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## BEGINNING OF THE END

**U.S. MARINES** deploying to Afghanistan have a decidedly different mission this time around: Protect yourselves. Help the Afghan forces. And prepare to leave — or prepare for a small follow-on force, depending on decisions in Kabul and Washington.

Stars and Stripes reporter Jennifer Hlad will be reporting from Helmand province and from Camp Pendleton on the mission of I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), in what will be the last major Marine command deployment of America's longest war.

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A young Marine and his wife embrace moments before the departure of the I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) from Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Monday. The unit departed for duty in Helmand province, Afghanistan, as the last major Marine command to deploy to the country in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## Kabul blast deadliest attack on foreigners since war began

By **PATRICK QUINN**  
*The Associated Press*

KABUL — A Taliban attack against a popular Kabul restaurant killed 21 people, officials said Saturday, in the deadliest attack against foreign civilians since the war began nearly 13 years ago.

The dead from Friday's assault against La Taverna du Liban included 13 foreigners and eight Afghans, all civilians, in an attack that could mark

a pivot point for international organizations operating in Kabul. It came as security has been deteriorating and apprehension has been growing among Afghans over the future security of their country as U.S.-led foreign forces prepare for a final withdrawal at the end of the year.

Those killed included two U.S. citizens working for the American University of Afghanistan, a victim identified by the United Nations as a Somali-

American, two Britons — development specialist Dharmender Singh Phangura and close protection officer Simon Chase — two Canadians, two Lebanese, a Danish police officer, a Russian, a Malaysian and a Pakistani. Phangura, who along with the Malaysian worked as an adviser for Adam Smith International, was to run as a Labour Party candidate in upcoming elections for the European Parliament.

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Afghan security forces investigate the aftermath of Friday's suicide attack and shooting in Kabul on Saturday.

RAHMAT GUL/AP

# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We certainly wish this had not happened. I mean, holy cow."

— Col. Robert W. Stanley II, commander of the Air Force's 341st Missile Wing, which is compensating for the loss of 34 launch control officers after being hit with drug and cheating scandals

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# MILITARY



RAHMAT GUL/AP

NATO International Security Assistance Force personnel investigate the site of Friday's suicide attack and shooting in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Saturday.

## Attack: Karzai says US not doing enough

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Also among the dead were the International Monetary Fund's Lebanese representative, Wabel Abdullah, and Vadim Nazarov, a Russian who was the chief political affairs officer at the U.N. Mission in Afghanistan. Nazarov was one of the U.N.'s most experienced officials, fluent in the country's languages and with experience dating to the 1980s. He was one of three U.N. victims.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was in reprisal for an Afghan military operation earlier in the week against insurgents in eastern Parwan province, which the insurgents claimed killed many civilians. The Taliban frequently provide exaggerated casualty figures.

"The target of the attack was a restaurant frequented by high-ranking foreigners," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in an emailed statement. He said the attack targeted a place "where the invaders used to dine with booze and liquor in the plenty."

He described the "revenge attack" as having delivered a

"heavy admonitory blow to the enemy which they shall never forget."

The deaths have shaken Kabul's tight-knit expatriate community, which frequented a handful of restaurants such as Taverna that were considered relatively safe in Kabul's often-insecure streets. The deadliest previous attack against foreign civilians was on Sept. 8, 2012, when nine civilian employees of a private aviation company were killed in a suicide attack near Kabul airport. They included eight South Africans and a Kyrgyz.

Such attacks in the past have prompted a mass exodus of foreign staff from the country, and the insecurity has been compounded by the refusal of Afghan President Hamid Karzai to sign a security deal with the United States that would keep about 10,000 troops here for up to 10 more years.

Although a national assembly of elders endorsed the deal last year, Karzai is deferring its signature until after the April 5 presidential elections — which the United States has said may not give it enough time to plan

and could lead to a pullout of all troops.

An indication of the testiness in relations was apparent in Karzai's condemnation of the attack, which came almost a day after it took place.

In what was essentially a political statement, Karzai said the U.S. was not doing enough to deal with terrorism in Afghanistan and said its policies so far had not been successful.

"If NATO forces, and in the lead, the United States of America, want to cooperate and be united with Afghan people, they must target terrorism," he said without fully elaborating on what America should be doing.

The attack also was condemned by the U.N. Security Council, NATO and the European Union.

The restaurant, like most places frequented by foreign diplomats, aid workers, journalists and businessmen in the war-weary country, has no signs indicating its location and is heavily secured. It sits on a small side street just off a bumpy, semi-paved road in a house with low ceilings and an enclosed patio.

## Special Forces soldier killed in Afghanistan

FORT MITCHELL, Ky. — The Defense Department says a soldier based at Fort Bragg, N.C., has been killed during a mission in Afghanistan.

Army officials said Sgt. Daniel T. Lee, 28, of Crossville, Tenn., died Wednesday after enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group.

"He lit up a room when he came in and he was always smiling," said the soldier's father, Daniel Patrick Lee. "He had such a positive outlook in life, was very strong and very dedicated to the U.S. Army."

"We are very proud of him."

## Fort Hood soldier from NC dies in Afghanistan

RALEIGH, N.C. — The military says a Fort Hood soldier from Cary has died in Afghanistan of injuries not related to combat.

Defense Department officials said Saturday that Spc. Andrew Sipple, 22, died Friday in Kandahar City. The Army is investigating the incident that caused his death.

Sipple was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

## Army IDs soldier killed in Ga. helo accident

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The Army has identified a soldier killed in a helicopter accident at a Georgia airfield as a special operations helicopter platoon leader.

The Army Special Operations Command said that Capt. Clayton O. Carpenter, 31, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died late Wednesday at the end of a training flight at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah. He was aboard an MH-60 Black Hawk helicopter that slammed into the ground while landing. The Army is investigating what went wrong.

Two crew members were injured. Army Maj. Allen Hill, a spokesman for the unit, said Saturday both are expected to make full recoveries.

All were members of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

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MILITARY

# AF duke chief: Unit regrouping amid scandal

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of the Air Force nuclear missile unit hit with the drug and cheating scandals are “broken-hearted,” their commander said Friday.

In his first interview since the investigations were announced Wednesday at the Pentagon, Col. Robert W. Stanley II said the 341st Missile Wing is compensating for the loss of 34 launch control officers by increasing the workload on others. They operate 150 nuclear-tipped Minuteman 3 missiles.

Stanley said this can be managed “pretty

easily” because the unit has long had contingency plans for the sudden loss of large numbers of launch officers for any number of reasons, including illness. It has taken a toll, nonetheless.

“We certainly wish this had not happened. I mean, holy cow,” Stanley said by telephone from his headquarters at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Mont.

Stanley said he feels fortunate that he has a strong group of officers working for him.

“They are brokenhearted, like I am, that this happened, that we — I think — let the American public down, and so we’re trying to bolster each other up,” he said.

The crisis began with a drug possession investigation of two missile crew officers at Malmstrom earlier this month, and it quickly led to the discovery that they and other launch crewmembers had cheated on a routine proficiency test that is required to keep them certified in the proper operation of the Minuteman force.

The drug probe spread to include 11 Air Force officers at a total of six bases.

Stanley said he was first notified of the cheating issue on Saturday night and that by Tuesday he had reported up his chain of command that 34 were implicated — all at Malmstrom. He said some are accused of cheating; others knew about the cheating

but failed to report it and thus also had their security clearances suspended.

The investigation is being conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Gen. Mark Welsh, the Air Force chief of staff, said it appears to be the largest such suspension of nuclear missile crewmembers in the history of the force.

Welsh and Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James said they would visit Malmstrom and the other two Minuteman 3 bases — F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming and Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota — this week to see first-hand what is unfolding.

## Navy to deploy carriers less often, but for longer periods

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

Thousands of sailors in Hampton Roads will deploy less frequently but for longer periods under a new policy the Navy is launching later this year.

Adm. Bill Gortney, the four-star head of U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, announced last week that the service is overhauling the deployment cycle of aircraft carrier strike groups, which have been stretched thin by federal budget cuts and more than a decade of war.

Under current operations, aircraft carriers depart once every 32 months on deployments that are billed to last six to seven months. But global demands often stretch those tours to nine or 10 months, straining sailors, their families and maintenance schedules.

Starting in November, Gortney said Wednesday at a Navy symposium in Washington, carrier strike groups will deploy once every 36 months on cruises that will be scheduled to last eight months. The longer maintenance cycle should allow for more consistency at home, Gortney said. “What’s happened here is that, over time ... we lost predictability,” Gortney said after making the announcement.

The plan replaces another floated by the Navy last year that would have sent strike groups — aircraft carriers, air wings and the stable of ships that deploy with them — on two seven-month deployments every 36 months. That plan would have increased carrier presence overseas and would have required more money from Congress.

The Harry S. Truman strike group will be the first to shift to the 36-month rotation when it returns to Norfolk Naval Station from deployment later this year.

Under the new rotation, sailors will be home about 68 percent of the time. That’s a lot more time with family than sailors are getting now, Gortney said. That’s also assuming global events don’t demand a surge in forces overseas, said Lt. Cmdr. Reann Mommsen,

a Fleet Forces spokeswoman.

Last fall, the aircraft carrier *Nimitz* was ordered to extend its deployment and remain on station in the Red Sea as President Barack Obama contemplated a possible missile strike in Syria. That deployment ended up lasting nearly 10 months.

Those sorts of extensions will probably still happen under the new deployment cycle, but they should be less common, said retired Vice Adm. Pete Daly, director of the U.S. Naval Institute and former Fleet Forces deputy commander and chief of staff.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Navy’s deployment cycle has been driven by the demands of war, Daly said. Starting later this year with the new rotation, he said, deployment cycles will be based on the resources available.

He compared the Navy’s position over the past 10 years to a teenager who agrees to drive his friends everywhere they go, asking in turn for gas money to cover the cost.

“It sounds like a good deal, but soon you’ll wear the car out,” Daly said. “It will need more maintenance sooner, it will need replacement parts, and eventually you’ll have to replace the thing.”

A more predictable cycle for maintaining ships will also mean a more predictable cycle for people, Daly said. “This should bring more stability to the lives of military families, which is good for the fleet.”

The changes won’t affect how many carrier strike groups the Navy can keep deployed at any given time, Daly said, but it will reduce the number of ships available to surge in a time of crisis.

A year ago, the Pentagon relaxed its requirement of having two carriers deployed to the Persian Gulf at all times. The new plan will maintain only one carrier in that region.

Four of the Navy’s 10 aircraft carriers are based in Norfolk, with a fifth, the *Lincoln*, receiving intensive maintenance at Newport News Shipbuilding. More than 5,000 sailors deploy with each carrier strike group.



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Seaman Rosalyn Holmes removes a pair of new coveralls from a box aboard the USS *Bataan*. *Bataan* sailors received the first flame-resistant variant coveralls in the fleet as an added safety precaution for shipboard firefighting.

## Sailors to get flame-resistant togs

By BROCK VERGAKIS  
The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — The Navy started distributing flame-resistant coveralls to its sailors on Wednesday, more than a year after a laboratory test showed that the camouflage uniforms that most sailors wear out to sea will quickly burn up if they catch fire.

The Navy plans to issue the dark blue, cotton clothing to every sailor who goes to sea aboard a surface ship or aircraft carrier by the end of the year. The amphibious assault ship USS *Bataan* was chosen by U.S. Fleet Forces Command as the first to receive the new clothing because it will be deploying soon. Sailors aboard other ships nearing a deployment will be next in line, according to the Navy. Army and Marine combat uniforms already are designed to be self-extinguishing.

The Navy had long been aware that its working uniforms were

not flame-resistant. The Navy decided to abandon flame-resistant clothing for all sailors in 1996 as a cost-cutting measure and because they failed to meet other standards, among other reasons. Sailors in specific jobs, however, such as engine room personnel, firefighters and those in flight-related duties were still issued flame-resistant clothing.

After a video of the 2012 laboratory test showed exactly how flammable its working uniforms are, many sailors, family members and veterans expressed concerns about their safety. Those concerns were raised despite assertions by the Navy that there is no evidence that a sailor wearing the nylon-cotton blend had suffered severe burns. A Navy working group assigned to study the issue noted that the sailors without the proper clothing would most likely be affected if a fire grew large enough to threaten the survivability of the ship, and

decided each sailor should have that protection.

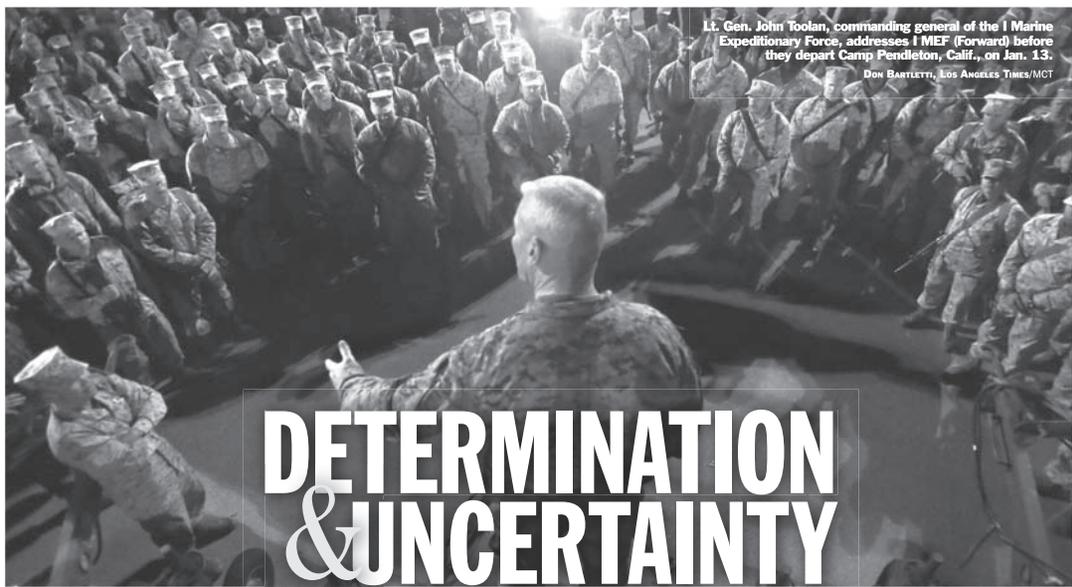
“They’re pretty excited out here today,” Capt. George Vassilakis, commanding officer of the *Bataan*, said as dozens of sailors lined up inside the ship to receive the new clothing.

“You never know. Though the risk would be low for an onboard fire or something like that, it could certainly be severe or catastrophic, which we saw in some of those tests. And so this is just an added benefit or added level of safety for our sailors,” he said.

Each new coverall costs the Navy about \$50. The cost to research and issue the new coverall is about \$12 million, according to the Navy.

Sailors assigned to submarines will continue to wear the old coveralls because of its low lint characteristics until a long-term, all-purpose coverall solution that is flame resistant and low lint is made available.

# BEGINNING OF THE END



Lt. Gen. John Toolan, commanding general of the I Marine Expeditionary Force, addresses I MEF (Forward) before they depart Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Jan. 13.

DON BARTLETT, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

# DETERMINATION & UNCERTAINTY

## Last major Marine command deploys to Helmand as war winds down

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

**CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** — Like tens of thousands of Marines who went before them, the Marines and sailors of I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) have prepared for their deployment to Afghanistan by studying everything from marksmanship to Afghan culture.

But this deployment will be different.

This unit will not be patrolling villages searching for insurgents or looking to coax Afghan elders into supporting the Afghan government.

The California unit — part of which deployed this month — is the last major Marine command to deploy to the country in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Some 4,000 Marines and sailors will serve under the I MEF banner in Afghanistan over the coming year. They're charged with supporting Afghan forces, safeguarding the April presidential elections, shutting down sprawling Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province, sending equipment home and preparing for a possible postwar presence.

## 'AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE ALL END UP SUPPORTING THE INFANTRY'

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR, Calif.** — First Lt. Susannah Mazzoni hadn't even finished her military occupational specialty school in July 2012 when she left to deploy to Afghanistan for the first time. Now, just a year after she returned from that tour, she's back in Afghanistan with I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

Mazzoni, 25, is an air defense control officer, but volunteered to deploy with I MEF (Forward) as the assistant operations officer for Marine Aircraft Group 38, an aviation command and control unit that includes Marine Air Controls Squadron 1 and other units that control the airspace.

She said she asked for the job because she knew she would "do well and excel." Mazzoni's job during the last deploy-

ment was in her job specialty, helping control the airspace outside the base. She was in Helmand province when Taliban fighters infiltrated Camp Bastion on foot, killing two Marines and destroying several aircraft.

And though that Marine unit wasn't focused on retrograde and drawdown, the pace of things in the airspace did change over her time there, she said, especially in the winter, when there is traditionally less fighting. Many of the Marines' aircraft also transitioned to the Air Force, she said.

"This deployment will give me the opportunity to see the larger picture of the air war in Afghanistan," she said, and to be actively engaged in the retrograde effort, "bringing our Marines and equipment safely home."

Mazzoni's father was a Marine in Vietnam, and she grew up close to the home of Marine aviation in Pensacola, Fla., before attending the U.S. Naval Academy in

Annapolis, Md.

She chose the Marine Corps for the leadership opportunities, she said, and likes that she has "a wartime job." Still, she and one junior enlisted Marine were the only two women in her unit during her last deployment.

Mazzoni was in Afghanistan when the Marine Corps first offered the opportunity for new female Marine officers to attempt its notoriously difficult School of Infantry, but she said she would probably not have volunteered even if it had been an option.

"I do know myself and my limits," she said. "I am very physically fit. However, being an infantry platoon commander would not have been at the top of my list, because I know my strengths and weaknesses. At the end of the day, we all end up supporting the infantry."

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"This deployment will give me the opportunity to see the larger picture of the air war in Afghanistan."

—1st Lt. Susannah Mazzoni



What that post-war presence will look like is up in the air. Afghan President Hamid Karzai has yet to sign a deal to keep American troops in the country past the end of this year.

That means the Marines of I MEF (Forward) are headed for Afghanistan without knowing exactly how long they'll be there or whether anyone will replace them when they leave.

When they heard about their mission, one of the first things the Marines asked was, "What does the end look like?" said Col. Peter Baumgarten, commander of 1st Marine Regiment and Task Force Belleau Wood, which will provide security for the base during the deployment.

"I said, 'Time out, guys. Let's not even focus on that, because you can't really steer yourself in circles trying to think about what the end looks like.' How do you defend this and get all the stuff out of here?" Who is the last guy to leave?" Baumgarten said.

Instead, they have focused on the more immediate concern: keeping Camp Leatherneck, as well as the co-located British Camp Bastion and the adjacent Afghan Camp Shorabak, safe.

While infantry units in 2010 or 2011 would have prepared for counterinsurgency operations, targeting insurgents and taking kinetic action, Baumgarten said, these infantry Marines studied base security and the details of past breaches — including the September 2012 attack at Camp Bastion which killed two Marines and destroyed six aircraft.

The Marines learned all they could from past attacks and vulnerabilities, Baumgarten said, while recognizing that future attacks are unlikely to follow the same playbook. One of the complicating factors of keeping the base safe will be that fewer coalition troops are out fighting insurgents far away from the base, he said, which could make Leatherneck more of a target.

The number of U.S. servicemembers in Helmand province has decreased significantly, from more than 20,000 during the surge in 2010 to about 5,000 now, Marines said. Those numbers will continue to wane as the deployment wears on.

But while Afghan security forces have taken the lead in operations through the province, the threat to U.S. and coalition troops remains. The unit that I MEF

(Forward) replaces in Regional Command-Southwest — has lost nine servicemembers in its year-long deployment — two Marines were killed in combat operations in December alone.

The Marines will be living and working on the base and must keep the entry points and perimeter secure, and be able to anticipate what is going on outside the base so they can fail attacks before they reach the gates, Baumgarten said.

"I find myself constantly thinking back to the line of the 9/11 commission ... something along the lines of, 'a failure of imagination to understand how terrorists could hijack four airplanes, in the United States, simultaneously, and fly them into the Pentagon and the World Trade Center,'" Baumgarten said.

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# BEGINNING OF THE END

## Deploy: Marines face challenge of providing security while retrograding remaining bases

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"What I've talked to my staff about is this failure of imagination. How do we get into the mind of the enemy? Get into his decision-making process, so we're not surprised?"

Lt. Col. Sidney Welch, commander of Combat Logistics Battalion 7, said his unit might help with 1 MEF (Forward)'s retrograde effort in Helmand, as well as provide general logistics support to the unit.

