comparable, many say, to reaching the summit of Mt. Everest. And they do it with little or no compensation, other than the grateful smiles and occasional post-trail postcards.

"There is a quote in Hebrews," Donna Sauley says. "Something along the lines of, 'To show hospitality to strangers is to entertain angels.'"

Estimated at fewer than 100, the trail angels may be America's least-known charitable army. They reach into their own pockets to provide, food, shelter, medicine and hot showers to hikers. If you insist on leaving

money under your pillow, they'll usually donate it toward trail maintenance.

Cheryl Strayed's bestselling hiking memoir, "Wild," now a Reese Witherspoon movie, touches on their exploits.

The trail angels explain their generosity by raving about the types of people they encounter. Like Donna Sauley, most consider helping the hikers a spiritual endeavor, something they were ordained to do.

"We're our better selves out there," she says of helping the hikers.

Sauley is the best-known of the trail volunteers. She left a corporate career early and now splits her time between helping hikers and tending to the family electrical contracting business.

Beginning in April, she and her husband set up tents and a trailer to handle the spring crush. Their home, dubbed "Hiker Heaven," is a popular mail drop where backpackers — always desperate to lighten

the load — can send and receive packages.

But she sees the long-distance hikers unload more than just unnecessary gear. She talks fondly about witnessing the hikers' emerging humanity, their grit and the inevitable baring of souls.

Traveling the trail "is humbling," she says. "I compare it to the peeling of an onion. You see people for what they are."

"I have to say, far and away, these are some of the most interesting people on the planet," Sauley says. "I always say that it's a river of life that washes up to my shore."

Almost none of the trail angels consider what they do an act of pure charity; rather, they think they get as much from the experience as the hikers themselves.

"I am involved on a selfish level because I want to get to know the hikers," says Pea Hicks, a San Diego musician who helps hikers get started at the Mexican border.

"It's a vicarious way to stay involved in

the whole thing," says Hicks, who hiked the trail in 2006.

As with the trail itself, the angels are a blossoming phenomenon.

Sauley says that during her first year, 1997, she hosted 50 hikers all season. Last year, she often had that many per night, with a total of 1,200 for the summer.

She loves it when her sanctuary is filled with hikers.

"The sounds of conversations mingling with music and laughter is divine to my ear," the 58-year-old says.

There's a Latin phrase, *solvitur ambulando* ("it is solved by walking"). And each year, the Pacific Crest Trail Assn., which handles permits, says 2,000 or so people try to solve their lives — or merely accumulate stories of river crossings and bear encounters.

Most of the permit carriers are hiking significant stretches of the trail, with about 1,000 attempting the entire length. Only about half complete the whole thing, the association and others say.

All-the-way hikers are up 15 percent to 25 percent a year, though, and the trail has become California's newfound mighty river, drawing enthusiasts from as far away as Australia. As with rivers, it is unable to make up its mind. Around one S curve, a rock slide; around the next, a fallen ancient cedar, big as a bus.

Then there are those endless granite staircases. In the Sierra alone, there are nine passes of 10,000 feet or more.

Some hikers complete the trail several times. Trail angels Barney and Sandy Mann did the five-month march seven years ago to celebrate 30 years of marriage. Two years ago, Ron Ulrich, a Portland man with an affinity for wedding dresses, hiked the whole thing in 26 used bridal gowns.

"For some, it's a religious pilgrimage," Sauley says. "For others, it's a pub crawl."



Courtesy of Barney Mann

Sandy and Barney Mann feed hikers in their San Diego home before they depart for the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail. The Manns also host hikers overnight.

## MOVIES

# A tale of WAR AND HOME

Real-life tragedy, Hollywood skittishness proved fierce foes to 'American Sniper'

BY REBECCA KEEGAN  
Los Angeles Times

Jason Hall had just turned in his first draft of a script about Chris Kyle, the deadliest sniper in U.S. military history. Bradley Cooper, who was producing the film and had agreed to star, was at a screening of "Silver Linings Playbook" for a group of veterans in Washington.

Kyle himself, still acclimating to life in Midlothian, Texas, after his fourth and final Iraq War tour, had just texted Hall an "LOL" in response to a raunchy joke.

It was Feb. 2, 2013, and their project together, "American Sniper," was lurching along in development at Warner Bros. Cooper and Hall had pitched it as a western with Kyle pitted against an equally gifted enemy sniper in the sandstorms of Iraq. But Kyle's story took a bizarre and devastating turn when he was killed that day at a gun range near his home, allegedly by a veteran he was trying to help.

"The gears just went off for a second," Cooper said, recalling the moment he learned about Kyle's death. "Everything just kind of stopped. Your brain takes in the information, but your body hasn't quite caught up. Chris and I, we're the same age, the same height, the same shoe size. You're just reminded anything's possible in life."

Less than two years later, "American Sniper" arrived in select theaters Christmas Day. Instead of a straightforward tale about an elite warrior, it became, by necessity, a complex story about the heavy burdens a veteran carries home.

Clint Eastwood directs the film, which Hall adapted loosely from Kyle's bestselling autobiography written with Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice. Hall's script deliberately borrows from Eastwood's "Unforgiven": The 1992 western's line "It's a hell of a thing to kill a man" becomes, in a hunting scene in "American Sniper," "It's a hell of a thing to stop a beating heart."

The story toggles between the intensity of the battlefield, where Kyle earned the nick-

name "The Legend" for his 160 confirmed kills, and the bitterness of the home front, where his wife, Taya (Sienna Miller), emerges as the audience's proxy, both charmed by and worried for her husband as she feels him emotionally disengaging with each tour.

Even before Kyle's death, a contemporary war movie was not going to be an easy sell, particularly for Hall, whose two previous screenplays, the 2013 thriller "Paranoia" and 2009 sex comedy "Spread," cover very different thematic terrain. Hall had met Kyle through hedge fund manager Dan Loeb and established a relationship with the marksman on a hunting trip.

He wasn't having any luck with his pitch to studios until he reached out to Cooper.

"The first question Bradley asked me about Chris was, 'Did (the war) mess him up?'" Hall said.



Navy SEAL Chris Kyle poses in Midlothian, Texas, in 2012. Kyle, dubbed the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history, is portrayed by Bradley Cooper, above, in the new film, "American Sniper."

## 'Tremendous empathy'

Cooper arrived at a recent interview in a pair of Merrell hiking boots of the type Kyle had worn in Iraq. He said that, since he'd started talking about the film to journalists, he had begun dreaming that he was Kyle, walking around his house in Midlothian.

"I always feel like I carry the character with me," Cooper said. "I just found tremendous empathy for him; I admired the sacrifice he made, his strength."

After Kyle's death gave his story a third act that was sadder than fiction, Cooper and Hall put the project on hold.

"Nobody wants to make an Iraq War movie," Hall said. "Nobody... But we didn't question so much whether the movie would go on as whether it should go on. For us to just continue like nothing had happened, it felt gross. It was heavy. It just didn't seem fair that someone could go through all that he did and come home and be murdered in his own backyard."

Cooper declined to define the politics of the film, which takes place between 2004 and 2008 but still feels current as ISIS has begun the process of undoing the democratic gains that U.S. troops painfully wrought.

"The whole reason we wanted to tell the story was to be as specific as possible about this guy and not make a comment about anything else," Cooper said. "That's for people to do who are watching the movie. I'm not saying this is a pro-war movie or an anti-war movie or a war movie, even. It's a character study about a soldier having to go from family life to battle and back."

With Taya's blessing and participation, Cooper and Hall resumed the project in the months after Kyle's death, but with a determination to get deeper under the layers of his character. Taya and Hall talked daily for hours, and she shared details of her husband's gentler side that had been omitted from the memoir.

Steven Spielberg came aboard briefly to direct before dropping out over budget concerns, but his interest stoked the studio's. Greg Silverman, Warner's president of creative and worldwide development, suggested Eastwood, who was making "Jersey Boys" for them, his latest in a nearly 40-year relationship with the studio.

"I had done war stories before, but this was more of a cross between his romantic life and his exploits in combat," Eastwood said in an email interview. "American

Sniper' is set in a war that is still fresh in the minds of the public and opinions are still divided. But regardless of how you feel about the war, we should appreciate the people who serve in the military and the families that support them. That's another thing that attracted me to the film."

## Prepping to be Kyle

With Eastwood aboard, Cooper began to prepare in earnest. He worked out while listening to Kyle's adrenaized playlist of Linkin Park and Staind songs, ate 6,000 calories a day to gain the 35 pounds of muscle that separated them and enlisted a dialect coach to perfect a particular west Texas accent. He watched videos of Kyle, adopted his habit of breathing loudly through his nose and learned a ridiculous amount of information about guns.

"At that time (before Kyle died) I felt I wasn't right for the role. Look at me — I'm from Philadelphia, I weigh 185 pounds. He was a huge (guy) from Texas. I thought maybe Chris Pratt. But in order to get WB to buy, I had to agree to star. I loved the story, though."

"I was fearful," Cooper added. "There's nothing worse than seeing an actor pretend he's from Texas, doing an accent. You're like, oh, shut the — up. The hope is, two minutes into the movie you forget it's me."

Last spring, Eastwood shot the film in Morocco and Southern California, where the Blue Cloud Movie Ranch in Santa Clarita stood in for urban Iraq and the Imperial Valley town of El Centro provided the setting for a climactic battle scene.

Cooper, Eastwood and Hall discussed multiple endings before deciding against actually showing Kyle's killing for reasons of both storytelling and taste.

"I considered ending the film at the shooting range," Eastwood said. "But that would have shifted the focus to his death and made it a different movie. We were telling the story of Chris Kyle's life and wanted to keep the focus there."



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## LIFESTYLE

# Wis. man, 55, has repaired, designed, carved timepieces for 40-plus years

By MEG JONES

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

**B**ill Galinsky has likely heard the call of the American cowbird more times than an ornithologist. The European cuckoo, too — Galinsky hears that bird all day, every day. Whether it's the 20 cuckoo clocks in his home or the hundreds he has built or collected or is currently repairing in his workshop, cuckoo calls are the soundtrack to Galinsky's life.

Owner of the Duplainville Clock Co. located at his Waukesha, Wis., home, Galinsky is among a very small cohort of cuckoo clock repairers. He invents innovative cuckoo clock designs, he carves them and brings family heirlooms back from the dead.

"Nobody likes to repair cuckoo clocks. Most aren't willing to do something that requires so much patience," said Galinsky.

Galinsky, 55, repairs about 200 cuckoo clocks each year. He estimates he makes another couple hundred clocks annually that he sells from his showroom inside a store built to look like those on the Swiss chalet-style cuckoo clocks.

His Christmas rush recently finished, Galinsky took time from repairing a 1970 Hubert Herr cuckoo clock to talk about his unique business.

"They said it sat in a box for 20 years. It was grandma's," Galinsky said as he dabbed his index finger in carpenter's glue and rubbed it on a broken baffle that fell off the clock's pipe and whistle. "It's not running, and I can understand why. It's got about five to 10 years of dirt, and then it's been sitting for a couple decades."

He glued the tiny bellows back on the pipe, waited a few seconds to set and then blew on the whistle to test the sound. Sitting on his workbench was the clock's metal guts — a contraption of ratchet wheels, activators, count racks, lift arms and pendulums. Everything that makes the clock keep time and sing or chirp or gong at precise intervals. Galinsky knows what every component does, something he figured out before he turned 10.

He got his first cuckoo clock when he was almost 7 years old, when his father, a mason who loved to prowl rummage sales, bought a Schneckenbecker for a quarter. It was in pieces. Galinsky looked at the clock's bones and metal muscles and reassembled it. He still has that first clock. Plus many others.

"People overthink clocks. They think it's rocket science but it's just simple physics. You make this work by doing this," said Galinsky.

By the age of 9, without the benefit of manuals but after tinkering with numerous timepieces, he understood how cuckoo clocks worked.

Galinsky started working at a clock shop in Milwaukee at the age of 9½ and within a few months he had his own account at a local lumber yard, peddling his bike to pick up wood and clock movements he used to make his own cuckoo clocks. He was drawn to the cuckoos because of the many different ways the clocks moved — glockenspiels playing at the top of the hour, water wheels running, lederhosen-clad figures dancing, doors opening.

He repairs other types of clocks but his love is the cuckoo, one of which is used to porate actual cuckoo bird calls. In some American clocks, it's the cowbird.



# CUCKOO for cuckoo clocks

Once he found a mouse nest in a cuckoo clock. Another clock had been kept in a chicken coop for half a century. Cuckoo clocks of cat owners often come in pretty bad shape — cat hair and dander gum up the mechanism, the weights and chains batted around by cats who think they're playthings.

Some cuckoo clocks have been singed in fires, and Galinsky painstakingly cuts and mills new wooden parts, painting or sanding the new pieces to look like they've always been part of the clock.

The clocks that show up on his door stoop in the worst shape, though, are those that are damaged by their owners. "Guys taking them apart — that's worse than fires," said Galinsky.

Vern Coenen of Waukesha has taken numerous mantle and wall clocks to Galinsky for cleaning and repair, after seeing his sign on Duplainville Road earlier this year.

"He's great. Every time I go out there I know it's going to be at least half an hour



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**Top:** Bill Galinsky repairs a German 1970 Hubert Herr cuckoo clock on Dec. 22 at his workshop in Waukesha, Wis. He repairs about 200 cuckoo clocks each year.

with a cuckoo clock Crow's wife bought at an estate sale. Once Galinsky got that clock cuckooing again, Crow's wife asked if he could clean others including grandfather and mantle clocks.

When Galinsky is not repairing, he's making — hand-carving leaves, acorns, twigs and animals for his cuckoo clocks. At this year's national convention of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors in Milwaukee, Galinsky swept the competition in the wood-case carved clocks division.

Among his most popular clocks are designs he thought up — Galinsky never sketches anything on paper — featuring trains and hunting scenes. The train cuckoo clocks have cotton that moves up and down in the smoke stack and a twirling mustache on a Snidely Whiplash character. The hunting clocks feature weights that look like shotgun shells with trap shooters firing at orange targets, duck hunters shooting down birds or anglers catching tiny fish. They sell for \$1,200 to \$1,500.

before I get out of there because we both love clocks," said Coenen, who recently dropped off an early 1900s mantle clock for repair. "His collection is unbelievable. He's just such an enthusiast."

Dean Crow has brought about a dozen clocks over the past two years, starting

MUSIC

# PLAY **THAT** FUNKY MUSIC

'Uptown Funk' takes Mark Ronson up the pop charts, and more

By RYAN PEARSON  
The Associated Press

**M**ark Ronson has multiple Grammy Awards and the current No. 1 song in the U.S. and U.K. Still, he had to agree when a photographer recently called him "the white guy in the Bruno Mars video."

Ronson, soft-spoken and analytical, is happy to stand just outside the spotlight as he promotes "Uptown Special," his fourth album. He recorded it over the past year with producer Jeff Bhasker (Kanye West, fun.) and enlisted author Michael Chabon, who won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2001 for the novel "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay," to write lyrics.

The 39-year-old British producer partnered with Mars on the hit "Uptown Funk," a throwback tune influenced by early 1980s funk groups like The Time. It's become the biggest hit for Ronson.

