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There are no quick fixes to counter Boko Haram

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

The body count continues to grow in Nigeria, where in recent weeks hundreds of people have been slaughtered at the hands of the Islamic militant group Boko Haram.

The latest bloodshed, which has included the burning of an entire village and suicide bombings carried out by schoolgirls, has elicited international condemnation.

But with Islamic extremist attacks in France and the Middle East grabbing headlines, Boko Haram has faded from the international news agenda since the militants kidnapped 200 schoolgirls last April.

ANALYSIS A viral grass roots push for action in response to that mass kidnapping through the "Bring Back Our Girls" social media campaign ultimately led the U.S. to send in military advisers and surveillance drones to assist in an international manhunt for the missing girls.

Nine months after the kidnapping, the girls have not been found and Boko Haram is now on the march, occupying by some estimates as much as 20 percent of Africa's most populous country.

The Nigerian military has been unable to counter the advances of the militant group, and in some cases witnesses have reported soldiers fleeing before the advancing rebels.

Experts warn Boko Haram is now pushing Nigeria — Africa's largest oil producer — to the brink, threatening both western interests and vulnerable neighboring states. But with political dysfunction in the country and U.S.-Nigeria relations, there are no practical options available to the U.S. and its allies to counter the militants as they continue to gain strength.

"All this has certainly grabbed the attention of the departments of state and defense, and I can tell you that because they're calling me," said John Campbell, a former ambassador to Nigeria and an expert on the region with the Council on Foreign Relations.

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FOR NORTH KOREA, IT'S NEVER TOO YOUNG TO START BRAINWASHING

By ANNA FIFIELD
The Washington Post

WHEN SEOUL, South Korea's capital, was in a depression in the north of the nation of totalitarianism, was in elementary school, learning to throw wasn't a simple matter of pitching a ball. No, in gym class, there was a wooden target showing a human figure with pale skin and a huge nose, with "cunning American wolf" written on it. A young Lee, now 19,

"Kim Jong Il, how hard he works, he works so hard that he sleeps in the car and just eats rice balls," sang Jeon, now 29, sitting in a restaurant here trying to recall the words that were once ingrained into her. "On his desk there are piles and piles of reports that he has to read and approve.

He works so hard for us, the people."

And when Lee Hyun-ji, also from the north of the bastion of totalitarianism, was in elementary school, learning to throw wasn't a simple matter of pitching a ball. No, in gym class, there was a wooden target showing a human figure with pale skin and a huge nose, with "cunning American wolf" written on it. A young Lee, now 19,

and her classmates would practice their throwing with a wooden "grenade."

For North Korea's dynastic Kim regime, citizens are never too young to be indoctrinated. Indeed, an all-encompassing personality cult has kept the country intact even as the Soviet Union collapsed, and as China and Cuba have opened up.

With its pudgy leaders and their comical haircuts, its goose-stepping soldiers and its inventive turns of phrase, North Korea has provided endless opportunity for mockery, most recently with the controversial U.S. film "The Interview."

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Young North Korean schoolchildren help to fix potholes in a rural road in North Korea's North Hamgyong province in June.

DAVID GUTTENFELDER/AP

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Why is God allowing something like this to happen, even to innocent children? And why are there so few who are helping us?”

— Glyzelle Palomar, 12, while telling Pope Francis of children who are abandoned or neglected in the Philippines

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AFN murder trial's forensic, photo evidence to come

By MATT MILLHAM Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — The first week of the court-martial of an American Forces Network technician charged with killing a colleague saw testimony from several key witnesses, but the panel who will decide the Air Force staff sergeant's fate has yet to see forensic evidence.

That evidence, as well as testimony from medical and forensic experts and photographs from autopsies of slain Petty Officer 2nd Class Dmitry Chepusov are expected to be presented in the next two weeks as the trial of Staff Sgt. Sean Oliver continues.

Oliver has pleaded not guilty to all charges against him, which include premeditated murder, obstructing justice, making false official statements, aggravated assault and obstructing proceedings.

So far, the panel — similar to a civilian jury — has heard from a handful of witnesses who knew both the slain sailor and the accused, including two who testified they were in an adjacent room when Oliver is suspected to have strangled and beaten Chepusov.

The panel also watched more than four hours of video of Oliver's initial statement to Air

Force Office of Special Investigations, or OSI, agents, in which he implicated himself in Chepusov's death.

Chepusov's mother and two brothers have sat quietly in the gallery throughout the proceedings.

Accounts of what happened given by Air Force Staff Sgt. Shao-Lung Ping and Army Pvt. Cody Kramer, both prosecution witnesses who were present on the night of Chepusov's death, differed from what Oliver told investigators in the video statement.

Kramer and Ping testified that whatever occurred between Oliver and Chepusov happened soon after the group — Oliver, Chepusov, Kramer, Ping and Staff Sgt. Thomas Skinkle — returned to Skinkle's apartment after a night of drinking in downtown Kaiserslautern.

Kramer testified that at one point he went into the kitchen and saw Oliver on top of Chepusov and retreated to the living room after Oliver told him, "Go away."

Ping said he tried to leave the apartment, whose entrance is accessible only through the kitchen where Oliver and Chepusov were, and when he entered, Oliver yelled at him, "Shut the door."

Ping didn't shut the door all the way, he testified, and later saw Oliver twice kick Chepusov, who



American Forces Network Video

Petty Officer 2nd Class Dmitry Chepusov, a Navy broadcaster for American Forces Network Europe, was found dead in a vehicle in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on Dec. 14, 2013.

was lying on the floor.

In the video, Oliver said Chepusov was knocked out in a fall in the kitchen and became violent when, much later in the evening, Oliver tried to rouse him. Oliver said he choked Chepusov to knock him out again, not to kill him.

Kramer testified that Oliver told him Chepusov was "D-E-A-D dead. Dead dead."

Ping, who was not part of the conversation, described overhearing the exchange, which he recounted in similar words. He differed with Kramer on where each man was standing in the apartment building when the conversation occurred. Oliver's defense team sought to draw attention to those differences in Kramer's and Pings' accounts.

Maj. Shane McCammon, Oliver's senior defense counsel, questioned the OSI's lead investigator

on the case, Deric Hiscock, about the propriety of questioning Oliver because he knew Oliver was assigned a German attorney after German police found Chepusov's body in his car during a traffic stop Dec. 14, 2013.

Hiscock said the Air Force legal department advised him that because Oliver was remanded to U.S. custody, the German attorney didn't matter and Hiscock wasn't required to call him.

If Oliver had asked for a lawyer, Hiscock said, they would have had to stop the interrogation. Hiscock and another investigator tried to keep him talking.

"You knew he was incriminating himself, right?" McCammon said.

"Yes," Hiscock said.

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Electric Boat seeks help preparing qualified workforce

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT The Associated Press

WARWICK, R.I. — The president of U.S. Navy contractor Electric Boat asked Rhode Island officials on Thursday to help ensure there are enough qualified state residents to fill thousands of jobs needed to build submarines in the coming years.

The Groton, Conn.-based com-

pany employs about 12,800 people, mainly in Connecticut and Rhode Island. President Jeffrey Geiger discussed the company's business outlook at a hotel in Warwick.

About 3,400 people work at the company's Quonset Point manufacturing facility in Rhode Island. Geiger said he'll need to nearly double the headcount to build a new class of ballistic-missile sub-

marines. He said he is hiring 500 to 600 people in Rhode Island in 2015, 200 to 300 people per year for the next three years, then at least 1,000 people per year for three or four years to account for attrition and to grow.

Geiger said it has been difficult to find people with basic science, math and mechanical skills to hire.

Gov. Gina Raimondo, who at-

tended the briefing, said she's committed to fixing the problem. She said there needs to be closer collaboration between Electric Boat and local high schools and colleges so students have the right skills and the state needs to deregulate, to create a proactive, customer-friendly government and to make an aggressive commitment to outcome-oriented workforce training.

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WAR/MILITARY

Ga. brigade shuttered as Army downsizes

The Associated Press

FORT STEWART, Ga. — After a year of preparation, Fort Stewart commanders officially shuttered one of the three combat brigades stationed at the largest Army post east of the Mississippi River.

Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team officially folded the unit's flag during a ceremony Thursday. The brigade is among 11 across the U.S. that the Army is closing as it downsizes its ranks from 570,000 soldiers to 490,000 following the drawdown of American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Today is not a bad thing or a sad day, although I'm afraid it's not a good day, either," Col. Scott Jackson, the 2nd Brigade's commander, said during remarks to a crowded ballroom Thursday. "Today's a milestone in the evolution of this brigade, as change is necessary to keep up with the threats to our country."

The 2nd Brigade, part of the Fort Stewart-based 3rd Infantry Division, was active for 97 years and saw action in conflicts from World War I to the most recent fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. And its story isn't over.

The Savannah Morning News reported that this summer, Fort Stewart commanders plan to reassign the division's 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which was formed in 2004, as the new



CAROLYN COLE, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

U.S. soldiers from Bravo Company 3-15, of Fort Stewart, Ga., take part in an overwatch operation in support of Afghan soldiers in Wardak province, Afghanistan, in April 2013.

"Today is not a bad thing or a sad day, although I'm afraid it's not a good day, either."

Col. Scott Jackson

2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team commander

2nd Brigade.

The unit had a busy year, working up to its final day. Jackson said his brigade's soldiers moved 52,000 pieces of equipment to other units across the Army since February while maintaining their

war-fighting proficiency. Most of the brigade's 3,800 soldiers were able to transition to other units.

Fort Stewart officials say the post will see a net loss of only about 900 troops, about half the number expected when the Army

cuts were announced last year.

In October, 17 of the 31 company-sized units in the 2nd Brigade were moved under the command of Fort Stewart's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team as well as the 4th Brigade. The transfers included all of the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment and the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment.

In addition to its two combat brigades remaining at Fort Stewart, the 3rd Infantry will also maintain its 3rd Brigade stationed at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

Afghan Cabinet nominee probed

BY RAHIM FAIEZ

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan is investigating a Cabinet nominee over allegedly being on an Interpol most-wanted list for tax evasion, a government spokesman said Sunday, a potential embarrassment for President Ashraf Ghani amid his pledges to root out corruption.

The probe focuses on Mohammad Yaqub Haidari, 52, the nominee to oversee the country's Agriculture Ministry. Interpol

"If the investigation proves that the allegation against him is true, Afghan law will be enforced on him."

Nazifullah Salarzai
spokesman for
President Ashraf
Ghani

lists an Afghan man with the same name and resembling Haidari as being wanted in Estonia for "large-scale tax evasion" and "fraudulent conversion," without elaborating.

The Associated Press could not immediately reach

Haidari for comment. Afghanistan's private Tolo television station first reported on Haidari's alleged appearance on the list Saturday night.

Nazifullah Salarzai, a spokesman for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, said Sunday that if Haidari is wanted by Interpol, his nomination will be immediately withdrawn.

"If the investigation proves that the allegation against him is true, Afghan law will be enforced on him," Salarzai told the AP.

Ghani announced his Cabinet nominations last week after a delay of more than three months. Aides during the search described Ghani as eager to build a meritocratic government and move away from the ethos of patronage and graft that characterized the previous 13 years under President Hamid Karzai. Ghani also said he didn't want to appoint anyone who previously held a ministerial post.

It's not immediately clear how Haidari found himself to be nominated to run the Agriculture Ministry. Before his nomination last week, few had heard of him.

Chancellorsville going to Japan this summer

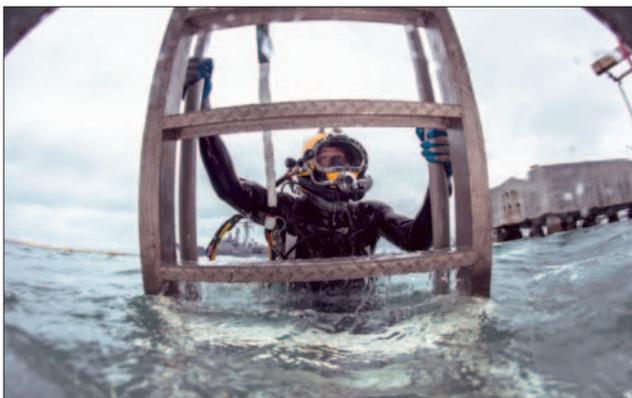
CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A recently upgraded guided-missile cruiser is to arrive at Yokosuka Naval Base this summer, highlighting Washington's commitment to the Asia-Pacific.

The USS Chancellorsville recently completed a combat systems upgrade through the Navy's Cruiser Modernization program, making it one of the most capable ships in the Ticonderoga-class. Navy officials said in a statement Friday.

It will be the first forward-deployed ship with the Aegis Baseline 9 combat system, the statement said. The system's capabilities include state-of-the-art air, surface and undersea warfare systems.

The Chancellorsville will arrive sometime in the summer, the statement said. Its current homeport is San Diego.

"This ship, along with her counterparts in the Japan Self-Defense Forces, makes up part of the core capabilities needed by the alliance to meet our common strategic objectives," the statement said.



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Maintaining dive proficiency

Lt. Cmdr. Ben Wainwright, commanding officer of Underwater Construction Team One, ascends a ladder during diver training aboard the USAV Matamoros. Diver training is a two-week, joint training evolution between UCT ONE and UCT TWO designed to reinforce standard operating procedures, qualify personnel, maintain proficiency and evaluate dive protocol during scuba, surface-supplied and recompression chamber operations.

EUROPE

Few options for US drivers with expired licenses

USAREUR-Germany dispute puts civilians in tough spot

By JENNIFER SVAN
AND JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

Americans in the crosshairs of a dispute between the U.S. and Germany over a change in driving rules face few options now that an expired U.S. license means it's illegal for them to drive in some German states.

So far, military officials don't have a ready solution since the U.S. command seems to have been caught off guard by the sudden change in policy.

While many U.S. states grant automatic license renewal to active-duty members while they're living outside that state, such leniency in the Kaiserslautern area who are renewing a driver's license vary by state and often include multiple proofs of residency, such as utility bills and bank statements. Those rules put some Defense Department civilians who have careers or careers overseas in a difficult spot.

Michael Spears, 64, a civilian at Ramstein Air Base, who has been in Germany for 25 years, no longer owns property in Texas.

"Unless I show residency in the Kaiserslautern area who is an employee from Texas' motor vehicle office told him.

An untold number of other civilians are in the same position.

"It's all very frustrating," said Todd, a Defense Department contractor in the Kaiserslautern area who asked that his last name be withheld for fear of being targeted by German police.

Todd's Florida license expired four years ago and he hasn't been back to his home state in years. Now, he said, he will likely have to make an unplanned trip to get a new license, but establishing residency remains a problem.

In Florida, two pieces of evidence are needed to establish proof of residency. He already has one: a voter registration card.

"My mom still lives in Florida," said Todd, saying that having his name added to her bank account or utility bills could offer a solution.

In the meantime, Todd, whose work requires him to drive across Germany and other parts of Europe, said he has no choice but to keep on driving, even if the Germans say he is breaking the law.

"If I get caught I'll have to deal with it," Todd said.

German law enforcement officials in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate have warned that violators could have their cars impounded or towed and could face fines or even confinement for repeat offenses.

While several other German states have indicated that they also will impose the license policy, there have been no signs yet of enforcement outside Rhineland-Palatinate, according to U.S. Army Europe.

USAREUR requires a valid stateside license when a member of the military community first applies for a USAREUR license, but generally has not asked to see a valid stateside license for renewal.

On Thursday, USAREUR warned personnel without a current stateside driver's license to avoid driving on public roads while the U.S. seeks to clarify with Germany what USAREUR says is a new policy governing driver rules in the country.

The German Foreign Ministry said the decision to require valid stateside licenses in conjunction with a USAREUR license was taken in spring 2013 and was communicated to the U.S. Embassy at that time.

“What am I going to do? That’s my biggest concern. I can’t stop driving, because I’ve got to go to work.”

Michael Spears
civilian at Ramstein Air Base



JOSHUA L. DeMOTT/Stars and Stripes

An instructor with the Opp driving school and a student finish training on Jan. 15 in Kaiserslautern, Germany. The U.S. and Germany are in a dispute over whether a USAREUR license is valid if the bearer's U.S. state license has expired. Getting a German license may not be an option.