Getting people and gear home from Afghanistan will be a significant challenge that previous Marine units there have not faced, said Col. Patrick Gramuglia, commander of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing's 1 MEF (Forward)'s aviation element. Usually, the Marines only have to bring and take home their personal gear — they leave trucks, MRAPs, planes, computers and other equipment for the next unit.

"Certainly I think it's easier to flow things in than it is to continue to try to do the mission and flow things out," Gramuglia said. "There is an incredible amount of intellectual rigor being put into that problem, both at the wing and at MEF level."

Those decisions will involve choosing the best routes to use to send heavy equipment out of the country, and sending the right gear home at the right time — so the troops at the base at the end of the deployment are not left without the equipment they need.

The Marines will be working more closely with coalition troops than before, as an integrated force, "shoulder to shoulder and joined both at the head and the hip," said Brigadier Rob Thomson, a British Army officer who spoke to Stars and Stripes via email from the United Kingdom. A British brigadier is rank-equivalent to an American brigadier general.

Thomson will be the deputy commander of RC-SW, American Marine Brig. Gen. Daniel Yoo is the commander of 1 MEF (Forward) and will command RC-SW. The unit worked with Thomson and other international officers during its deployment training. The coalition includes members of the military from Great Britain, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia

## ON FOURTH DEPLOYMENT, STILL 'EXCITED'

By JENNIFER Hlad  
STARS AND STRIPES

SAN DIEGO — Sgt. Nathan Burrell was part of the surge of Marines into southwestern Afghanistan in 2009, when Camp Leatherneck was just being built and Burrell's unit was running resupply missions to dozens of forward operating bases and combat outposts throughout Helmand and Nimroz provinces.

Now, Burrell is back, this time planning convoys to bring people and equipment back to Camp Leatherneck from the forward operating bases and combat outposts as part of the Force's retrograde effort (Forward's retrograde effort in Regional Command-Southwest).

In the last year, 223 bases have closed in RC-SW. Just five remain.

Burrell volunteered for the deployment so he could get back to Afghanistan with the last major Marine command to deploy to the country, he told Stars and Stripes via video call from Camp Leatherneck. He also deployed to Iraq twice — in 2006 and 2008, with 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion.

Burrell is headquarters platoon sergeant and assistant operations chief with Headquarters Platoon, Transport Services Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 7. He said he has been excited about every deployment, and is enthusiastic about his current assignment because he has more planning and coordination responsibilities in his unit.

"They are all equally exciting regardless of the amount of times you have deployed," Burrell said.

Burrell said he had always wanted

to join the military, and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — when he was a freshman in high school in Bloomington, Ill. — solidified his decision.

"I came from a very patriotic family, so the idea of serving my country was always something that I looked forward to doing," he said.

One of the biggest challenges Burrell said his unit will face is "retrograding the remaining bases while still dealing with a high risk of attacks," he said. On a personal level, this deployment will be different because it is the first for his wife and two children.

"Obviously the worst part of my job is being away from my family for seven months," he said.

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"They are all equally exciting regardless of the amount of times you have deployed."

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and Denmark, Baumgarten said. Baumgarten, Welch and Gramuglia traveled to Camp Leatherneck earlier for a site survey, which was particularly helpful since each served multiple tours in Iraq but none of the three has deployed to Afghanistan.

Living on and providing security for Camp Leatherneck will be different for many of the infantry Marines than previous tours, when they might have spent the majority of their deployments living and sleeping far from chow halls, coffee shops, phones and computers. Still, Baumgarten and the other leaders have reminded their Marines that "the comforts of Bastion/Leath-erneck can be fleeting."

As the deployment stretches on and more buildings and amenities are shut down, the Marines are likely to be eating meals, ready to eat — MREs (the "comferts of Bastion/Leath-erneck can be fleeting.")

— and living in a more "expeditionary" style than what Marines living at large bases overseas have become accustomed to, the leaders said.

At the same time, service members in the Helmand region must continue to help the Afghan army and police build momentum against the Taliban, Thomson said.

"The Afghan army and police have made really important strides forward — in terms of their capabilities and their capac-

ity — and when I visited in November this year, are very much in the lead in Helmand. We need to help them build institutional resilience," he said.

The unit will help make sure the April presidential elections, and the political transition afterward, go smoothly. That mission, along with the shifting political landscape, makes some of the end goals of the deployment uncertain.

Lt. Gen. John Toolan, commanding general of 1 MEF — the parent unit of 1 MEF (Forward) — said in October that the deploying Marines must remain vigilant, as the war against terrorism will not end when the U.S. leaves Afghanistan. "You are making a difference," Toolan said at 1 MEF (Forward)'s

battle colors ceremony. "It's going to be a tough job."

Baumgarten said the Marines know they will face uncertainty, but will overcome any challenges they face.

"We're good at adapting," he said. "We may not be the world's best planners, but we are among the world's best executors."

And the leaders said they and the Marines they command are looking forward to what will likely be a yearlong tour.

Welch said Marines are "fighting for that opportunity to deploy."

"One of the worst things you can tell a Marine now — it's a lot different than 2007 — is, 'You're not going to deploy,'" he said.

Gramuglia said the men and women of the air wing are eager to leave a good memory of how the Marines have performed in Afghanistan.

"People join the Marine Corps to deploy, and to be able to deploy to combat is even more sought after, as a Marine. Being able to be a part of the history is very exciting," he said. "When I was a squadron commander, we had the only CH-46 squadron in Iraq. I used to tell the Marines, 'Everybody wants to be us right now.' I think that's the same with most Marines. There are 180,000 people in the Marine Corps right now, and everybody wants to be us."

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## NATION

# Obama avoids major changes to NSA practices

By LARA JAKES  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's orders to change some U.S. surveillance practices put the burden on Congress to deal with a national security controversy that has alarmed Americans and has outraged foreign allies. Yet he avoided major action on the practice of sweeping up billions of phone, email and text messages from across the globe.

In a speech at the Justice Department on Friday, Obama said he was placing new limits on the way intelligence officials access phone records from hundreds of millions of Americans — and was moving toward eventually stripping the massive data collection from the government's hands.

His promises to end government storage of its collection of data on Americans' telephone calls — and to require judicial review to examine the data — were met with skepticism from privacy advocates and some lawmakers.

But Obama has made it nearly impossible for reluctant leaders in Congress to avoid making some changes in the U.S. phone surveillance they have supported for years.

Obama admitted that he has

been torn between how to protect privacy rights and how to protect the U.S. from terror attacks — what officials have called the main purpose of the spy programs.

"The challenge is getting the details right, and that is not simple," he said.

His speech had been anticipated since former National Security Agency analyst Edward Snowden made off with an estimated 1.7 million documents related to surveillance and other NSA operations and gave them to several journalists around the world. The revelations in the documents touched off a public debate about whether Americans wanted to give up some privacy in exchange for intelligence-gathering on terror suspects.

The president said his proposals "should give the American people greater confidence that their rights are being protected, even as our intelligence and law enforcement agencies maintain the tools they need to keep us safe."

Obama acknowledged more needs to be done, but he largely left it to Congress to work out the details.

The NSA says it does not listen in on the phone calls or read the Internet messages without specific court orders on a case-by-case



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People demonstrate against the NSA surveillance program Friday outside the Department of Justice in Washington.

basis. But intelligence officials do collect specific information about the calls and messages, such as how long they lasted, to try to track communications of suspected terrorists.

Plans to end the sweep of phone records have been building momentum in Congress among both liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans. Congressional leadership and the chairmen of the intelligence committees who for years have signed off on the programs have opposed dramatic changes.

Obama's order signals that the phone program must be overhauled, and lawmakers called his speech a welcome first step.

"It is now time for Congress

to take the next step by enacting legislation to appropriately limit these programs," said Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., a member of the House Judiciary Committee.

Privacy advocates called Obama's proposal a shell game — by signing the collection to a new, as-of-yet undecided entity instead of ending it outright. They had even sharper criticism for the speech's scant attention to the NSA program that intercepts billions of overseas Internet messages and phone conversations from foreigners each day.

The program, authorized under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, allows the U.S. government to read or listen to the messages and phone calls as

long as they do not target American citizens who live overseas.

Obama said he would seek new restrictions on the government's ability to collect or use the overseas messages that accidentally included messages or phone calls from Americans. But he did not spell out how, nor by when.

Nor did Obama specify any sweeping changes to the so-called 702 program to protect foreigners' privacy, although he did broadly promise to order "the unprecedented step of extending certain protections that we have for the American people to people overseas." He said that would include limiting the time that the U.S. holds the foreign information it collects and restricting its use.

## Reactions to president's speech vary in US, around world

The Associated Press

Reaction from lawmakers, privacy groups, foreign leaders, industry and the intelligence community to President Barack Obama's proposals to change the way U.S. intelligence agencies collect information:

"Because the president has failed to adequately explain the necessity of these programs, the privacy concerns of some Americans are understandable. When considering any reforms, however, keeping Americans safe must remain our top priority. When lives are at stake, the president must not allow politics to cloud his judgment." — **House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.**

"Today President Obama proposed bold and real steps to reform the methods the intelligence community uses to keep us safe.

These proposed reforms will go a long way towards putting the imperatives of national security and personal liberty into an appropriate and sustainable balance." — **Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.**

"We have carefully reviewed this program and have found it to be legal and effective. And for seven months, both the House and Senate intelligence committees have developed legislation to provide additional safeguards on the program, while keeping the data where it is most secure and effective. ... We encourage the White House to send legislation with the president's proposed changes to Congress so they can be fully debated." — **Joint statement from Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers.**

"President Obama's announced solution to the NSA spying controversy is the same unconstitutional program with a new configuration." — **Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.**

"President Obama's speech today left many crucial questions unanswered. Now is the time for Congress to improve how it executes its constitutional oversight duties, to examine certain signals intelligence collection activities and practices, and to ensure that we are fulfilling our obligation to protect both the security of our nation and the freedom of our citizens." — **Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.**

"As intelligence professionals, we have historically preferred to avoid the spotlight, but we know that for the foreseeable future, the public will remain focused on what we do and how we do it. To build on and maintain the trust

of the American people and our international partners, we must embrace the president's call for transparency." — **Director of National Intelligence James Clapper.**

"The president's speech was empathetic, balanced and thoughtful, but insufficient to meet the real needs of our globally connected world and a free Internet." — **Ed Black of the Computer & Communications Industry Association, which represents Google, Microsoft, Facebook and other concerned tech companies.**

"Obama's speech is an important contribution toward restoring the trust we've lost in our close friend and ally in the past months. ... What's particularly welcome is that in future the same rules will apply to citizens of other states as for Americans."

— **Philipp Missfeldt, a senior lawmaker in German Chancellor Angela Merkel's party.**

"Trust in EU-U.S. data flows has been affected by revelations on these intelligence programs and needs to be rebuilt. In recognizing the need for action, President Obama has taken important steps toward rebuilding that trust." — **European Commission spokeswoman Pia Ahrenkilde-Hansen.**

"The president's decision not to end bulk collection and retention of all Americans' data remains highly troubling. The president outlined a process to study the issue further and appears open to alternatives. But the president should end — not mend — the government's collection and retention of all law-abiding Americans' data." — **Anthony Romero, American Civil Liberties Union executive director.**

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NATION

# President signs \$1.1 trillion spending bill

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Friday signed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill that funds the federal government through the end of September.

Obama put his signature on the 1,582-page measure the day

before federal funding was set to run out. The measure calls for less spending than Obama had proposed but more than Republicans sought.

However, lawmakers of both parties were determined to avoid a repeat of the political showdown that caused the 16-day government shutdown in October.

"Across the board, our government is going to be operating without, hopefully, too many glitches over the next year," Obama told budget office employees who attended the bill signing at a conference center near the White House. "And not only is that good for all of you and all the

dedicated public servants in the federal government but, most importantly, it's good for the American people."

"It means that we can focus our attention where we need to, on growing this economy and making sure that everybody gets a fair shot as long as they try," he said.

The compromise measure passed both houses of Congress last week by overwhelming margins.

It funds every agency of the federal government and also scales back automatic across-the-board spending cuts that hit the Pentagon and major domestic programs last year.

## Federal government's clerical workers edge closer to extinction

By LISA REIN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Ginger Davis is a survivor, one of barely five dozen clerical workers left at the Government Printing Office.

Even as her agency has been redefining its mission in an electronic age, Davis has remade herself after 26 years with the federal government, rising from the secretarial ranks to become an executive assistant. When she was offered a job in the human resources office two years ago, she was initially daunted and read every book on executive assistants she could find.

"This is my time to shine," Davis told herself.

Across the federal government, the broad rows of desks where secretaries and clerks once typed at least 40 words a minute have vanished. While automation has been transforming the federal workforce for two generations, that change has now accelerated because of budget cuts, with the government under pressure to keep only the clerical staff it needs. Those who remain have often had to revamp the role they play in this new-work force.

For decades, the steno pool was the face of the modern bureaucracy. The women in polyester suits and neckerchiefs, hair coiffed and fingers flying across the keyboards, came to embody the industry of the postwar public sector.

In 1950, clerical jobs represented three-quarters of the federal workforce. By the mid-1980s, the figure was down to a fifth. Today, these jobs are a mere 4 percent of the workforce of 2.1 million. That amounts to 87,153 people, less than a quarter of them secretaries, according to FedScope, the federal database of workplace statistics. In just the past eight years, the government has shed 40,000 clerical jobs.

At many private companies, secretaries and clerks long ago became relics as the technology revolution spread from the lean start-ups of the IT sector to the broader economy. But in government, clerks and typists held on longer, answering phones outside corner suites, shuffling paper

records, and stashing personnel files in squealing metal cabinets.

Some federal staff members would ride out the changes until they retired, the job security of government work allowing them to stay put even as private industry was shedding thousands of office jobs, especially during the recent recession. Tight federal budgets and the automatic cuts of sequestration, however, have meant that very few clerical workers who leave are replaced.

Now that most Americans file their taxes electronically, the Internal Revenue Service needs fewer clerks to open paper returns. The Federal Aviation Administration has put its accident

**The government's downsizing of its clerical workforce is eliminating what was once a significant source of jobs for those with limited education.**

inspection reports online, so it needs fewer assistants to scan them in. In an age of teleconferencing, the front-office receptionist escorts fewer visitors to the boss.

The downsizing is cementing the government as a bastion of white-collar, increasingly specialized professional work that demands a college degree, eliminating what was once a significant source of jobs for those with limited education. "They're doing away with us," said Elizabeth Lytle, 55, an administrative program assistant for the Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago. As her colleagues have retired, the EPA has looked to part-time contractors to type form letters and handle other clerical tasks, she said.

At the GPO, Davis, 58, has repositioned herself as the right-hand woman to the head of human resources. She's an indispensable, calming presence, her colleagues say, a discreet problem-fixer. She has also learned to manage her boss. Outlook calendar, scan personnel documents and pro-



Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post

Ginger Davis, a member of the federal government's clerical workforce for 26 years, keeps some antiquated tools at her desk at the Government Printing Office in Washington, such as rubber stamps, as reminders of the past.

cess the department's electronic timecards.

The data-processing bureaucracy started to grow during the Civil War. To pay for the war, the government began printing greenbacks for the first time, and the new notes had to be cut and counted. The Treasury Department turned to an untapped labor pool that would work for less than the going wage: women.

By the 1950s, secretaries were typing, filing, taking dictation, answering phones and opening mail in just about every American business and government office. The jobs were a woman's ticket into the workforce.

But a milestone came in 1997, when for the first time the number of higher-paid employees, GS-9 and above, outnumbered lower-paid ones such as most secretaries and clerks, GS-8 and below.

Today, almost 70 percent of these lower-ranking workers are women, government data show. One in three have been in their jobs between 10 and 24 years. Almost two out of three are 40 or older.

Not all of the remaining clerical staff members are mere vestiges. Some have kept pace with a workplace that demands more specialized tasks than ever. Instead of taking dictation with shorthand, they load presentations into PowerPoint. Instead of typing and



Courtesy of the U.S. Government Printing Office

At one time, the majority of federal employees were clerical workers, such as these GPO clerks in 1969. The federal government now has just 4 percent of its workforce in clerical jobs, and less than a quarter of those are secretaries.

faxing, they scan documents into a computer — although the 40-word-per-minute requirement still applies for clerical job applicants. And instead of supporting one executive in the C-suite, they work for five. Or for 50, as at the General Services Administration, where one assistant works for the entire executive staff.

"I'm prioritizing resources," said GSA Administrator Dan Tangherlini, who answers his own phone, responds to email di-

rectly from his iPhone and schedules many of his meetings.

In some corners of the government, though, traditional clerical work is holding on.

At the Department of Veterans Affairs, for instance, clerical employees are working to tackle the agency's backlog of disability claims, many filed on paper. Others work in medical support, gathering patient records, making appointments and providing forms.

## NATION

## W.Va. firm files for protection after spill

By JONATHAN MATTISSE  
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The company blamed for a chemical spill that left 300,000 West Virginians without safe drinking water filed for bankruptcy Friday, temporarily shielding it from dozens of lawsuits, many by businesses that were forced to shut down for days. Freedom Industries Inc. also used its bankruptcy papers as a forum to hypothesize about what caused the spill.

The company filed a Chapter 11 petition in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of West Virginia eight days after the spill was discovered.

Company president Gary Southren signed the paperwork, which lists both the company's assets and liabilities as being worth \$1 million and \$10 million. It says the company has at least 200 creditors and owes its top 20 creditors \$3.66 million.

The bankruptcy proceedings temporarily halt the lawsuits against Freedom Industries, said Charleston attorney Anthony Majestro, who is representing several small businesses that sued the company. Majestro said his clients are weighing an option to petition the court to proceed in hopes of collecting on Freedom's insurance policy. It depends on the company's level of coverage, Majestro said.

Matt Ballard, president of the local business group Charleston Area Alliance, said he couldn't put a number on how much money businesses had lost.

The bankruptcy filing doesn't stall lawsuits against other parties targeted in the spill, said Washington attorney H. Jason Gold, a bankruptcy expert who is not involved in the pending lawsuits. Nor does it court against Freedom Industries from its responsibility to rectify environmental damage caused by the spill, said Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Tom Aluise.

Some of the lawsuits in Kanawha County Circuit Court against Freedom Industries are named West Virginia American Water Company and Eastman Chemical, the producer of the coal-chemical chemical that spilled.

Mark E. Friedlander, an attorney with the law firm representing Freedom Industries, said in a statement Friday that "the petition and related pleadings speak for themselves."

In the documents, Freedom Industries also gives a possible explanation for what caused the spill. The cause was "driving a nearby water line burst during recent frigid temperatures, the ground beneath a storage tank froze, and some kind of object punctured a hole in the tank's side, causing it to leak. The document says it is presently hypothesized that this is what caused the leak.



Jan C. Hong/AP

A firefighter clears brush as he battles the Colby Fire on Friday near Azusa, Calif.

## Los Angeles-area fire wanes

### Dangerous conditions remain as weather extremely dry

The Associated Press

GLENDORA, Calif. — A wildfire in the suburbs of Los Angeles was a smoldering shadow of its former self, but hundreds of residents of a foothill neighborhood remained evacuated and extremely dangerous fire conditions were expected to last well into Saturday.

Another wave of evacuees returned Friday evening to their homes, this time in Azusa, 25 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, a day after their neighbors in Glendora did the same. But one Azusa neighborhood known as Mountain Cove remained too close to the remaining fire, so its residents would have to spend another night away, Los Angeles County emergency officials said.

Flare-ups occurred within the burn area of about 3 square miles

but none escaped the perimeter, said Mike Wakowski, commander of the multiagency firefighting force. Containment was estimated at 30 percent.

"Things are progressing nicely," Wakowski said. "It's looking pretty good."

The fire erupted early Thursday in the Angeles National Forest when Santa Ana winds hit a campfire that authorities said was recklessly set by three men. Gusts quickly spread flames from the San Gabriel Mountains into Glendora and Azusa, where some 3,700 people had to evacuate at the fire's peak.

Five homes were destroyed and 17 other houses, garages and structures were damaged, according to early assessments.

Red flag warnings of critical danger due to the combination of the winds, extremely low humidity

and extraordinarily dry vegetation were repeatedly extended last week. The National Weather Service said some warnings expired Friday evening but others would remain for mountain areas until 6 p.m. Saturday.

"The conditions are still extreme out there," said Tom Contreras, supervisor of the Angeles National Forest.

The state is in a period of extended dry weather compounded in Southern California by repeated periods of the regional Santa Anas — dry and powerful winds that blow from the interior toward the coast, pushing back the normal flow of moist ocean air and raising temperatures to summer-like levels.