Ronson spoke with The Associated Press about collaborating with Chabon and Mars,

Once Michael Chabon gave you lyrics, you had to say no to some of them. What's that feel like?

So I would have a piece of music and Michael would have these amazing lyrics, much cooler and more interesting than anything I've ever worked on, which is why I asked him to be a part of it. But maybe sometimes I'd realize it was more interesting than I was even with my pop sensibility attuned to. Some of the lyrics, they were Leonard Cohen-like — these stories of these kind of dark people that were awesome but maybe for the music that I'd written it didn't seem to fit. ... Jeff (Bhasker), in his endearing but superblunt way, has these really adamant rules about songwriting. He's had all these hits. "These words, no you can't say that 'cause that word doesn't sing well and you have to have more repetition here; nobody's going to want to hear that."

**I know of course it has so much to do with Bruno. It's like even if the record was garbage, it's Bruno Mars, you're guaranteed a certain level of attention, right? ... I'm as proud of ('Uptown Funk'). ... It's awesome, but at the same time it almost feels like it's happening to somebody else. ♪**

Mark Ronson  
on the success of his song "Uptown Funk"



whom Ronson worked with on the crooner's hits "Locked out of Heaven" and "Gorilla."

You've had success as a writer and producer, but "Uptown Funk" is a huge hit that's your song. How significant is that to you?

I know of course it has so much to do with Bruno. It's like even if the record was garbage, it's Bruno Mars, you're guaranteed a certain level of attention, right? ... I'm as proud of ('Uptown Funk'). ... It's awesome, but at the same time it almost feels like it's happening to somebody else.

Are you taking tips from Mars on how to handle the attention? He seems to thrive on energy of fans, but I don't get the sense that you do.

When you're going on tour and you get to play these songs that you wrote and get the thing from the crowd, that is fun. But when you're standing next to somebody like Bruno Mars — probably, maybe the greatest male live performer-entertainer of his generation — there's no need to try and claw some of the spotlight for yourself. ... There was some MTV thing that (called us) 'Pop's new power couple.' ... I just wrote him an email. I was like, 'Is it weird that I get a nice feeling when someone calls us a power couple?'

**Mark Ronson**

Uptown Special (RCA)



Mark Ronson has always had a good ear and exceedingly good taste.

As a producer, he knew exactly the style of retro-soul that would help turn Amy Winehouse into a superstar with "Back to Black." As a DJ, he knew how to rock a party on his own distinctive terms without stepping on anyone's fun.

But Ronson didn't show the same skill with his own music — until now. His fourth album, "Uptown Special," thrillingly reworks late '70s / early '80s funk into something that sounds wholly faithful to its influence while moving dramatically away from anything else in pop music today.

"Uptown Funk," his chart-topping collaboration with Bruno Mars, is the best example of what Ronson has accomplished.

Starr, will have you searching out Evelyn "Champagne" King and Teena Marie. On "Daffodils," with Fame Impala's Kevin Parker handling the vocals, he builds a sleek funk marvel somewhere between the Mary Jane Girls' "In My House" and Parliament/Funkadelic made even more impressive by the economical lyrics co-authored by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Michael Chabon, of "Wonder Boys" and "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay" fame. (Chabon's work in "Crack in the Pearl" is even better. "In the backroom of the El Mago Casino, under a portrait of Doris Day, you and I and a pair of C-notes" opens the epic.)

"Uptown Special" can't keep up the pace it sets at the beginning, but it is more than enough to re-establish Ronson as a force in pop music. Don't believe me? Just watch.

— Glenn Gamboa/Newsday



Photos courtesy of RCA Records

British producer Mark Ronson, right, collaborated with Bruno Mars, center, on "Uptown Funk," Ronson's fourth album.

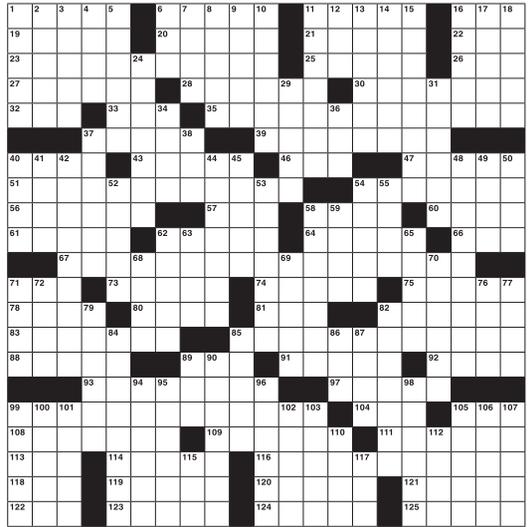
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# GADGETS & CHARTS



## Kid coding: Creating tech, not just using it

By WENDY DONAHUE  
Chicago Tribune

Kids in more than 150 countries — and President Obama — dabbled in computer programming as part of last month's week-long Hour of Code (hourofcode.com) initiative, dreamed up to introduce anyone as young as 4 to the fun of creating technology, not just using it.

Whether your kids' elementary, middle or high school participated in the movement, they (and you) can try writing code at home with free introductory lessons from Code.org/learn. Those include online tutorials with Anna and Elsa from "Frozen" or with Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and Angry Birds.

No device on hand? There are even "unplugged" tutorials using old-fashioned paper and pencil. Older kids can try tutorials with Khan Academy, the not-for-profit started by a former hedge-fund analyst who was asked to help his niece with her math homework from afar. None of Khan Academy's Hour of Code lessons require experience, but they're designed primarily for ages 8 and older.

Working partway through the Hour of Drawing with Code (khanacademy.org/computing/hour-of-code) mobilized a branch of my brain that had been napping since college calculus — though it

in fact required only rudimentary math. The in-my-head calculations necessary to draw the horizontal line in a capital H hurt a little, but nailing it never felt so satisfying.

At my 8-year-old daughter's school, some kids earned their Hour of Code certificate using Lightbot (lightbot.com), a drag-and-drop app that she excitedly introduced me to after school. We collaborated in a new way to solve two of the puzzles together, which increase in difficulty with each level.

The player chooses codes and arranges them in an order that moves the little Lightbot through a geometric arrangement to its finish line, not unlike a board game. Doing so is now a shared joy that will fill the hours on the road to our holiday destination: Grandma's house.

Code.org CEO Hadi Partovi recruited Obama to kick off the Hour of Code on Dec. 8 at the White House. The single line of JavaScript that Obama typed, alongside students from a Newark school, was this:

moveForward(100);  
"That code is all it took to get Elsa to move 100 pixels to finish drawing a square," Partovi said afterward. "Drawing a line to finish a square isn't rocket science. And that's exactly the point. That's how computer science starts."

## GADGET WATCH

# CES showcases promising personal products

By GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

An endless number of really cool gadgets were introduced to the world at last week's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. It's hard to narrow down the list, but I'll try to hit the highlights.

**Phillips' new 34-inch Brilliance Curved UltraWide LCD Display** would pair nicely with anyone's desktop computer.

The screen provides a pleasant yet subtle immersion effect, which focuses on you at the center of your desk. With a 3440 x 1440 resolution and Panoramic 21:9 cinematic aspect ratio, it produces a natural media viewing experience.

Its high-quality built-in STS stereo speakers utilize more than 1 billion color depth for superb color accuracy.

Online: usa.philips.com; \$1,499

**Garmin's new Vivofit 2 and the Style Collection** add features to the company's daily activity tracker along with a line of interchangeable accessory bands.



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The Vivofit 2 helps users develop healthier lifelong habits, including audible alerts.

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Other features include water resistance for 164 feet, daily step counts and reminders for when you have remained inactive for too long.

When paired with the Garmin Connect Mobile app, the mobile devices will sync to form a complete picture of users' daily activities.

Online: Garmin.com; \$129.99, and will be available in many colors

**The boomBottle plus** from Scosche (pictured below) will enable you to take your tunes in almost any environment.

It's a portable wireless speaker built with a



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rugged design to stream music while biking, hiking, camping or even soaking up the sun at the beach.

Inside the weatherproof design (IP67 rating for water- and dust-proof) is a pair of 55mm drivers enabling it to be paired with another boom-Bottle plus for true stereo.

A durable shock-absorbing exterior withstands small drops or vibrations caused by your activity. It also has non-slip finger grip areas and is constructed with sealed dust-proof speaker grills.

Its rounded design allows for 360-degree sound and lets it fit into most bicycle water bottle holders while on a ride.

Online: Scosche.com; \$159.99

**Satechi has a new series of buttons** allowing an absolute wireless accessibility to your iOS device with Bluetooth or Android devices (OS 4.4.4 or later).



The trio of aluminum buttons consists of a Bluetooth shutter button, media button and home button.

If you're wondering what might you use these for, look no further than the growing popularity of selfie photos. Simply set up your smartphone where you want the photo taken and access the shutter by pressing the button, which you can hide in your hand.

The media button can change tracks or volume, for example, and the home button can be used to access Siri.

Each plug-and-play button comes with a mount, audio port, keychain attachment and a battery good for up to two years.

Online: satechi.net; \$24.00 for the shutter and home button, \$29.99 for the media version.

**The Urbanite XL Wireless headphones** from Sennheiser have both Bluetooth (4.0) and NFC technology. They further the product line's reputation for massive bass and crystal-clear trebles.

A state-of-the-art touch control panel on the right ear cup makes it possible to adjust the volume and skip to the next track by simply sliding a finger across the panel or tapping it. Touch controls can also receive and make calls on a connected smartphone.

The headphones are built with the latest proprietary compression audio algorithm to ensure clear, CD-quality sound. Bluetooth 4.0 provides multi-connectivity, and can pair the headphones with as many as eight devices as well as simultaneous connections to two devices. For example, they can be linked to a smartphone and computer at the same time.

Online: sennheiser.com/urbanite-xl-wireless; \$299.

ON THE COVER: "American Sniper," courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures.

## ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for Jan. 14:

1. "Uptown Funk," (featuring Bruno Mars) Mark Ronson
2. "Thinking Out Loud," Ed Sheeran
3. "Take Me to Church," Hozier
4. "Blank Space," Taylor Swift
5. "Lips Are Movin'," Meghan Trainor
6. "Centuries," Fall Out Boy
7. "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
8. "Ayo," Chris Brown & Tyga
9. "I'm Not the Only One," Sam Smith
10. "The Hanging Tree," James Newton Howard

— Compiled by TNS

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most-streamed tracks on Spotify from Jan. 5-11:

1. "Uptown Funk," Mark Ronson
2. "Take Me to Church," Hozier
3. "Thinking Out Loud," Ed Sheeran
4. "I'm Not the Only One," Sam Smith
5. "I Don't Feel Like With You," Big Sean
6. "Love Me Harder," Ariana Grande
7. "Lips Are Movin'," Meghan Trainor
8. "Jealous," Nicki Minaj
9. "Ayo," Chris Brown & Tyga
10. "7/11," Beyoncé

— Compiled by The Associated Press

## ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Jan. 14:

1. "The Interview"
2. "Boydhood"
3. "Lucy"
4. "Begin Again"
5. "Predestination"
6. "The Equalizer"
7. "Gone Girl"
8. "The Guest"
9. "Fury"
10. "Guardians of the Galaxy"



— Compiled by TNS

## VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer rank the Top 10 Xbox 360 games for January:

1. "Far Cry 4," Ubisoft
2. "Destiny," Activision
3. "Assassin's Creed: Rogue," Ubisoft
4. "Persona 4: Arena Ultimix," Atlus
5. "The Walking Dead: Season Two," Telltale Games
6. "The Witcher 2: Assassination of Kings," CD Projekt Red
7. "Dark Souls II: Crown of the Sunken King," Namco Bandai
8. "Ultra Street Fighter IV," Capcom
9. "Fantasia: Music Evolved," Disney
10. "Super Time Force," Microsoft

— Compiled by TNS

## APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for Jan. 14:

- ANDROID
1. Star Wars: KOTOR
  2. GTA: Chinatown Wars
  3. Sky Builders: Storm Raiders
  4. Biz Builder Deluxe
  5. Pixelmon Hunter
- Top 5 paid apps for Jan. 14:
1. Apple Card (Ad Free)
  2. Mincraft - Pocket Edition
  3. Heads Up!
  4. Five Nights at Freddy's 2
  5. Five Nights at Freddy's

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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## High dollar dents US company earnings

By Paul Wiseman  
and Stan Choe  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The victims vary: fast-food colossus McDonald's; technology giant Oracle; medical device maker Cooper Cos. The culprit's the same: a surging U.S. dollar.

A symbol of American economic might, the rising dollar is denting the earnings of U.S. companies that operate overseas. The damage started showing up in results for the July-September period, and the picture will likely get uglier as companies report earnings for the final three months of 2014.

"It's clearly a drag on corporate profits," said David Kelly, chief market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds.

A few months ago, Kelly noted, analysts had expected a double-digit annual rise in corporate profit in the fourth quarter. Now, in part because the dollar is carving into earnings, they're forecasting



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

**A man exchanges money at a currency exchange office at the Champs Elysees in Paris.**

just 4.6 percent overall earnings growth for companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

A prolonged drop in profits risks rattling investors and pressuring stocks.

Among major industries, technology companies and producers of energy and raw materials generally derive the highest percentage

of revenue from abroad, according to S&P Dow Jones Indics.

Since June 30, the dollar has jumped 16 percent against the Japanese yen. Against the euro, it's up 18 percent. Against the Brazilian real, it's up nearly 20 percent.

Investors are buying dollars and driving it higher largely because the American economy is humming while other economies are sputtering. In Europe and Japan, growth has flat-lined. In China, it's slowed.

Investors are also seizing on higher interest rates in the United States. The super safe 10-year U.S. Treasury note yields 1.74 percent — miserly by historical standards but richer than the 0.46 yield on 10-year German government bonds or the 1.59 percent on 10-year Spanish bonds.

A higher-valued dollar delivers a double blow to American exporters: It makes U.S. products costlier and, therefore, less competitive — in foreign countries.

It also means the revenue that U.S. companies collect in, say,

euros is worth fewer dollars once they bring the money home. In that way, the strong dollar shrinks profits, too.

The dollar's surge is "going to be a large source of disappointment," said Sergio Patel, who manages \$1.4 billion in stocks and bonds at Wells Fargo Asset Management. He said the stronger dollar could reduce companies' fourth-quarter earnings 5 percent or more, depending on how much business they do abroad.