U.S. military and diplomatic officials have so far not said if they were informed about the change in 2013, and if so, why the issue is only now coming to light.

"The U.S. Diplomatic Mission to Germany prefers not to make public diplomatic correspondence," Jackie McKenna, the embassy spokeswoman, said in a statement.

USAREUR said the dispute over the policy is being negotiated at the diplomatic level.

Spears asked, if it's true the U.S. was notified of the changes in 2013, "why wasn't anything put out since then?"

An auto mechanic at Ramstein, Spears said about half of the 14 employees at his shop are in the same boat he is. Carpooling isn't an option, with employees scattered all over the Kaiserslautern area.

"What am I going to do? That's my biggest concern," he said. "I can't stop driving, because I've got to go to work."

Meanwhile, it remains unclear whether obtaining a German license is a viable alternative to flying back to the States to renew a U.S. license.

The supplement to the U.S. Status of Forces Agreement states such an option should be possible with force approval.

However, in practice, that may not be so.

"We tell people to check with the locals first," said Thomas Lorenzini, registrar at the U.S. Army Europe Registry of Motor Vehicles. Some jurisdictions have in the past refused to give licenses

to U.S. personnel.

"Some places have said you have to be separating from the service or they won't give it. So people really need to check first with their town," Lorenzini said.

Employees at city driver licensing offices in two German states, Rhineland-Palatinate and Hessen, said Friday that Americans who are in Germany under the SOFA cannot obtain a German driver's license because they are not registered as residents.

And, procuring a German license can be costly in terms of time and money.

Some states have a reciprocal agreement with Germany, which exempts drivers from theoretical and behind-the-wheel lessons, but that requires a valid stateside license, an official with the Kaiserslautern motor vehicles department said.

The full training costs at least 1,500 euros and includes a first-aid course, a vision test and at least 12 hours of on-road training, said Ilse Weber a employee at a Kaiserslautern driving school.

Military officials said Friday they don't yet know how many people are in violation of the law. The U.S. military community in Germany comprises about 90,000 active-duty and civilian personnel and family members.

"At this level, we haven't got a lot of calls where people are in that position," said Capt. Sheryll Klinkel, a spokeswoman for U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa at Ramstein.

The command is urging airmen and civilian employees to

ensure their stateside licenses are current and, if not, to check state requirements to see if one can renew online or get an extension, Klinkel said.

"In the worst case, look at other options for transportation," she said. "Try to find alternate ways to work, such as carpooling or having a spouse drive or getting a German's driver's license."

Officials recommend that people check with the base legal office if they have specific questions about whether they're compliant, said 2nd Lt. Clay Lancaster, spokesman with the 86th Airfield Wing at Ramstein. "If they're invalid according to the German government, get compliant with the German law as it stands now," he said.

Thirty-six states extend automatic renewal to military members while serving on active duty outside that particular state. However, a German police official said he was unaware of such extensions and did not know if that would be recognized under German law.

Some states allow drivers to renew their licenses online, as long as they haven't expired or have been expired only for a certain period.

One state that offers to renew expired licenses for active-duty troops, DOD civilians, contractors and dependents is Delaware, so long as official orders show the expiration occurred while on assignment overseas.

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PACIFIC

Servicemembers cut back on social media posts

By **SETH ROBSON**

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Overseas servicemembers say they're curtailing military postings on social media in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks and recent computer hacks, although the founder of a military-focused social network believes that scrubbing online accounts would be a victory for terrorists.

Yokota-based Air Force spouse Buffy Santos said Friday that social media is an important way for people stationed overseas to keep in touch with family and friends back home, but she's more careful about what she posts these days.

"In the past you would post military stuff, but not anymore,"

she said.

The FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, in a joint intelligence bulletin, recently urged those who serve in uniform to scrub social media accounts of anything that might bring unwanted attention from "violent extremists" or help the extremists learn individual servicemembers' identities.

The concerns were heightened by last week's hacking of the U.S. Central Command's Twitter account by someone who posted a warning to American soldiers, allegedly from the Islamic State.

Another Yokota military spouse, Casey Higgins, said news about terrorist attacks in France made people more worried about being tracked down online.

"With the Charlie Hebdo (attacks) your freedom of speech is gone, so people are more worried," she said. "If you say the wrong thing, will someone come to your house and shoot you?"

Army Sgt. 1st Class William Gonzalez, 37, of Hartford, Conn., said troops get regular warnings about the risks of posting on social media but that many still share photographs of themselves in uniform.

Gonzalez said he didn't think it was a big risk but added that a photo in uniform "shouldn't be your main picture," on Facebook. "If they (terrorists) want to do harm, they are going to do it anyway," he said.

Yvon Weiss, a former Army Special Forces officer who in 2012

co-founded RallyPoint, a military-focused social network, said it would be a victory for terrorism if servicemembers believed they had to hide their identities on social media.

"This is not a time to hide that somebody is in the military," he said. "My opinion and that of many servicemembers is that they are not going to hide what they are. They are not going to pretend they are not in the military."

It's also not reasonable to ask 20 million veterans to hide that they have served, Weiss said.

"If the government thinks that 2.5 million servicemembers on social media are not going to post pictures of their promotions, their son's boot camp graduation,

coming back from deployment ... Social media is ingrained in our lives. It is not something people can cut off," he said.

A servicemember in a foreign country might not want to advertise that they are in the military. Likewise, a member of SEAL Team 6 probably shouldn't be advertising that on the Internet, he said.

However, American servicemembers shouldn't be concerned about sharing photos related to their military careers with friends and family.

"If people can't share careers and service with loved ones," he said, "online terrorism has achieved its goal."

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MIA community says push to form new agency shows little change

By **MATTHEW M. BURKE**

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The announcement that Rear Adm. Mike Franken and Maj. Gen. Kelly McKeague were taking the reins of a consolidated POW/MIA accounting agency was lauded by defense officials as the first step in a long process to turn around the troubled command. Reaction from the MIA community has been solid and less than enthusiastic.

Advocacy groups, family members of the missing, former JPAC and DPMO employees and private researchers involved in the hunt for America's MIA say that the new agency looks a lot like the old ones — and that very few concrete steps have been taken in the last year to address major issues.

McKeague, the former JPAC commander, will be the interim deputy director. Many blame him for his role in JPAC's dysfunction. Franken, a well-respected former Navy legislative director who has no accounting experience, was appointed as interim commander for the agency, which will stand up later this month.

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and the Air Force Life Support Equipment Laboratory are being merged into the single agency, which has yet to be named. The agency will have a centralized budget and case-management system and promises to expand its public-private partnerships for more transparency.

There is a lot at stake in these leadership choices, announced this month.

The former agencies have been dogged by almost two years of scandal and inept, including fake repatriation ceremonies, the possible mishandling of remains, a failure to embrace new technology and the misleading of families. In 2014, outgoing Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel ordered the reorganization into a single, more accountable agency.

A report by the DOD inspector general in October said that poor



COHEN A. YOUNG/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Oscar Team members check for metal pieces from possible bomb fragmentations at a site in the Betio Village of Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati, in August 2010.

leadership and a hostile work environment could continue to plague the mission even after the new agency's debut.

Members of the MIA community said they were told that aspects of the new agency could take until January 2016 to be fully operational, but documents obtained by Stars and Stripes stated that key posts, such as the new medical examiner, would be filled this month.

In an October conference call with family advocacy groups and stakeholders, Hagel promised more transparency about what was happening behind the scenes. The groups say that didn't happen, and leadership decisions were made without them.

Defense officials said there is an assessment and plan for consolidation that Franken and McKeague will implement. They declined to make it public and have not shared it with the family groups, they say. Franken and McKeague have about six months until a civilian administrator is appointed to take charge of the agency.

In the meantime, former JPAC and DPMO employees, who many blame for issues there, are still making identifications and performing field investigations.

"We're being told again, 'Trust us.' They keep promising us that they're going to get it right this time," said Mary Ann Reitano, whose cousin was reportedly taken prisoner in Vietnam in 1966 and remains missing. "I don't know what to believe."