The dry conditions statewide led Gov. Jerry Brown to formally declare a drought Friday in order to seek a range of federal assistance.

## More challenges likely after Google Glass win

By JULIE WATSON  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A California woman believed to be the first person cited for wearing Google Glass while driving won her case, but legal experts say it marks only the beginning of what they predict will be numerous court battles fought in the gap between today's laws and fast-arriving technology.

Cecilia Abadie was found not guilty Thursday after being cited for wearing the computer-in-eye-glass device while driving because San Diego County Traffic Court Commissioner John Blair said there was no proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the device was operating while she was driving. But Blair stopped short of rul-

ing that it is legal to drive while Google Glass is activated.

Abadie was cited under a code banning operation of a video or TV screen at the front of a vehicle that is moving. Blair said the code's language is broad enough that it could also apply to Google Glass if there were evidence the device was activated while the motorist was driving.

But Abadie, who wore the device around her neck during her trial, insisted afterward that the screen is above her line of vision, its functions can be activated with her voice or a wink, and it is not a distraction even when activated.

"I'm recording a video of all this," she told reporters outside the courthouse as she answered

questions without skipping a beat. "Do you feel like I'm not paying attention to you?"

Vivek Wadhwa, a fellow at Stanford Law School, said the lower court ruling does not set a legal precedent but marks the start of what he expects will be a number of similar challenges.

"The fun is just starting," he said.

From driverless cars to wearable devices that can enhance human functions, Wadhwa said, there are a host of legal questions to be answered. For example, when a Google-operated car is on the road and hits someone, who is responsible — the passenger, car manufacturer or software developer?

## Top court to consider cellphone searches

By ROBERT BARNES  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will take the next step in applying traditional notions of privacy to emerging advances in technology, announcing Friday it will consider whether police need a warrant to search the contents of a cellphone they seize when making an arrest. Government officials contend cellphones are no different than other items that the court over the years has said police may search when they find them on the individuals they arrest.

But defendants and privacy groups say many cellphones contain a wealth of information that traditionally has been off-limits. In one of the cases the court accepted, a federal appeals judge said they contain a vast array of information that traditionally has been kept in the home: "photographs, videos, written and audio messages (text, email and voice-mail), contacts, calendar appointments, web search and browsing history, purchases and financial and medical records."

The court accepted two Supreme Court precedents about the constitutional protection from unreasonable searches to modern technology, lower courts are deeply split.

"At least six courts hold that the Fourth Amendment permits such searches, while at least three others hold that it does not," wrote Jeffrey Fisher, a Stanford Law School professor representing a California man who successfully sought the court's review.

The court accepted two cases with different technologies. One involves a Massachusetts man's old-style flip phone, while the California defendant was carrying a Samsung Instinct M7800 smartphone.

Coming on a day when President Barack Obama addressed concerns about the government's ability to gather massive amounts of surveillance data, the court's announcement underscored how technological advances are causing the justices to look anew at issues.

The court decided last year that technology made it easier — and, thus, usually made it required — for police to obtain warrants to test the blood of suspected drunk drivers. And it went a long way toward digital sampling as the modern-day equivalent of fingerprinting.

Lower courts are still struggling with other questions, such as whether the government needs a warrant to obtain cellphone location data from telecommunications carriers.

But searches of cellphones found on those arrested already has split the country.

The court will hear oral arguments in the two cases, Riley v. California and U.S. v. Wurie, in April.

NATION

# Footnote to murder plot: \$50K repair bill

By Tom Hays

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joseph Romano was once a wealthy swindler who had a taste for vintage cars — a 1957 Chevy, a 1968 Camaro, a 1967 Impala — and a hefty bill with a mechanic that he wasn't paying.

A dispute over that bill has become a strange footnote to an ongoing trial in which Romano is accused in a failed plot to mutilate and kill a prosecutor and a judge.

Federal prosecutors in New York allege that Romano also sought to hire someone to assault the Long Island mechanic, Nicholas Pittas, as payback for having the Camaro seized from his home on a flatbed. Undercover investigators ended up staging a photo to make it look like Pittas had been knocked out in a beat-down.

"That's a picture of me laying next to the trailer that's on the side of our building," Pittas told jurors this week in testimony that provided a lesson in both the mechanics of cars and of an FBI sting.

Lawyers for Romano, who has pleaded not guilty to attempted-murder charges, say he was entrapped and that no one was ever in real danger. His trial resumes Tuesday with closing arguments.

Romano, 50, met Pittas in 2008 while he was making a fortune with a boiler-room operation that cheated elderly investors in a collectible-coin scheme. He hired the 39-year-old Pittas, who a year earlier had opened a custom auto shop with his father, to care for his car collection.

The '57 Chevrolet and the Camaro came and went, but the Impala was always at our shop," Pittas testified. "It was a bigger job."

Romano gave the go-ahead for a complete — and expensive



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This 2012 photo presented as evidence in the trial of Joseph Romano was staged by undercover investigators to make it look like Romano's car mechanic had been assaulted at his Long Island shop in Deer Park, N.Y.

— restoration of the Impala.

"Basically, every nut and bolt was removed, refurbished," Pittas said. "The body was taken off the chassis, engine, transmission — all rebuilt."

By 2010, parts and labor had reached \$50,000, he said. When it wasn't paid, the shop placed a lien on the Camaro and took possession of it.

Following Romano's arrest in the coin scam, his business partner showed up at the shop to tell Pittas that Romano wanted the Camaro back. The exchange ended with the mechanic telling the partner that if he covered the costs for both the Impala and the Camaro, "We'd gladly get rid of them."

In the summer of 2012, investigators learned through a jailhouse snitch that Romano wanted to avenge his 15-year sentence and \$7 million forfeiture in the fraud case by having the judge and prosecutor killed by decapitation.

An undercover agent wearing a wire and posing as a professional hit man named Bobby Russo visited Romano, who, as a test, first asked him to assault Pittas for \$3,000 and told him more work would follow, authorities said. He also wanted proof that the job was done.

"I have one to start. Stole two cars from me," Romano said in the recorded conversation, referring to Pittas.

"Beat him up? Smack him up?" the undercover asked.

"Beat him."

"Bad?"

Shortly after, an FBI agent showed at Pittas' shop and told him about the threat. The agent also had an unusual request: He wanted Pittas to lie down on the ground for a photo and also to give him a piece of identification.

The FBI provided Pittas bandages and a brace to wear afterward "to make it look like I was assaulted," he testified.

The undercover agent turned over the photo and identification — Pittas' body damage estimator's license — to Romano's business partner. The partner showed both to Romano while visiting him in jail, authorities said.

Romano was satisfied enough to send word to the undercover that he would pay \$40,000 to kill the judge and the prosecutor, authorities said. This time, prosecutors say, more gruesome proof was demanded: the heads of both preserved in formaldehyde.

He was charged before the suspected plot could go any further.

# New subpoenas seek to unravel NJ bridge scandal

By ANGELA DELLI SANTI

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Twenty new subpoenas issued in a traffic-jam scandal that has shaken Republican Gov. Chris Christie's administration and threatens to undermine any presidential ambitions reach deep into his office and his re-election campaign but spare him.

Christie's chief of staff, chief counsel and top communications strategist are among those being compelled to produce emails and text messages related to an apparent political payback scheme to cause massive traffic jams last fall by closing local access lanes to the George Washington Bridge, one of the world's busiest.

Christie's two-time campaign manager and regional political director also were subpoenaed, as were three people close to Christie whom he appointed to the powerful bistate agency that oversees the bridge. Two of them have resigned because of the scandal.

The subpoenas seek text messages and emails that could shed light on the traffic jams plan. Some people who are being asked to turn over the documents by early next month could be called to testify.

Christie has apologized for the traffic jams and said they blindsided him. He has called his staff's behavior "stupid."

Christie is not a target of the investigation, said Democratic Assemblyman John Wisniewski, who is heading the probe, one of several looking at the traffic jams.

"What we're really looking at is the why," Wisniewski said. "We know who sent out the request to close those lanes. We know who received it. We don't know why it was sent. We don't know who gave

that person authorization to send it. We don't know why she felt empowered to send it."

The scandal broke weeks open last week with the release of documents showing that a top Christie aide, Bridget Kelly, sent an email in mid-August saying "time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee," the town at the base of the bridge. The governor's No. 2 man at the transit agency, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, replied, "got it."

That appointee, David Wildstein, watched about three weeks later as two of three approach lanes to the bridge were blocked off in Fort Lee, backing up local traffic into town for four days. It appears the plot may have been carried out to settle a political score, possibly against Fort Lee's mayor, a Democrat who declined to endorse Christie.

The investigation into the lane closings threatens to upend Christie's second term, which starts with an inauguration set for Tuesday. Four members of his circle, including Wildstein, a friend since high school, have lost their jobs.

Wildstein lawyer Alan Zegas said Friday that his client is ready to testify if he is granted immunity from prosecution by the U.S. attorney's office, which is reviewing the matter. Wildstein refused to answer questions when called before the legislative panel, invoking his right against self-incrimination.

"If he has immunity from the relevant entities, he'll talk," Zegas said.

Wildstein supplied investigating lawmakers with the most damning documents in the case, including the email he got from Kelly giving the go-ahead for the lane closings.

# 2 students injured in shooting at Philadelphia high school

The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Two 15-year-old students were wounded Friday in what may have been an accidental shooting inside a charter high school in the Logan neighborhood of Philadelphia, police said.

One of the victims, a girl who was shot through the arm, was treated at Einstein Medical Center, just blocks away from Delaware Valley Charter High School, where the shooting occurred. She was released from the hospital later in the day.

The second victim, her boyfriend, was struck by the same bullet, which lodged in his shoulder, police said. He remained at the hospital Friday night.

The shooting, which sent parents scrambling

to find out if their children were safe, came two days after a 17-year-old boy was arrested for bringing a loaded handgun to a West Philadelphia charter school.

A boy who was originally a suspect and was detained by police near his South Philadelphia home was later cleared, said Police Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey.

Another suspect, a student, turned himself in at Northwest Detectives, and a third boy from the school was still being sought, Ramsey said.

A high-ranking law enforcement source said the shooting might have been accidental.

It took place just before 3:30 p.m. in the gym at Delaware Valley Charter High.

Roughly seven students were in the gym

at the time of the incident, though no class was taking place. Then, Ramsey said, a gun was discharged by one of the students. The student then fled the building, Ramsey said.

A law enforcement source said the student had pulled the gun out of a book bag when the shooting occurred.

"It appears they might have been playing with it," the source said.

Ramsey said it was unclear how many shots had been fired.

"In this day and age, one of the first things you think about is an active shooter," Ramsey said. "This one worked out for us."

Ramsey said he did not know if the charter school had metal detectors, but "clearly

the gun got in, so there was a breakdown of security."

Citing the most recent incident of gun violence, at a school in Roswell, N.M., Ramsey said it was "becoming far too common."

"The one place that should be safe and secure is a school," he said.

Agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives joined the investigation and were at the school Friday evening.

Many students had already been dismissed when the shooting occurred.

The remaining students were placed in lockdown until it was clear there was no active shooter and the building had been thoroughly searched.

NATION

# Westminster dog show adds mixed-breed event

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Long the province of the purebred, the Westminster Kennel Club dog show is opening a doggie door this year to mixed-breed competitors.

While Labradoodles, puggles and who-knows-whats won't be able to vie for the prestigious Best in Show award, they'll be included in its new agility trial.

It's a notable embrace for the nation's premier canine event, which also is adding three breeds at next month's show: the Chinook, the Portuguese podengo pequeno and the rat terrier. No mixed-breed dogs have appeared anywhere at Westminster since the 138-year-old event's early days, organizers said at a news conference Wednesday.

But this year, Alfie — part poodle, part terrier — will be among the dogs weaving around poles, walking up a plank and springing over jumps on the agility course.

Alfie's background isn't rarefied. Owner Irene Palmerini spotted him in a mall pet store marked down to \$99. She wasn't planning to get a dog, but she felt for the curly haired, black-and-white puppy and took him home to Toms River, N.J.

He proved to have more energy than even 4-mile daily walks could absorb, and agility training provided an outlet. About seven years later, Palmerini is thrilled that Alfie will be among the mixed breeds — or "all-American" dogs, in Westminster parlance — going up against purebred competitors at the elite event.

"I didn't breed this dog to do agility. He's just my pet," Palmerini said.

"[Agility] is just about performance. It doesn't matter what your dog looks like. It doesn't matter who their mother or father was."

The pros and cons of pedigreed and mixed-breed animals have long been a sensitive subject in dogdom; animal rights activists have protested Westminster itself. They see dog breeding as an unhealthy exercise in genetic engineering and say it's insensitive to breed dogs while others languish in shelters. Purebred enthusiasts, meanwhile, consider breeding a way to develop and preserve different traits and help people select a compatible pet.

Westminster leaders say the show is a celebration of all dogs and that they're pleased to make a place for mixed breeds in a fast-growing canine pursuit.



SETH WENIG/AP

Alfie, a mixed breed, demonstrates his mastery of an agility test during a news conference in New York on Wednesday. The three mixed-breed newcomers to next month's Westminster Kennel Club show are the Portuguese podengo pequeno; a rat terrier, like Alfie; and the Chinook.

# Scientist offers guidance on surviving a nuclear explosion

By JOHN BOHANON  
Science/AAAS

It begins with a flash brighter than the sun. Trees, fences and people immediately catch fire. The only reason you survive is because you run inside and dive into the cast-iron tub just as the shock wave arrives. You stumble to your knapsack front door and look out on the burning ruin of your neighborhood. The deadly radioactive fallout is on its way.

Should you stay in your wobbling house or run across town to the public library or shelter in its basement? A new mathematical model may have the answer.

The model is the brainchild of Michael Dillon, an atmospheric scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. He started exploring the topic about five years ago after the U.S. government called for more research on nuclear shelters. Curious about his work, his family asked him what they should do if they saw a mushroom cloud.

"I realized that I really didn't have a great answer," he said.

The official U.S. government advice is to "take shelter in the nearest and most protective building." For most people, that would be the basement of their home.

But, Dillon said, "Out in California, there just are not that many basements," offering little protection from fallout. For those people, the official recommendations suggest "early transit" to find better shelter, ideally one with thick layers of concrete over your head and plenty of food and water. But if you spend two more time outside in the fallout, you're toast.

During the Cold War, scientists modeled almost every imaginable consequence of a nuclear explosion. But Dillon found a gap in the sheltering strategies for people far enough from ground zero to survive the initial blast but close enough to face deadly fallout. He focused on a single, low-yield nuclear detonation like those that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The world's nuclear arsenal has grown far more powerful — today's warheads can annihilate an entire city — but security experts believe that low-yield

**For low-yield nuclear bombs — which are the kind most likely to be used by terrorists — you can do far better than just sheltering in place, but you'll need a watch and a good knowledge of your surroundings.**

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The hard part was figuring out what variables matter for fallout survival. The rest was calculus. The longer you stay outside, the higher your radiation dose, but the environmental radiation intensity also decreases over time. So your total dose is a function of when you step outside, your distance from the detonation, how long you run before you reach better shelter and how much shielding you get from the local environment while you're out there.

Dillon simplified the calculation by assuming that you are totally exposed while running to safer shelter; he also ignored complexities such as limited shelter capacities. In the end, the math boiled down to a single critical number: the ratio of the time you spend hunkering down in your first shelter to the time you spend moving to the high-quality shelter. Then Dillon worked out what would happen with a variety of shelter options and transit times.

The results surprised him. For low-yield nuclear detonations, you can do far bet-

ter than just sheltering in place, but you'll need a watch and good knowledge of your surroundings.

If your current shelter is poor, and higher quality shelter is less than five minutes away, the model suggests that you should run there as soon as you can. If you have poor shelter but higher quality shelter is available farther away, you should get to that high-quality shelter no later than 30 minutes after detonation.

Depending on the size of the city, if everyone follows this advice, it could save between 10,000 and 100,000 lives, Dillon reported online last week in the Proceedings of the Royal Society A.

Not everyone is convinced, however.

"I disagree with the conclusions," said Lawrence Wein, an operations research scientist at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. "He fails to account for several important issues that are vitally important for policy recommendations."

Anyone heading out into the apocalyptic wasteland will have no idea how long the transit time will really be. Because of this uncertainty, he said, the official U.S. government recommendation is "to shelter for at least 12 hours" after the blast.

Wein also worries about "the collective behavior problem." In the wake of the Three Mile Island nuclear disaster, a few thousand people were told to evacuate, and nearly 200,000 people took to the streets.

"The model is assuming that you have each person on puppet strings and can dictate their actions," Wein said. "This is simply not going to be the case in the aftermath."

But that criticism misses the point, said Norman Coleman, a public health researcher at the U.S. National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. "As someone working with government and state and local planners, we find models extraordinarily useful to help us develop concepts of operations," he said.

For example, knowing how long the window of opportunity is for people to reach better shelter can help rank evacuation plans. At the very least, Coleman said, Dillon's model reveals what is "possible to do and what is not likely to be useful."

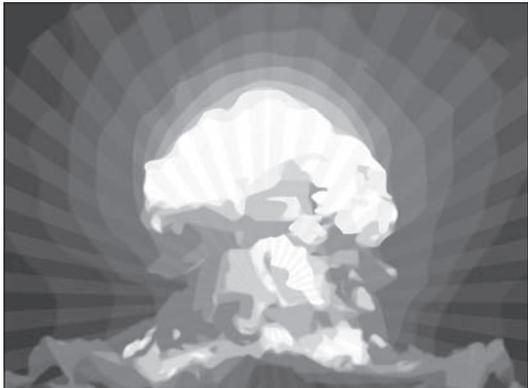


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WORLD

# Hundreds of priests defrocked in 2 years

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — In his last two years as pope, Benedict XVI defrocked nearly 400 priests for raping and molesting children, more than twice as many as the two years that preceded a 2010 explosion of sex abuse cases in Europe and beyond, according to a document obtained Friday by The Associated Press and an analysis of Vatican statistics.

The data — 260 priests defrocked in 2011 and 124 in 2012, a total of 384 — represented a dramatic increase over the 171 priests defrocked in 2008 and 2009.

It was the first compilation of the number of priests forcibly removed for sex abuse by the Vatican's in-house procedures — and a canon lawyer said the real figure is likely far higher, since the numbers don't include sentences meted out by diocesan courts.

The spike started a year after the Vatican decided to double the statute of limitations, enabling victims who were in their late 30s to file abuse complaints against them when they were children.

The Vatican has made some data public in its annual reports. But an internal Vatican document prepared to help the Holy See defend itself before a U.N. committee last week compiled statistics over the course of several years. Analysis of the raw data cited in that document, which was obtained by the AP, confirmed the figures.

Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican's U.N. ambassador in Geneva, referred to just one of the statistics in the course of eight hours of questioning Thursday from the U.N. human rights committee. He said 418 new child sex abuse cases were reported to the Vatican in 2012.

The Vatican's annual report contains a wealth of information about the activities of its various offices. Although public, the reports are not readily available or sold outside Rome.

In recent years, the church has had its own in-house procedures to deal with priests who sexually abuse children. The maximum penalty for a priest convicted by a church tribunal is essentially losing his job. There are no jail terms allowed to prevent an offender from raping again.

A total of 555 priests were defrocked from 2008 to 2012, according to the Vatican figures, though data from 2010 was not included.

The Rev. David Cio, a canon lawyer at Rome's Pontifical Holy Cross University who has helped prosecute abuse cases for the Vatican, said the real number may be far higher. The reason? The figures in the Vatican's annual report only reflect the outcome of cases sent to the pope.



RAJANISH KARADE/AP

Indian Muslims join the funeral procession Saturday of Muslim spiritual leader Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin in Mumbai. More than a dozen people were killed in a stampede early Saturday as tens of thousands of people gathered to mourn Burhanuddin, police said.

# Mourners die in India stampede

The Associated Press

MUMBAI, India — A pre-dawn stampede killed 18 people Saturday as tens of thousands of people gathered to mourn the death of a Muslim spiritual leader in India's financial capital, police said.

At least 40 other people were injured in the stampede when mourners thronged the home of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, the head of the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim community, Mumbai Police Commissioner Satya Pal Singh said.

Burhanuddin died Friday at the age of 102.

Thousands of white-clad mourners had thronged the streets of Malabar Hill, an upmarket neighborhood in south Mumbai. Many were wailing and crying as they inched forward through the narrow road.

Singh said the stampede occurred when the gates leading to the spiritual leader's house were closed at about 1 a.m. The crowds surged forward, with many people getting crushed near the gates and with no way to escape.