MARKET WATCH	
Jan. 16, 2015	
Dow Jones Industrials	190.86
	17,511.57
Nasdaq composite	63.56
	4,634.38
Standard & Poor's 500	26.75
	2,019.42
Russell 2000	21.95
	1,176.65

EXCHANGE RATES	
Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 19)	\$1.1922
Dollar buys (Jan. 19)	€0.8388
British pound (Jan. 19)	\$1.56
Japanese yen (Jan. 19)	115.00
South Korean won (Jan. 19)	1,052.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5146
Canada (Dollar)	1.2025
China (Yuan)	6.2800
Denmark (Krone)	6.4588
Egypt (Pound)	7.1488
Euro	\$1.1922
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.1542/0.8654
Hungary (Forint)	277.75
Israel (Sheqel)	3.9273
Japan (Yen)	117.35
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2938
Norway (Krone)	7.6943
Philippines (Peso)	44.56
Poland (Zloty)	3.74
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7544
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3265
South Korea (Won)	1,076.70
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8561
Thailand (Baht)	32.63
Turkey (Lira)	2.3336

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

INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	2.45

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Sunday's US temperatures

City	HI	LO	Wthr	Chatanooga	52	36	Cldy	Fort Wayne	34	32	Cldy	Louisville	46	34	PCldy	Pocatello	40	32	Cldy	Slous City	42	22	Cir
Ablene, Texas	66	33	Cir	Cheyenne	51	29	Cir	Fresno	61	45	PCldy	Lubbock	63	30	Cir	Portland, Maine	38	11	Rain	Sioux Falls	37	21	Cir
Akron, Ohio	38	36	Snow	Chicago	35	30	Cldy	Goodland	60	27	PCldy	Macon	61	37	Cir	Portland, Ore.	52	48	Rain	South Bend	34	31	Cldy
Alamogordo, N.M.	37	18	Silly	Cincinnati	39	34	Cldy	Grand Junction	43	20	PCldy	Madison	36	30	Cldy	Providence	46	23	Rain	Yokubane	42	34	Cldy
Albuquerque	54	27	PCldy	Cleveland	38	34	Snow	Grand Rapids	34	31	Cldy	Medford	55	48	Rain	Pueblo	59	21	PCldy	Springfield, Ill.	44	30	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	39	20	Rain	Colorado Springs	54	24	PCldy	Great Falls	46	37	Cir	Memphis	57	37	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	56	41	Rain	Springfield, Mo.	59	29	Cir
Amarillo	65	29	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	61	42	PCldy	Green Bay	34	28	Cldy	Miami Beach	77	65	Cir	Rapid City	51	25	Cir	St. Louis	68	59	PCldy
Anchorage	33	27	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	60	40	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	53	37	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	61	29	Cir	Reino	60	37	Cir	Tallahassee	67	38	Cir
Asheville	47	33	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	36	34	Cldy	Harrisburg	42	19	Rain	Milwaukee	35	30	Cldy	Richmond	52	35	Rain	Tampa	69	58	PCldy
Atlanta	55	39	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	37	10	Rain	Hartford	57	40	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	33	24	PCldy	Roanoke	48	33	Cldy	Toledo	47	37	Cir
Atlantic City	48	29	Rain	Corpus Christi	67	49	Cir	Helena	41	26	Cldy	Missoula	41	29	Snow	Rochester	38	28	Cldy	Topeka	60	30	Cir
Austin	63	42	Cir	Dallas-Ft Worth	62	38	Cir	Honolulu	82	64	Cir	Mobile	64	49	Cir	Rockford	34	28	Cir	Tucson	59	39	Cir
Baltimore	44	30	Rain	Dayton	36	32	Cldy	Houston	64	43	Cir	Montgomery	61	39	Cir	Sacramento	62	50	Cldy	Tulsa	65	31	Cir
Baton Rouge	63	40	Cir	Daytona Beach	69	54	PCldy	Huntsville	56	37	Cir	Nashville	53	38	PCldy	St. Louis	55	34	Cir	Tupelo	57	37	Cir
Billings	46	31	Cldy	Denver	54	28	Cldy	Indianapolis	39	32	Cldy	New Orleans	63	44	Cir	St. Petersburg	68	59	PCldy	Waco	63	38	Cir
Birmingham	56	37	PCldy	Des Moines	44	26	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	60	38	Cir	New York City	43	26	Rain	St. Thomas	83	73	Cldy	Washington, D.C.	47	32	Cldy
Bismarck	67	39	PCldy	Detroit	36	33	Cldy	Jacksonville	66	49	PCldy	Newark	42	25	Rain	Salerno, Ore.	52	49	Rain	W. Palm Beach	76	63	Cldy
Boise	40	36	Cir	Duluth	33	33	Cldy	Juneau	38	32	Cir	Newark, Va.	49	28	Rain	Salt Lake City	46	30	Cldy	Wichita	61	29	Cir
Boston	44	22	Rain	El Paso	63	34	PCldy	Kansas City	58	29	Cir	North Platte	52	20	PCldy	San Angelo	69	31	Cir	Wichita Falls	67	33	Cir
Bridgeton	42	21	Rain	Elkins	39	32	Rain	Key West	76	67	Cir	Oklaahoma City	56	33	Cir	San Antonio	65	44	Cir	Wilkes-Barre	37	21	Cldy
Brownsville	68	53	PCldy	Erie	38	34	Snow	Knoxville	51	39	Cldy	Omaha	47	24	Cir	San Diego	70	52	PCldy	Wilmington, Del.	44	28	Rain
Buffalo	39	33	Cldy	Eugene	53	50	Rain	Lake Charles	63	45	Cir	Orlando	72	55	PCldy	San Francisco	61	53	Cldy	Yakima	47	33	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	37	21	Cir	Evansville	50	33	PCldy	Lansing	34	31	Cldy	Paducah	53	33	Cir	San Jose	62	50	Cldy	Youngstown	37	35	Silly
Caribou, Maine	33	-8	Cldy	Fairbanks	16	1	Cldy	Las Vegas	68	44	PCldy	Pendleton	51	29	Cldy	Santa Fe	49	21	PCldy	Wilmington, N.C.	61	47	Cir
Casper	43	27	Cir	Fargo	30	19	PCldy	Lexington	45	36	Cldy	Peoria	45	20	PCldy	St. Marie	28	23	Cir	Wilmington, Va.	37	21	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	65	46	Cldy	Flagstaff	56	21	PCldy	Lincoln	51	23	Cir	Philadelphia	43	26	Rain	Savannah	66	46	PCldy	Wilmington, Del.	44	28	Rain
Charleston, W.Va.	45	36	Rain	Flint	36	32	Cldy	Little Rock	61	25	Cir	Phoenix	77	50	PCldy	Seattle	50	47	Rain	Hills, Calif.	51	37	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	54	37	PCldy	Fort Smith	66	32	Cir	Los Angeles	73	51	PCldy	Pittsburgh	40	35	Rain	Shreveport	62	38	Cir	Lo-Fr., -20, 25 miles east of Ely, Minn.			

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Go to the American Forces Network website for the most up-to-date TV schedules. myafn.net

Tennis

Hobart International

Saturday
At The Grand Tennis Centre
Hobart, Australia
Purse: \$250,000 (Ind.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Championship
Heather Watson, Britain, def. Madison Brengle, United States, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles

Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, and Monica Niculescu, Romania, 7-5, 6-3.

Friday Singles

Heather Watson, Britain, def. Alison Riske (R), United States, 6-3, 7-5.

Madison Brengle, United States, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

Seminifinals

Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Lara Arrarondo, Spain, and Ruxandra Olaru (4), Romania, 6-3, 6-3, 10-5.

Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, and Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Sorana Cristea, Romania, and Heather Watson, Britain, 6-2, 6-3.

Heineken Open

Saturday
At ASB Bank Tennis Centre
Auckland, New Zealand
Purse: \$519,350 (W250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Adrian Panatta, France, 6-2.

Doubles

Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and Leander Paes (4), India, def. Dominic Inglot (1), British Columbia, Romania, 7-6 (1), 6-4.

Friday Singles

Adrian Panatta, France, def. Lucas Pouille, France, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Madison Brengle, United States, def. Kevin Anderson (4), South Africa, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).

Seminifinals

Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and Leander Paes (4), India, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (2), Brazil, 6-4, 6-4.

Dominic Inglot, Britain, and Florian Menges, Romania, def. Marcelo Melo, Brazil, and Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 6-4, 3-6, 14-12.

Apia International

Friday
At Olympic Park Tennis Centre
Sydney
Purse: Men, \$494,310 (W250); Women, \$731,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Leonardo Mayer (5), Argentina, 6-4, 6-4.

Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Gilles Muller (1), France, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles

Petra Kvitová (2), Czech Republic, def. Karolina Plisková, Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6).

Seminifinals

Jean-Julien Roquet, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (2), Romania, def. Robert Lindstedt (1), Sweden, and Benjamin Bejarano, Poland, 6-3, 3-6, 10-8.

Kukushkin, Apia, and Daniel Nestor (3), Canada, def. Julien Benneteau and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (1), France, 6-3, 6-3, 10-8.

Women

Championship
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Sania Mirza, India, def. Raquel Kopsch-Jones, United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles

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AP spotlight

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Pro football

NFL playoffs

Wild-card games
Saturday, Jan. 3
Carolina 27, Cincinnati 10

Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17

Sunday, Jan. 4
Carolina 26, Cincinnati 10

Dallas 24, Detroit 20

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 10
New England 27, Pittsburgh 31

Sunday, Jan. 11
Seattle 31, Carolina 13

Green Bay 27, Dallas 27

Indianapolis 24, Denver 13

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 18
Green Bay at Seattle

Indianapolis at New England

Pro Bowl

Sunday, 25
At Glendale, Ariz.

Team Irvin vs. Team Carter

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 1
At Glendale, Ariz.

AFC champion vs. NFC champion

NFL injury report

NEW YORK - The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

QUESTIONABLE: CB VONTAE DAVIS (knee), CB Walden Lewis (ankle), LB Eric Wood (knee)

PROBABLE: DE Michael Bennett (not injury related), RB Marshawn Lynch (not injury related), DT Tony Stewart (shoulder), TE Tony Mosaki (calf), CB Tharold Simon (illness), C Tomasi Evan (ankle).

NFL Draft early entries

Nelson Aghor, w/ Southern Cal

Jay Ajayi, b/ Boise State

Kwon Alexander, LB, LSU

Benjamin Bowser, RB, Stanford

Calvin Austin, WR, Oregon

College basketball

Friday's men's scores

4 EAST
Baruch 75, CCNY 61

Canisius 83, Siena 49

Marquette 70, Marist 64

Hobart 65, Vassar 56

Marist 80, Seton Hall 67

John Jay 69, York (N.Y.) 50

Lehman 78, Hunter 52

Northampton 72, St. Peter's 65, OT

St. Francis (N.J.) 68, Robert Morris 63

St. Francis (Pa.) 79, Sacred Heart 63

Centenary 70, SOUTH
William Peace 77, Wake Forest (Tenn.) 94, OT

MIDWEST
Augustana (SD) 101, St. Cloud 92

Congordia (S.P.) 72, Minn.-Crookston 53

Martin Luther 73, Crown (Minn.) 56

Minn. Duluth 94, Wayne (Neb.) 85

Minn. St.-Mankato 84, Bemidji 81, 66

Minn. St.-Moorhead 81, Sioux Falls 65

Minn.-Morris 59, Betham Lutheran 66

N. Dakota St., W., Illinois 48

North Central (Minn.) 69, Northland 46

Northwestern (S.D.) 98, SW Minnesota 30

Northwestern (Minn.) 83, St. Scholastica 17

Upper Iowa 107, Minn. St., 101, 20T

Winona 94, 77, 10T

WEST

Coll. of Idaho 74, Corban 59

Concordia (Ore.) 79, Evergreen 21

NW Christian 77, E. Oregon 68

Wagner Pacific 87, Northwest U. 81

Friday's women's scores

4 EAST
Baruch 83, CCNY 61

Brooklyn 76, Farmingdale 44

Creech 65, Providence 54

DePaul 61, Smith 75, 6T

John Jay 75, York 75, OT

Lehman 74, Hunter 72

Marist 74, Canisius 64

Marquette 70, Marist 64

Utica 65, Houghton 45

Yale 66, Brown 49

SOUTH

Dallas 77, Centenary 60

Maryville (Tenn.) 64, William Peace 42

Wayne (Neb.) 85, Coll. of Idaho 74

MIDWEST

Augustana (SD) 73, St. Cloud 70

Brainerd 76, Iowa 72

Brake 76, N. Iowa 72

Illinois 62, Illinois St. 50

Martin Luther 68, Crown (Minn.) 49

Minn.-Crookston 73, Concordia 51

Minn.-Morris 73, Bethany Lutheran 57

North Central (Minn.) 69, Northland 46

Missouri St. 87, Loyola of Chicago 57

North Central (Minn.) 78, Northland 46

Northwestern (Minn.) 66, St. Scholastica 17

St. Illinois 65, Indiana St. 53

SW Minnesota St. 53, Northern St. (SD) 57

Sioux Falls 78, Minn. St. (Moorhead) 67

Wayne (Neb.) 91, Minn. Duluth 53

Wichita St. 61, Bradley 45

Yale 66, Brown 49

Xavier 63, Georgetown 55

Arizona St. 67, California 52

Oregon St. 77, Washington St. 70

Washington 91, Oregon 69

EXHIBITS
Minn. St. (Mankato) 80, Bemidji 81 63

College hockey

Friday's scores

Michigan St. 2, Penn St., MSU wins shootout 1-0

St. Lawrence 3, Dartmouth 2

Harvard 5, Clarkson 3

RP4, Colgate 1

Yale 5, Cornell (N.Y.) 1

Merrimack 4, Quinnipiac 3

Boston College 4, Boston U. 2

Bennet 0

UMass 6, New Hampshire 4

Connecticut 3, Vermont 1

Merchhurst 2, Holy Cross 3

Yale 5, Sacred Heart 1

Yale 1, Brown 0

Yale 2, Connecticut 0

ADVIS
Hulmeville 2, N. Michigan 1

Minn. St. (Mankato) 2, Ferris State 1

Morgan Tech 4, Bowling Green 3

Michigan 10, Ohio St. 3

St. Scholastica 2, Adrian 2

North Dakota 1, Niagara 0

Laurens 3, O.T. Lake Superior St. 1, Bemidji 0

W. Michigan 2, Minn.-Duluth 2, OT

Wisconsin 2, Wisconsin 2, Wisconsin wins shootout

FAR WEST
Air Force 4, Utah 1

Colorado College 4, Neb.-Omaha 3

Denver 3, St. Cloud 1

Deals

Friday's transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

4-Suspended New York Mets minor league RHP Aaron Cook

following a second positive test for a drug of abuse

Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES - Agreed to terms with OF Glen Davis

RHP Brian Matutz, RHP Chris Tillman, and C Matt Wieters

to one-year contracts.

BOSTON RED SOX - Agreed to terms with RHP Rick Porcello and RHP Junichi Tazawa

to one-year contracts.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Agreed to terms with CF Tyler Flowers and RHP Jeff Samardzija

to one-year contracts.

CLEVELAND INDIANS - Agreed to terms with OF Brandon Moss, RHP Bryan Shaw

and RHP Josh Tomlin to one-year contracts.

DETROIT TIGERS - Agreed to terms with LHP David Price, RHP Alfredo Simon

and OF J.B. Martinez to one-year contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS - Agreed to terms with C Justin Castro, C Hank Conger

and LHP Tony Sippo to one-year contracts.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS - Agreed to terms with RHP Louis Coleman and LHP Tim Lincecum

to one-year contracts.

KANSAS CITY ANGELS - Agreed to terms with OF Drew Stubbs

and RHP Cesar Ramos and RHP Fernando Salas to one-year contracts.