Sincere mission?

Last year, a Personnel Accounting Consolidation Taskforce, or PACT, was established at Hagel's request, and management consultants The Clearing were signed to a \$7 million contract, according to Defense spokesman Army Lt. Col. Joe Sowers.

The task force — led by DOD official Alisa Stack and overseen by Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Christine Wormuth — interviewed stakeholders, families and accounting employees. But hope for real change turned to disappointment with the lack of personnel changes and transparency, some said.

Neither Stack nor Wormuth responded to requests seeking comment for this story.

"I think the PACT failed," said Jed Henry, the driving force behind the positive identification of U.S. Army Pfc. Lawrence Gordon

after JPAC refused to have him repatriated from an unknown German tomb. "They tried, but nothing good was going to come out of this unless they made wholesale changes," Henry said. "It's sad, but this isn't a sincere mission."

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., and Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., were champions of the reorganization plans, and McCaskill had touted it as one of her crowning achievements of 2014. Neither responded to requests seeking comment on the recent leadership announcements by press time.

Committed to improve

The Defense Department is committed to increasing communication and making improvements to the way America accounts for its missing and unaccounted-for servicemembers, Sowers said.

Ann Mills-Griffiths, chairman of the board at the nation's most influential POW/MIA family advocacy organization, the

National League of POW/MIA Families, said she was optimistic but skeptical.

"I'm more optimistic than I've been in years, but ... skepticism is warranted until I see the outcome," she wrote in a statement to Stars and Stripes.

"I hope and pray, as well as expect, this team will live up to the confidence placed in them by Secretary Hagel and DOD leaders who participated in making the decisions."

Mills-Griffiths said she has faith in the new management team and believes significant changes and results will materialize by summer.

Former JPAC investigator Rick Stone, who blew the whistle on the phone repatriation ceremonies, is not so sure.

"We're exactly where we were three years ago," he said. "The perception of the employees at JPAC is that this is business as usual. Nothing has changed, and they're losing that hope that anything will change."

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Slow handover of vacated US base irks S. Korean city

BY ASHLEY ROWLAND
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Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Angered by the U.S. military's continuing possession of a long-vacated base, a city near the North Korean border is taking steps to "show its will," from canceling friendship activities to forcing troops to go to municipal hall to register their cars.

Dongducheon, home to the 2nd Infantry's Camp Casey and Camp Hovey, notified the military Jan. 9 that it would withdraw its staffer handling private vehicle registrations for troops from Casey on Monday, forcing them to travel to city offices about a mile away.

"It was the quickest and easiest measure we could take under the SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement) and Korean domestic law," said the chief of a city office handling U.S. Forces Korea affairs.

Dongducheon also plans to halt tours of the city for incoming 21D soldiers and will no longer invite U.S. troops to take part in its annual Lunar New Year's Day ceremony next month, he said. The city is also considering halting other friendship events with 21D.

At issue is when U.S. Forces Korea will return Camp Castle, which it said closed in 2010, to South Korean control. The city says negotiations on the return that have been going on for several years have been postponed.

USFK said in a statement it is ready now to turn over 38 acres about 1.8 miles from city hall. "Camp Castle will be returned as soon as the (South Korean) government agrees to accept the return," the statement said. The command would not elaborate on why the handover has apparently stalled and referred questions to South Korea.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said the two countries are discussing the handover of the base through Status of Forces Agreement channels, including an environmental subcommittee, but the timing of the return has not been decided. The ministry did not provide further details.

Dongducheon had hoped to turn the vacant base into a university campus that city officials believe would bolster the local economy.

In a Dec. 20 letter to USFK commander Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, Mayor Oh Se-chang wrote that "the close relationship between Korea and the U.S. is facing a challenge at the moment" because USFK has not returned

Castle, thus jeopardizing its development plans. He called reviving the local economy "the most important task I have been promoting since I became the mayor."

USFK is scheduled to return a number of bases to South Korea in coming years as it consolidates the bulk of its troop presence to regional hubs, including Camp Humphreys in Pyongtaek, where a major expansion is underway.

Concerns about the threat posed by North Korea led Washington and Seoul to agree last fall to keep 21D's 210th Field Artillery Brigade at Casey after the relocation. The 8th Army said last month no decision has been made on whether other units will remain behind in Area I, which extends from just north and east of Seoul to the Demilitarized Zone.

Approximately 5,900 soldiers are assigned to 21D in that area.

Dongducheon has asked the national government for \$2.7 billion in compensation to offset alleged damage to its economy and delays in its development plans caused by the lingering U.S. military presence.

Plans to indefinitely delay the transfer of wartime operational control from the U.S. to South Korea and to leave the combined forces headquarters in Seoul until the transfer occurs, announced in the fall, also have contributed to uncertainty within South Korea about troop movements.

In his letter, Oh said delaying negotiations on the return of Castle, along with "aggressive sentiment" about the residual 210th Field Artillery Brigade forces, will increase anti-American feelings.

"If that happens, even I, who have been at the forefront of promoting friendship between Korea and the U.S., will face great difficulties," said Oh, who could not immediately be reached for comment.

Dongducheon officials said last month the city is considering a large-scale protest and a non-binding referendum on whether the U.S. troop presence should remain. Officials said Wednesday they are waiting for a response from the national government before moving forward.

City officials also expect to meet with representatives of several national ministries this month to discuss local concerns about the residual U.S. presence.

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North Koreans gather at Mansu Hill in Pyongyang, where the statues of the late leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il tower over them.

Young: Kims' influence permeates N. Korea

FROM FRONT PAGE

Although critics have questioned its artistic merits and defectors have lamented the way it makes fun of North Koreans, the movie revolves around a central tenet of Kimist mythology: the idea that its leaders are divine beings. The crucial moment in the film is not the death of Kim Jong Un, but earlier, when a talk show host interviews Kim and taps into his daddy issues, leading the young dictator to start blubbering, "I am strong," revealing him to be not only human but insecure.

The personality cult that permeates every aspect of North Korean life has become an ideology in itself. It revolves around Kim Il Sung, portrayed as an anti-Japanese revolutionary hero and founding father who remains North Korea's "eternal president" more than two decades after his death.

His son, Kim Jong Il, was, according to North Korean myth, born on a sacred mountain, under a bright star at night. (In reality, he was born in Siberia.) Since Kim Jong Il's death in 2011, Kim Jong Un has taken over the family business.

"I believed in this system for more than 20 years, but I was so thirsty to find out about the outside world," said Jeon, who now lives in South Korea and works in an office. That precipitated her decision to sneak across the border to China. "Then, when I realized it was all lies, it was like I was just born at 23 years old. Twenty-three years had been stolen from my life."

No escaping Kims

In North Korea, there is no escaping the Kims. Every home, office, classroom and even train car features portraits of the first two leaders, and the pictures must be cleaned with a special cloth every day.

North Koreans wear pins, usually of Kim Il Sung but sometimes of both Kim One and Kim Two, on their chests, on the left to be close to their hearts.

Television sets and radios are fixed to state-run channels

— being caught with an unfixed device, or worse, foreign DVDs, is a severe offense often leading to time at a labor camp and there is no Internet. Although an increasing amount of information is seeping across the border from China, the state continues to have almost total control over the flow of information.

After years of futile efforts to stop North Korea from developing nuclear weapons, the international community is now focused on human rights violations in the country, and unprecedented attention is being paid to political imprisonment and executions.

More pervasive, but less obviously gruesome, is the way the regime brainwashes children from an early age to believe in the Kims as godlike leaders.

Indoctrination goals

This indoctrination program has two basic goals, said a groundbreaking 372-page report by a United Nations commission of inquiry published last year: to instill utmost loyalty and commitment toward the supreme leader, and to instill hostility and deep hatred toward the United States, Japan and South Korea.

The brainwashing starts in kindergarten.

"The milk would arrive and we would go up, one by one, to fill our cups," recalled Lee, who came to South Korea only in March and asked to use a pseudonym to protect her family in North Korea.

"The teachers would say, 'Do you know where the milk came from? It came from the dear leader. Because of his love and consideration, we are drinking milk today,'" said Lee, looking every bit a South Korean with her dyed hair and trendy sweater.