Singh acknowledged that crowd management around the Syedna's home was poor and said police at the scene were badly outnumbered by the huge number of mourners.

"We didn't think the crowd would be so great," Singh said. "Also, it's an emotional occasion when police cannot take harsh measures to push back the crowd."

Burhanuddin had succeeded his father in 1965 and led the community for nearly five decades. He was well known as a promoter of education and spiritual values

in his community.

Tens of thousands of Dawoodi Bohra Muslims from all over India and several other countries headed to Mumbai for his funeral later Saturday.

Across Mumbai, shops and businesses owned by Bohra Muslims were closed Saturday in homage to their leader.

Deadly stampedes are fairly common during India's often-chaitic religious gatherings and festivals, where large crowds gather in small areas with few safety or crowd control measures.

In October, more than 110 people were killed in a stampede at a Hindu festival in Madhya Pradesh state in central India. More than 220 people were killed in a 2008 stampede at the Chamunda Devi Hindu temple inside Jodhpur's picturesque Mehrangarh Fort.

# Egypt says 98.1 percent of voters OK constitution

The Associated Press

CAIRO — Voters overwhelmingly supported Egypt's military-backed constitution in a two-day election, with 98.1 percent supporting it in the first vote since a coup toppled the country's president, the election commission said Saturday.

The election was seen as key to legitimizing its military-backed interim government and wasn't a surprise, as authorities lobbied the public extensively to support it. But the turnout, only slightly higher than a referendum last year sponsored by the government of toppled Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, suggests a nation that is still deeply divided.

Egypt's High Election Commission said 38.6 percent of the country's more than 53 million eligible voters took part in the two-day poll Tuesday and Wednesday. Judge Nabil Salib, who heads the commission, said 20.6 million voters cast ballots, with some 20.3 million votes counted after eliminating those voided.

This is the first vote since the military removed Morsi following massive protests in July. Officials view the vote as key to legitimizing the country's military-backed interim government and its plan for parliamentary and presidential elections.

Morsi's supporters and his outlawed Muslim Brotherhood group boycotted the vote and have alleged the results were forged. The Brotherhood has vowed to keep up their near-daily protests.

Activists and monitoring groups have raised concerns over the atmosphere in which voting took place, with U.S.-based Democracy International saying that "arrests and detention of dissenting voices" took place ahead of the poll.

In the lead up to the vote, police arrested those campaigning for a "no" vote on the referendum.

# Syria suggests cease-fire, prisoner swap

By ZEINA KARAM AND LAURA MILLS  
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria's top diplomat said Friday his country is prepared to implement a cease-fire in the shattered city of Aleppo and exchange detainees with opposition forces as a confidence-building measure before a peace conference opens this week in Switzerland.

Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem told journalists about the cease-fire plan after meeting in Moscow with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov. He did not divulge details of the plan, which would contain "measures to ensure security" in Aleppo, Syria's largest city.

A member of the opposition dismissed the overture as "last-minute maneuvering" by the Syrian government to please Russia, its main ally in the international community and a sponsor of the conference to halt the civil war. "As a result of our confidence in the Russian position and its role in stopping the Syrian

bloodshed, today I submitted to Minister Lavrov a plan for security arrangements that have to do with the city of Aleppo," al-Moallem said. "I asked him to make necessary arrangements to guarantee its implementation and specify the zero hour for military operations to cease."

The comments came as Syria's main Western-backed opposition group, the Syrian National Coalition, was scheduled to meet in Istanbul later Friday to decide whether to participate in the peace talks.

The opposition has remained adamant that the ouster of Syrian President Bashar Assad is a condition for any deal, and al-Moallem's overtures in Moscow appeared to be an attempt to coax the group into attending the talks.

The opposition has accused the government of renegeing on promises in the past and declaring cease-fires only to buy time.

Haitham al-Maleh, a senior member of the coalition, said the coalition was inclined to vote in favor of participating in the Geneva talks.

"We are not obliged to stay there forever. If we find any deviation in the negotiations, we'll withdraw... We'll find a way to say 'goodbye' since it's an issue where there can be no bargaining," he told The Associated Press in Istanbul.

The meeting between the Russian and Syrian sides was part of a final diplomatic push ahead of the peace conference that has been dubbed Geneva 2, which opens Wednesday in Montreux, Switzerland.

But prospects for the talks — the first between the warring sides in Syria since the start of the conflict — are dim, because each party shows no inclination for compromise.

A cease-fire and a prisoner exchange have been key demands of the opposition for the planned talks. But it was unclear whether al-Moallem's announcement would sway the opposition meeting in Istanbul, which is deeply skeptical of any government overtures.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## White Castle slider called 'most influential'

**OH** COLUMBUS — Time magazine said White Castle's small, square "sliders" are "the most influential burger of all time."

The magazine noted the "now-iconic square patty" that debuted in 1921 in Wichita, Kan., was the first burger to spawn a fast-food empire. White Castle has been based in Columbus since 1934.

The Time story put the White Castle burger at the top of the list of the 17 most influential burgers of all time, beating out burgers from McDonald's and In-N-Out.

White Castle vice president Jamie Richardson told The Columbus Dispatch that "slider" has been a term of endearment for the delectable little burgers since the 1950s.

## Pigskin-picking camel dies before Super Bowl

**NJ** LACEY TOWNSHIP — New Jersey's pigskin-prognosticating camel has died just weeks before the state is set to host its first Super Bowl.

Princess was a fixture at the Popcorn Park Zoo in Lacey Township for 10 years and gained fame for picking winners.

Zoo manager John Bergmann told the Asbury Park Press that the Bactrian camel, 26, was euthanized after arthritis made it impossible for her to stand.

Princess made her picks with graham crackers. Bergmann would hold one in each hand, marked with the names of the competing teams. Whichever hand she chose was her prediction.

Princess correctly picked the Baltimore Ravens in last year's Super Bowl. Her best run came in the 2008 season, when she picked 17 of 22 games correctly, including the Pittsburgh Steelers to win Super Bowl XLIII.

## Man propositions women with cheese

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia police have arrested a man they believe used Swiss cheese to sexually proposition unsuspecting women.

The suspect, identified by authorities as Christopher Pagano, 41, was arrested at his Norristown home Thursday.

Investigators suspect Pagano is the man who reportedly drove up to women on several occasions and offered them money to put cheese on his genitals and perform a lewd act.

The story went viral after a Philadelphia neighborhood watch group posted a blurry cellphone picture on its Facebook page of a man in a hoodie holding up what appears to be cheese. The group dubbed him the "Swiss Cheese Pervert."

## Inmate seeking sex change gets parole

**VA** RICHMOND — A Virginia prison inmate who's suing the state to finance a sex-change operation has been granted parole.

Parole Board chairman William Muse said Thursday

## THE CENSUS

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The new number on an Interstate 70 mile marker in Colorado. The "MILE 420" sign near Stratton was again stolen sometime in the last year, and Department of Transportation officials replaced it with the new sign to deter future thefts. Ford said it's the only 420 sign to be replaced in the state, which recently legalized recreational marijuana. The number 420 has long been associated with pot.

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MIKE GROLL/AP

## Taking the scenic route

A dogsled team pulls passengers on a scenic ride across Mirror Lake on Friday in Lake Placid, N.Y. There was a 50 percent chance of snowfall in the Lake Placid area heading into the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

that the board approved Ophelia De'Lonta's release last month. De'Lonta remains in custody at Buckingham Correctional Center pending approval of her parole plan, which Muse said can take 45 days or longer.

De'Lonta was born Michael A. Stokes and has served 34 years of a 73-year sentence for robbery. She has been diagnosed with gender identity disorder. Her desire for a sex change operation has prompted several attempts at self-castration.

Muse said the lawsuit had no bearing on the parole decision.

## Bank robber caught 1 minute after crime

**MO** WENTZVILLE — Authorities said the man who robbed an eastern Missouri bank got away with it — for about a minute.

Prosecutors have charged Robert Lascelle, 43, of Warrenton with second-degree robbery for a crime that happened Wednesday in Wentzville.

Police said Lascelle approached a teller at the Bank of Old Monroe and demanded money — all of it. The teller gave the robber the money and pulled a bank alarm.

Lascelle ran away but was stopped by officers responding to the alarm. Authorities recovered money but didn't say how much.

## Poker blogger gets probation for theft

**CT** MASHANTUCKET — A poker blogger was sentenced to a probation program for stealing nearly \$700 at a Connecticut casino by using chopsticks to pull cash out of a hole in a card dealer's locked tip box.

Jay Newnum, 41, of Fishers, Ind., returned the money stolen from Foxwoods Resort Casino after a poker tournament in December and was granted accelerated rehabilitation, a state court program that allows the charges to be erased if he successfully completes probation. The Day of New London reported.

Newnum was arrested on a mis-

demeanor larceny charge Dec. 16 after the Mega Stack Challenge \$600 no-limit Texas Hold'em tournament, but Connecticut State Police didn't release information about the arrest until Thursday. Police said Newnum was caught "fishing" cash out of the tip box.

## Woman gets prison for false rape accusation

**MI** PORT HURON — A judge sentenced a "tormented and disturbed" Michigan woman to at least five years in prison Friday for falsely accusing two men of rape, a punishment that came just days after she pleaded no contest to a cancer scam in a separate case that also challenged her credibility.

St. Clair County Judge Daniel Kelly exceeded the guidelines, saying it would be a "travesty of justice" to sentence Sara Ylen to less.

In December, Ylen, 38, was convicted of making up a story about two men attacking her at

her Lexington home 80 miles northeast of Detroit. The jury also convicted her of tampering with evidence by using makeup to create what looked like bruises.

## Police arrest man on dogfighting charges

**NY** MINEOLA — A Long Island man is facing up to a year in prison after he was arrested on dogfighting charges.

Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice said Hector Hernandez, 26, was arrested Thursday after investigators found eight pit bulls in cages at his West Hempstead home. Prosecutors said the dogs were living in substandard conditions and that two of the dogs were malnourished and had fresh bite marks.

Prosecutors said the investigators also found heavy restraint chains and a treadmill that had been modified with a wooden frame and dog tether.

Hernandez was arraigned on Friday.

From wire reports

NATION

# 'I have anxiety if I don't have it on'

## More police now sporting cameras on their bodies

By JESSICA ANDERSON  
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Officer Aaron Waddell pulled over a gray Dodge Caravan on Route 198 in Laurel, Md., and asked the driver for his license and registration. Waddell told the man why he stopped him — a suspected seat belt violation — and added, “Just to let you know, you’re being recorded.”

Such warnings could become more common as police across Maryland consider following Laurel’s lead and equipping officers with small video cameras to record public interactions — part of an effort to limit complaints. Even the most mundane traffic stop can devolve into a dispute, and supporters say a recording can guard all sides from unfounded allegations.

But the new technology — now under consideration by the Baltimore Police Department and the Maryland State Police — also has proved difficult to reconcile with concerns about privacy and consent.

Though civil-rights advocates agree that video cameras can improve accountability, the American Civil Liberties Union cautioned recently that without proper oversight they could become “yet another system for routine surveillance.” And some officers question whether the cameras will sour relations with the public.

In Laurel, where police began rolling out cameras last year at a cost of \$2,000 apiece, some in the department initially were reluctant to submit to the near-constant recording. Now, though, Waddell can’t imagine working without his camera. A pen-size device worn on sunglasses or a headband.

“I have anxiety if I don’t have it on,” said the patrolman, who pulled over 1,000 people in 2012. “Just by the amount of contact I have with people, I get complaints.”

Everything went smoothly in the Route 198 stop. The driver politely accepted a citation and buckled up; Waddell switched off the device and moved along.

Recent cases in Baltimore have demonstrated how initial witness accounts can differ widely from official explanations. When Tyrone West died in police custody last summer, several witnesses said he had been beaten. Officers were cleared of wrongdoing, though his family continues to question the finding.

The advent of the cameras is the latest move in a long struggle by



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**Pfc. Aaron Waddell of the Laurel Police Department in Laurel, Md., wears a camera mounted to his sunglasses to monitor his interactions with the public.**

police to adapt to technology that has put a recording device in the hands of everyone who carries a cellphone. Officers are under increased scrutiny because every public action can be captured and posted online in moments.

Often, police complain that videos shot by bystanders fail to capture an entire event. With the cameras, police aim to be protector and enforcer, arguing that the footage could help keep them accountable, provide evidence of crimes and resolve disputes over conduct.

But it also means the government is collecting more information, which raises questions about the data’s distribution, retention and storage.

“This is something departments are trying to get their hands around,” said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a police think tank working for the U.S. Department of Justice to develop guidelines for the use of police cameras. “Police encounter citizens when they are at their worst. There are all sorts of privacy issues raised.”

But police officials considering the technology believe it enhances credibility of officers at a



**The Laurel Police Department’s use of video cameras is part of an effort to limit complaints.**

time when they are already being recorded.

Baltimore police Commissioner Anthony W. Batts has indicated that he wants to see officers outfitted with the body-worn cameras. A recently released strategic plan calls for a look at whether cameras could help save money paid out from lawsuits.

A similar study done when Batts headed the Oakland, Calif., Police Department called for a

“well-thought out policy that protects officers’ and citizens’ constitutional rights and privacy.” The department acquired hundreds of cameras in 2010, and officers were directed to have them on for many public interactions.

The ACLU has cited an incident there — after Batts left — in warning about the potential pitfalls of cameras. Two officers were disciplined after turning a camera off during a clash with

Occupy Oakland protesters in late 2011.

“The balance that needs to be struck is to ensure that officers can’t manipulate the video record, while also ensuring that officers are not subjected to a relentless regime of surveillance without any opportunity for shelter from constant monitoring,” the organization said in a statement.

A study of the cameras last year reported a 50 percent drop in police use-of-force incidents in Rialto, Calif., a city of about 100,000. The study also reported a nearly 90 percent drop in citizens’ complaints during the course of a year.

Steve Tuttle, a spokesman with Taser, the Scottsdale, Ariz.-based company that makes and operates camera systems for more than 800 agencies, said the recordings are simply an extension of recording already taking place via in-car cameras and civilians’ cell phones.

Officers should be recording, Tuttle said, “because if you don’t do it, somebody else is with their flip phone. They don’t capture why the officer did it. It’s not going to be from that officer’s perspective.”

BOOKS

# 'Invention of Wings'

## A story of sisters, slavery and strength

By AMANDA ST. AMAND  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

From the opening words that place 10-year-old Hetty, a slave girl whose mama calls her Handful, in the courtyard of a Charleston plantation, "The Invention of Wings" tells a story of strength, sorrow and shame.

Handful is presented as a birthday gift to one of the many children of the South Carolina estate, Sarah Grimké, to mark her 11th birthday. One child being given another — shameful.

But Sue Monk Kidd's deft writing takes us into the hearts and minds of both of these girls immediately, as Sarah tells her mother she has no need to own a slave.

"I was sent to solitary confinement in my new room and ordered to write a letter of apology to each guest. Mother settled me at the desk with paper, inkwell and a letter she'd composed herself, which I was to copy."

From that first act of rebellion, Kidd shows readers that Sarah strains against the mold formed on young women of the Southern aristocracy. She reads voraciously, abetted in the early years by her father. But once she is caught teaching Hetty to read, her father decides he's doing his willful daughter no fa-

vors and forbids her from his vast library.

While Sarah is going through her own growing pains, Handful must live under the control of her owners. She has only her mother, Charlotte (who Handful calls Mauma), to turn to — and Charlotte is as willful as Sarah.

Charlotte tells Sarah early on that she must help Handful to freedom, and Charlotte fights against her slavery as best she can. She steals, fakes an injury when it aids her and never lets Handful forget that they are human beings who deserve freedom.

As Sarah and Handful grow to adulthood, they fight different battles while remaining committed to similar goals — Sarah wants freedom for all slaves, and Handful wants freedom for herself and Mauma.

Kidd weaves a fascinating story, for Sarah Grimké and her sister, Nina, were real women of the early 1800s who became the first female abolition agents. Handful also existed — a young slave named Hetty given to Sarah.

But the rich and complex relationship between Sarah and Handful is the author's creation, and a masterpiece. They become friends, of sorts, but Handful resents her position, and Sarah — despite her pure intentions — was reared with a sense of entitlement and wealth that are hard to shake.

Kidd, best known for "The Secret Life of Bees," also creates the rich love between Mauma and Handful. Mauma vanishes from the plantation when Handful is 19, leaving Handful unsettled at not knowing her fate. The love between these two women is pal-



WVNG/AP

"The Secret Life of Bees" author Sue Monk Kidd recently released her novel, "The Invention of Wings," about American abolitionists Sarah and Nina Grimké.

able; you share Handful's sense of loss.

Most of this book is about Sarah, Nina and Handful. A few men play important but small roles. But this beautiful and ultimately uplifting book is about women and their fight to be heard.

Not wonder Oprah Winfrey picked "The Invention of Wings" for her book club. It's a most deserving choice.

# 'Little Failure' an immigrant success story

By ANN LEVIN  
The Associated Press

At age 41, Gary Shteyngart seems awfully young to be writing a memoir. But readers of "Little Failure" soon discover that he's been precocious all his life.

The book is Shteyngart's funny, often moving, chronicle of his family's journey from St. Petersburg, Russia, then known as Leningrad, to the U.S. in 1979. It's also a brutally honest record of his personal transformation from fearful, sickly child to angry, self-destructive young man to professional success and mensch.

Part of the wave of Soviet refuseniks, the Shteyngarts settled in Queens, N.Y., when young Igor — Gary was the English name — was just 7. Soon he was packed off to Hebrew school, where he was bullied by other kids and indoctrinated with religious Zionism.

Then one day, the geeky kid, who dreamed of the big money monaut in Russia and inhaled Isaac Asimov almost from the moment his family landed at JFK Airport, was asked to read aloud in class from his schoolboy attempt at a science-fiction story.

Classmates were enthralled, his ostracism ended and the budding young writer appeared to be well on his way to the career that would bring him great fortune. But years of turmoil lay ahead: drugs, alcohol, failed romance, bad behavior, unsuitable jobs.

Shteyngart gives a big shout out to psychoanalysis for helping him learn to manage his unexamined sadness and rage.

As he prepared to write this book, he went back to Russia with his parents to try to plumb the depths of their pain. The urge to write a memoir was great, he explains, because of his overwhelming fear that he would die before he did, depriving him of the chance to express his love and gratitude.

The title, "Little Failure," is a nickname his mother bestowed on him soon after they moved to Queens. The mocking nature illustrates what he describes throughout the book — the "supposedly funny banter with a twist of the knife." It's an ironic title, as well, because Shteyngart, the quintessential overachieving immigrant son, has succeeded beyond any parent's wildest dreams.



# Should we? CIA memoir reveals what wasn't asked

By MATT APUZZO  
The Associated Press

There is a moment in John Rizzo's new memoir when the longtime CIA lawyer has the chance to change history. It is March 2002, and Rizzo has just been briefed on the agency's proposals for interrogating suspected terrorists.

Rizzo walks the grounds of the CIA, smoking a cigar, thinking about waterboarding and other unprecedented tactics that seem "sadistic and terrifying."

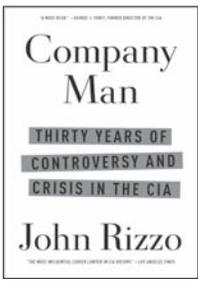
Rizzo realizes that, on his own say-so, he can end the discussion right there.

With the stroke of a pen, Rizzo, the CIA's acting general counsel, could kill the program before it starts.

"It would have been a relatively easy thing to do, actually," he writes.

Then he thinks about what would happen if terrorists struck again. People would blame the CIA. Rizzo would blame himself. And he couldn't deal with that.

So despite his reservations, Rizzo sends the interrogation proposal to the Justice Department, beginning a process that gave the green light to tactics the United States once considered and prosecuted as torture. Moments like this occur again and again in the roughly six



chapters Rizzo dedicates to the CIA's post-9/11 response: People set aside nagging questions about morality (should we?) and focused instead on the legalistic question (can we?).

Rizzo's portrayal of key meetings offers an unprecedented and sometimes startling look at how uncomfortable the enhanced-interrogation techniques made people.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld "didn't want to get his fingerprints anywhere near the EITs." Secretary of State Colin Powell seemed "intensely uncomfortable."

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice was disturbed that the detainees were forced to

be nude.

Yet there were no discussions about whether this path would damage U.S. relationships with allies, harm U.S. long-term interests or weaken its moral standing.

Even though the interrogation program is more than a decade in the past, the topic remains timely. Since leaked documents showed the U.S. vacuuming up millions of domestic phone records, tracking cellphone locations and eavesdropping on calls, officials have defended the tactics as legal.