LOS ANGELES TWINS - Agreed to terms with LHP Tommy Milone, RHP Casey Fien

and OF Justin Morneau

to one-year contracts.

NEW YORK YANKEES - Agreed to terms with RHP Ivan Nova, INF Brett Lawrie

and RHP Nathan Eovaldi and Daniel Harper to one-year contracts.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Cook, INF Brett Lawrie

OF Sam Fulvi, OF Craig Trent and OF Josh Rojewski to one-year contracts.

ANNOUNCED INF Andy Parrino cleared waivers and was sent outright to Nashville

SEATTLE MARINERS - Agreed to terms with OF Duane Carter, RHP Kyle Furbush

OF Austin Jackson, LB Logan Morrison and OF Justin Ruggero to one-year contracts.

TAMPA BAY RAYS - Agreed to terms with RHP Alex Cobb, LHP Jake Marzetta

RHP Kevin Jepsen, LHP Jake McGee, OF Ryan Reynolds and RHP Ryan Rowland-Smith to one-year contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS - Agreed to terms with LHP Ross Detwiler to one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Agreed to terms with OF Michael Bourn, RHP Jake Arzoo

RHP Mark Estrada to one-year contracts and with INF Munenori Kawasaki

to one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS - Agreed to terms with LHP Roy Halladay, RHP Jhoulys Chacin

and C Michael McKenry to one-year contracts.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Agreed to terms with OF Nicasio and INF Justin Turner to one-year contracts.

Golf

Sony Open

PGA TOUR

At Waialae Country Club Course

Honolulu

Purse: \$5.6 million

Yardage: 7,100 Par 70

Second Round

65-128-112

## MLB/SPORTS BRIEFS

## Settlement gives Price record deal

By RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Detroit Tigers left-hander David Price set a record for the highest one-year contract for a player in salary arbitration, agreeing to a \$19.75 million deal Friday as 95 players reached agreements on the busiest day of baseball's offseason.

Several other pitchers got big salaries, including Washington's Doug Fister (\$11.4 million) and Stephen Strasburg (\$7.4 million), Boston's Rick Porcello (\$12.5 million), San Diego's Ian Kennedy (\$9.85 million), and Jeff Samardzija of the Chicago White Sox (\$9.8 million).

Baltimore first baseman Chris Davis, with one game left to serve on a 25-game suspension for using the banned stimulant Adderall, got the largest deal among position players Friday at \$12 million. Orioles catcher Matt Wieters, coming off season-ending elbow surgery in June, agreed at \$8,275,000, and New York Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy at \$8 million.

Of the 175 players who filed for arbitration on Tuesday, just 74 exchanged figures with their teams and only 54 were without agreements by Friday night.

Of the cases still to be determined, Houston outfielder Dexter Fowler asked for the most at \$10.8 million, with the Astros offering \$8.5 million.

Baltimore outfielder Steve Pearce presented the biggest difference: He asked for \$5.4 million and the team offered \$2 million. Orioles pitcher Bud Norris also had a big gap, requesting \$10.25 million as the team offered \$7.5 million.

Cases that don't settle will be scheduled for hearings before three-person panels next month in St. Petersburg, Florida. Just three of the 146 players who filed last year needed decisions.

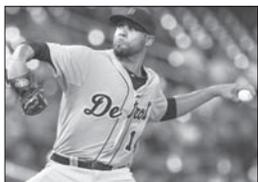
Tampa Bay settled with all eight of its players in arbitration and San Diego reached deals with all seven eligible Padres. Pittsburgh had the most players in arbitration with 12 and settled with nine.

Price's deal topped pitcher Max Scherzer's \$15,525,000 agreement with Detroit last year. Scherzer is now a free agent, and Price can go on the open market after this year's World Series, when he will be 30.

Detroit acquired the 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner from Tampa Bay at the July 31 trade deadline, and he went on to hold Minnesota scoreless in a division-clinching victory on the final day of the regular season. The Tigers won the AL Central for a fourth consecutive year.

Price went 15-12 with a 3.26 ERA last season, when he made \$14 million. He led the major leagues with 271 strikeouts.

AP Baseball Writers Ben Walker and Noah Trister contributed to this report.



JIM MONE/AP

Pitcher David Price reached a \$19.75 million, one-year agreement with Detroit.



Jean-Christophe BOTTI, KEYSTONE/AP

Teo Ligtý of the United States competes Saturday in the first run of the men's World Cup slalom in Wengen, Switzerland.

## Briefly

## Neureuther wins men's slalom

The Associated Press

WENGEN, Switzerland — Felix Neureuther took advantage of a rare mistake by Marcel Hirscher of Austria to win a World Cup slalom on Saturday and retake the discipline standings lead from his great rival.

Neureuther seized his chance after Hirscher, the world champion from Austria, skied out of a slalom event for the first time in three seasons.

Germany's Neureuther rose from fifth after the first run by racing down a tricky slope in steadily falling snow to beat Stefano Gross of Italy by 0.20 seconds.

"It's a special moment for me," said Neureuther, who also won this race two years ago. "This classic hill is amazing."

Olympic bronze medalist Henrik Kristoffersen of Norway was third, trailing 0.44 behind Neureuther's combined time of 1 minute, 46.93 seconds.

Both American racers who qualified for a second run dropped in the rankings.

David Chodounsky went from 13th to finish 18th, trailing by 2.79. Ted Ligety fell to 27th from 24th, and was 3.65 behind his good friend Neureuther.

In other skiing news:

■ A women's World Cup downhill slated for Saturday at Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, was postponed due to heavy snowfall, delaying Lindsey Vonn's pursuit for the all-time wins record again.

Organizers announced the decision early Saturday, moving the downhill to Sunday and a super-G that had been scheduled for Sunday to Monday.

Vonn needs one win to match Annemarie Moser-Proell's record of 62 victories. The American was only 10th in Friday's downhill in Cortina, which was won by Elena Fanchini of Italy on a shortened course.

Friday's race was originally scheduled for Bad Kleinkirchheim last weekend, which

was postponed due to difficult weather conditions in the Austrian resort.

The snowfall in Cortina is expected to slow by Sunday.

## CBS analyst Anthony arrested

WASHINGTON — District of Columbia police say CBS basketball analyst and former NBA player Greg Anthony was arrested Friday and charged with soliciting a prostitute.

Lt. Kelvin Cusick told The Associated Press that Anthony was arrested at 5:46 p.m. He said Anthony faces a misdemeanor or solicitation charge that's punishable by up to 180 days in jail.

Cusick said the 47-year-old Anthony was released Friday evening. No further details were available.

According to the NCAA website, Anthony was scheduled to announce the Michigan State-Maryland men's basketball game Saturday in nearby College Park, Md.

The guard played 11 seasons, with six teams, from 1991-92 to 2001-02, including the New York Knicks and Portland Trail Blazers.

He averaged 7.3 points per game over his career.

## American third in skeleton

KOENIGSSEE, Germany — Russia's Alexander Tretiakov won a skeleton World Cup on Saturday, breaking the Dukurs brothers' three-race run of sweeping the men's top two spots.

Tretiakov clocked a combined time of 1 minute, 42.98 seconds over two runs, beating five-time overall champion Martins Dukurs of Latvia by 0.17.

Matthew Antoine of the United States was third, 0.31 back, followed by Britain's Dominic Edward Parsons and Russia's Ni-

kita Tregybov.

Dukurs' older brother Tomass could only finish eighth, 0.74 back.

After four races, Martins Dukurs extended his lead in the standings to 885 points, with Tomass now on 790. Germany's Axel Jungk is third with 736.

## Three tied atop Sony Open

HONOLULU — PGA Tour rookie Justin Thomas made an 18-foot eagle putt on his last hole Friday for a 9-under 61 to join Webb Simpson and Matt Kuchar for a share of the lead at the Sony Open.

Thomas played his last three holes in 4-under par.

Kuchar loves the adjustment to the flat greens of Waialae and showed it with a 63. Simpson, so determined to use a conventional putter that he broke the belly putter over his knee last fall, had a 66.

They were at 12-under 128.

Thomas is playing the Sony Open for the first time.

In other golf news:

■ Martin Kaymer turned what promised to be an exciting weekend duel with Rory McIlroy into a procession at the Abu Dhabi Championship.

Seeking a fourth title in eight years in Abu Dhabi, Kaymer shot a 7-under 65 in the third round on Saturday to extend his overnight lead from one stroke to six. He moved to 20-under 196 overall — a record-low total here after 54 holes.

The U.S. Open champion's pace was too hot for McIlroy, whose putting failed to match his tee-to-green play as he shot 71. The top-ranked McIlroy is eight strokes behind Kaymer and dropped from third into a share of fifth.

Belgium's Thomas Pieters shot 70 to stay second and will play in the final group Sunday for the second straight day.

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KATHY KMONICEK/AP

New York Islanders center John Tavares, right, celebrates right wing Kyle Okposo's goal as Pittsburgh goalie Marc-Andre Fleury, left, left, during David Perron (39) and center Sidney Crosby (87) react during the third period of Friday's game in Uniondale, N.Y. The Islanders won 6-3.

Roundup

# Okposo's four goals lift Islanders over Penguins

The Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Kyle Okposo called former Islanders star Bryan Trottier a mentor. He made his teacher proud on a night New York's career-leading scorer was honored on Long Island.

Okposo scored three of his career-high four goals in a wild third period, and the Islanders rallied to beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 6-3 and move back on top of the Eastern Conference on Friday night.

"When I came into the league, my first rookie camp (Trottier) was there," Okposo said. "I just kind of picked his brain. The way that he carried himself and still carries himself is something that I really look up to and try to emulate."

Trottier won the Stanley Cup four times with the Islanders and twice with the Penguins. He tops New York's career scoring list with 1,353 points.

Okposo seemed to be trying to catch him in one night.

He netted New York's first goal, by getting tally in the third, but his team ahead moments later, and then punctuated the Islanders' fourth straight win with goal No. 4 inside an electric Nassau Coliseum.

"To score four is pretty special," said Okposo, who has 13 overall

this season and a career-best 13 against the Penguins. "The atmosphere — it was awesome out there. I haven't really heard it that loud since we played these guys in the (2013) playoffs."

The Penguins seemed poised to overtake the Islanders atop the Metropolitan Division and tie Tampa Bay for first in the East, but they failed to hold leads of 2-0 and 3-2.

Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby had two goals and an assist in a losing cause. "We just didn't raise our level enough in the third. We didn't make smart plays," Crosby said. "They are a good team. You give them chances like that, they are going to put them in."

**Caukucs 3, Hurricanes 0:** Ryan Miller stopped 27 shots in his second straight shutout and visiting Vancouver beat Carolina.

Derek Dorsett, Shawn Matthias and Alexandre Burrows scored the Canucks' three goals in a span of 10 minutes, 31 seconds of the second period.

**Ducks 5, Devils 1:** Hampus Lindholm and Jacob Silfverberg scored 1:52 apart to break open a tie game, and Corey Perry got his team-high 19th goal to lead host Anaheim.

Patrick Maroon and Silfverberg scored in the final 3:33, helping the Ducks remain tied with Nash-

ville atop the overall NHL standings following the Predators' 4-3 win over Washington.

**Jets 4, Blackhawks 2:** Bryan Little and Chris Thorburn scored 28 seconds apart midway through the third period to snap a tie, and visiting Winnipeg won its third straight.

Zach Bogosian and Andrew Ladd each had a goal and an assist for the Jets, who — along with rookie goalie Michael Hutchinson — beat the Blackhawks for the third time this season, all in Chicago.

**Predators 4, Capitals 3:** James Neal scored twice and surging Nashville spoiled coach Barry Trotz's return, beating Washington for its fifth straight victory.

Seth Jones and Mattias Ekholm had the other goals for the Predators, who fired Trotz at the end of last season. Trotz was the team's inaugural coach, leading Nashville through its first 15 NHL seasons before taking the job in Washington.

**Rangers 2, Blue Jackets 1:** Marc Staal and Chris Kreider both scored and Henrik Lundqvist made 35 saves to lead visiting New York.

Derek Stepan, who was a game-time decision to play due to an upper-body injury, had two assists.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Tampa Bay	46	28	14	4	60
Montreal	43	27	13	0	57
Detroit	44	24	13	7	53
Boston	45	24	15	6	54
Florida	42	24	13	5	52
Toronto	45	22	20	3	47
Ottawa	43	18	17	8	44
Buffalo	45	18	23	3	43

Metropolitan Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
N.Y. Islanders	44	26	11	3	61
Pittsburgh	43	26	11	6	58
Washington	44	25	13	6	56
N.Y. Rangers	42	25	13	4	54
Philadelphia	45	21	17	7	41
New Jersey	46	19	23	9	40
Columbus	42	18	21	3	39
Carolina	44	14	25	5	33

### Western Conference

Central Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Nashville	43	30	9	4	64
Chicago	44	28	14	2	59
St. Louis	44	27	13	4	58
Winnipeg	46	24	18	4	52
Colorado	44	19	17	9	47
Dallas	43	19	17	7	45
Minnesota	43	19	19	5	43

Pacific Division					
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	
Anaheim	45	30	11	3	64
Vancouver	43	25	15	3	53
San Jose	45	24	16	5	52
Los Angeles	44	20	14	10	50
Calgary	44	22	18	3	49
Edmonton	45	17	20	8	38

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

### Friday's games

N.Y. Islanders 6, Pittsburgh 3  
 Vancouver 3, Carolina 0  
 N.Y. Rangers 2, Columbus 1  
 Nashville 4, Washington 3  
 Winnipeg 6, Chicago 3  
 Anaheim 5, New Jersey 1  
**Saturday's games**  
 Columbus 2, Boston 0  
 Philadelphia at Buffalo  
 Nashville at Montreal  
 Colorado at Tampa Bay  
 Edmonton at Florida  
 Toronto at St. Louis  
 Washington at Dallas  
 Arizona at Minnesota  
 Anaheim at Los Angeles  
 Calgary at San Jose

### Sunday's games

Dallas at Chicago  
 Arizona at Winnipeg  
 Buffalo at Detroit  
**Monday's games**  
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders  
 Carolina at Toronto  
 Vancouver at Florida  
 Colorado at St. Louis  
 Columbus at Minnesota  
 Calgary at Los Angeles  
 New Jersey at San Jose

### Friday

**Islanders 6, Penguins 3**  
**Pittsburgh** 1 0 0 3  
**N.Y. Islanders** 1 1 0 4  
**First Period**—1, Pittsburgh, Crosby (13 (Kunitz, Malkin), 10:52 (pp), 2; Pittsburgh, Perry 9 (Gateno, Crosby), 12:22 (pp), 3; N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 10 (Tavares, Bailey), 16:51.  
**Second Period**—4, N.Y. Islanders, Strome 8 (Lee, Nielsen), 12:31; 5, Pittsburgh, Crosby 9 (P. Martin, Letano), 19:55.  
**Third Period**—6, N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 11 (Tavares, Bailey), 6:42; 7, N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 12 (Bailey, Hamonic), 11:51; 8, N.Y. Islanders 9 (Okposo 13 (Tavares), 17:29 (pp), 9; N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 10 (P. Martin), 18:42.  
**Shots on Goal**—Pittsburgh 10-9-5-24. N.Y. Islanders 11-9-25.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Pittsburgh 2 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 1 of 1.  
**Goals**—Pittsburgh 3 (P. Martin 2 (4 shots-29 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Halaik 2 (8-42).  
 A—16,170 (16,170). T—2:32.