"I didn't really ask questions," she shrugged. "Somehow I just knew not to."

Children's books are not immune. Take "The Butterfly and the Cockerel," a story about an irascible, bullying rooster (the United States) that is outwitted by a small, virtuous butterfly (North Korea).

Teachers don't just teach histo-

ry, they teach "revolutionary history." And all music, storybooks, novels and artwork relates to the Kims.

"When I taught math problems, they would go like this," said Chae Kyung-hee, who used to be a middle school teacher in North Korea and now runs a school for defectors in Seoul. "If you have this many of Kim Il Sung's anti-Japanese fighters and this many Japanese soldiers, and x-many Japanese soldiers are killed ..."

There are 365 days' worth of educational materials, so every day, teachers could say to their students, "On this day, Kim Il Sung went there, did that." At age 7, all children must join the Children's Union and a year later, they start Saturday "self-criticism" sessions in which they must confess how they fell short of the "Ten Principles" that are the foundation of North Korea's ideology. Those principles include requirements such as studying the "revolutionary ideas of Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung" as part of daily life.

At 14, they move up to the Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League, which revolves around worshipping the Kim family.

High school students in North Korea must complete a three-year, 81-hour course on the history of Kim Jong Un, South Korea's KBS World Radio recently reported, citing a copy of the North Korean Education Committee's "compulsory education outline." That course is in addition to a 160-hour course on Kim Il Sung and 148 hours of study about Kim Jong Il.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

A year on, extremists still rule Fallujah

By VIVIAN SALAMA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Nearly every night for a year, mortar and sniper fire from Islamic State group militants has pinned down outgunned Iraqi troops on the edge of Fallujah.

The city, the first to fall to the Sunni extremists a year ago this month, exemplifies the lack of progress in Iraq's war against the Islamic State group, which holds a third of the country. U.S.-led airstrikes and Iranian aid have helped Iraqi troops, militiamen and Kurdish fighters take back bits of Islamic State-held territory, but recapturing it all remains far out of reach.

"We are constantly on alert and don't sleep very much," said Saad al-Sudani, an Iraqi soldier among the beleaguered troops outside Fallujah. "We are waiting for any kind of support."

The fall of Fallujah in January 2014 started the Islamic State group's dramatic blitz across Iraq. In June, the extremists captured Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, then swept south toward Baghdad in a march that put almost all the Sunni-majority regions of northern and western Iraq into its hands. The Iraqi military crumbled, with troops often dropping their weapons and fleeing.

A year later, the extremists still rule Fallujah, which saw some of the heaviest fighting of the U.S.-led war of 2003.

Gen. John Allen, the U.S. envoy to the anti-Islamic State coalition, said that advisers and assist teams are working to train and equip 12 Iraqi brigades to prepare them for retaking Fallujah and Mosul.

"We expect that we'll see the effectiveness of this force improve over time and, ultimately, that they'll be able to take back the population centers and the municipalities," Allen told journalists Wednesday in Baghdad.

He acknowledged there is no timeline for an assault on Fallujah or Mosul. The U.S. recently assigned advisers to Anbar province, home to Fallujah, as part of its expanding training mission.

The U.S. and its coalition allies have carried out more than 1,000 strikes in Iraq since its campaign began in August — as well as hit beds more in northern Syria. American officials say the campaign has been somewhat successful, though there has been little success in stopping the flow



Gunmen gather on a street in Fallujah, Iraq, on Jan. 7, 2014, as they chant slogans against Iraq's Shiite-led government and demand that the Iraqi army not try to enter the city.

of foreign fighters into Islamic State group territory.

Iraqi officials have grown increasingly critical of the U.S. and the coalition airstrikes. Lt. Gen. Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, who led Iraqi soldiers to recapture the oil refinery city of Beiji, said his forces lack weapons, equipment and battle-ready troops. He also called U.S. air support erratic.

Some Iraqi lawmakers say America provided greater help to the semi-autonomous Kurdish regional government in northern Iraq at the expense of the rest of the country.

Despite that, Iraqi troops and militiamen have made slow gains against the militants in an area immediately north of Baghdad in heavy fighting. They and the Kurds also have been able to push Islamic State group fighters out of parts of Diyala province on Baghdad's northeast fringe.

Further north, Iraqi and Kurdish ground forces retook the Mosul Dam in August. Kurdish forces have waged another campaign along the Syrian border toward the town of Sinjar, which they have been trying to capture for weeks.

18 killed in Iraq market bombings

BAGHDAD — A series of bombings targeting busy markets killed 18 people in and around the capital, Baghdad, on Saturday, said Iraqi officials.

Police officials said the deadliest attack took place Saturday night when a motorcycle bomb exploded near a line of cellphone shops in Baghdad's Shiite district of Sadr City, killing nine people and wounding 25 others. Several shops and cars were damaged in the attack.

Earlier in the day, a bomb blast at a vegetable wholesale market in a village near the town of Iskandariyah killed four people and wounded 14.

Iskandariyah lies 30 miles south of Baghdad.

Elsewhere, police said a bomb exploded at another market, killing five people and wounding 14 in the Shiite village of Sabaa al-Bour, about 20 miles north of Baghdad.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualty toll from the attacks.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release details to journalists.

Iraq sees near-daily bombings and other attacks mainly targeting Shiite neighborhoods and security forces. The attacks are often claimed by the Islamic State group.

From The Associated Press



Islamic State group militants hold up their flag as they patrol in a commandeered Iraqi military vehicle in Fallujah on March 30, 2014.

Islamic State group fighters, meanwhile, have been advancing in western Anbar province, the heartland of Iraq's Sunni minority. The militants and Iraqi troops battle constantly for control of the provincial capital, Ramadi. Tens of thousands of civilians have fled Fallujah, and Anbar provincial officials estimate that the city's population is just 15 percent of what it

was a year ago.

The fall of Fallujah was a resounding humiliation for Iraq's military. Al-Sudani, the soldier stationed outside the city, recalled how militants struck troops in nightly raids last January as the city's Sunni residents protested against the military, seen as representatives of the Shiite-led government. The soldiers hunkered down as the city rapidly slipped out of government control.

"Nights were the scariest," al-Sudani said. One night, clashes

broke out between troops and protesters, leaving 40 people dead. The military pulled out immediately afterward, allowing the militant takeover.

Iraq's new government, led by Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, has worked with coalition forces to recruit Sunni tribal support as a means to battle the Islamic State group but promises to arm and train the tribes have stalled. The Islamic State group also has massacred tribesmen, women and children across Anbar as a warning against anyone collaborating with the government.

The Islamic State group tapped into long-standing feelings of neglect and resentment by Sunnis toward the Shiite-led government in its advance. But the group risks losing some of its initial popular appeal as difficulties mount in governing the "caliphate" it declared across parts of Syria and Iraq, still home to as many as 8 million people.

Residents in Fallujah and Mosul report shortages of fruits, vegetables and cooking gas, causing significant price increases. Power outages are frequent. The militants are growing distrustful, killing locals they believe have tipped off the U.S.-led coalition.

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The ruins of burned houses stand in Nigeria's Baga village in April 2013. This month Boko Haram, an Islamic extremist group, razed at least two villages, killing many civilians, Amnesty International said.

Fixes: Boko Haram's attacks put Nigeria's stability in question, affect US policy in region

FROM FRONT PAGE

But for the government officials seeking his counsel, the longtime diplomat has few words of encouragement. "I just don't have an easy answer," Campbell said.

For now, the U.S. appears committed to maintaining at least a small military advisory presence in Nigeria as part of the effort to locate the 200 kidnapped schoolgirls.

"The number [of advisers] varies on a day by day basis as specialists arrive and depart on certain segments of ongoing projects," Ben Benson, a U.S. Africa Command spokesman, said in an email. "The U.S. government is still very much engaged in an advisory role to the Nigerian government on the Chibok girl situation."

While there have been reports that disagreements between the U.S. and Nigerian governments have hindered cooperation — with Nigeria publicly pulling out of a small counterterrorism training program earlier this month — U.S. officials say they remain committed to the search for the schoolgirls from Chibok.