Once again, the question of whether the government should do something is getting less attention than the question of whether it can.

Many insiders have written memoirs about the post-9/11 CIA. Often, those who approved the interrogation program are portrayed as two-dimensional heroes willing to make unpopular decisions to help the country.

Rizzo paints a less flattering but more revealing picture, one in which fear hung over important decisions. Fear of another attack, fear of blame, fear of political liability.

Depending on your politics and your views on waterboarding, that might make these figures more reliable and human, but decisions that much more wrenching.

Or it might make them seem cowardly.

Whatever conclusion you draw, Rizzo's book makes an important contribution to history and the debate over interrogation. And it serves as a reminder of how much fear drives decision-making in Washington.

For instance, Rizzo regrets not presenting the interrogation program to more people in Congress.

Not because the legislative branch should have been fully aware of this unprecedented step, but because it would have headed off criticism of the CIA years later.

In a few key places, Rizzo skips the opportunity for what would have been important reflection. There is no analysis, for example, of the two psychologists who became the architects of the interrogation program despite limited background and expertise.

"Company Man" is tailor-made for CIA buffs. Rizzo's career as an agency lawyer spanned the decades from Iran-Contra to drones, with Russian turncoat Aldrich Ames, the rise of al-Qaida and some interrogation videos destroyed in between.

Though Rizzo never sheds his role as the company man, his book manages to strike notes that are both earnest and candid. That alone sets "Company Man" apart in the genre.

FAMILY



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# Mommy's home to stay

## Making room for the unexpected, in more ways than one

By FRANK SHYONG  
*Los Angeles Times*

I have a confession to make. I am a 25-year-old living with his mother, the walking stereotype of a millennial. Raised on unearned parental affirmation, equipped with elevated self-esteem, we graduated from college only to face the most dismal economy since the Great Depression. One result, according to a 2012 Pew study, was that 36 percent of the nation's 18- to 31-year-olds were bunking in their parents' homes.

They call us basement kids and nest dwellers. It doesn't always happen that way. My millennial story began about a year and a half ago, when I landed a reporting job in Los Angeles. My parents — back in Tennessee, where I grew up — decided to buy a condo in California. The plan was to have me rent from them so the income, plus any eventual sale proceeds, could help them retire.

I put up a quick but hopeless fight, then steered them toward a property in a decent neighborhood. I helped oversee the renovations, arranged for needed repairs and reveled in being out on my own.

Four months later, I was hosting my first Christmas. A few hours after dinner, my parents dropped the bomb: My mother's job search had ended in Los Angeles. She'd be moving in with me.

Perhaps it was just a coincidence, but I immediately fell ill. Bedridden for a week, battling a 102-degree fever, I desperately tried to think of a way out.

I knew my parents needed help with the loan payments, and I couldn't bring myself to move out and leave my mom to navigate Los Angeles alone. (A lifelong resident of suburbs, she once had shown me a parking ticket and asked if

she needed to pay it.) This past February, my mother moved in. We share a place next door to a pair of gospel singers and within earshot of a weekly mariachi dance party.

For the past year, my independence has been in dignified retreat.

First I took down some decorative paper lanterns, because apparently they trigger Taiwanese superstitions about death. Then I turned to using the air conditioning only in secret, fearing my mother's reaction to the energy bill. I started tiptoeing around the creaky parts of the stairs at night. Eventually, when I could no longer find anything in the cupboards, I gave up control of the kitchen entirely. Our dishwasher was converted into a dish rack. Avocados once left out to ripen on the counter now are mercilessly refrigerated. I miss guacamole.

Living with my mother, of course, also means listening to her opinions. She doesn't like that I work long hours, and I have become well-versed in the seemingly vast array of better-paying careers that I could have. I'm also intimately familiar with the careers of her friends' children, at least those with jobs at Apple or Google.

But there are benefits to the arrangement — even beyond having my laundry done and my meals prepared. My mother is a positive presence in my life, and I try to be the same for her.

When there's friction at the hospital where she works, I help her rehearse English phrases that convey professionalism and demand respect. She reads Chinese newspapers, suggests articles for my beat, and tells me stories about our distant family in Taiwan.

Our living situation is the byproduct of sweeping economic change. My parents' retirement savings were erased by the stock market nosedive. Companies once thought to be too big to fail have declared bankruptcy in droves. Job stability has been elusive for more than the millennials.

I have come to view college graduates moving home with their families — or the other way around — as an economic alliance, not a narrative of generational failure. This is the modern version of circling the wagons against danger and uncertainty. And it brings far-flung families closer.

My bedroom door is once again two steps away from my mother's. But living with her as an adult has given me new perspective.

Holes in my clothes are patched without my asking. I've never had to wake up to let her out of our tandem parking spot because she made an extra key to my car. And sometimes, after a day of getting doors slammed in my face, there's a plate of homemade pan-fried dumplings waiting at home.

As a child, I took little gestures like these for granted. As an adult, I can translate her actions into words — she's telling me, every day, "I love you."

My dad recently lost his job in Tennessee and is applying for positions in Los Angeles. Later this year he's planning to move in with us.

Our two-bedroom condo is not especially large, and living habits are sure to collide. But we'll move some things around. That's what a family does, even a millennial's.

## MUSIC

REFLECTING  
ON HER  
HISTORY**Rosanne Cash**

The River & The Thread (Blue Note)

The songs on "The River & The Thread" rock like a cradle, and the rhythm rings true while Rosanne Cash explores her roots.

The mesmerizing musical journey takes her to Arkansas, the Mississippi Delta and the Gulf Coast as Cash encounters the ghosts of Robert Johnson, Emmett Till, AM radio and her Civil War ancestors. There's also the repeated tug of Memphis, where Cash was born around the time her father, Johnny Cash, cut his first record.

This Southern music stretches far beyond the confines of country — that's a violin on "Night School," not a fiddle. The 11 songs blend Tennessee flatpaw twang with gospel, the blues, and even hints of jazz while building a bridge from Dust Bowl ballads to Dusty Springfield pop.

Covering so much territory takes time, but Cash makes it well worthwhile. In these days of downloads, "The River" offers an eloquent argument for albums. Her husband and producer, John Leventhal, pulls it all together and ensures the set's considerable ambitions don't overwhelm the immaculate arrangements. There's no hot pickin' here; instead, Cash's marvelous material is the star as she shares her story of rediscovery.

—Steven Wine  
The Associated Press

## Trips south inspire Rosanne Cash's new album

**Rosanne Cash, daughter of cultural icon Johnny Cash, has become a revered artist in her own right. The singer-songwriter's latest album, "The River & the Thread," is steeped in her Southern roots.**

Universal Music Group

By DAVID BAUDER  
The Associated Press

John Hiatt once commanded us in song to "Drive South." Rosanne Cash took him up on it.

Cash's first collection of new compositions in seven years is inspired by trips south — by car, in her mind and into her own family history. "There's never any highway when you're looking for the past," she sings as a mission statement in the opening minutes of her album, "The River & The Thread."

Johnny Cash's daughter was primarily raised in California and has been a New Yorker for more than two decades.

"I have some Southern sensibility, but it would be false to say I'm Southern at the core," she said. "I don't think I could have written the record if I was. It required some distance."

An example is "Money Road," a song born out of a birthday road trip for husband and producer John Leventhal, a William Faulkner fan who wanted to explore where the novelist grew up. The region is historically rich, the birthplace of bluesmen and the murder site of civil rights figure Emmett Till. The couple stopped and sat on the Tallahatchie Bridge, memorably cited in Bobbie Gentry's "Ode to Billie Joe," a song Cash has recorded and frequently sings in concert.

Cash is pictured from behind on the disc's cover looking out at the Tallahatchie River.

The "thread" reference comes from the opening song "A Feather's Not a Bird" courtesy of Cash's friend and sewing teacher Natalie Chernin, who lives in Florence, Ala.

The disc's lyrics are rich in Southern locales: Florence, the Tallahatchie Bridge, the James River in Virginia, Mobile, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Nashville, Arkansas. Cash spent time in Dyess, Ark., helping

Arkansas State University restore the home where her father grew up as an historic site.

"The Long Way Home" is about the circuitous path many people take that leads back to their roots. Cash, 58, took it, too. "What makes you care about where your parents came from in your 40s and 50s that you didn't care about in your 20s and 30s?" she said.

She spent her 20s and 30s as a country music star. Despite that history, despite making an album primarily about the South, the country music establishment is likely to ignore her this time. They've both moved on. She wants the music to be heard, but is realistic about the outlets available.

**"I have some Southern sensibility, but it would be false to say I'm Southern at the core."**

Rosanne Cash

One pathway is the Americana music community, where she is "revered," said Jed Hill, executive director of the Americana Music Association. "She's unique, not because of who she is but because of her talent and her personality," he said. "She's incredibly smart and passionate about making music."

Cash's famous musical guests all had Southern connections, including John Paul White of the Civil Wars, guitarist Derek Trucks and singer Cory Chisel. Kris Kristofferson, John Prine, Amy Helm, Rodney Crowell and Tony Joe White sing background on the Civil War tale "When the Master Calls the Roll." She and Leventhal wrote the song with ex-husband Crowell, a connection hard to envision by anyone who listened to Cash's 1990 album, "Interiors."

It felt natural, Cash said. "John calls him his husband-in-law," she said.

## MUSIC

# Springsteen's High Hopes

Album's uneven odds and ends rock

By DAN DeLUCA • *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

**B**ruce Springsteen's new album, "High Hopes," would seem to have hodgepodge written all over it. None of the songs are brand new. Eight are originals that didn't make the cut onto various studio albums. Some are longtime staples of Springsteen's live performances. Three are covers, including the title track, written by Tim Scott McConnell of roots-rock band the Havalinas, and originally recorded by the Boss for his 1996 "Blood Brothers" EP.

So "High Hopes" couldn't possibly cohere as a unified artistic statement, or count as a significant addition to the prodigious Springsteen songbook, could it?

Well, no and yes. It is true that his 18th studio album—which debuted Jan. 14, but which was leaked on the Web after it was briefly made available on Amazon's mobile site at the end of December—doesn't stick to a stylistic or thematic tone. And it makes use of an array of implements in the New Jersey rocker's musical toolbox.

That's not such a bad thing. Since reuniting in 1999 with the E Street Band, Springsteen has been in his most prolific recording period. Because he often omits tracks that don't fit the mood of a project—like the 9/11 grief of "The Rising," or the blue-collar empathy of 2012's "Wrecking Ball"—choice tracks get left behind for reasons that can seem perverse in retrospect.

Which is not to say "High Hopes" is teeming with lost masterpieces. It's uneven in spots, and suffers at times from an overload of Tom Morello, the Rage Against the Machine guitarist who filled in for Steven Van Zandt on an Australian tour when the guitarist-actor was off playing a mobster in the Netflix show "Lilyhammer" last year.

Morello, in many ways, is to be credited with the album's existence: He suggested the rousing, brassy "High Hopes,"



**Bruce Springsteen**  
High Hopes (Columbia)

which serves up musical uplift while looking grim reality in the eye, he added to the set list in Australia. While Down Under, where they will return in February in their (as yet) only scheduled dates of 2014, Springsteen and band recorded the title cut and a driving version of "Just Like Fire Would" by Australian band the Saints. It's a track right in the E Street wheelhouse. In the liner notes, Springsteen writes that "Tom and his guitar became my muse, pushing the project to another level."

The Boss' new BFF plays on 10 tracks, and sings a duet on a thunderous remake of "The Ghost of Tom Joad," the folkie title track to Springsteen's 1995 solo album. Including an extended guitar freakout, it runs seven-plus minutes, and traded-off vocals diminish the impact of

the song, inspired by John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath."

Faring better as a sweeping epic is "American Skin (41 Shots)." It was originally written in response to the 1999 death of African immigrant Amadou Diallo, who was shot by New York City police officers. They were acquitted of second-degree murder charges.

The details—"Is it a gun, is it a knife, is it a wallet? / This is your life"—are specific yet timeless. The conclusion—"You can get killed just for living in your American skin"—could just as easily apply to Trayvon Martin, to whom Springsteen dedicated the tune last year.

What about the less widely circulated tunes? "Harry's Place," written for "The Rising" is darkly atmospheric. A counterpoint to that album's "Mary's Place," it's an anti-"It's a Wonderful Life." "If he didn't exist, it would all go on just the same," a grizzled, fatalistic Springsteen sings. It's marred by the Boss' recent taste for distorting his voice. A better cut from "The Rising" sessions is "Down in the Hole," which floats on a keyboard wash reminiscent of "I'm on Fire."

The album picks up with tighter tunes

that don't overreach. "Heaven's Wall" is a shouter that puts to productive use the gospel power of the beefed-up E Street Band. "Frankie Fell in Love" is a winning trifle that evokes Springsteen and Van Zandt's salad days in Asbury Park, N.J.

Throughout "High Hopes," Springsteen moves from full-throated rockers to whisper folk. In the latter category, the keeper is "Hunter of Invisible Game."

"Hunter" finds Springsteen at his most Dylanesque, wandering an apocalyptic landscape in search of he knows not what. "The Wall" is a more concrete folk song about Walter Cichon, a Jersey Shore rocker who died in Vietnam. The sentiment is powerful, but more effective on the page than to the ear.

The album comes to a close with "Dream Baby Dream," a gorgeous cover of the 1970s protopunk duo Suicide that Springsteen played on the harmonium on the 2005 "Devils & Dust" tour. It wraps up "High Hopes" nicely by succinctly restating the "keep hope alive" credo that has always animated his work. "Come on, keep the fire burning," the Boss man sings in a stirring incantation. "Come on baby, dream, baby dream."

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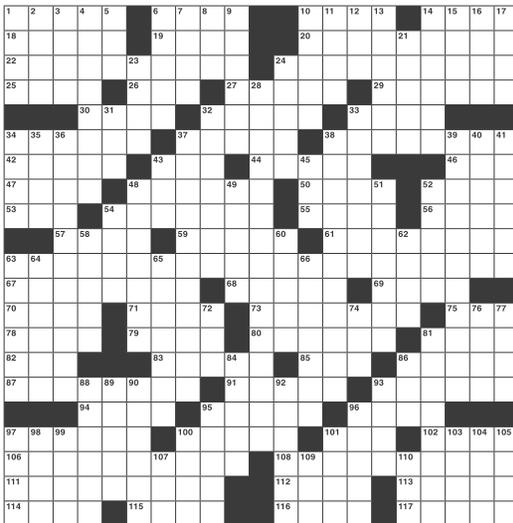
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ENTERTAINMENT

# More isn't always better

Binge TV viewing might not be great for mind or body

By BILL WARD

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

**G**abby Helmin-Clazmer is an unabashed binge viewer. She has devoured full TV seasons at a time of everything from “Keeping Up With the Kardashians” to “Breaking Bad.” But as with other major indulgences, the aftermath can be a downer. One way or another.

“If I binge-watch a reality show, I feel like I have wasted a ton of my time,” said Helmin-Clazmer of Minneapolis. But when she finishes an intense drama, “the depression and feeling of emptiness is much stronger than with a reality show. A world that I was once ‘living in’ no longer exists.”

As binge viewing continues to radically change the way Americans watch television — 62 percent of us do it, according to a recent Harris Interactive survey — the aftereffects are just beginning to be understood.

The good news: It's probably not the worst way to while away a winter weekend. The bad news: It's not the healthiest of habits, and might even influence our worldview if the shows are dark and depressing.

Michael Erdman of Little Canada, Minn., just watched the second season of “American Horror Story,” “and I’ve got to tell you, that was one sick and twisted show. Loved every minute of it, but it was giving me nightmares.”

The concerns can go beyond the psyche, said Dr. James Mitchell, president of the Neuropsychiatric Research Institute in Fargo, N.D. “It doesn't sound like a particularly desirable behavior, both for one's mood and one's physical health,” he said. “The inactivity is bad, the food that accompanies it probably is bad, your mood is bad.”

TV scholars have long worried about the adverse effects of watching too much television. They even have a name for it.

“The cultivation theory says that people who watch significantly more TV have a darker view of the world; they see it as a mean and scary place,” said Kevin Sauter, a communications professor at the University of St. Thomas. “This is a more focused experience — the binge. And yes, someone might be more concerned about going out into the community after three days of mayhem. But I don't think it's a permanent condition.”

But then many of us simply move on to the next series, via Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, “On Demand” e-services or myriad other outlets. Even President Barack Obama spends what spare time he has watching serialized shows. The New York Times recently reported that Obama is working his way through the DVD box set of AMC's meth kingpin hit “Breaking Bad.” He also is keenly awaiting the new season of the political drama “House of Cards.”

That show, which earned nine Emmy nominations last year, was created by the streaming service Netflix specifically for binge viewing, with all 13 episodes released simultaneously.

The delivery system might be different, but shows like “House of Cards” are just the latest iteration of a phenomenon that began about a decade ago.

In the beginning was the DVD box set, and it was good.

The shift toward binge viewing was prompted by serialized dramas like “The West Wing” and “The Sopranos.” Their ongoing story lines compelled viewers to follow the sagas of these heroes (and anti-heroes) in short order. The trend gained steam even with short-lived series such as “Firefly” and “Freaks and Geeks,” which became naturals for binge viewing on DVD.

Nowadays, Sauter said, the narrative in these types of shows can span an entire season, pushing viewers to keep watching: “So you get to the end of an episode, and it's ‘Well, let's watch one more.’”

Sauter, who teaches courses in TV criticism, likens the experience to “eating a whole bag of potato chips. The first couple are good, but once you get to the middle of the pack, you can lose all the savoring of it.”

Part of the impetus for binge viewing, Sauter added, is peer pressure, “what your social circle expects of you. With shows like ‘Breaking Bad’ and ‘Downton Abbey,’ there's such a strong social component, a need to keep up or catch up.”

Still, he said, “TV has always been accused of being a time-waster, and now we're talking about big, big chunks of time. And time spent (binge viewing) means time taken away from other things, family, friends, activities.”



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OPINION

Why Pentagon chiefs are grumpy

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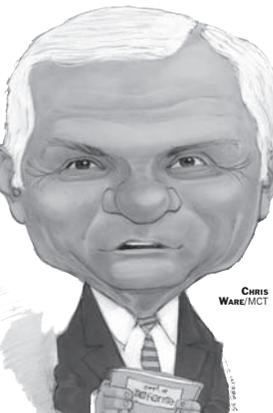
In his memoir, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates reveals how unhappy he was to be leading the Pentagon in the Bush and Obama administrations. He was mad at Congress, furious with the White House and outraged by Pentagon bureaucrats. In fact, some days he was so angry he wasn't sure he could take it anymore.

"All too often during my 4½ years as secretary of defense, when I found myself sitting yet again at that witness table at yet another congressional hearing, I was tempted to stand up, slam the briefing book shut and quit on the spot," Gates writes in one of the excerpts from his book that was made public before the book's release.

On another occasion, Gates was incensed when Obama aide Thomas E. Donilon questioned the competence of Air Force Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, who was leading the U.S. effort to provide relief to victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. "My primal instinct was to storm out, telling the president on the way that he didn't need two secretaries of defense," he writes. "It took every bit of my self-discipline to stay seated on the sofa."

Grumpiness, and worse, is not unusual in the office of the secretary of defense. The first man to serve in the position after it was created after World War II, James Forrestal, worked tirelessly trying to impose civilian control on the military and to manage his relations with President Harry Truman. After being asked to resign by Truman and receiving a diagnosis of severe depression, Forrestal leapt to his death from the window of a military hospital.

Just what it is that makes being secretary of defense so challenging and, well, infuriating? It's a problem of two empires. One of them is an expansive overseas American military presence, which gives the United States an interest in development in almost every country in the world — and a need to manage them. The second is the vast national security bu-



Gates  
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reaucracy, in the Pentagon itself and elsewhere in government.

Henry Kissinger once observed that "no country can act wisely simultaneously in every part of the globe at every moment of time." But the secretary of defense, who isn't even a country (although he does have his own ZIP code), has to try. It's true that he has a huge civilian and military staff working for him, but as the man who is, in effect, deputy commander in chief, he has ultimate responsibility for everything from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to the possibility of conflict breaking out after an accidental naval clash in the South China Sea or the Arabian Gulf. That is an immense amount of pressure.

And the job isn't necessarily always made easier by the permanent Pentagon bureaucracy, the uniformed military or the rest of the employees in the national security state. The huge stakes in military operations in-

vide interference and oversight by the White House staff, whose boss — the president — often has other things on his mind. The National Security Council has grown over the years into a government within a government, whose staffers will ambush you in the smallest operational matter if they think it serves the president's best interests.