### Canucks 3, Hurricanes 0

**Vancouver** 0 3 0 3  
**Carolina** 0 0 0 0  
**Second Period**—1, Vancouver, Dorsett 5 (Binno, Bieksa), 6:18; 2, Vancouver, Matthias 10 (Hansen, Tanev), 12:13; 3, Vancouver, Burrows 10 (Stanton, Bieksa), 16:46.  
**Shots on Goal**—Vancouver 4-9-4-17. Carolina 12-8-8-28.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Vancouver 0 of 2; Carolina 0 of 3.  
**Goals**—Vancouver, Miller 22-9-1 (28 shots-28 saves), Carolina, Ward 11-17-3 (13-10), Kludnikov (0-0-0), 4-4.  
 A—11,003 (11,003). T—2:42.

### Rangers 2, Blue Jackets 1

**N.Y. Rangers** 0 0 2 2  
**Columbus** 0 0 1 1  
**Second Period**—1, N.Y. Rangers, Staal 2 (Stepan, Kim), 8:59; 2, N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 9 (Stepan, St. Louis), 10:10.  
**Third Period**—3, Columbus, Hartnell 9 (Johnsen, Bobrovsky), 3:16.  
**Shots on Goal**—N.Y. Rangers 13-11-2-26. Columbus 14-10-12-26.  
**Power-play opportunities**—N.Y. Rangers 0 of 1; Columbus 0 of 3.  
**Goals**—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 21-9 (30 shots-28 saves), Columbus, Bobrovsky 15-14-2 (26-24).  
 A—16,104 (18,144). T—2:25.

### Predators 4, Capitals 3

**Washington** 0 2 1 3  
**Nashville** 1 2 1 4  
**First Period**—1, Nashville, Jones 3 (Jarmarko), 10:16.  
**Second Period**—2, Nashville, Neal 14 (Fisher, Bartley), 1:50; 3, Washington, Ovechkin 23 (Alzner, Backstrom), 3:46; 4, Washington, Ovechkin 24 (Green, Brown), 10:39 (pp).  
**Third Period**—5, Washington, Johnson 13 (Backstrom, Green), 2:38 (pp), 6, Nashville, Ekholm 4 (V. Korpimies), 15:31 (pp), 7, Nashville, Neal 15, 18:20.  
**Shots on Goal**—Washington 9-14-12-34. Nashville 10-8-12-30.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Washington 2 of 3; Nashville 1 of 4.  
**Goals**—Washington, Holtby 22-9-7 (30 shots-26 saves), Nashville, Hutton 1-3-2 (34-31).  
 A—17,303 (17,113). T—2:31.

### Jets 4, Blackhawks 2

**Winnipeg** 1 0 3 4  
**Chicago** 1 0 1 2  
**First Period**—1, Chicago, Saad 13 (Hossa, Towse), 1:53; 2, Winnipeg, Bogosian 3 (Ladd, Little), 10:46.  
**Third Period**—3, Winnipeg, Little 17 (Gosens, Wheeler), 9:31 (pp), 4, Winnipeg, Thorburn 3 (Lowry, Byfuglien), 9:59; 5, Chicago, Teravainen 3 (Kozlov), 12:43; 6, Winnipeg, Ladd 17 (Wheeler, Byfuglien), 18:31 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—Winnipeg 16-8-11-35. Chicago 12-10-11-33.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Winnipeg 1 of 3; Chicago 0 of 2.  
**Goals**—Winnipeg, Hutchinson 13-4-2 (33 shots-31 saves), Chicago, Crawford 17-9-2 (34-31).  
 A—22,051 (19,717). T—2:29.

### Ducks 5, Devils 1

**New Jersey** 1 0 0 1  
**Anaheim** 1 2 2 5  
**First Period**—1, Anaheim, Perry 19 (Fowler, Maroon), 4:09; 2, New Jersey, Havlicek 5 (Elias, Zidlicky), 15:12 (pp).  
**Second Period**—3, Anaheim, Lindholm 5 (Beleskey, Rakehl), 3:16; 4, Anaheim, Silfverberg 4 (Coppell, Lindholm, Beauchemin), 18:31 (pp).  
**Third Period**—5, Anaheim, Maroon 3 (Gateno, Vatanen), 16:27; 6, Anaheim, Silfverberg 5 (Lindholm, Beauchemin), 18:31 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—New Jersey 5-1-9-15. Anaheim 15-12-13-40.  
**Power-play opportunities**—New Jersey 1 of 2; Anaheim 1 of 3.  
**Goals**—New Jersey, Schneider 15 (5 shots-4 saves), Kinsman 1 (1-1), Anaheim, 20-25-21. Anaheim, Bryzgalov 1-2-0 (14-20).  
 A—17,174 (17,174). T—2:25.



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Washington goalie Braden Holtby is unable to prevent Nashville's Seth Jones from scoring during Friday's game in Nashville, Tenn.

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Scoreboard

**Eastern Conference**

**Atlantic Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	Ov
Toronto	18	13	.579	12
Brooklyn	18	13	.579	9
Philadelphia	18	13	.579	18
New York	16	15	.516	22

**Central Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	Ov
Chicago	20	12	.625	10
Milwaukee	19	13	.594	10
Indiana	15	17	.469	18
Minnesota	15	17	.469	11
Portland	15	17	.469	12

**Western Conference**

**Southwest Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	Ov
Memphis	18	11	.619	8
Houston	18	12	.600	4
Phoenix	18	12	.600	4
San Antonio	15	15	.500	4
New Orleans	15	15	.500	4

**Northwest Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	Ov
Oklahoma City	20	10	.667	10
Denver	18	12	.600	11
Utah	15	15	.500	4
Minnesota	15	15	.500	4

**Pacific Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	Ov
Golden State	16	6	.727	8
L.A. Clippers	16	6	.727	9
Phoenix	16	6	.727	4
Sacramento	16	6	.727	4
L.A. Lakers	16	6	.727	21

**Thursday's games**

Milwaukee 95, New York 79  
 Cleveland 109, L.A. Lakers 102  
 Philadelphia 96, New Orleans 81  
 Brooklyn 102, Washington 80  
 Memphis 106, Orlando 98  
 Detroit 98, Indiana 96  
 Chicago 110, Toronto 99  
 Chicago 119, Boston 103  
 Phoenix 110, Minnesota 104  
 Dallas 97, Denver 89  
 San Antonio 110, Portland 96  
 Phoenix 110, Minnesota 104  
 Utah 94, L.A. Lakers 85  
 Phoenix 110, Sacramento 99  
 Cleveland 126, L.A. Clippers 121

**Saturday's games**

Indiana at Charlotte  
 Philadelphia at Detroit  
 Clippers at Brooklyn  
 Golden State at Houston  
 Minnesota at Denver  
 Portland at Memphis  
 Clippers at Sacramento

**Sunday's games**

New Orleans at Sacramento  
 Oklahoma City at Orlando  
 Utah at San Antonio

**Friday**

**Cavaliers 126, Clippers 121**

**CLEVELAND** — James 11-23 7-12 32, Irving 12-16 22-24 8-9, Mozgov 6-6 0-0 8-8, Myles 3-6 0-0, Dellavedova 5-2 3-4 8-8, Martin 17-23 6-12, Matthews 46-32 24-126, L.A. CLIPPERS — Barnes 6-13 2-3 17, Griffin 14-23 6-7, Jordan 7-8 5-12 19, Paul 4-15 6-17, Redick 10-0 0-14, Crawford 11-15 6-9, D.Jones 0-0 0-0, Totals 43-91 25-121.

**L.A. Clippers** 33 31 31 26-121  
 Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 10-23 (12-33), James (4), Jordan (3), Barnes (3), Miller (3), Marlon D., Smith (2), O.J. Mayo (2), J.R. Smith (2), Rivers (2), Cleveland 13, Crawford 14, Paul 17, Rivers (2), Fouts (2), Out-None, Rebounds—Cleveland 53 (Thompson) 12, L.A. Clippers 50 (Jordan) 12, Assists—Cleveland 24 (James) 10, Totals Foul—Cleveland 30, L.A. Clippers 29 (James) 10, Technicals—Cleveland three second, L.A. Clippers defensive three second, A.—19,380 (19,060).

**Thunder 127, Warriors 115**

**GOLDEN STATE** — Barnes 6-13 2-2 18, Green 2-6 1-3 9, Mozgov 6-6 2-2 20, Curry 6-13 5-19, Thompson 12-25 5-32, Lee 3-7 3-9, Livingston 3-0 0-6, Barbosa 1-7 0-0 0-0, Totals 46-32 24-126.  
**Thunder** — Durant 14-18 5-11 35, Ibaka 12-16 2-3 27, Adams 13 1-2 3, Westbrook 12-23 6-12, Robinson 5-0 0-2, Perkins 0-8 16-33 0-0, Lamb 2-0 0-2, Perkins 0-8 16-33 0-0, Jackson 31 2-9, Pritchett 10-15, Jones 0-0 0-0, Lamb 2-0 0-0, Totals 57 19-127.

**Oklahoma City** 33 36 29 21-115  
 Three-Point Goals—Golden State 9-24 (12-33), James (4), Jordan (3), Barnes (3), Miller (3), Marlon D., Smith (2), O.J. Mayo (2), J.R. Smith (2), Rivers (2), Cleveland 13, Crawford 14, Paul 17, Rivers (2), Fouts (2), Out-None, Rebounds—Cleveland 53 (Thompson) 12, L.A. Clippers 50 (Jordan) 12, Assists—Cleveland 24 (James) 10, Totals Foul—Cleveland 30, L.A. Clippers 29 (James) 10, Technicals—Cleveland three second, L.A. Clippers defensive three second, A.—19,380 (19,060).

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Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) passes between Draymond Green (23) and Harrison Barnes in Oklahoma City on Friday. Westbrook had a triple-double in Oklahoma City's 127-115 win.

**Heat 95, Kings 83**

**MIAMI** — Dwyer 18-12 2-5, Bosh 11-10 5-6,30, Whiteside 13-2-24, Napier 3-11 5-20, Williams 3-9 0-0, Haskin 5-9 12-7, 0-0, Blakely 2-0 0-0, Cole 0-0 0-0, Erving 0-0 0-0, Granger 1-4 1-1 3, Totals 35-74 17-25.

**SACRAMENTO** — D.Williams 5-11 0-0, Thompson 2-5 1-2, Cousins 2-12 9-17, Collison 5-12 2-13, McClemore 6-10 0-15, Casspi 1-5 0-0 2, Evans 2-5 0-0 4, Blakely 2-0 0-0, A.Walk 11-11 0-0, Hollins 1-0 0-2, Totals 35-73 12-14 83.

**SAN ANTONIO** — D.Williams 5-11 0-0, Thompson 2-5 1-2, Cousins 2-12 9-17, Collison 5-12 2-13, McClemore 6-10 0-15, Casspi 1-5 0-0 2, Evans 2-5 0-0 4, Blakely 2-0 0-0, A.Walk 11-11 0-0, Hollins 1-0 0-2, Totals 35-73 12-14 83.

**Sacramento** 22 17 22 83-95  
 Three-Point Goals—Miami 8-27 (2-33), Dwyer 2, S.Williams 1-1, Napier 1-1, Williams 1, Cole 0-1, Granger 0-1, Sacramento 7-16 (McCallum 3), McClemore 3, Collison 1-4, Casspi 0-1, D.Williams 0-1, Fouts 0-1, Out-None, Rebounds—Miami 46 (Bosh) 7, Sacramento 42 (Cousins) 11, Assists—Miami 26 (Napier) 5, Sacramento 20 (Collison) 6, Total Foul—Miami 15, Sacramento 20, Technicals—Miami defensive three second, A.—16,350 (13,171).

**Spurs 110, Trail Blazers 96**

**PORTLAND** — Batum 9-0 0-5, Lardiere 9-16 6-24, Kaman 2-5 2-2, Lillard 9-17 5-32, Matthews 1-0 0-2, McLeondard 4-2 1-2, Blake 0-2 0-0, McCollum 7-10 14-17, Wright 0-0 0-0, Robinson 1-3 0-0 2, Barton 1-0 0-2, Crabbe 1-1 0-0 3, Claver 0-1 0-0, Totals 37-123 16-20-96.

**20, Duncan 4-3 3-11, Splitter 2-4 0-4, Parker 8-17 0-0 17, Green 6-8 3-19, Ginobili 1-2 4-4 1-3, Diaz 2-5 0-0 0-1, 1-1, 1-1, Barnes 1-3 2-3, Bonner 0-3 0-0, Fouts 0-1 0-0, Totals 37-123 16-20-96.**

**Portland** 22 24 27 17-96  
**San Antonio** 35 25 31 109-110  
 Three-Point Goals—Portland 6-19 (McLeondard 2, McCollum 2, Crabbe 1-1, Batum 1-4, Blake 0-1, Claver 0-1, Matthews 0-3, Lillard 0-5), San Antonio 11-29 (Green 4, Mills 3-7, Parker 1-2, Diaz 1-2, Kleandard 1-4, Ginobili 1-6, Bonner 0-3), Miness 2-5 0-0 4, Robinson 11 0-0 0-1, San Antonio 8, San Antonio 56 (Duncan) 12, Assists—Portland 29 (Lillard) 5, Portland 34 (Ginobili, Parker) 7, Totals Foul—Portland 15, San Antonio 18, Technicals—Portland Coach Stotts, A.—16,581 (18,797).

**Suns 110, Timberwolves 99**

**MINNESOTA** — Budinger 3-5 1-2 7, Johnson 12-16 2-10, Bennett 11-11, Hummel 1-1, Williams 10-22 1-22, Wiggins 8-15 0-10 17, Bennett 3-9 2-4 5, Hummel 4-6 0-2, Pritchett 2-5 0-0 4, Robinson 11 0-0 0-1, Daniels 1-1 0-0 2, Raduljica 0-1 0-0, Totals 42-94 15-17 110.

**PHOENIX** — Tucker 1-0 0-2, Mark Morris 7-16 3-16 0-0, Aldridge 10-16 2-16 0-0, 7-16, B.Dragic 10-20 1-21, Thomas 3-7 0-6, Wright 5-6 1-11, Marc Morris 4-7 0-0, Pritchett 2-5 0-0 4, Robinson 11 0-0 0-1, Plumlee 3-0 0-0 6, Totals 48-79 11-110.

**Phoenix** 32 27 24 110-99  
 Three-Point Goals—Minnesota 8-22 (Williams 12, Bennett 11, Hummel 1, Wiggins 1-3, Young 0-2, Budinger 0-2), Phoenix 12-29 (Aldridge 4, Daniels 1-1, G.Dragic 1-2, Bledsoe 1-4, Thomas 0-3, Warren 0-1, Marc Morris 0-2), Fouted Out—None, Rebounds—Minnesota 42 (Young 8), Phoenix 49 (Len 12), Assists—Minnesota 26 (Young 8), Phoenix 18 (G.Dragic 8), Total Foul—Minnesota 14, Phoenix 16, A.—17,441 (18,055).