However, the continuing violence and a resulting refugee crisis — about 1 million Nigerians have been displaced by Boko Haram — pose questions about the future stability of both Nigeria and impoverished neighboring states that could also see an influx of refugees.

"While one should not give up on those poor victims, one needs

to take a realistic look at the strategic picture, acknowledge what is achievable given the resources at hand and the conditions in theater, and balance it all in light of the overall stakes," said J. Peter Pham, director of the Atlantic Council's Africa Center. "In truth, Boko Haram is a much larger problem than just the fate of the schoolgirls."

Within the past two weeks, Boko Haram has been on a rampage.

In early January, militants razed at least two villages, killing scores of civilians, according to Amnesty International, which released satellite images on Thursday documenting evidence of village-burning.

"These detailed images show devastation of catastrophic proportions in two towns, one of which was almost wiped off the map in the space of four days," said Daniel Eyre, Nigeria researcher for Amnesty. "It represents a deliberate attack on civilians whose homes, clinics and schools are now burnt-out ruins."

Estimates of the death toll connected to those assaults have been as high as 2,000, but Nigerian military officials have denied those claims, saying about 150 were killed.

The acceleration of the violence raises the question of whether the international community should be doing more to counter Boko Haram, whose goal is to overthrow Nigeria's secular government and impose a strict form of

Shariah law.

There are no simple solutions, experts say. Many of Nigeria's problems are long-standing and deep-rooted. Northern Nigeria, home to a Muslim majority, has long been disenfranchised by the more powerful and oil-rich south, home to a Christian majority. Such factors have contributed to Boko Haram's rise. Any long-term solution will have to involve the Nigerian government taking steps to improve conditions in the north, Campbell said.

"Clearly, Boko Haram has some kind of popular acquiescence and possibly support, so I would argue the way to tackle Boko Haram is not through counterterrorism but counterinsurrection," he said. "The trouble is, those things take a long time and they are difficult to implement unless you can establish security."

Meanwhile, abuses by Nigerian security services against civilians remain a problem, Campbell said.

In the short term, Pham said, the U.S. will need to work closely with Nigeria's neighbors to help ensure security forces in the region are prepared to counter Boko Haram should the violence expand beyond Nigeria's borders.

Boko Haram is "a growing regional security threat that has the potential, over time, to really hurt our interests and those of our allies in a very delicate part of the world," Pham said.

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Islamic State releases 200 Yazidis in Iraq

The Associated Press

ALTON KUPRI, Iraq — The Islamic State group released about 200 Yazidis held for five months in Iraq, mostly elderly, infirm captives who likely slowed the extremists down, Kurdish military officials said Sunday.

Almost all of the freed prisoners are in poor health and bore signs of abuse and neglect. Three were young children. The former captives were being questioned and receiving medical treatment Sunday in the town of Alton Kupri.

Gen. Shirko Fatih, commander of Kurdish peshmerga forces in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, said it appears the militants released the prisoners because they were too much of a burden.

"It probably became too expensive to feed them and care for them," he said.

Tens of thousands of Yazidis fled in August when the Islamic State captured the northern Iraqi town of Sinjar, near the Syrian border. But hundreds were taken captive by the group, with some Yazidi women forced into slavery, according to international rights groups and Iraqi officials.

The militants transported the mainly elderly captives from the

northern town of Tal Afar and dropped them off Saturday at the Khazer Bridge, near the Kurdish regional capital of Erbil.

"Their situation is very bad, especially the psychological condition," said Hersh Hussein, a representative from the Erbil governor's office who was in Alton Kupri. "Regarding other diseases we should provide first aid and the most important medical treatment."

Maha Faris Qassem, 35, was released with her two young sons, both of whom were covered from head to toe in bug bites that appear to be infected. She said their condition in captivity were so dire that infection was inevitable.

About 50,000 Yazidis — half of them children, according to U.N. figures — fled to the mountains outside Sinjar during the onslaught. The U.S. launched airstrikes and humanitarian aid drops in Iraq on Aug. 8, partly in response to the crisis on Sinjar mountain. Since then, a coalition of eight countries has conducted more than 1,000 airstrikes across Iraq in an effort to eradicate the Islamic State, which now holds a third of both Iraq and Syria.

The Sunni militant group views Yazidis and Shiite Muslims as apostates.



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Yazidi priest Sheikh Ismael Bahri makes a silent wish and stacks three round stones inside the Sharaf al-Deen temple shrine in Sinjar, northern Iraq, on Jan. 11. So long as the stones don't fall over, believers say, the wish will come true.



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Obama to pitch tax proposals in address

By JULIE PACE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is turning to his biggest television audience of the year to pitch tax increases on the wealthiest Americans and put the new Republican Congress in the position of defending top income earners over the middle class.

As Obama continues to signal what he will propose during Tuesday's State of the Union address, senior administration officials said Saturday that he will call for raising the capital gains rate on top income earners and eliminating a tax break on inheritances. The revenue generated by those changes would fund new tax credits and other cost-saving measures for middle-class taxpayers, officials said.

Tax increases are rarely welcomed by congressional Republicans, who now hold majorities in the House and the Senate for the first time in Obama's presidency. Obama's tax proposals will likely be dismissed, if not outright ignored, by lawmakers outside the Democratic Party's liberal base.

Obama also is expected to call for lawmakers to make community college free for many students, increase paid leave for workers and enact broad cybersecurity

Proposed measures to help the middle class

Raising the capital gains rate, ending the inheritance loophole and tacking a fee on financial firms would generate \$320 billion in revenue over a decade, according to administration estimates.

President Barack Obama wants to put the bulk of that money into a series of measures aimed at helping middle-class Americans. Among them:

■ Creating a credit of up to \$500 for families in which both spouses work. The administration says 24 million couples would benefit from the propo-

al, which would apply to families with annual income up to \$210,000.

■ Expanding the child care tax credit to up to \$3,000 per child under age 5. The administration says the proposal would help more than 5 million families with the cost of child care.

■ Overhauling the education tax system by consolidating six provisions into two, a move that could cut taxes for 8.5 million families. Republicans have been open to the idea of consolidating education tax breaks.

— The Associated Press

rules. Administration officials disclosed details on the tax proposals on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the proposals by name ahead of the president.

The centerpiece of the president's tax proposal is an increase in the capital gains rate on couples making more than \$500,000 per year to 28 percent, the same level as under President Ronald Reagan. The top capital gains rate has already been raised from 15 percent to 23.8 percent during

Obama's presidency.

Obama also wants to close what the administration is calling the "Trust Fund Loophole," a change that would require estates to pay capital gains taxes on securities at the time they're inherited. Officials said the overwhelming impact of the change would be on the top 1 percent of income earners.

While GOP leaders have said they share Obama's desire to reform the nation's complicated tax code, the party has long been opposed to many of the proposals the

president will outline Tuesday. For example, most Republicans want to lower or eliminate the capital gains tax and similarly want to end taxes on estates, not expand them.

Administration officials pointed to a third proposal from the president as one they hope Republicans would support: a fee on the roughly 100 U.S. financial firms with assets of more than \$50 billion. Officials said the fee is similar to a proposal from former Republican Rep. Dave Camp, of Michigan, who led the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. Camp's plan, however, was part of a larger proposal to lower the overall corporate income tax rate.

Obama's call for higher taxes on the wealthy could further antagonize Republicans who are already angry with the president over his vows to veto several of the party's priorities, including legislation to approve construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, make changes to the president's signature health care legislation and block his executive actions on

"Slapping American small businesses, savers and investors with more tax hikes only negates the benefits of the tax policies that we've enacted in the past, from savings and create jobs," Sen. Orrin

Hatch, R-Utah, the chairman of the Finance Committee, said in a statement. "The president needs to stop listening to his liberal allies who want to raise taxes at all costs and start working with Congress to fix our broken tax code."

Even before officials revealed Obama's tax proposals, Republicans were saying that his veto threats are a sign of a president who didn't get the message from voters who relegated his party to minority status in the November election. New Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the president still has a chance to change his tone.

"Tuesday can be a new day," McConnell said Friday. "This can be the moment the president pivots to a positive posture. This can be a day when he proves serious about the public that reacts on economic growth and don't just spend more money we don't have. We're eager for him to do so."