This can be infuriating if a secretary of defense feels that domestic politics are interfering with the best interests of the mission or the troops, as well as to career bureaucrats trying to reduce the interference of those they view as uninitiated in the ways of military power.

The changing nature of war in the 21st century compounds these problems. Wars nowadays are unlikely to be about clear-cut missions. They are much more likely to be subtle, contentious and ambiguous in their outcomes. As much as presidents would like to establish clear narratives of success within one election cycle, the outcomes of nation-building campaigns like those in Afghanistan and Iraq can't be fully assessed until years or even decades after they are completed.

That intense pressure to provide a quick win by the men who appointed them and the more sober and realistic assessments of the uniformed military, secretaries of defense are quickly lost in a moral and practical maze.

Gates faced these problems in a period of unusually intense partisan rancor in Washington and public disillusionment with the wars of the last decade. At the same time, he felt a deep responsibility and emotional connection to the servicemen and women who continued to be in harm's way.

Some people are wondering at the apparently shortening of Gates' tenure in Washington. But we ought instead to marvel at a man who managed to keep plugging away for so long despite these intense pressures. The continuation of good civilian-military relations depends on such sacrifices, and Robert Gates made them in spades — even as he sometimes got a little grumpy along the way.

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The return of Afghanistan's drug den

By R. JEFFREY SMITH  
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Foreign Policy

Two months after taking office in 2009, President Barack Obama gave a televised address that laid out sweeping goals for U.S. financial, military, and technical assistance to Afghanistan, among them developing an economy there "that isn't dominated by illicit drugs."

Since 2001, Washington has committed roughly \$10 billion to its ambitious counterterrorism effort in the poverty-stricken country. But mostly due to reversals in the past two years, all that spending appears to have had little enduring impact, and Afghanistan's prospects for finding its financial footing outside the drug trade are now slim, an independent federal auditor told the Senate's Caucus on International Narcotics Control on Wednesday.

"The situation in Afghanistan is dire with little prospect for improvement in 2014 or beyond," Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction John Sopko told the caucus, recounting "the opinion of almost everyone I spoke with" about the growing role of narcotics in the country's economy during a November visit there.

In blunt testimony to the caucus chaired by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., Sopko cited statistics that cast an unflattering light on the costly U.S. effort, which is now winding down as the Obama administration prepares to pull additional troops from the country.

From 2012 to 2013, the value of Afghanistan's narcotics trade increased 50 percent, and it now accounts for 15 percent of the nation's gross domestic product. Poppy cultivation has reached record levels, with acreage now three times the level in 2002 and equivalent to plantings on land 12 times the size of Washington, D.C. Opium production alone increased nearly 50 percent in the past year. More than 5 percent of the Afghan populace is now addicted to opiates. Moreover, half of the existing poppy fields are now located in Helmand province, the principal locus of the U.S. military's "surge" during Obama's first term.

This grim news is a boon to the Taliban, which is now drawing at least \$155 million per year from narcotics-related activities, and investing the funds in insurgency, according to United Nations estimates. "The Taliban is involved in taxing opium poppy farmers; operating processing laboratories; moving narcotics; taxing narcotics transporters ... [and] providing security to poppy fields, drug labs, and opium ba-

zaars," Drug Enforcement Administration chief of operations James Capra said in written testimony to the caucus.

Sopko warned that this booming narcotics trade is undermining the country's stability, threatening the health of its people, eroding the rule of law, and adding further to official corruption — essentially threatening much of what the United States has tried to accomplish there over the past decade, at a total cost of more than \$70 billion and 2,300 U.S. military deaths.

The Obama administration seems uninterested in shifting course, however. Its operating on Capra and other witnesses acknowledged. A special Afghan air unit, created with nearly \$1 billion dollars in U.S. funding, only has a quarter of the personnel it needs, and few pilots rated to fly with the night vision goggles considered essential to counterterrorism raids.

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OPINION

# Army can handle planned personnel cuts

By GORDON LUBOLD  
Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army, already reeling from the beginning of a round of cuts that will drop it from its peak of 570,000 to about 490,000, was just told that those cuts don't begin to cut it. Now the Army has begun planning to plan to shrink even more: to a force of about 420,000.

The writing was on the wall. With Iraq now a distant memory and Afghanistan winding down by the end of the year, the Army had expected to drop in size. But to some, this means "cutting into bone," as one officer observed, and that raises a question about what a smaller Army can do — and what it can't.

The Army leadership have framed almost any cuts to end strength as draconian. Speaking before a December budget deal that softens some of the blow, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno attempted to make the case that a smaller Army might not do what it was supposed to do.

"If Congress does not act to mitigate the magnitude, method and speed of the reductions under the Budget Control Act with sequestration, the Army will be forced to make significant reductions in force structure and strength," adding "Such reductions will not allow us to execute the 2012 Defense Strategic Guidance, and will make it very difficult to conduct even one sustained major combat operation."

But that's not quite right, defense experts say. A smaller Army can conduct any kind of operation, Odierno attempted to make in Africa, say, or sending a peacekeeping force into Syria. And it can do anything big, too, like conducting an "MTW" — a major theater war — just not for long.

Budget cuts have already forced the Army to cut back on training and operations. Odierno told lawmakers last fall that there is less money to prepare deploying soldiers for combat, leaving soldiers across the Army less ready than they have ever been. Last summer, when the Army was still planning on having 490,000 soldiers, the service announced that it would cut 10 brigade combat teams over four years.

For example, a smaller-sized force fighting in any larger, longer-term contingency operation would be forced to deploy its soldiers on smaller, quicker rotations before the Army could be expanded for the extended mission — or the National Guard or Reserve can be called in. Friction between the Guard and Reserve and the active-duty Army has spilled into public recently, with Odierno and Guard and Reserve leaders sniping at each other over the cuts.

Under a smaller Army, one of the Army's flashiest, new concepts — regionalized brigades, in which soldiers receive cultural and language training — would likely be pared back. The implications of a smaller Army may not yet be clear.

Experts say it's all in the way the service does the cutting that matters. A smaller force can achieve a lot of what it needs if it has the right balance. If the Army has too many combat forces and not enough "enabling" forces for certain kinds of operations, it'll be incapable of performing much of what it's asked to do, said former Army officer Nate Freier. On the other hand, if it doesn't have forces at the ready to move quickly, it could be left out. "One of the real risks is getting the balance inside the numbers wrong," said Freier, now a research professor at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

Freier said the Army must focus more on capacity and capability — not just raw numbers.

An institutional bias across the military, but in particular the Army, toward conventional threats animates anxiety within the service if it shrinks too much. The Defense Department still prefers to think about big wars against nation-states, arguably leaving the military vulnerable to more likely threats that emerge from dissolving regimes. In a word, it must hedge.

"Your credibility in doing that is based on your capability to take on those missions and to maintain your hedge for other contingencies worldwide," he said. At the moment, the political winds against another major war are gale force — and the Obama White House has seen the value in sending small, specialized forces into conduct high-impact missions, like the raid that nabbed Osama bin Laden. Which means the military has to keep planning for big missions with a smaller force.

"Whether or not we get involved is so dependent on the political circumstances of the day and no one can predict that in advance," said Maren Leed, a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington and a former adviser to Odierno.

But, she said, "I go back to Trotsky: We may be done with war, but war may not be done with us."

The Army has long been criticized for being too big and lumbering — qualities that perhaps suited it all right for the conventional land wars of the past decade. Calls for a lighter, nimbler one haven't made huge impacts yet on the institution.

But aside from the conventional threats in the Asia-Pacific region like China, most

people argue that in this budgetary environment, there are few reasons to have a large, sitting Army. An Army sized at 420,000 soldiers is not exactly skeletal. In fact, it's roughly the size of the pre-war Army in 2000. And cutting it back isn't anything like the hundreds of thousands of forces cut in the early 1990s.

A smaller force may have an impact on one of the Army's cherished new concepts: regionalized brigades. The idea is to give soldiers assigned to a brigade basic language and cultural skills for a certain region. Although the brigades are not assigned to a specific part of the world, they are theoretically "on the step" to deploy there — most typically in smaller, platoon- and company-sized units — for training and advising. It's an ambitious approach and one not without its critics.

"I think what we want to make sure is that they're much more culturally attuned to the area they're going to," an Army official working on the initiative, told Foreign Policy's Situation Report last year. "I think that is an important part, and it's certainly something that 12 years of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan has highlighted to us, that you've got to understand the culture within which you operate."

It's not yet clear how a smaller Army would affect a plan, but Freier said a smaller force will have fewer options.

"The smaller you get, the less you can afford to specialize," he said.

Although it's not clear how the Army has begun to plan to shrink to 420,000, it had already begun downsizing. Just this month, two Army separation boards began looking at more than 19,000 Army captains and majors.

# Derailing the Benghazi-fueled Republican jihad

By DAVID IGNATIUS  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee made headlines last week by reporting that the 2012 attack in Benghazi was preventable. But frankly, we knew that. The deeper message of the bipartisan report was that Republicans in Congress wanted a "strong" report about what turned out to be a relatively plucky issue.

The GOP's Benghazi obsession was the weird backdrop for foreign-policy debate through much of last year. Sen. Lindsey Graham used it as a pretext for blocking administration nominations. Rep. Darrell Issa used the issue to impugn the integrity of the Senate Intelligence Committee's retired Adm. Mike Mullen and former Ambassador Tom Pickering.

Driving the Republican jihad was a claim, first reported in October 2012 by Fox News, that CIA personnel had wanted to respond more quickly to the Benghazi attack but were ordered to "stand down" by political higher-ups. Although this claim was promptly rebutted by CIA officials, it was repeated by Fox at least 85 times, according to a review by the liberal advocacy group Media Matters. This barrage fueled Republican charges that the Democrats were engaging in a cover-up.

The Senate Intelligence report addressed this inflammatory charge head-on. "The committee explored claims that there was a 'stand down' order given to the security team at the annex. Although some members of the security team expressed frustration that they were unable to respond more quickly to the mission, the committee found no evidence of intention-



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al delay or obstruction by the chief of [the CIA] base or any other party."

The Senate panel also rejected the insinuation, made repeatedly by Republicans, that the Obama administration failed to scramble available military assets. "There were no U.S. military resources in position to intervene in short order in Benghazi," the report says flatly. "The committee has reviewed the allegations that U.S. personnel ... prevented the mounting of any military relief effort during the attacks, but the committee has not found any of these allegations to be substantiated."

These are bipartisan findings, mind you, endorsed by the panel's Republican members as well as Democrats. GOP members

offered some zingers in their additional minority views, but the Democrats rightly credited their colleagues for standing up to the right-wing spin machine: "We worked together on a bipartisan basis to dispel the many factual inaccuracies and conspiracy theories related to the Benghazi attacks."

The Obama administration's supposed cover-up on Benghazi became a crusade for leading Republicans. A low point came when Issa's Committee on Oversight and Reform issued a report last September questioning "the independence and integrity of the review" by the Mullen-Pickering group. These were extraordinary charges to make against a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a former ambas-

sador to six countries — especially since Issa didn't present any conclusive evidence to back up his allegations.

The Republican tirades about Benghazi were unfortunate not just because they were based on erroneous speculation but because they distracted policymakers from the real challenge of framing coherent policy in the Middle East. Sometimes, it seemed as if Benghazi finger-pointing was the only issue that leading Republicans cared about.

In fact, the Senate Intelligence report echoes many of the themes of the earlier report by the Accountability Review Board, which noted "systemic failures and leadership and management deficiencies." Warnings about deteriorating conditions in Benghazi were ignored or opposed to add additional security, there were rejected, even as evidence mounted of al-Qaida's growing power in Benghazi, the State Department failed to respond adequately. The Senate report makes clear that some important security mistakes were made by Ambassador Chris Stevens, the courageous but sometimes incautious diplomat who was among those who died in the attack.

Perhaps the silliest aspect of the Benghazi affair was the focus on the errant "talking points" prepared for Congress, which cited incorrect intelligence in Benghazi that wasn't corrected by the CIA until Benghazi became a weekly fixture on Sunday talk shows by Susan Rice, then U.N. ambassador. Rice is still under a cloud because she repeated the CIA's "points" prepared at Congress' insistence.

Next time, the Senate report notes, the intelligence community should just tell Congress what it knows and classify it — and let the legislators do the talking.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Employer ads up, more workers quit

By Christopher S. Rugaber  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — U.S. employers advertised more jobs in November and more Americans quit, positive signs for millions who are unemployed and looking for work.

The Labor Department said Friday that job openings rose 1.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted 4 million, the most in 5½ years. The number of people quitting increased 1.9 percent to a seasonally adjusted 2.4 million, a five-year high.

Job openings haven't topped 4 million since March 2008, just a few months after the Great Recession began. Openings at that level are generally consistent with a healthy job market.

More workers quitting can also be a positive signal, because people usually quit when they either have a new job — typically for more pay — or are confident they can find one.

## 4.6M

The number of people hired in September, a five-year high. However, hiring has dipped since then. In the past year, the number of job openings has increased 5.6 percent, but total hiring is only 1.7 percent higher.

The data suggest the competition for jobs is getting a little bit easier. There were 2.7 unemployed workers for each available job in November, down from 6.7 just after the recession ended in July 2009. In a healthy economy, the ratio is roughly 2 to 1.

More job openings and quits suggest greater opportunities for the unemployed. But those positive trends haven't recently translated into additional hiring. Overall hiring ticked up just 0.2 percent in November to nearly 4.5 million.

The figures also show a disappointing report on December job growth. The government recently said employers added just 74,000 jobs in December. That's the fewest in three years and below an average gain of 214,000 in the previous three months.

The unemployment rate fell to 6.7 percent, the lowest in more than five years. But the rate dropped mostly because more Americans gave up looking for work. The government counts people as unemployed only if they are actively hunting for jobs.

The latest employment report shows net payroll gains — the number of people hired minus those who were laid off, quit or retired. Friday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, provides more details.

For example, it shows the overall number of people hired each month rather than just the net gain. Total hires reached 4.6 million in September, a five-year

high, but hiring has dipped since then. In the past year, the number of job openings has increased 5.6 percent. But total hiring is only 1.7 percent higher.

Economists point to several reasons for the gap. Employers may not be offering sufficient pay and benefits to persuade more workers to take the jobs. They may also be pickier, believing they can find top-notch candidates with the unemployment rate still elevated.

### MARKET WATCH

Nov. 18, 2013

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Dow Jones industrials</b>     | <b>+14.32</b> |
|                                  | 15,976.02     |
| <b>Nasdaq composite</b>          | <b>-36.90</b> |
|                                  | 3,949.07      |
| <b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b> | <b>-6.65</b>  |
|                                  | 1,791.53      |
| <b>Russell 2000</b>              | <b>-8.91</b>  |
|                                  | 1,107.29      |

### EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates             |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Euro costs (Jan. 20)       | \$1.3945        |
| Dollar buys (Jan. 20)      | €0.7171         |
| British pound (Jan. 20)    | \$1.69          |
| Japanese yen (Jan. 20)     | 102.00          |
| South Korean won (Jan. 20) | 1,034.00        |
| Commercial rates           |                 |
| Bahrain (Dinar)            | 0.3771          |
| British pound              | \$1.6420        |
| Canada (Dollar)            | 1.0972          |
| China (Yuan)               | 6.0505          |
| Japanese yen (Jan. 20)     | 102.00          |
| China (Yuan)               | 6.0505          |
| India (Rupee)              | 61.6911         |
| China (Yuan)               | 6.0505          |
| Hong Kong (Dollar)         | \$1.3531/0.7390 |
| Hungary (Forint)           | 222.61          |
| Israel (Sheqel)            | 3.4894          |
| Japan (Yen)                | 104.31          |
| Kuwait (Dinar)             | 0.2832          |
| Norway (Krone)             | 6.1691          |
| Philippines (Peso)         | 45.06           |
| Poland (Zloty)             | 3.08            |
| Saudi Arabia (Riyal)       | 3.7505          |
| Singapore (Dollar)         | 1.2758          |
| South Korea (Won)          | 1,062.56        |
| Switzerland (Franc)        | 0.9113          |
| Thailand (Baht)            | 32.83           |
| Turkey (Lira)              | 1,2320          |

(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             | 7.25 |
| Federal funds market rate | 0.07 |
| 3-month bill              | 0.03 |
| 30-year bond              | 3.75 |

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Sunday's US temperatures

| City              | Hi | Lo | Wthr  | City             | Hi | Lo | Wthr  | City             | Hi | Lo | Wthr  | City          | Hi | Lo | Wthr  |
|-------------------|----|----|-------|------------------|----|----|-------|------------------|----|----|-------|---------------|----|----|-------|
| Ablene, Texas     | 68 | 33 | Cir   | Chatanooga       | 46 | 31 | Cir   | Fort Wayne       | 26 | 15 | Cir   | Louisville    | 35 | 27 | PCldy |
| Akron, Ohio       | 30 | 18 | Cir   | Chicago          | 32 | 13 | PCldy | Fresno           | 70 | 37 | Cir   | Lubbock       | 66 | 26 | PCldy |
| Albany, N.Y.      | 33 | 23 | Cldy  | Cincinnati       | 33 | 25 | Cldy  | Goodland         | 65 | 27 | Cir   | Macon         | 57 | 31 | Cir   |
| Albuquerque       | 56 | 29 | Cir   | Cleveland        | 30 | 18 | Cir   | Grand Junction   | 42 | 13 | Cir   | Madison       | 32 | 8  | PCldy |
| Allentown, Pa.    | 36 | 21 | Cldy  | Colorado Springs | 60 | 27 | Cir   | Great Falls      | 52 | 29 | Cir   | Medford       | 41 | 29 | Cldy  |
| Anchorage         | 33 | 26 | Cir   | Columbia, S.C.   | 53 | 28 | Cir   | Green Bay        | 57 | 37 | PCldy | Memphis       | 52 | 33 | Cir   |
| Asheville         | 42 | 23 | Cir   | Columbus, Ga.    | 56 | 34 | Cir   | Greensboro, N.C. | 47 | 29 | PCldy | Miami Beach   | 72 | 45 | Cir   |
| Atlanta           | 49 | 32 | Cir   | Corpus Christi   | 30 | 24 | Cldy  | Hartford         | 36 | 24 | Cldy  | Milwaukee     | 31 | 13 | PCldy |
| Atlantic City     | 42 | 23 | Cir   | Concord, N.H.    | 34 | 21 | Cldy  | Hartford Spg     | 36 | 24 | Cldy  | Mpls-St Paul  | 32 | 15 | PCldy |
| Austin            | 63 | 45 | Cir   | Corpus Christi   | 71 | 50 | Cldy  | Helena           | 45 | 23 | PCldy | Missoula      | 38 | 22 | PCldy |
| Baltimore         | 41 | 21 | Cldy  | Dallas-Ft Worth  | 67 | 35 | Cir   | Honolulu         | 80 | 67 | PCldy | Mobile        | 66 | 32 | Cir   |
| Baton Rouge       | 64 | 42 | PCldy | Dayton           | 30 | 21 | Cldy  | Houston          | 69 | 45 | Cir   | Montgomery    | 56 | 34 | Cir   |
| Bilings           | 52 | 34 | Cir   | Daytona Beach    | 69 | 35 | PCldy | Huntsville       | 45 | 30 | PCldy | Nashville     | 43 | 29 | PCldy |
| Birmingham        | 51 | 32 | Cir   | Denver           | 61 | 28 | Cir   | Indianapolis     | 29 | 17 | PCldy | New Orleans   | 61 | 45 | PCldy |
| Bismarck          | 35 | 28 | Cir   | Des Moines       | 44 | 17 | Cir   | Jackson, Miss.   | 57 | 35 | Cir   | New York City | 38 | 27 | Cir   |
| Boise             | 39 | 24 | Cir   | Detroit          | 26 | 14 | Cir   | Jacksonville     | 63 | 31 | PCldy | Newark        | 47 | 25 | Cldy  |
| Boston            | 37 | 28 | Cir   | El Paso          | 20 | 14 | Cldy  | Janeau           | 38 | 23 | Rain  | Norfolk, Va.  | 49 | 26 | PCldy |
| Bridgeport        | 38 | 25 | Cldy  | El Paso          | 65 | 34 | PCldy | Kansas City      | 58 | 26 | Cir   | North Platte  | 62 | 20 | Cir   |
| Brownsville       | 73 | 55 | PCldy | El Paso          | 33 | 19 | Snow  | Key West         | 55 | 35 | Cir   | Oklaoma City  | 66 | 32 | Cir   |
| Buffalo           | 29 | 16 | Snow  | El Paso          | 33 | 19 | Snow  | Knoxville        | 43 | 30 | PCldy | Omaha         | 52 | 23 | Cir   |
| Burlington, Vt.   | 29 | 20 | Snow  | Evanston         | 42 | 33 | Cldy  | Lake Charles     | 68 | 46 | PCldy | Orlando       | 69 | 36 | PCldy |
| Caribou, Maine    | 45 | 26 | Cir   | Fairbanks        | 18 | 8  | Cldy  | Lansing          | 27 | 11 | Cir   | Paducah       | 45 | 27 | Cir   |
| Casper            | 45 | 26 | Cir   | Fargo            | 23 | 15 | PCldy | Las Vegas        | 67 | 42 | Cir   | Pendleton     | 41 | 21 | Cir   |
| Charleston, S.C.  | 56 | 31 | Cir   | Flagstaff        | 55 | 17 | Cir   | Lincoln          | 56 | 22 | Cir   | Philadelphia  | 40 | 24 | Cldy  |
| Charleston, W.Va. | 38 | 28 | Snow  | Flint            | 28 | 11 | Cir   | Little Rock      | 59 | 31 | Cir   | Phoenix       | 77 | 46 | Cir   |
| Charlotte, N.C.   | 49 | 28 | Cir   | Fort Smith       | 65 | 29 | Cir   | Los Angeles      | 80 | 52 | Cir   | Pittsburgh    | 29 | 19 | Snow  |
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SPORTS BRIEFS

# Kueng wins Wengen downhill for home fans

The Associated Press

WENGEN, Switzerland — Patrick Kueng gave his home Swiss fans a lot to cheer about by winning the shortened Lauberhorn downhill Saturday.