**Nets 102, Wizards 80**

**BROOKLYN** — Johnson 21-12 2-6, Garnett 2-4 0-4, Purnelle 4-0 0-5 11, Jack 12-11 2-6, Boudry 8-9 3-9 12, Oubre 8-14 10-22 26, Anderson 2-6 0-5, Tele. Totals 48-31 11-22 102.

**WASHINGTON** — Pierce 2-5 2-28, Nene 2-7 2-3, Gortat 4-7 1-2 9, Wall 5-10 2-13, 3-17, Oubre 8-14 10-22 26, Anderson 2-6 0-5, Tele. Totals 48-31 11-22 102.

**WASHINGTON** — Pierce 2-5 2-28, Nene 2-7 2-3, Gortat 4-7 1-2 9, Wall 5-10 2-13, 3-17, Oubre 8-14 10-22 26, Anderson 2-6 0-5, Tele. Totals 48-31 11-22 102.

**Hawks 110, Raptors 89**

**ATLANTA** — Carroll 5-10 0-13, Millsap 6-9 2-16, Horford 8-6 7-22, Teague 6-12 0-13, Korver 4-5 0-0 11, Antic 1-3 0-0, 3-13 4-11, Afflalo 6-17 1-11 16, Hickson 5-7 3-8 13, Nelson 5-14 2-14, Arthur 4-6 1-2 9, Green 0-0 0-0, G.Harris 0-0 0-0, Gee 1-2 0-0 3, Totals 38-125 25-89.

**DENVER** — W.Chandler 4-12 0-10, Faried 5-11 11, Nurkic 1-7 0-0, Lawson 3-13 4-11, Afflalo 6-17 1-11 16, Hickson 5-7 3-8 13, Nelson 5-14 2-14, Arthur 4-6 1-2 9, Green 0-0 0-0, G.Harris 0-0 0-0, Gee 1-2 0-0 3, Totals 38-125 25-89.

**Bulls 119, Celtics 103**

**CHICAGO** — Butler 10-19 2-22, Gibson 5-12, 1-13, Ross 1-4 1-12, Oubre 8-14 10-22 26, Anderson 2-6 0-5, Tele. Totals 48-31 11-22 102.

**BOSTON** — Pierce 2-5 2-28, Nene 2-7 2-3, Gortat 4-7 1-2 9, Wall 5-10 2-13, 3-17, Oubre 8-14 10-22 26, Anderson 2-6 0-5, Tele. Totals 48-31 11-22 102.

**Pistons 98, Pacers 96**

**DETROIT** — Singler 1-4 0-2, Monroe 4-12 3-11, Drummond 6-14 4-14 16, Jennings 10-23 9-37, Caldwell-Pope 4-7 0-10, Jerebko 1-4 1-2 3, Meeks 4-10 0-9, Augustin 0-1 0-0 3, Butler 4-2 3-2, Tolliver 2-6 2-2 8, Anthony 0-0 0-0, Totals 36-81 27-96.

**INDIANA** — Hill 3-7 2-2 10, West 6-15 1-13, Hibbard 7-10 0-14, Watson 0-3 0-0 4, Singler 1-4 0-2, Watson 0-3, Miles 0-3 0-12, Miles 3-10 0-0 7, Scoll 31-1-2, Sloan 2-11 1-1, Ruteck 5-8 0-0, Totals 36-81 27-96.

**Grizzlies 106, Magic 96**

**MEMPHIS** — Alford 6-15 17, Randolph 6-15 6-17 18, Gasol 3-1-13 12, Udrih 6-12 2-15, Hill 6-14 5-14 16, I.Green 8-18 5-21 21, Conley 10-17 2-12 12, Oubre 8-14 10-22 26, Anderson 2-6 0-5, Tele. Totals 48-31 11-22 102.

**ORLANDO** — Dwight 10-17 0-16, O'Quinn 10-1-12 1-2, Smart 3-1, Thornton 0-1, Turner 0-0 0-0, Fouts 0-1 0-0, Totals 37-123 16-20-96.

**Lakers 94, Raptors 85**

**L.A. LAKERS** — Johnson 2-3 0-5, Davis 2-3 5, Hill 8-14 0-16, Lin 3-10 0-0, Bledsoe 1-4 0-0 2, Oubre 8-14 10-22 26, Anderson 2-6 0-5, Tele. Totals 48-31 11-22 102.

**ATLANTA** — Carroll 5-10 0-13, Millsap 6-9 2-16, Horford 8-6 7-22, Teague 6-12 0-13, Korver 4-5 0-0 11, Antic 1-3 0-0, 3-13 4-11, Afflalo 6-17 1-11 16, Hickson 5-7 3-8 13, Nelson 5-14 2-14, Arthur 4-6 1-2 9, Green 0-0 0-0, G.Harris 0-0 0-0, Gee 1-2 0-0 3, Totals 38-125 25-89.

Roundup  
**Thunder outscore Warriors**

The Associated Press

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Russell Westbrook had 17 points, a career-high 17 assists and matched his career best with 15 rebounds for his first triple-double of the season and ninth overall, leading the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 127-115 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Friday night.

Kevin Durant had 36 points on 14-18 shooting, Serge Ibaka matched his career high with 27 points on 12-18 shooting. Oklahoma City had lost three of four.

**NBA-leading Golden State** had won eight in a row. Clay Thompson scored 32 points for the Warriors, who allowed their highest point total of the season.

**Hawks 110, Raptors 89:** Al Horford scored 22 points and Eastern Conference-leading Atlanta extended its winning streak to 11 games, beating host Toronto.

**Cavaliers 126, Clippers 121:** Kyrie Irving scored 37 points, LeBron James added 20 points and held off host Los Angeles.

**Nets 102, Wizards 80:** Brook Lopez and Jarrett Jack each scored 26 points to help visiting Brooklyn beat Washington to snap a seven-game losing streak.

**Hawks 110, Raptors 89:** Grant Dragic scored 21 points, Gerald Green added 19 and host Phoenix sent Minnesota back to its losing ways.

**Spurs 110, Trail Blazers 96:** Kawhi Leonard scored 20 points in his return from a 15-game absence and San Antonio rolled past visiting Portland.

**Jazz 94, Lakers 85:** Gordon Hayward scored 31 points on 12-18 shooting and added seven assists to lead Utah past Los Angeles.

**Bulls 119, Celtics 103:** Derrick Rose scored 20 of his 29 points in the second half and hit three of visiting Chicago's seven three-pointers in the fourth quarter.

**Kawhi 106, Magic 96:** Newcomer Jeff Green scored 12 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter as Memphis beat host Orlando.

**Warriors 97, Nuggets 89:** Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points after missing a game in Denver to rest a sore right ankle and home-set against the Nuggets.

**76ers 96, Pelicans 81:** Nerens Noel had 17 points and 11 boards, and Michael Carter-Williams scored 22 points to lead Philadelphia past visiting New Orleans.

**Thunder 127, Warriors 115:** Westbrook scored 30 points and Luol Deng had 25 for visiting Miami.

**Pistons 98, Pacers 96:** Brandon Jennings scored a season-high 37 points and Andre Drummond tipped in the winner with 0.3 seconds left in Detroit's victory over host Indiana.

# AUSTRALIAN OPEN/ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## First major: Old guard versus new

**By DENNIS PASSA**  
*The Associated Press*

MELBOURNE, Australia — After a year which featured eight Grand Slam singles champions, there's been plenty of talk ahead of the Australian Open about the new guard vs. the old guard in both men's and women's tennis. The champions recently have been, well, just different.

Stan Wawrinka claimed his first career major last year in Australia. Strike one for the new. Then Rafael Nadal won the French Open, his ninth at Roland Garros, and Novak Djokovic won Wimbledon for his seventh major. The next generation struck back when Marin Cilic won the U.S. Open.

Four women shared the Grand Slams, too — the now-retired Li Na at Melbourne last year, Maria Sharapova at Roland Garros, Petra Kvitová at Wimbledon and Serena Williams at the U.S. Open.

**‘Clearly I do believe I have a shot in Melbourne, otherwise I would go home.’**

**Roger Federer**  
Men's No. 2 seed

At the Australian Open, the top-ranked players who also have nine Australian titles between them are reliable options. That would be Djokovic with four titles in Melbourne and Williams with one.

Still holding court for the men's side is 33-year-old Roger Federer, aiming to add to his 17 Grand Slam titles — four of them also at Melbourne — and who just notched his 1,000th career match win to capture the Brisbane International with a victory over Milos Raonic on Jan. 11.

“Clearly I do believe I have a shot in Melbourne, otherwise I would go home,” Federer said in Brisbane.

Federer received good news Friday during the tournament draw — he will play Lu Yen-hsun of Taiwan in the first round, a player he has beaten all three times they've played.

Rafael Nadal's appendix surgery in early November has left him uncertain of his match fitness ahead of Monday's start of the tournament. He'll have a tough first-round match against former top-10 player Mikhail Youzhny of Russia.

Then there's Andy Murray, who seems to have recovered from back surgery late last year and a minor left shoulder complaint at the start of this one. A three-time Australian Open finalist, Murray drew a qualifier in the first round and could play Federer in the quarterfinals.

Add Wawrinka, along with the so-called “young guns” — among them Grigor Dimitrov, U.S. Open finalist Kei Nishikori, Raonic and Australian Nick Kyrgios, who beat Nadal at Wimbledon last year — to the potential trophy winners.

Serena Williams hasn't been back to the Australian Open final since her last title here in 2010, but can never be ruled out of contention — even with the kind of indifferent preparation she's had.

No. 2 Sharapova warmed up with a win at the Brisbane International last weekend, beating Ana Ivanovic in the final.

Sharapova drew a qualifier in the first round here and could meet 20-year-old Eugenie Bouchard, who reached the Wimbledon final and the semis in Australia and France last year, in the quarterfinals.

Two-time winner Victoria Azarenka, unseeded after an injury-plagued 2014, faces Sloane Stephens in the first round in a rematch of their acrimonious semifinal two years ago when Azarenka left the court for a medical timeout and Stephens questioned her reasons for doing so. Stephens was coming off a big upset win over Serena Williams at the time.



JOE HERMITT, PENN.LIVE.COM/AP

**Penn State students wear “409” on Oct. 29, 2011 during what turned out to be Penn State coach Joe Paterno's final game as coach. The NCAA agreed Friday to restore the 112 victories it had stripped from the late Paterno in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child-molestation scandal.**

## NCAA restores victories it took away from JoePa

**By RALPH D. RUSSO**  
*The Associated Press*

Joe Paterno is the winningest coach in the history of major college football — again. There will be no asterisk next to his record 409 victories in the NCAA record book. At least not one that can be seen.

The late Penn State coach's record was restored by the NCAA on Friday as part of a settlement with the school, which was challenging the legality of the consent decree used to sanction the Nittany Lions for the Jerry Sandusky child-molestation scandal.

Whether the NCAA's latest giveback to Penn State is viewed as another step toward Paterno's vindication or a failure by the one organization that had the ability to hold the coach accountable for his failure to do more to stop Sandusky is in the eyes of the beholder. One thing is for certain: The number 409, like Paterno's legacy, will never be looked at quite the same way again.

For more than four decades, Paterno was not only the embodiment of Penn State football, he was the face of college football. He was revered in State College, Pa., and widely respected as a coach who won “the right way.” Penn State was a football powerhouse that played by the rules with players who were both top-notch students and athletes. That was the story told over and over and there were facts to back it up: high graduation rates, national championships and a clean bill of health from the NCAA.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

**Penn State coach Joe Paterno leads his team onto the field before its game against Akron on Sept. 4, 2004 in State College, Pa.**

He was Saint Joe to many Penn State supporters in Happy Valley and beyond and always will be.

That he was dragged down by the Sandusky scandal, and fired unceremoniously by Penn State's board of directors a few days after his longtime defensive coordinator was arrested in November 2011 is still hard for many to reconcile.

Paterno died of lung cancer just a few months later. When the NCAA sanctioned Penn State and Paterno based on a scathing report by former FBI director Louis Freeh that accused the Hall of Fame coach and other top Penn State officials of burying child sex-abuse allegations against Sandusky to avoid bad

publicity, it shattered JoePa's virtuous public image and infuriated those close to him.

“I never thought it was right in the first place,” said former Penn State running back Mike Guman, who played for Paterno from 1976-79. “All those things that were put forth upon him and the blame that was placed on him for something that an individual did.”

Guman said the restoration of the 111 victories Paterno accumulated from 1998-2011 was warranted and meaningful.

“Is it complete vindication? No, but a step in the right direction,” he said. Guman added Paterno's legacy “will never be what it was before.”

### Australian Open seeds

- | Men                               | Women  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia         | 1. Serena Williams, United States              |
| 2. Roger Federer, Switzerland     | 2. Maria Sharapova, Russia                     |
| 3. Rafael Nadal, Spain            | 3. Simona Halep, Romania                       |
| 4. Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland     | 4. Petra Kvitová, Czech Republic               |
| 5. Tommy Haas, Japan              | 5. Ana Ivanovic, Serbia                        |
| 6. Andy Murray, Britain           | 6. Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland                 |
| 7. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic  | 7. Eugenie Bouchard, Canada                    |
| 8. Milos Raonic, Canada           | 8. Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark                 |
| 9. David Ferrer, Spain            | 9. Angelique Kerber, Germany                   |
| 10. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria     | 10. Flavia Pennetta, Russia                    |
| 11. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia        | 11. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia               |
| 12. Feliciano Lopez, Spain        | 12. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia                 |
| 13. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain  | 13. Andrea Petkovic, Germany                   |
| 14. Kevin Anderson, South Africa  | 14. Sara Errani, Italy                         |
| 15. Nicolas Pietrangeli, Spain    | 15. Jovana Jankovic, Serbia                    |
| 16. Fabio Fognini, Italy          | 16. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic             |
| 17. Gael Monfils, France          | 16. Carina Suarez Navarro, Spain               |
| 18. David Goffin, Belgium         | 18. Verus Uppel, United States                 |
| 19. John Isner, United States     | 19. Alize Cornet, France                       |
| 20. Santiago Gonzalez, Colombia   | 20. Sam Stosur, Australia                      |
| 21. Alexander Dolgopopov, Ukraine | 21. Peng Shuai, China                          |
| 22. Konrad Schmied, Germany       | 22. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic          |
| 23. Ivano Karlovic, Croatia       | 23. Anastasia Pavlyuchenko, Russia             |
| 24. Richard Gasquet, France       | 23. Garbine Muguruzza, Spain                   |
| 25. Julien Bennetou, France       | 25. Barbora Zacharova Strýcova, Czech Republic |
| 26. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina     | 26. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine                   |
| 27. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay         | 27. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia                |
| 28. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic   | 28. Sabine Lisicki, Germany                    |
| 29. Jeremy Chardy, France         | 29. Casey Dellacqua, Australia                 |
| 30. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia    | 30. Varvara Lashchenko, United States          |
| 31. Fernando Verdasco, Spain      | 31. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan                   |
| 32. Martin Klizan, Slovakia       | 32. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland                |

NFL

# Four: No shortcuts in team-building

FROM BACK PAGE

"We won a lot of games in a row, and did a lot of stuff. How could you hope to hit it again? I've been around coaching a long time. It's hard to do that and it's rare when it happens. So it just feels like we were very fortunate that we've been able to find a way to put it together in this fashion."