Beyond rolling out new proposals, Obama's address is also expected to focus on making the case to the public that recent economic gains represent a real and lasting recovery.

The approach reflects the White House's belief that it has been too cautious in promoting economic gains out of fear of looking too deaf to the continued struggles of many Americans.

2 Ky. teen suspects in crime spree captured

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. — Two teenage sweethearts suspected in a crime spree of stolen vehicles and rifles were taken across the South have been taken into custody in Florida, Kentucky authorities said Friday.

Grayson County Sheriff officials said in a statement that Dalton Hayes, 18, and his girlfriend, Cheyenne Phillips, 13, were arrested without incident about 12:10 a.m. Sunday in Panama City Beach. The two had eluded police in multiple states while raising concern about their increasingly bold behavior.

Hayes and Phillips were taken to the U.S. Marshall's Service and local law enforcement in Panama City Beach discovered Hayes and Phillips asleep in a 2001 Toyota Tundra that was stolen in Henry County, Ga. The vehicle was surrounded by four law enforcement officers. Hayes and Phillips were taken into custody. Authorities plan to extradite Hayes and Phillips back to Kentucky, where they are expected to face felony charges.

Hayes and Phillips began their run in the law and their families earlier this month when they vanished from their small hometown in western Kentucky. Authorities believe their travels took them to South Carolina and Georgia.

Hayes' mother, Tammy Martin, had urged her son and his companion to surrender and "face the

consequences."

Martin said the couple had been dating for about three months. She said the girl portrayed herself as being 19, and the family, including Hayes, believed her.

Cheyenne "would go in and write checks, and she would come out with cigarettes and stuff, so I didn't have any reason not to believe she wasn't 19, because normally you can't buy cigarettes when you're 13 years old," Martin said.

By the time her son realized she was a mere 13, "he was already doing a love life with," Martin said.

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

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

Newton Chaffins, sheriff in Grayson County, where the pair disappeared 14 days ago, said the couple's behavior had become "increasingly brazen and dangerous."

Twice, the teens were able to evade law officers in Kentucky, the sheriff said. They crashed the first truck they stole and hid in the



DALTON HAYES poses in a room in his family's home in Leitchfield, Ky., in December.

woods. Then they later stole another truck nearby, Chaffins said.

At one point, the two were spotted at a Wal-Mart in South Carolina, where the teens are thought to have passed two stolen checks, said Manning, S.C., police Chief Blair Shaffer. They were seen in a vehicle that apparently was stolen from Kentucky, he said.

Authorities believe they then headed to Georgia and stole a pickup truck from the driveway of a man's home in Henry County, about 30 miles southeast of Atlanta. The homeowner awoke Wednesday to find his vehicle was gone, along with two handguns he kept inside. Henry County police Lt. Joey Smith said.

Police: 2 dead, including shooter, at Florida mall

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Fla. — A Florida man who had "several pockets full of ammunition" targeted his wife in a shooting that left the assailant and one person at a mall food court where the woman worked dead, police said.

Authorities said the Saturday morning shooting happened about a half-hour before the mall was to open to customers. Jose Garcia-Rodriguez, 57, of Palm Bay, died at a hospital following an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound at Melbourne Square Mall, said Cmdr. Vince Pryce, of the Melbourne Police Department.

The man's wife, Idanerys Garcia-Rodriguez, 33, was hospitalized with a gunshot wound and was in good condition late Saturday, Pryce said. A police statement later identified her as a worker at the mall's food court.

"The survivor is the intended victim," he said.

Officers said they responded to reports of multiple gunshots about 9:30 a.m. when about 100 people were in the mall getting stores ready for a 10 a.m. opening to shoppers.

"We were still hearing shots when the first officers arrived on scene," Pryce said.

Officers evacuated the mall, assisting some employees who had locked themselves in closets when they heard gunfire, Pryce said. Another man died in the shoot-

ing. His name was not released, and Pryce said his relationship to the Garcias remained under investigation and was unknown late Saturday.

No one else in the mall was killed or wounded, police later said.

When officers found the three victims, Garcia "had several pockets full of ammunition," Pryce said. Police subsequently said investigators recovered three handguns at the site, along with the ammunition, believed to belong to the suspect. "We believe this may stem from a domestic violence incident," he said.

Donna Evans, of Melbourne, said she was in the food court when she heard gunfire about 20 feet to 25 feet away.

"We had just gotten our food to sit down by Starbucks and Chick-fil-A, and you just hear the 'pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop,' and you just drop everything and your heart just makes you run," Evans told Florida Today.

"We were still hearing shots when the first officers arrived on scene."

Cmdr. Vince Pryce
Melbourne Police Department

NATION

Despite protests, Denver audience welcomes Cosby

By THOMAS PEIPERT
The Associated Press

DENVER — Bill Cosby performed to a welcoming Denver audience, despite a protest by some 100 people chanting "Rape is not a joke!" and "No means no!" outside the theater.

The first of Cosby's two performances Saturday came after a woman held an afternoon news conference at a nearby hotel to accuse him of sexually assaulting her in 1986.

Beth Ferrier said during the gathering called by Los Angeles attorney Gloria Allred that Cosby put drugs into her coffee when she went to see one of his shows in Denver.

"I cannot tell you how horrific of a feeling that is," she said, adding that the next thing she remembered was waking up hours later in the back of her car "practically naked."

Ferrier, 55, has said previously she was assaulted by Cosby. She went public on June 23, 2005, alleging that as a model visiting New York in the early 1980s, she met Cosby and they had a brief affair.

The 77-year-old comedian is facing sexual assault accusations from at least 15 women, with some of the claims dating back decades. He has denied the allegations through his attorney and has never been charged with a crime. A statement from Cosby's publicist was not immediately available Saturday night.

Cosby was welcomed to the stage during his first show with a standing ovation and hoots of "We love you, Bill!" He did not make any reference to the allegations during the two-hour show.

Belmonte Cosby fan Robert Bevel, 48, of Denver, said the

protesters outside did nothing to deter him from attending.

"I believe that if you're not convicted of a crime, then why should you be judged? All it takes is for one person to say something, then you have all these other people wanting to get their 15 minutes of fame," he said of Cosby's accusers.

The Denver Post reported that the entertainer also received a standing ovation at his second show.

On Friday, Cosby performed at a packed show in Pueblo. About 25 demonstrators gathered outside, chanting "no means no" and "Colorado believes the women."

But inside the venue, the crowd warmly welcomed Cosby. Making his first appearance in Pueblo since a 1996 show at the Colorado State Fair, he was embraced by a mostly middle-aged and older crowd.

On Thursday, Cosby released a statement thanking his fans and saying he's ready to perform in Colorado.

"I have thousands of loyal, patient and courageous fans that are going to leave their homes to enjoy an evening of laughter and return home feeling wonderful," he said. "I'm ready!"

He finished his statement with references to his "Fat Albert" character's trademark line and to his 2013 television special — "Hey, Hey, Hey — I'm Far From Finished."

Cosby's persistence comes after protesters interrupted a handful of his recent shows.

Hecklers stood up and chanted repeatedly "we believe the women" at Cosby's third and final performance of a Canadian tour Jan. 9. The protesters then marched out of the theater as Cosby asked his audience not to react.



Bill O'Leary/The Washington Post

Law enforcement officers, their families and supporters rally on Saturday in Washington during a "Sea of Blue" event in support of police officers nationwide.

'Sea of Blue' marchers support police in DC rally

By DENEEEN L. BROWN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Demonstrators carrying signs saying "Blue Lives Matter" marched to the U.S. Capitol on Saturday in a show of support for police officers across the country who organizers say are not thanked enough for the danger they face in the line of duty.

"They feel unsupported," said Kelly Wince, 52, a District police officer's wife who organized the march with two other officers' wives. "When they walk out the door, we don't know whether they are coming home. We wanted to let them know we care."

The Washington march comes weeks after several other "Sea of Blue" rallies were staged across the country as a counter to months

of demonstrations against alleged police brutality. Those protests followed the fatal shooting in August of an unarmed black teenager, Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Mo., and a grand jury's decision not to indict a New York police officer in the July chokehold death of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man whom police suspected of illegally selling single cigarettes on the street. (A New York medical examiner determined Garner's death to be a homicide.)