Kueng clocked 1 minute, 32.66 seconds down a course that had more than a minute of racing and signature features cut off due to strong winds, to earn his second World Cup victory — and first in downhill.

Hannes Reichelt of Austria finished second, 0.06 seconds behind, and overall World Cup leader Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway was third, only one more hundredth further back.

“It’s incredible,” said Kueng, who is the fourth different Swiss winner in six years in the country’s signature sports event. “It’s very special for me. I think it’s the best place to win a race.”

Reichelt said he lost crucial time in the bumpy s-turns into the finish area, though praised Kueng as a worthy winner.

“(Patrick) was very consistent this season. It was just time until he got the victory,” said Reichelt, adding wryly that he was “getting closer” after placing third last year.

Bode Miller finished fifth, 0.35 back, after making a big mistake in the same spot that troubled Reichelt. Miller’s American teammate Jared Goldberg placed 12th with a starting number of 40.

In other winter sports news: ■ The women’s World Cup downhill scheduled for Saturday at Cortina D’Ampezzo, Italy, was postponed until Sunday due to bad weather and soft snow conditions on the Olympia delle Tofane course.

More than a foot of fresh snow fell in Cortina on Friday and another storm was due in the Dolomites resort later Saturday.

■ Kikkan Randall won her second straight freestyle sprint event on the cross-country World Cup on Saturday at Szklarska Poręba, Poland, to underline her



ALESSANDRO TROVATI/AP

**Switzerland’s Patrick Kueng is airborne on his way to winning the men’s World Cup downhill Saturday in Wengen, Switzerland. Kueng covered the course in 1 minute, 32.66 seconds to win by .06 seconds.**

status as a medal favorite at the Sochi Olympics.

The American sprint specialist held off Denise Herrmann on the final straight to follow up on her victory in the Czech Republic a week ago. Vesna Fabjan of Slovenia was third.

In the men’s event, Alex Harvey of Canada won ahead of Josef Wenzl of Germany and France’s Baptiste Gros.

■ Steven Holcomb drove to victory in a World Cup two-man bobsled race on Saturday at Igls, Austria — his first win outside of North America in a two-man race since February 2007 when he tied for a win at Cesana Pariol, and his first in any European competition since prevailing in a four-man race in December 2009.

With the fastest time in each heat, Holcomb and brakeman Steve Langton finished two runs

at Igls in 1 minute, 43.72 seconds. Beat Hefti and Thomas Amrhein of Switzerland were second in 1:43.95, and the Russian duo of Alexander Zubkov and Dmitry Trunenkov were third in 1:44.00. ■ Katie Uhlaender and Noelle Pikus-Pace were the women’s nominees Saturday to the U.S. Olympic skeleton team for next month’s Sochi Games, with the men’s roster spots going to Matt Antoine, John Daly and Kyle Tress.

The announcement largely was a formality and lacked any real surprise, since those five sliders have primarily been the American competitors on the World Cup circuit throughout this season.

**Clemson’s Swinney gets 8-year deal, raise**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Clemson

coach Dabo Swinney received a new, eight-year contract and a raise that increased his total pay for next season to \$3.15 million.

The agreement had been in the works since the end of the season. The school announced the reworked contract that ties Swinney to the Tigers through 2021. Swinney’s previous deal paid him a total of \$2.55 million and was good through 2017.

Clemson had its second straight 11-2 season, finishing up with a 40-35 victory over Ohio State in the Orange Bowl. It was Clemson’s third consecutive season with double-digit victories.

**Reed shoots another 63 in Humana Challenge**

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Patrick Reed shot his second-straight round of 9-under 63 on Friday

to stretch his lead in the multi-course Humana Challenge to two strokes.

Having performed strongly at PGA West’s Arnold Palmer Private Course on Thursday, Reed followed that up with another impressive round at tree-lined La Quinta, to move clear of nearest challenger Brendon Todd.

Todd had a 63 on the Palmer course. He’s the only player in the field without a bogey.

Ryan Palmer was third, three strokes back at 15-under, after a 65 at La Quinta. He also made a short eagle putt on the fifth hole.

■ Rocco Mediate took the first-round lead Friday in the Champions Tour’s season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Kaupulehu-Kona, Hawaii.

Mediate shot a 9-under 63 on the Hualalai Golf Course, playing the first seven holes in 6-under with four birdies and an eagle on the par-5 seventh. He added birdies on Nos. 10, 14 and 18 to finish a stroke ahead of 2012 winner Dan Forsman.

■ Phil Mickelson surged up the leaderboard with a 9-under 63 to put himself in second place after the third round of the HSBC Golf Championship, while Rory McIlroy was hit with a two-shot penalty for a rules infraction that dropped him into the tie for fourth at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Mickelson barely made the cut but had the best round of the day with nine birdies and an eagle coupled with two bogeys to sit two shots behind leader Craig Lee of Scotland. Lee shot a 69 for a 12-under 204 total.

McIlroy thought he was alone in second place a stroke behind Lee after finishing his round, but tournament officials then ruled that he had taken a drop incorrectly on the second hole and adjusted his score to a double-bogey 7. That gave him a 7 on the round to sit one stroke behind Mickelson and Gaganjeet Bhullar of India (66).

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NBA

Roundup

# Durant's career-high 54 lift Thunder to win

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored a career-high 54 points to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Golden State Warriors 127-121 on Friday night.

Durant made 19 of 28 field goals and 11 of 13 free throws in his third straight game with at least 36 points.

Serge Ibaka had 21 points and eight rebounds, Reggie Jackson scored 14 points and Kendrick Perkins added 12 rebounds for the Thunder (30-10), who won for the third time in four games. Oklahoma City shot 58 percent from the field and scored a season-high point total.

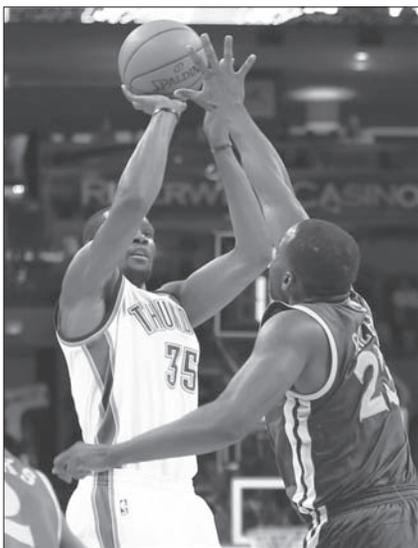
Stephen Curry had 37 points and 11 assists and Klay Thompson added 26 points for the Warriors (25-16), who shot 52 percent but simply couldn't match up with Durant.

**Trail Blazers 109, Spurs 100:** LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and 13 rebounds for visiting Portland, and Wesley Matthews scored 24 points.

Damian Lillard had 21 points and eight assists and Mo Williams added 13 points as the Trail Blazers snapped San Antonio's six-game winning streak. Matthews shot 6-for-7 on three-pointers.

Manu Ginobili had a season-high 29 points, and Boris Diaw and Marco Belinelli added 14 points each for the Spurs. Tim Duncan had 13 points and Tony Parker added 12, but the two combined for just eight points in the second half of a physical and tatty matchup between teams vying for the best record in the Western Conference.

**Lakers 107, Celtics 104:** Boston point guard Rajon Rondo returned from a knee injury and missed a three-pointer that could have sent the game into overtime, sending visiting Los Angeles to the win.



ALONZO ADAMS/AP

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant (35) scored a career-high 54 points Friday to lead the Thunder past the Golden State Warriors 127-121.

Pau Gasol had 24 points and 13 rebounds for Los Angeles, and Kendall Marshall finished with 19 points and 14 assists. Ryan Kelly scored 20 points and Wesley Johnson added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Kelly Olynyk scored a career-high 25 points for Boston. Rondo, who was limited to 20 minutes in his first game since tearing his right anterior cruciate ligament on Jan. 25, 2013, had eight points,

four assists and two rebounds.

**Clippers 109, Knicks 95:** Blake Griffin scored 32 points, Jamal Crawford added 29 and Los Angeles opened a seven-game road trip with its fifth straight victory.

DeAndre Jordan had 11 points and 16 rebounds for the Clippers, who dominated the second half to hand the Knicks their third consecutive loss.

Carmelo Anthony had 26 points

and 20 rebounds for the Knicks in a disappointing start to an eight-game homestand that matches the longest in franchise history. That doesn't guarantee any success this season, with the Knicks now 7-13 at Madison Square Garden.

**Jazz 110, Pistons 89:** Trey Burke had 20 points and a career-high 12 assists in his return to Michigan, leading Utah to the victory.

Burke, who was the national player of the year at Michigan last season and led the Wolverines to the Final Four, had plenty of supporters in the crowd at the Palace. He shook off a slow start and outplayed Detroit counterpart Brandon Jennings as the Jazz built a big lead.

**Grizzlies 91, Kings 90:** Mike Conley had 25 points and six assists for his team, and then grabbed possession of a jump ball in the final 2 seconds to help the host Memphis secure its season-high fifth straight win.

Courtney Lee added 17 points for Memphis. Marc Gasol, in his third game back after missing 23 games with a knee injury, finished with 16 points, and Zach Randolph had 12 points and nine rebounds.

DeMarcus Cousins led the Kings with 22 points and 17 rebounds, while Rudy Gay scored 19 points and nine assists.

**Mavericks 110, Suns 107:** Rookie Shane Larkin scored a career-high 18 points for visiting Dallas, including two free throws with 11.1 seconds to play.

Monta Ellis scored 24 and Dirk Nowitzki had 21 for the Mavericks, who never trailed.

Goran Dragic scored 28 points for Phoenix. Markieff Morris added 23, including 14 in the final quarter, and grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Suns have lost four of five.

**Raptors 94, Timberwolves 85:** Kyle Lowry scored 24 points,

Amir Johnson had 19 and Toronto

to win its 10th straight home victory over Minnesota.

DeMar DeRozan shook off a poor shooting performance to score 15 points and Terrence Ross had 16 as the Raptors won their sixth straight home game. It's their longest home streak since an eight-game run from Jan. 17 to Feb. 10, 2010.

Lowry made a season-high six three-pointers as the Raptors won for the ninth time in 11 games and posted their 18th victory in 19 meetings with Minnesota.

**Cavaliers 117, Nuggets 109:** At Denver, Kyrie Irving scored 23 points for Cleveland, and Tristan Thompson had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

C.J. Miles added 19 points for Cleveland, including four free throws down the stretch. Luol Deng scored 18.

The Cavaliers finished their five-game Western Conference road trip with a 3-2 record after winning in Denver for the second time in three years.

**Wizards 96, Bulls 93:** John Wall had 23 points and 11 assists, helping host Washington reach .500 for the third time this season.

The Wizards had six players score in double figures in their third straight victory, two of them coming against Chicago. Bradley Beal and Martell Webster had 14 points apiece.

Kirk Hinrich led Chicago with 18 points, and D.J. Augustin scored 16. The Bulls had won six of seven, and were trying to reach .500 for the first time since Nov. 27.

**Bobcats 111, Magic 101:** Al Jefferson had 30 points and 16 rebounds for visiting Charlotte, and Kemba Walker added 19 points and 10 assists.

The Magic dug out of an 18-point first-half hole and pulled to 78-76 early in the fourth quarter. But the Bobcats shot 16-for-20 on free throws in the final period to help secure the win.

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# NHL/AUSTRALIAN OPEN

## NHL roundup

# Chicago holds off Anaheim

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Blackhawks knew their Friday night game with the Anaheim Ducks was a marquee matchup, and they came out ready.

Marian Hossa scored two goals, and Kris Versteeg and Bryan Bickell also talked to lead Chicago past Anaheim 4-2 to end the Ducks' eight-game winning streak and hand them only their second loss in the past 20 games.

Despite scuffling along at 1-3 in its past five games, defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago entered the game with the NHL's second-best point total.

And through most of the showdown against league-leading Anaheim, the Blackhawks were a step quicker and more determined physically.

"We knew we'd be facing the hottest team in the league," Hossa said. "I knew we had to stop them somehow."

"We got scored on the last few minutes, but we still got the two points, which is important."

With Chicago cruising 3-0, Anaheim's Ryan Getzlaf scored on a wrist shot to cap an odd-man break with 6:13 left in the third to end Corey Crawford's shutout bid.

Then Kyle Palmieri connected on a 40-foot shot 53 seconds later to end what he closed before Hossa scored into an empty net with 7:6 seconds left.

Crawford made 19 saves to help the Blackhawks end a five-game losing streak against Anaheim — including three straight in Chicago — and beat the Ducks for the first time since December 2011.

**Blue Jackets 5, Capitals 1:** Cam Atkinson scored two goals and Sergei Bobrovsky continued his hot streak to lead host Columbus past the Washington for its fifth straight victory.

The Capitals, who got a goal from John Carlson, have lost four in a row and 11 of 15.

Ryan Johansen added a goal and assist, James Wisniewski had a goal, Mark Letestu scored for the fifth time in six games and Jack Johnson had two assists for Blue Jackets, who had lost their past five meetings with Washington.

The victory moved the Blue Jackets to two points out of playoff position with at least one game in hand on every team ahead of them in the Metropolitan Division and tied-card playoff races.

Bobrovsky, who came in 5-0 with 145 goals-against average and a .954 save percentage in his past five starts, had 26 saves. He stood tall to frustrate the Capitals when the game was still in doubt.

The Blue Jackets have been off since Monday, while the Capitals were playing their third game in four days.

## NHL scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

| Atlantic Division |    |    |    |     |    |     |     |
|-------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP                | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
| Boston            | 47 | 30 | 15 | 5   | 62 | 119 | 104 |
| Tampa Bay         | 48 | 28 | 15 | 5   | 61 | 137 | 115 |
| Montreal          | 47 | 27 | 16 | 5   | 59 | 123 | 115 |
| Toronto           | 49 | 24 | 20 | 5   | 53 | 136 | 149 |
| Ottawa            | 47 | 20 | 21 | 6   | 51 | 138 | 151 |
| Detroit           | 47 | 20 | 17 | 10  | 50 | 118 | 128 |
| Florida           | 47 | 18 | 22 | 7   | 43 | 109 | 144 |
| Buffalo           | 46 | 13 | 26 | 6   | 32 | 83  | 129 |

| Metropolitan Division |    |    |    |     |    |     |     |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP                    | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
| Pittsburgh            | 46 | 34 | 11 | 5   | 70 | 156 | 115 |
| Philadelphia          | 48 | 24 | 19 | 5   | 53 | 128 | 136 |
| N.Y. Rangers          | 49 | 21 | 23 | 5   | 53 | 120 | 126 |
| Washington            | 48 | 23 | 18 | 8   | 52 | 141 | 146 |
| New Jersey            | 49 | 20 | 18 | 11  | 51 | 113 | 120 |
| Columbus              | 47 | 23 | 20 | 4   | 50 | 134 | 132 |
| Carolina              | 46 | 19 | 18 | 9   | 47 | 111 | 130 |
| N.Y. Islanders        | 49 | 19 | 23 | 7   | 45 | 134 | 157 |

### Western Conference

| Central Division |    |    |    |     |    |     |     |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
| Chicago          | 50 | 31 | 8  | 11  | 73 | 181 | 137 |
| St. Louis        | 46 | 32 | 8  | 5   | 69 | 164 | 104 |
| Colorado         | 47 | 30 | 12 | 5   | 65 | 137 | 118 |
| Minnesota        | 50 | 26 | 19 | 7   | 57 | 122 | 123 |
| Dallas           | 47 | 21 | 19 | 7   | 49 | 124 | 145 |
| Nashville        | 49 | 21 | 21 | 7   | 49 | 117 | 146 |
| Winnipeg         | 49 | 13 | 26 | 6   | 47 | 138 | 148 |

| Pacific Division |    |    |    |     |    |     |     |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
| Anaheim          | 48 | 30 | 12 | 6   | 77 | 172 | 124 |
| San Jose         | 48 | 30 | 12 | 6   | 66 | 153 | 117 |
| Los Angeles      | 48 | 29 | 14 | 5   | 62 | 124 | 97  |
| Vancouver        | 49 | 24 | 16 | 9   | 57 | 125 | 123 |
| Phoenix          | 47 | 22 | 16 | 9   | 53 | 136 | 143 |
| Calgary          | 48 | 16 | 26 | 6   | 37 | 107 | 153 |
| Edmonton         | 50 | 15 | 30 | 5   | 35 | 129 | 178 |

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

**Thursday's games**  
 Nashville 6, Philadelphia 3, SO  
 N.Y. Islanders 2, Tampa Bay 1, SO  
 Colorado 2, New Jersey 0  
 N.Y. Rangers 1, Detroit 0  
 Montreal 5, Ottawa 4  
 San Jose 3, Florida 0  
 Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 1  
 Minnesota 4, Edmonton 1  
 Boston 4, Dallas 2

**Friday's games**  
 Columbus 5, Washington 1  
 Chicago 4, Anaheim 2

**Saturday's games**  
 N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa  
 San Jose at Tampa Bay  
 Edmonton at Winnipeg  
 Columbus at Buffalo  
 Montreal at Toronto  
 Los Angeles at Detroit  
 N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia  
 Florida at Carolina  
 Anaheim at St. Louis  
 Colorado at Nashville  
 New Jersey at Phoenix  
 Dallas at Minnesota  
 Calgary at Vancouver

**Sunday's games**  
 Boston at Chicago  
 Tampa Bay at Carolina  
 Washington at N.Y. Rangers

### Friday

#### Blue Jackets 5, Capitals 1

Washington 0 1 0-1  
 Columbus 5 1 0-0

**First Period**—1, Columbus, W 1 2-5  
 4 (Johnson, Johansen), 12:08 (pp), 2, Columbus, Addison 14 (Calvert, Dubinsky), 19:08.

**Second Period**—3, Columbus, Johansen 18 (Meuserger), 1:14, Washington, Carlson 8 (Erat, Brouwer), 8:23.

**Third Period**—1, Columbus, Letestu 6 (Horton, Johnson), 1:08 (pp), 6, Columbus, Johnson 15 (Murray, Niemi), 4:24.

**Shots on Goal**—Washington 12-7-5—27, Columbus 13-10-3—33

**Power-play opportunities**—Washington 0 of 4; Columbus 2 of 4.

**Goals**—Washington, Grabauer 6-3-5 (14 shots-11 saves), Holtby 1:44 (second), 22:20, Columbus, Bobrovsky 14-11-2 (27-26), A—14,121 (18,144), T—2:28.

#### Blackhawks 4, Ducks 2

Anaheim 0 0 2-2  
 Chicago 4 2 0-4

**First Period**—1, Chicago, Hossa 18 (Toews, Hjalmarsson), 10:34 (sh), 2, Chicago, Getzlaf 1, 4, Anaheim, Bickell 7 (Seabrook), 10:19.

**Second Period**—3, Anaheim, Palmieri 9 (Fowler), 13:47, 5, Anaheim, Palmieri 9 (Fowler), 15:12, Chicago, Hossa 19 (Krugger, Hjalmarsson), 19:52 (en).