Let's see how this Final Four stacks up.

**Seattle (13-4)**

On the verge of becoming the first defending Super Bowl champion in a decade to reach the game again, the Seahawks easily check off all those categories.

Hired in 2010 and given full power by owner Paul Allen — perhaps the NFL's richest man, but one who doesn't interfere in how the team is run — Carroll added John Schneider as general manager, and off the Seahawks went. They made the playoffs that first season, albeit as the first division winner with a losing record (7-9), and upset New Orleans in a wild-card game.

The building had just begun, though, and it didn't all come together until 2013.

Seattle has done its best work in the draft. Such stars as QB Russell Wilson, DBs Richard Sherman and Kam Chancellor, LB Bobby Wagner, and mainstays C Max Unger, LBs K.J. Wright and Malcolm Smith (last February's Super Bowl MVP), and TE Luke Willson were drafted after the first round. Key wideouts Doug Baldwin and Jermaine Kearse were undrafted.

The Seahawks have hit the mark with veteran free agents DLs Michael Bennett, Tony McDaniel and Cliff Avril, too.

As for forward-thinking minds, simply look at their best bet that 2012 third-round Wilson should start as a rookie. He merely has a record-setting 36 regular-season wins already.

**Green Bay (13-4)**

The only publicly owned NFL team, the Packers have allowed democracy to slow them in the Mike McCarthy era. While Packers President Mark Murphy is a steady presence in Tittlewon, McCarthy and GM Ted Thompson have built a winner around All-Pro QB Aaron Rodgers.

Their philosophy is to build from within — rarely does Green Bay delve into free agency, although the addition of DE-LB Julius Pepper was masterful this season. Of course, when you've gone from a Hall of Fame type quarterback in Brett Favre to another one in Rodgers, it makes personnel moves easier.

"This is the 35th year of our program," says McCarthy, who led the Packers to the 2010 NFL championship. "We've gone through this. Having 20-25 percent of your roster turning over and the majority of it being first- and second-year players, it's a process that you go through from Game 1 until today, and you put your best foot forward Sunday."



MIKE ROEMER/AP

**In addition to sound ownership, forward-thinking front offices, and coaching stability, the Green Bay Packers share another thing with their fellow conference championship contenders — an elite quarterback in four-time Pro Bowler and Super Bowl XLV MVP Aaron Rodgers, above.**

McCarthy and his staff aren't afraid to gamble, be it trusting that a jack-of-all-trades collegian such as Randall Cobb could become a star receiver, or that moving standout outside LB Clay Matthews inside would make the defense more formidable.

**New England (13-4)**

Robert Kraft is one of the most powerful NFL owners, with input on all key issues. He might be more involved in league matters than those of his team, because he has Bill Belichick in charge.

And Belichick has Tom Brady behind center. Enough said.

New England's hierarchy reports to Kraft on business matters, to Belichick on anything football-wise. With all personnel matters in his hands, Belichick is willing to take chances (see Randy Moss, Chad Johnson, LeGarrette Blount, et al) on veterans with troubled histories. He also reads the draft better than most — except perhaps the Seattle group — finding gems everywhere, from DT Vince Wilfork in the first round (2004) to Brady at No. 199 way back in 2000 to quarterback turned star receiver Julian Edelman (232nd in 2009).

No one pushes the limits in all aspects like Belichick. Some of it (Spygate) gets him in hot water, and others — last week's use of eligible players at ineligible positions — is totally legal, if devious.

**Indianapolis (13-5)**

When Peyton Manning was at quarterback, this was a model franchise under coach Tony Dungy and owner Jimmy Irsay. Much changed when Manning missed all of 2011 following neck surgeries; Dungy had retired in 2009. Irsay has been the constant, and he's had his own personal issues, including a six-game league suspension after he was arrested on preliminary charges of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and four felony counts of possession of a controlled substance.

But Irsay is a first-rate owner and his choice of Chuck Pagano as coach has been a terrific one. The Colts have gone 11-5 all three of Pagano's seasons, and have progressed one step further in the playoffs each year.

A major reason: they lucked into Andrew Luck. Manning departed in 2012 just when Luck was coming out of Stanford, and the Colts "earned" the top draft pick.

Pagano is a defensive mastermind, yet the Colts have been more impressive with the ball in his tenure. They've scored beyond Luck in the last three drafts with the likes of WR T.Y. Hilton, TEs Coby Fleener and Dwayne Allen, DEs Bjorn Werner and Jonathan Newsome, and OL Jack Mewhort.

Yes, they belong in this Final Four.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

**In this Nov. 2, 2014, file photo, then-Denver Broncos head coach John Fox cheers for his team from the sideline against the New England Patriots. The Chicago Bears reached an agreement with John Fox to become the team's head coach on Friday.**

Briefly

## Bears hire Fox as head coach

The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — John Fox has a reputation for turning around teams. The Bears are counting on him to do just that.

Fox was hired as Chicago's coach Friday, four days after he and the Denver Broncos parted ways.

He was widely seen as a likely candidate to replace the fired Marc Trestman once he left the Broncos on Monday, given his record and his ties to consultant Ernie Accorsi and new general manager Ryan Pace.

Fox was the defensive coordinator for the New York Giants from 1997 to 2001 when Accorsi was the GM. Saints coach Sean Payton was the offensive coordinator for part of that time, and he is tight with Pace, who was hired out of New Orleans' front office.

Fox has a 119-89 regular-season record in 13 years with Carolina (2002-10) and Denver (2011-14), with six division titles and seven playoff appearances. He is one of six coaches to lead two franchises to Super Bowl appearances, joining Don Shula, Bill Parcells, Dan Reeves, Dick Vermeil and Mike Holmgren.

Fox comes to Chicago with a reputation for overseeing turnarounds, and he will try to do just that after the Bears went 5-11 and missed the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years.

"I would say he's an easy-going guy, but he's still old-school football," Bears linebacker D.J. Williams, who played for Fox in Denver, told Chicago's WMVP-AM. "It's very hard to find a blend of that, somebody who's like real hard-nosed, but laid-back at the same time."

**Vic Fangio to interview for Redskins' DC job**

SAN FRANCISCO — Former San Francisco 49ers defensive coordinator Vic Fangio will interview Saturday with the Washington Redskins for their vacancy in the same position on coach Jay Gruden's staff, a person with knowledge of the meeting said Friday.

Fangio just finished his fourth season as 49ers defensive coordinator after coming from Stanford with former coach Jim Harbaugh before the 2011 season. San Francisco, which missed the playoffs at 8-8 last year following three straight NFC championship games, had one of the NFL's top defenses during his tenure.

**New Jets GM fires top 2 college scouts**

NEW YORK — Mike Maccagnan has begun reshuffling the New York Jets' front office, firing the team's top two college scouts.

Three days after being hired as general manager, Maccagnan dismissed senior director of college scouting Terry Bradway and director of college scouting Jeff Bauer on Friday.

Maccagnan made the moves swiftly because he has others in mind to fill the roles as he begins what is expected to be sweeping changes in the front office.

"Today, I informed Terry and Jeff that the organization will be moving forward without them," Maccagnan said in a statement. "They have made valuable contributions to the New York Jets for more than a decade and we wish them both success in the future."

# NFL PLAYOFFS



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Indianapolis quarterback Andrew Luck responds to a question during a news conference Friday in Indianapolis. The Colts face New England Sunday in Foxborough, Mass., for the AFC Championship.

## Five things to watch

# Luck can take another huge step if Colts win

By HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Step by step, Andrew Luck has climbed into the upper echelon of NFL quarterbacks.

In each of his three seasons, he and the Indianapolis Colts got one game closer to the Super Bowl. Now he can reach that destination if he beats Tom Brady and the New England Patriots in the AFC championship game Sunday night.

"I want to beat the best," Luck said. "There's a competitive spirit in all of this. 'Hey, the harder it is, the better. Let's go try and make it happen.'"

If the Colts (13-5) upset the Patriots (13-4), Luck will have accomplished a difficult feat: beating Peyton Manning and Brady in consecutive games on the way to the Super Bowl.

Luck has piled up impressive statistics since being drafted with the first pick out of Stanford in 2012. This season, he led the NFL with 40 touchdown passes and surpassed Manning's single-season franchise high with 4,761 yards passing. He's also the only player to throw for at least 250 yards in each of his first five playoff games.

Brady, a 15-year veteran, will play in his ninth AFC championship game and fourth straight, but the Patriots lost two of the previous three. In last Saturday's 35-31 divisional win over the Baltimore Ravens, Brady led the Patriots back from two 14-point deficits.

His three touchdown passes gave him 46 for his career, breaking Joe Montana's record of 45 in the postseason.

Here are five things to watch for as two of the NFL's highest-scoring teams meet:

**1 Catching on:** When they drop back, Luck and Brady have plenty of reliable receivers to choose from.

Luck connected with eight against Denver. And one who didn't catch a pass, Reggie Wayne, needs 36 yards receiving to move past Cliff Branch for No. 3 in NFL postseason history.

Brady completed at least four passes to six different receivers against Baltimore, including one touchdown each to Rob Gronkowski, Danny Amendola and Brandon LaFell, who caught the winning 23-yarder.

**2 Patriots rushing:** New England used a powerful ground attack in its last two games against Indianapolis. LeGarrette Blount ran for 166 yards and four touchdowns in a 43-22 divisional win last year, and Jonas Gray rushed for 201 yards and four touchdowns in a 42-20 win Nov. 16. But the Patriots rushed only 13 times for 14 yards against the Ravens, and three of them were kneel-downs by Brady in the last two minutes.

**3 Boom town:** The last time the teams met, Colts RB Daniel "Boom" Herron played a season-long one snap. He got his first career start in the next game and has become a dual threat. After rush-

ing for just 74 yards and catching one pass in the first 10 games, he's had 396 yards rushing and 37 receptions. In his two playoff games, he's run for 119 yards and two touchdowns and caught 18 of 19 passes thrown his way.

**4 For the record:** Brady needs 10 yards passing for 6,801 in his postseason career, breaking Manning's record. One more postseason win will give Belichick his 21st as a coach, snapping a tie with Tom Landry for the most in NFL history. Indianapolis kicker Adam Vinatieri, who won three Super Bowls with the Patriots and has one ring with the Colts, will break Jerry Rice's mark for most postseason games with his 30th. He also can set a record with his 14th consecutive postseason game with a field goal, breaking a tie with Tony Pritsch.

**5 Changing players:** Both teams have players in bigger roles than in the regular-season matchup. The Colts are getting greater production from rookie receiver Donte Moncrief, and the offensive line has three different starters. Defensive tackle Arthur Jones is back after missing the first meeting with an ankle injury and kick returner Josh Cribbs joined the team two days after the first game.

For the Patriots, defensive end Chandler Jones, Arthur's younger brother, missed it with a hip injury, while Blount joined the Patriots the following week after being cut by Pittsburgh.

## AFC championship

# Indianapolis at New England

AFN-Sports, 12:30 a.m. Monday CET;  
8:30 a.m. Monday JKT

**SERIES RECORD:** Patriots lead 46-28 New England has won the last four. **LAST MEETING:** Patriots won 42-20 at Indianapolis on Nov. 16, 2014. **COLTS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (3), RUSH (22), PASS (1). **COLTS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (11), RUSH (18), PASS (3). **PATRIOTS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (11), RUSH (18), PASS (9). **PATRIOTS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (13), RUSH (9), PASS (17).

**STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES:** Teams meet for fifth time in postseason. Patriots lead all-time series 49-29, including 3-1 record in postseason. ... NE won last playoff meeting 43-22 (Divisional on 1/11/14). ... The Colts have reached postseason for third straight season under head coach Chuck Pagano and 12 of past 13 seasons overall. They clinched AFC South title for 9th time since 2003. ...QB Andrew Luck is the first player in NFL history to pass for 250+ yards in each of first five career playoff games. He passed for 331 yards and 2 TDs in only playoff meeting vs. New England. Luck led NFL with 40 TDs and became eighth player with 40+ TDs in season. Since entering NFL in '12, he has 12,957 yards in playoffs and needs 62 yards to surpass Cliff Branch (11,289) & HoFer Michael Irvin (11,315) for 2nd all-time. ...New England has 7-4 record in AFC Championship Games (4th consecutive Championship Game appearance). First team in NFL history to win 11 division titles in 12 seasons. Club is 16-4 (800) at home in postseason, trailing only Seahawks (10-2, .833) for second-best all-time (min. 10 games). The Pats have won 17 of past 18 at home (including playoffs). ...New England coach Bill Belichick and QB Tom Brady (19) have most postseason wins by head coach-QB duo. ...Belichick (20) is tied with HoFer Tom Brady for most playoff wins all-time. ...Brady's 19 postseason wins are most by QB in NFL history. Last week, Brady (46) surpassed Brett Favre (44) and HoFer Joe Montana (45) for most career TDs in NFL playoff history. ...In five career playoff games, Patriots RB Shane Vereen has 333 scrimmage yards (114 rush, 219) with three total TDs (1 rush, 2 receiving). ...TE Rob Gronkowski led team with 12 TD catches in 2014, tied for most among NFL TEs. One of two TEs in NFL history with 2 career 10-TD seasons (Antonio Gates). In five career home playoff games, he has 26 catches for 405 yards & 4 TDs, including seven catches for 108 yards and TD last week. Aims for first in row overall (including playoffs) with TD catch.