**Shots on Goal**—Anaheim 8-10—21, Chicago 11-9—33

**Power-play opportunities**—Anaheim 0 of 9; Chicago 2 of 2.

**Goals**—Anaheim, Hillier 23-5-4 (34 shots), 19:52, Chicago, Crawford 3-4-7 (21-19), A—22,064 (19,177), T—2:26.

### Scoring leaders

#### Through Jan. 17

| Player                 | GP | A  | G  | Pts |
|------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Sidney Crosby, PIT     | 48 | 25 | 43 | 68  |
| John Tavares, NYR      | 48 | 21 | 36 | 57  |
| Patrick Kane, CHI      | 50 | 24 | 32 | 56  |
| Joe Pavolano, ANA      | 50 | 20 | 32 | 52  |
| Joe Thornton, SJ       | 49 | 25 | 45 | 51  |
| Patrick Sharp, CHI     | 48 | 25 | 24 | 49  |
| Chris Richards, PIT    | 48 | 24 | 24 | 48  |
| Alex Ovechkin, WAS     | 46 | 34 | 14 | 48  |
| Jonathan Toews, CHI    | 50 | 17 | 48 | 48  |
| Nicklas Backstrom, WAS | 48 | 11 | 37 | 48  |
| Evgenii Malkin, PIT    | 37 | 12 | 35 | 47  |



AARON FAVILA/AP

Spain's Rafael Nadal reaches for a backhand shot to France's Gael Monfils during their third-round match Saturday at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia. Nadal won in straight sets.

# Nadal, Azarenka advance

## Former champs cruise in cooler temperatures

By DENNIS PASSA

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Top-seeded Rafael Nadal and two-time defending champion Victoria Azarenka looked as if they were in a hurry to get out for late dinners Saturday while posting straight-set victories in their night matches at the Australian Open.

Nadal continued his dominance of Gael Monfils, beating the Frenchman for the 10th time in 12 matches in a 6-1, 6-2, 6-3 victory in just over two hours to advance to a fourth-round match against Kei Nishikori.

The left-handed Spaniard, who won the tournament in 2009, didn't play here last year during a seven-month injury layoff, and said he was pleased to be back on a night session at Rod Laver Arena.

Azarenka was equally as dominating in beating Yvonne Meusburger 6-1, 6-0 in exactly an hour. Azarenka will play American Sloane Stephens in the next round in the reprise of an acrimonious semifinal here when Azarenka took a questionable medical timeout that turned the match in her favor.

Earlier, the girlfriend and boyfriend pair of Maria Sharapova and Grigor Dimitrov both advanced along with Wimbledon champion Andy Murray and 17-time Grand Slam winner Roger Federer.

And finally, the oppressive heat wave of the past four days gave way to more benign conditions. Sharapova, who endured the worst of the torrid heat in her second-round match, beat Alize Cornet 6-1, 7-6 (6) to reach the fourth round. The match was played in high humidity but in temperatures of about 72 degrees, considerably cooler than the scorching 108-degree conditions she endured for 3 hours, 28 minutes on Thursday.

Dimitrov reached the second week at a major for the first time when he converted his fifth match point to beat No. 11-seeded Milos Raonic of Canada 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (10).

Federer had a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 win over Yezhov Gabashvili, and three-time finalist Murray reached the fourth round for the sixth straight year with a 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-2 win over No. 26-seeded Feliciano



AARON FAVILA/AP

Belarus' Victoria Azarenka hits a forehand return during her 6-1, 6-0 victory over Austria's Yvonne Meusburger in Saturday's third-round match.

### Lopez

Elsewhere, 2008 finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga beat fellow Frenchman Gilles Simon 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2 and No. 16 Nishikori beat Donald Young, the last American to win in the singles draw, 7-5, 6-1, 6-0.

Sharapova will next play Dominika Cibulkova, who beat No. 16 Carla Suarez Navarro 6-1, 6-0. Former No. 1-ranked Jelena Jankovic had a 6-4, 7-5 win over Kurumi Nara, her third consecutive victory over a Japanese player.

Fifth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska had a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 over No. 29 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and will ousted former play Garbine Muguruzza of Spain, who ousted former No. 1-ranked Caroline Wozniacki 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Stephens reached the fourth round on a fifth consecutive major with a 7-5, 6-4 win over Elina Svitolina.

NFL

# Stars: Sunday's games may be peak of postseason

FROM BACK PAGE

The Seahawks are so good at home and CenturyLink Field is so loud that the stadium is a story in itself.

Then there's the fact both contests Sunday will be played outdoors, raising the possibility of unpredictable weather to help prepare the winners for, well, unpredictable weather.

The decision to subject the Super Bowl to potential cold, wind and snow for the first time in history put the league in position for criticism if the title tilt were to be influenced by, say, a fumbled wet ball or a gust-guided missed field goal.

With two of these remaining teams on stage, however, the weather will be hard-pressed to make the headlines. The NFL, this carefully cultivated cultural magnet and money-making machine, has managed to top itself yet again with these conference championship matchups.

Sure, Brady and Manning have squared off for a spot in the Super Bowl twice before. Three straight Dallas-San Francisco games in the 1990s were memorable. But recalling a better set of matchups than this combined for a 50-14 record in the regular season.

"If you're a football fan, it can't get any better than this week," Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson said. "You think about the NFC championship game, us versus the 49ers, and you think about the AFC side and the Patriots versus the Broncos, that's as good as it gets."

Brady already beat Manning this season when the Patriots overcame a 24-0 halftime deficit to defeat the Broncos 34-31 in overtime. This will be the 15th time they'll play against each other, and Brady has already won 10.

"This is tantamount to Ali-Frazier one more time. This is Palmer-Nicklaus. This is Bird-Magic," Nantz said. "I'm not trying to create some sort of synthetic drama here, but this is what it is. This is as big as it gets. We're going to savor it, because you don't know how many more times we'll get it

again."

If the Patriots win, they'll tie Dallas and Pittsburgh for the most Super Bowl appearances with eight. Brady, who has already won three but none since the 2004 season, would also set a record with his sixth trip as a starting quarterback.

Manning has made two, winning one. Despite leading the Broncos to the most points in NFL regular-season history in his second season back from the neck injury that ended his tenure in Indianapolis, the chatter that he hasn't won enough in the playoffs has persisted. Brady is immune with a record 18 postseason victories in 25 starts.

Don't forget about the coaches in this drama, either. Bill Belichick would match Tom Landry's all-time mark with 20 postseason wins and Don Shula's record of six Super Bowl appearances if the Patriots triumph. Then there's Belichick's offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, no stranger to Denver. He had two tumultuous years as head coach of the Broncos and is not remembered fondly by the orange-and-blue clad fans.

The coaches are more central to the narrative on the other side. Pete Carroll famously and angrily asked Jim Harbaugh, "What's your deal?" in 2009 after Stanford ran up the score in a win over Southern California, which Carroll left for the Seahawks the following season. Harbaugh departed the college ranks the year after to take over the 49ers, and their teams have been fighting over the NFC West since.

Leading run-first, defense-fueled teams, millennials Wilson and Colin Kaepernick are from a different mold than Brady and Manning of Generation X. But they're more than capable of taking the baton.

The all-time series is tied at 15. This will be their first meeting in the playoffs, but likely not the last.

"I think it's the best rivalry in football right now," Fox analyst Troy Aikman said.

With a pretty good one in the AFC game, too.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, left, and Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, right, will meet once again when Denver hosts New England in the AFC championship on Sunday.



TED S. WARREN/AP

Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin celebrates with fans after last Saturday's win over the New Orleans Saints in Seattle. Baldwin is relishing the opportunity to play against his former college coach and current 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh, with whom Baldwin clashed during his time at Stanford.

# Receive them in anger

## Seahawks WR Baldwin has knack for making big plays against 49ers, former coach Harbaugh

By TIM BOUTH  
The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Doug Baldwin wanted to be done at Stanford. The transfer papers were filled out.

Baldwin even had a destination in mind. And then Baldwin's mom, Cindy, said no.

She wasn't about to let him give up a Stanford education even if it meant sticking through an uncomfortable situation playing football for Jim Harbaugh.

"I eventually came to the realization that I needed to stick through it as well," Baldwin said. "It was very close, though."

Baldwin can look back on that time in college with reverence and perspective now that he's established in the NFL and about to face his former college coach in Sunday's NFC championship game between Seattle and San Francisco.

With Percy Harvin not playing after suffering a concussion last week against New Orleans, Baldwin's role and importance is even greater.

The fact a trip to the Super Bowl being at stake comes against Harbaugh and the 49ers, the coach he clashed with occasionally during their time at Stanford, could make

the day even more special for Baldwin should Seattle win.

"It's not extra personal. I just think that you get a little bit of extra motivation because you know the guy on the other side of the field," Baldwin said.

"It's nothing personal against him, going back on I think him for the adversity he put me through so to speak because it made me who I am today. It made me a better person and a better football player."

**'It's nothing personal ... I thank him for the adversity he put me through ... It made me a better person and a better football player.'**

Doug Baldwin  
Seattle WR

Baldwin doesn't carry a chip, but a "boulder" on his shoulder. He thrives off negativity. He's picked up the nickname "Angry Doug Baldwin," and embraces the moniker.

And leading into the NFC title game Baldwin opened up this

week about his time at Stanford. Baldwin said the animosity he held toward Harbaugh in college is now gone. He said they text on occasion and called their relationship now, "decent."

Baldwin's role could be critical on Sunday. With Harvin out, Baldwin will be returning kickoffs and likely playing more snaps as an outside receiver than in the slot.

He's made a point of having big games against Harbaugh and the 49ers. Baldwin has 16 receptions and four touchdowns against the 49ers.

He also has a knack for making critical catches in important situations. Baldwin's third down reception along the sideline last week against New Orleans came one play before Marshawn Lynch's clinching 31-yard touchdown run in Seattle's 23-15 victory.

"That was a huge ball he caught that kind of helped us win. So we're very, very confident," fellow receiver Golden Tate said.

"We hear it all the time that we're not worth squat, but at the end of the day, we make the plays that we need to make to help us win and we're sitting 14-3 right now, playing in the NFC Championship. You can't do that without us or the tight ends or the running backs."

## NFL PLAYOFFS

## AFC CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS

BY BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

Matchups for the AFC championship game Sunday between the New England Patriots and Denver Broncos at Sports Authority Field:

## Special teams

Denver PK Matt Prater broke the NFL record with a 64-yard field goal and might have the strongest leg in the league. But New England's Stephen Gostkowski is no slouch. Both are reliable in tight situations and from distance; in Denver's thin air, that's important.

Ryan Allen was sidelined with a right shoulder injury in the victory over Indianapolis, so their punting situation is somewhat uncertain. Of course, they hope they never have to punt the ball back to Manning.

Denver's Britton Colquitt is among the NFL's top punters.

The only game-breaker among the kick returners is Denver's Trindon Holliday, who must show he can hang onto the ball. Blount has done well on kickoff returns, including an 83-yarder.

New England's coverage units are strong, while Denver's are not nearly as stingy.

## When the Broncos (14-3) have the ball

Things are a lot more simple on Denver's offense. Sure, RB Knowshon Moreno has been a mainstay and had a career-best 224 yards on a career-high 37 carries in a November loss at Foxborough. And rookie Montee Ball can be a significant contributor.

But everyone knows this attack is all about QB Peyton Manning (right).

Manning broke Brady's single-season marks with 55 TD passes and 5,477 yards in the air, and the Broncos established an NFL record with 606 points. It would be the caper to one of the greatest careers in league history for Manning to get his second championship, and he has the supporting cast to do so.

The main problem is that New England has had his number. Manning is 4-10 against Brady, and the defenses schemed by Patriots coach Bill Belichick often have puzzled him.

The Patriots' defense, sparked by DE-LB Rob Ninkovich, DE Chandler Jones and LB Jamie Collins really has come on late in the season as Belichick kept plugging in new faces when regulars went down with injuries. That New England lost its best two defenders, DT Vince Wilfork and LB Jerod Mayo, and prospered is somewhat amazing.



## When the Patriots (13-4) have the ball

Run, baby, run.  
The Patriots? Yep.

While all four remaining teams in the playoffs have solid ground games, New England has ridden the backs of its backs the most effectively.

Sure, QB Tom Brady is among the best ever and is seeking a fourth Super Bowl ring, but he's also among the smartest ever. Brady knows that if his trio of runners — LeGarrette Blount (left), Stevan Ridley and Shane Vereen — are gouging the opponent, it's the best approach to keep at it.

Blount has been unstoppable recently, rushing for 431 yards and eight TDs in the last three games. He scored four times in the rout of Indianapolis last week and is the power back the Patriots have lacked for a while.

That they've gotten such production behind an offensive line that entered the season with some uncertainty has been impressive, too. Left guard Logan Mankins and left tackle Nate Solder anchor the group, which has allowed only six sacks in the last four games.

Give Brady time and it's a recipe for defeat for the opposition. So Denver has a dilemma: Would it rather force the clutch-passing Brady to go to the air or deal with the run game?



## Coaching

Belichick bested John Fox when Fox was coaching Carolina in the 2004 Super Bowl. Obviously, Belichick is seeking a fourth Super Bowl title, rare territory, and hasn't won it since the 2005. He'll come up with something on both sides of the ball that will trouble Denver.

Fox, who missed a month of the schedule after heart surgery, is a strong motivator, too, and is smart enough to keep the reins very loose on Manning. His background is in defense, but that's where the Broncos have struggled under him this season, in large part because they lost five defenders to IR and injuries to Woodyard and Bailey made them backups for most of 2013.

## Intangibles

Start with Brady having lost his last two Super Bowls and not playing particularly well in either of them.

Add in Manning seeking his third trip to the big game — and an emphatic stamp of approval as a championship QB.

The Broncos also are spurred on by their meltdown late in last year's playoff loss to Baltimore at home. New England is driven by no championships in nearly a decade.

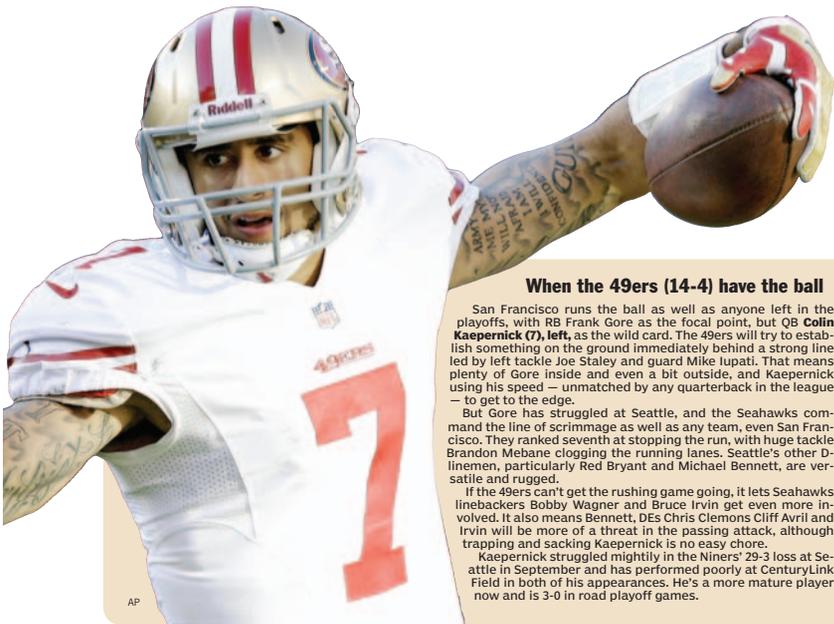
Neither side will forget the regular-season meeting, either. Denver wants to replicate the first half in which it forced a slew of turnovers and went ahead 24-0. New England wants to carry the momentum from its second-half surge to victory.

## NFL PLAYOFFS

## NFC CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS

By **BARRY WILNER**  
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Matchups for the NFC championship game Sunday between the San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks at CenturyLink Field:



### When the 49ers (14-4) have the ball

San Francisco runs the ball as well as anyone left in the playoffs, with RB Frank Gore as the focal point, but **QB Colin Kaepernick (7), left**, as the wild card. The 49ers will try to establish something on the ground immediately behind a strong line led by left tackle Joe Staley and guard Mike Lupati. That means plenty of Gore inside and even a bit outside, and Kaepernick using his speed — unmatched by any quarterback in the league — to get to the edge.

But Gore has struggled at Seattle, and the Seahawks command the line of scrimmage as well as any team, even San Francisco. They ranked seventh at stopping the run, with huge tackle Brandon Mebane clogging the running lanes. Seattle's other D-linemen, particularly Red Bryant and Michael Bennett, are versatile and rugged.

If the 49ers can't get the rushing game going, it lets Seahawks linebackers Bobby Wagner and Bruce Irvin get even more involved. It also means Bennett, DEs Chris Clemens, Cliff Avril and Irvin will be more of a threat in the passing attack, although trapping and sacking Kaepernick is no easy chore.

Kaepernick struggled mightily in the Niners' 29-3 loss at Seattle in September and has performed poorly at CenturyLink Field in both of his appearances. He's a more mature player now and is 3-0 in road playoff games.

### Special teams

No real big edges here unless Percy Harvin is healthy — he's a game-breaker on returns.

Golden Tate probably is the next-best weapon on either side running back kicks.

Both sides treasure the reliability of their kickers. San Francisco brought in veteran PK Phil Dawson as a free agent, after David Akers flopped last season. Dawson has excelled, and he beat Green Bay in the wild-card round with a final-second field goal through the frigid night air. Punter Andy Lee has been a perennial Pro Bowler.

Seattle counters with PK Steven Hauschka, who also has had a topnotch season, and Jon Ryan, who regularly buries punts deep in an opponent's territory.

### Coaching

Jim Harbaugh and Carroll have no love lost, dating to when they were at Stanford and Southern Cal and Harbaugh ran up the score, prompting Carroll to ask him, "What's your deal?"

Harbaugh's deal has been winning like no coach in San Francisco since Bill Walsh. This is the Niners' third straight trip to the NFC title game under him. He exudes confidence and, yes, arrogance, and it works for the 49ers.

Carroll's nonstop exuberance rubs off on his players, and no team is more aggressive, especially on defense, which is Carroll's specialty. He had some success in a previous head coaching stint with the Patriots, then went to USC and, since returning to the pros, Carroll has done a brilliant job turning the Seahawks into a championship contender.

### Intangibles

Playing in the same division means both sides are deeply familiar with each other; there won't be many secrets on display here.

That the Niners have struggled in the Pacific Northwest is, well, tangible: They were outscored 71-16 in their last two visits, Harbaugh's two worst losses. They're an experienced outfit in pressure situations, though, so the supersonic noise from the 12th Man in the stands shouldn't affect them.

But it has. And it figures to be louder than ever on Sunday.

### When the Seahawks (14-3) have the ball

Seattle's offense has slumped in recent weeks, but it also has made big plays when needed. RB **Marshawn Lynch (24), right**, is Gore's counterpart and comes off a great game vs. New Orleans: 140 yards and two touchdowns. He's a similar-type runner and when in "Beast Mode," he's as tough as they come.

Then again, so is San Francisco's run defense, led by do-everything tackle/end Justin Smith and linebackers NaVorro Bowman, an All-Pro, Patrick Willis and Ahmad Brooks. The Niners aren't quite as deep up front as Seattle, but they make up for it with the NFL's top linebacking corps.

Coach Pete Carroll is most comfortable when Lynch is on the loose, which makes things much easier for QB Russell Wilson. If the 49ers can control Lynch, who averaged 105 yards rushing at home against them, it puts a heavy onus on Wilson, whose passing numbers have been pedestrian recently.

Wilson, of course, is like Kaepernick with his escapability.



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## NFL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Superstar Sunday

## Semifinals hold promise of popular championship pairings

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**T**he Super Bowl needs a ratings boost like a racecar could use more horsepower. No program in television history has lured more viewers. No single sporting event is capable of commercially generating more hype.

This time, the NFL's annual national holiday has some competition for the attention, drama and intrigue. The challenge has come from within: the league's semifinals.

The conference championship games set for Sunday have all but guaranteed a popular pairing for the title game in New Jersey on Feb. 2, but the peak of this postseason could actually be reached this weekend.

"It's hard to find a better set of four. Really, any combination you come up with for the Super Bowl is going to be a great matchup," said CBS Sports announcer Jim Nantz.

In the AFC, the Tom Brady-Peyton Manning rematch in the New England-Denver game is an epic qualifier for the Super Bowl. The NFC, though, features fierce division rivals, two of the best under-27 quarterbacks around, and a prickly relationship between head coaches with the San Francisco-Seattle game.

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