## Rosters

### Indianapolis Colts

Head Coach: Chuck Pagano

No. Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
1 Pat McAfee	P	6-1	240
10 Adam Vinatieri	K	5-10	188
8 Matt Hasselbeck	QB	6-4	235
12 Andrew Luck	QB	6-4	240
17 Wilton	WR	6-1	178
14 Hakeem Nicks	WR	6-1	208
16 Josh Cribbs	WR	6-1	192
20 Darius Butler	CB	5-10	200
21 Vontae Davis	CB	5-11	207
23 Michael Hill	CB	5-10	210
25 Javill Brown	CB	6-1	207
28 Greg Toler	CB	6-0	190
29 Mike Adams	S	5-11	200
30 LaRon Harris	S	6-0	226
31 Dewey McDonald	DE	6-0	220
32 Colt Anderson	DE	6-3	251
34 Trent Richardson	RB	5-9	225
37 Daniel Fells	TE	6-4	245
37 Zurlon Tipton	RB	6-0	231
38 Sergio Brown	DE	6-2	218
40 Sheldon Price	CB	6-2	196
45 Matt Overtun	LB	6-1	241
46 Dan Ryan	LB	6-2	240
51 Henic Muamba	LB	6-0	242
52 Jonathan Hardy	LB	6-2	240
54 Andrew Jackson	LB	6-0	254
55 Shaun Phillips	LB	6-3	255
57 Josh McAfee	LB	6-3	251
58 Andy Stuedebaker	LB	6-3	255
60 Lance Dunbar	CB	6-0	190
62 Khalil Holmes	C	6-3	309
63 David Axel	C	6-0	307
65 David Irving	C	6-3	307
71 Xavier Nixon	T	6-6	330
72 Jonathan Harrison	T	6-6	326
74 Anthony Cannon	T	6-7	311
75 Josh Wirtz	T	6-7	351
76 Joe Reitz	G	6-7	325
77 Ryan Fleener	G	6-7	325
83 Dwayne Allen	TE	6-3	265
84 Jack Boyle	TE	6-6	267
87 Reggie Boyce	DE	6-2	203
90 Cory Redding	DE	6-4	318
91 Jonathon Wesome	DE	6-4	318
92 Joaquin Werner	DE	6-3	257
93 Erik Wingo	DE	6-4	240
94 Zach Kerr	NT	6-2	335
95 Montori Hughes	DT	6-4	350
96 Josh Cooper	DT	6-4	345
97 Arthur Jones	DT	6-3	337
99 Ricky Jean Francois	DT	6-3	297

### New England Patriots

Head Coach: Bill Belichick

No. Player	Pos	Ht	Wt
3 Stephen Gostkowski	K	6-1	215
9 Ryan	P	6-1	215
10 Jimmy Garoppolo	QB	6-2	225
12 Tom Brady	QB	6-4	225
13 Brandon Slater	WR	6-4	225
17 Brandon LaFell	WR	6-3	210
21 Malcolm Butler	CB	5-11	199
22 Patrick Chung	CB	5-11	210
24 Darrelle Revis	CB	5-11	198
25 Logan Ryan	CB	5-10	190
26 Logan Ryan	CB	5-11	195
27 James White	RB	5-10	205
29 LeGarrette Blount	RB	6-0	250
32 Devin McCourty	RB	5-10	195
33 James White	RB	5-10	195
35 Jonas Gray	RB	5-10	225
37 Aaron Rodgers	RB	5-11	225
37 Zurlon Tipton	RB	6-0	231
43 Nate Eberle	TE	6-3	210
46 James Develin	TE	6-3	265
47 Michael Hoomanawanui	TE	6-4	260
48 Danny Akeon	DE	6-2	250
50 Rob Ninkovich	DE	6-2	260
51 Dont'a Hightower	DE	6-3	270
55 Akeem Ayers	LB	6-3	255
58 Josh Killebrew	LB	6-2	257
59 Chris White	LB	6-3	238
61 James Van Noy	LB	6-3	255
62 Eyan Wendell	LB	6-2	300
63 A.O. Slaton	CB	6-0	200
65 Jordan DeVay	CB	6-0	317
66 Bryan Stork	CB	6-4	310
67 Josh Killebrew	CB	6-2	257
69 Chris Fleming	DT	6-6	325
70 Matt Slaus	DT	6-6	325
76 Sebastian Vollmer	T	6-8	320
77 Nate Sloss	T	6-7	325
80 Danny Amendola	WR	5-11	195
81 Tim Wright	WR	6-4	220
82 Josh Gordon	WR	6-0	205
84 Brian Tyree	WR	6-3	204
85 Deion Branch	WR	6-2	245
87 Rob Gronkowski	TE	6-6	265
88 Erik Wingo	DE	6-4	240
91 Jamie Collins	LB	6-3	250
94 Chris Jones	DT	6-1	309
95 Josh Cooper	DT	6-4	345
96 Seawater Siliga	DT	6-2	325
97 Alan Branch	DT	6-6	325

# NFL PLAYOFFS

## NFC championship

### Green Bay at Seattle

AFN-Sports

9 p.m. Sunday CET, 5 a.m. Monday JKT

**SERIES RECORD:** Packers lead 8-7; Seahawks have won past two.

**LAST MEETING:** Seahawks won the season opener on Sept. 4, 36-16.

**Seattle RB Marshawn Lynch** rushed for 110 yards and 2 TDs.

**GREEN BAY OFFENSE:** OVERALL (6), RUSH (11), PASS (8).

**GREEN BAY DEFENSE:** OVERALL (15), RUSH (23), PASS (10).

**SEATTLE OFFENSE:** OVERALL (9), RUSH (1), PASS (27).

**SEATTLE DEFENSE:** OVERALL (1), RUSH (3), PASS (1).

**STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES:** Teams meet for 3rd time in postseason. GB won previous 2 meetings: 2003 WC (33-27, OT) & 2007 Div. (42-20). Packers lead all-time series 10-7. Sea. has won past 2 meetings, incl. Week 1 (36-16).

... Packers have won 13 NFL championships, most all-time. ... Packers had 5 players selected to Pro Bowl: FB John Kuhn (2nd), LB Clay Matthews (5th), WR Jordy Nelson (1st), QB Aaron Rodgers (4th) & G Josh Sitton (2nd). ... Packers QB Rodgers had 112.2 rating, only QB in NFL history with 6 consecutive seasons with 100+ rating. Has 105.3 postseason passer rating, 2nd best in NFL history. ... Packers RB Eddie Lacy rushed for 1,139 yards & scored 13 TDs (9 rush, 4 rec.). 1st Packer with 1,000+ rush yards & 10+ scrimmage TDs in each of 21 NFL seasons. ... Packers LB Matthews led team with 11 sacks & his 4 career 100+ sack seasons are tied for most in team history. In postseason career, has 7.5 sacks, 3 FFs & 3 FRs in 9 games. Packers LB Julius Peppers is only player in NFL history with 100+ sacks (125.5) & 10+ INTs (11). Had sack & 2 FFs last week. ... Packers had 3 players with 90+ tackles: S Morgan Burnett (122), rookie S Ha Clinton-Dix (91) & LB A.J. Hawk (90). Clinton-Dix had 1st career sack in last meeting. ... Seahawks have won previous 2 NFC Champ. Games (2005, 2013). Are No. 1 seed for 2nd consecutive season & 3rd time (2005, 2013) since current 12-team format started in 1990. Over past 3 seasons, are 25-2 (.926) at home, incl. playoffs. ... Seahawks had 5 players selected to Pro Bowl: S Kam Chancellor (3rd), RB Marshawn Lynch (5th), CB Richard Sherman (2nd), S Earl Thomas (4th) & LB Bobby Wagner (1st). ... Seahawks QB Russell Wilson has 36 wins & 22 home wins in reg. season, both are most by a QB in first three seasons in SB. He is 5-1 in postseason & has 109.6 rating, highest in NFL history. ... Seahawks WR Doug Baldwin led team with career-high 66 catches & 825 yards. Aims for 4th playoff game in row with 100+ yards or TD. ... Seahawks' CB Sherman had INT last week & leads NFL with 25 INTs since entering in 2011. S Chancellor aims for 4th playoff game in row with INT. Had 90-yard INT-TD last week, longest postseason TD in Sea. history. Tied for 5th longest INT-TD in NFL postseason history. S Thomas is only player in NFL with 400+ tackles (420), 16+ INTs (16) & 8+ FFs (8) since 2010, his 1st season. LB Wagner had 104 tackles in 11 games, 2nd most on team.

## Rosters

### Green Bay Packers

Head Coach: Mike McCarthy		
No.	Player	Pos
2	Mason Crosby	K
8	Tim Masthay	P
10	Matt Flynn	QB
11	Jarrett Boykin	WR
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB
15	Scott Tolzien	QB
17	Davante Adams	WR
18	Randall Cobb	WR
21	Ha Clinton-Dix	S
24	Jarrett Bush	CB
25	Djuan Harris	RB
27	Eddie Lacy	RB
28	Sean Sherman	S
29	Casey Hayward	CB
30	Johnathan Hankins	DE
31	Danone House	CB
32	Clayton Kersh	DE
33	Michael Hyde	S
37	Sam Bradford	QB
38	Tramon Williams	CB
39	Demetri Gooden	DE
42	Morgan Burnett	S
44	James Starks	RB
50	A.J. Hawk	LB
52	Clay Matthews	LB
53	Nick Perry	LB
54	Carl Bradford	LB
55	Julius Peppers	LB
56	Brandon Meeks	LB
58	Sam Barrington	LB
59	Brad Jones	LB
60	Brent Gooden	DE
61	Greg Olsen	TE
64	Mike Pennel	DT
65	LeSean McCoy	RB
66	Dan Bakhtari	DT
71	L.J. Harris	DE
72	Josh Sitton	G
73	Garth Gerhart	C
74	L.C. Tretter	C
75	Byron Bula	TE
76	Mike Brisn	TE
80	Austin Phillips	TE
81	David Sills	TE
83	Jeff Janis	WR
86	Brandon Bostick	TE
87	Jordy Nelson	WR
89	Richard Rodgers	TE
91	Blaine Gillott	TE
93	Josh Boyd	DT
95	Datone Jones	DE
96	Mike Williams	DE
98	Letroy Queen	DT
99	Brayton Gaston	DT

### Seattle Seahawks

Head Coach: Pete Carroll		
No.	Player	Pos
3	Russell Wilson	QB
4	Steven Hauschka	K
11	Robert Turbin	QB
17	Tavaris Jackson	QB
18	Chris Matthews	WR
19	Jermaine Kearse	WR
21	Bryan Walters	WR
22	Jeremy Lane	CB
23	Robert Turbin	S
25	Jeron Johnson	S
26	Earl Thomas	S
27	Richard Sherman	S
28	Steven Terrell	S
29	Robert Turbin	S
30	Malcolm Smith	S
32	Marcus Burley	S
33	Cliff Avril	DE
34	Cam Chancellor	DE
35	Cliff Avril	DE
35	Deshaun Shead	CB
37	Byron Maxwell	CB
41	Wagner	DE
45	Clint Irwin	CB
51	Bruce Irvin	LB
52	Brook Cayle	LB
53	Malcolm Smith	LB
54	Bobby Wagner	LB
55	Mike Morgan	LB
56	Max Unger	DE
59	Patrick Leary	C
61	Kevin Lewis	G
64	Kevin Willton	G
65	Jason Cohen	G
68	Justin Britt	DT
72	Dave King	DT
73	Michael Bennett	DT
76	Russell Wilson	QB
77	Patrick Lewis	DT
78	Kevin Willton	G
79	Alvin Bell	DT
81	Richard Sherman	S
81	Kevin Norwood	DE
82	Luke Willson	TE
83	Richard Lockette	TE
84	Cooper Helfet	TE
85	Earl Thomas	S
89	Doug Baldwin	WR
92	O'Brien Schofield	DE
93	Demarcus Dobbs	DE
95	Demarcus Dobbs	DE
99	Tony McDaniel	DT



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Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson (3) will lead the Seahawks on Sunday as they attempt to get past the Green Bay Packers and outside linebacker Clay Matthews (52) in the NFC Championship in Seattle. Wilson's Seahawks defeated the Packers 36-16 during their season-opening game in September.

## Five things to watch

# Elites ready to compete

## NFC's two best teams primed for title showdown

By TIM BOUTH  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Eventually, the paths of Green Bay and Seattle were going to cross again.

After they opened the 2014 NFL season in early September, it seemed inevitable that Aaron Rodgers would get a second chance to throw at Richard Sherman — if he wanted to. That Russell Wilson would have to avoid Clay Matthews trying to chase him down. And that the Packers would get another opportunity to topple Seattle and be the elite of the NFC.

They were the two best teams in the conference in the second half of the regular season. So it's only fitting the Packers and Seahawks meet Sunday for the NFC championship and a trip to the Super Bowl.

"It's just the way it should be. It should be like that right now," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "There is a wrinkle for Green Bay. This is another Rodgers' left calf injury that has limited his mobility. But Rodgers showed in last week's divisional-round win over Dallas he can manage just fine, throwing for 316 yards and three touchdowns in the 26-21 victory."

Now All-Pro Rodgers gets his first shot at an NFC title since first winning at Chicago in January 2011. A Super Bowl victory over Pittsburgh followed.

Here's what else to watch for as Seattle tries to become the first defending champion in a decade to reach consecutive Super Bowls:

**1. Calf watch:** Rodgers' injury is slowing him from scrambling before throwing, one of his strengths. His right arm is just fine. Rodgers got hurt during the Dec. 21 game against Tampa Bay. He still completed 74 percent of his passes in his last three games, including the win over Dallas. Coach Mike McCarthy has had Rodgers operating out of shotgun formations to help limit his movement.

Perhaps just as importantly for the Packers has been the solid work of the offensive line much of the year. All-Pro fullback John Kuhn, an excellent blocker, has also seen more time of late. Rodgers will need top-notch protection against Seattle's tough defense.

**2. Silent Sherman:** Sherman, another All-Pro, was bored when Green Bay visited in the season opener. Through the entire game, Rodgers refused to throw at the cornerback. Instead turned to the other side of the field. Sherman took Rodgers' left calf injury that has limited his mobility. But Rodgers showed in last week's divisional-round win over Dallas he can manage just fine, throwing for 316 yards and three touchdowns in the 26-21 victory.

**3. Attitude:** Linebackers Clay Matthews and Julius Peppers draw the headlines and make big plays on the Packers' defense. Linebacker Mike Daniels supplies the attitude, his demeanor setting a stern tone on game day.

They'll need Daniels and fellow lineman Letroy Queen to slow down running back Marshawn Lynch just enough to allow linebackers Matthews and Sam Barrington, and safety Morgan Burnett to finish off tackles up the middle. Daniels has 14 tackles and two sacks over his last four games.

**4. Coming of age:** Green Bay visited in Week 1, center Corey Linsley, wide receiver Davante Adams and tight end Richard Rodgers were all making their NFL debuts. Now they're integral parts of the offense. Adams was the star of Green Bay's win over Dallas last week with seven catches for 117 yards and a touchdown.

**5. Thanks Buffalo:** Seattle ultimately owes thanks to Buffalo for Sunday's title game being played at CenturyLink Field. The Bills' victory over Green Bay in Week 15 was the difference in Seattle winning the tiebreaker for the No. 1 seed in the NFC. Instead of Seattle being forced to deal with the freezing temperatures of Wisconsin, the Packers are about to enter the Seahawks' cauldron of noise — certain to be even more amped than when Green Bay visited to open the season.

"Any time we get the home games, especially the NFC championship at home, and we get to play in front of the 12s, it's exciting." Seattle safety Kam Chancellor said of the team's fan base.

# SPORTS



## Four score

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### NFL PLAYOFFS



## NFL's final four share basic traits

By **BARRY WILNER**  
*The Associated Press*

**G**AME PLANS vary from week to week, opponent to opponent. Any NFL coach will scoff

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at the notion there's a formula that works the same against everyone.

The exact opposite is true when constructing a contender. In building a successful team, the basics must be adhered to:

- Stability in coaching, the front office and, perhaps most importantly, ownership.

- Forward thinkers.

- Strong drafting and personnel decisions.

- Oh, and standout quarterbacks.

Pete Carroll, who won national championships at Southern California and now has a Super Bowl ring with the Seahawks, never thought he could top USC. His mind has changed.

"I thought I had seen the top of it. We won for so long," Carroll says of his Trojans years.

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