More concern followed the November police shooting in Cleveland of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, who had a toy gun in a park.

The deaths of Garner, Brown and Rice prompted a social media movement with slogans including "Black Lives Matter" and "I can't breathe," the latter being Gar-

ner's final words on a sidewalk in Staten Island.

The Sea of Blue organizers began planning the Washington march after the fatal shootings of New York police officers Rafael "Ralph" Ramos, 40, and Wenjian Liu, 32, as they sat in their patrol car in Brooklyn.

Wince, who organized the Washington rally with Bobbie Padgett and Rachel Bowman, posted the idea for the march on Twitter and Facebook: "I thought, 'Do I really want to do this? No one knows me. Will anyone come?'" she recalled. "Then people just started calling. And emailing."

Support swelled as more than 300 people dressed in blue marched through the streets of the city, starting at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

More schools serve students dinner as demand expands

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Many of the students at Kingsley Elementary School in a low-income neighborhood of Los Angeles eat breakfast and lunch provided by the school. For the nearly 100 enrolled in the after-school program, another meal is served: supper.

The nation's second-largest school district is doubling the number of students served dinner, with an eye toward eventually offering it at every school.

It's a growing trend. Nationwide, the number of students served dinner or after-school snacks soared to nearly 1 million last year.

"When kids are hungry, they don't pay attention," said Bennett Kayser, a member of the Los Angeles Unified School District board,

which announced the expansion Thursday. "This is something that should have started years ago."

Thirteen states and the District of Columbia began offering student dinner as part of a pilot program expanded to all states after the 2010 passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. Schools where at least half the students are low-income and qualify for free or reduced-price lunches are reimbursed for each supper by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at a rate often significantly higher than the cost of the meals.

In the 2014 fiscal year, 104 million suppers were served to students, up from about 19 million in 2009. Participation is still lower than in the nation's long-running breakfast and lunch programs, which serve more than 12 million and 31 million students,

respectively.

The introduction of dinner to school routines is unique in that it could take the place of what many consider a near-sacred ritual: the family dinner.

Proponents say that because many students stay on campus until the early evening hours, it makes sense to provide an additional meal. In the case of the neediest students, they might not get anything to eat after class other than what is offered at school.

The L.A. school district currently serves supper to 75,000 students and plans to expand the program to about 150,000 during the next two years. School officials estimate it will generate \$16.6 million in revenue, which will go toward expanding the program.



Jae C. Hong/AP

Kieran Eastaugh, 6, left, and his twin brother, Riley, eat their afternoon snack Tuesday in the cafeteria area at Kingsley Elementary School in Los Angeles.

WORLD

German anti-Islam rally canceled over threat

BERLIN — A group protesting what it calls “the Islamization of the West” said Sunday it is calling off a rally planned this week in the city of Dresden because of a threat against one of its organizers.

The group calling itself PEGIDA, or Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West, has organized rallies every Monday in the eastern German city. Last week’s event drew the biggest crowd yet, with police estimating some 25,000 people attended.

PEGIDA said on its Facebook page that it is calling off this week’s rally for security reasons because, according to police, “there is a concrete threat against a member of the organization team.” It called on supporters to instead hang flags out of their windows and light candles on Monday evening.

Qatari man once held by US returns home

DOHA, Qatar — A Qatari man declared an enemy combatant by the United States and imprisoned for years over terrorist links has returned home to the Gulf nation.

His nephew, Saleh Garallah Kahlal al-Marri, said Sunday that al-Marri returned home Saturday night in high spirits and was greeted by Qatari government representatives.

Ali al-Marri was sentenced to eight years in prison in 2009 after pleading guilty to conspiring to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization. He admitted having links to al-Qaida but no evidence showed he had a specific mission in the U.S.

Japan's Democratic Party picks new leader

TOKYO — Japan’s leading opposition Democratic Party on Sunday chose Harvard-trained farmer Deputy Prime Minister Katsuya Okada, 61, as its top leader.

Okada won a runoff vote against Goshi Hosono after another contender, former Health Minister Akira Nagatsuma, was eliminated in the first round. He faces the daunting challenge of uniting and rebuilding public trust in the Democratic Party, which has yet to recover from its electoral defeat by the Liberal Democrats in late 2012.

Report: Nigerian suicide bomber kills 4

ABUJA, Nigeria — A suicide bomber detonated explosives in Nigeria on Sunday, killing four people and injuring 35 others, a Nigerian media outlet reported.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack in Potiskum in northeastern Nigeria. Islamic extremists from the Boko Haram group have recently escalated attacks and seized more territory in the northeast of the West African nation.

From The Associated Press

6M at pope's final event in Manila

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
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The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A record 6 million people poured into Manila’s rain-soaked streets and its biggest park Sunday as Pope Francis ended his Asian pilgrimage with an appeal for Filipinos to protect their young from sin and vice so they can become missionaries of the faith.

The crowd estimate included people who attended the pope’s final Mass in Rizal Park and surrounding areas, and lined his motorcade route, said the chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Francis Tolentino.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the Vatican had received the figure officially from local authorities and that it was a record, surpassing the 5 million who turned out for St. John Paul II’s final Mass in the same park in 1995.

Francis marked an important feast day honoring the infant Jesus by dedicating the final homily of his weeklong Asian trip, which began in Sri Lanka, to children. It was a reflection of the importance that the Vatican places on Asia as the future of the church because it’s one of the few places where Catholic numbers are growing — and on the Philippines as the largest Catholic nation in the region.

“We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected,” Francis said in his homily. “And we need to care for our young people, not allowing them to be robbed of hope and condemned to a life on the streets.”

Francis made a triumphant entry into Rizal Park riding on a popemobile based on the design of a jeepney, the modified U.S. Army World War II jeep that is a common means of public transport here. He wore the same cheap, plastic, yellow rain poncho handed out to the masses during his visit to the typhoon-hit eastern city of Tacloban a day earlier.

The crowd — a sea of humanity in colorful rain ponchos spread out across the 148 acres of parkland and boulevards surrounding it — erupted in shrieks of joy when he drove by, a reflection of the incredible resonance Francis’ message about caring for soci-



BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP

Pope Francis waves to the faithful Sunday after celebrating his final Mass in Manila, the Philippines.



ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

A former street child presents Pope Francis with a lantern during his meeting Sunday with youths at Santo Tomas University in Manila.

ety’s youngest and most marginal has had in a country where about a quarter of its 100 million people lives in poverty.

Francis has dedicated his four-day trip to the Philippines to the poor and the marginal. He denounced the corruption that has robbed them of a dignified life, visited with street children and traveled to Tacloban to offer prayers for survivors of the de-

lay 2013 Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated one of the Philippines’ poorest regions.

Earlier Sunday, Francis drew a huge crowd to Manila’s Catholic university, where he came close to tears hearing two rescued street children speak of their lives growing up poor and abandoned.

The pope ditched his prepared remarks and spoke off the cuff in his native Spanish to respond to Gylzelle Palomar, 12, who wept as she asked Francis why children suffer so much. Palomar, a former street child rescued by a church-run foundation, told him of children who are abandoned or neglected by their parents and end up on the streets using drugs or in prostitution.

“Why is God allowing something like this to happen, even to innocent children?” Palomar said through tears. “And why are there so few who are helping us?”

A visibly moved Francis said he had no answer. “Only when we are able to cry are we able to come close to responding to your question,” he said.

“Those on the margins cry. Those who have fallen by the wayside cry. Those who are discarded cry,” he said. “But those who are living a life that is more

or less without need, we don’t know how to cry.

“There are some realities that you can only see through eyes that have been cleansed by tears,” he said.

A steady rain from the same tropical storm that forced Francis to cut short his visit to Tacloban on Saturday fell on the crowd, but it didn’t seem to dampen spirits of Filipinos who streamed into the capital for Francis’ final day.

“I am not satisfied just seeing him on TV,” said Rosalinda Kho, a devout Catholic who arrived before dawn outside Rizal Park with her daughter, Rosana, to score a place for the Mass. “This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see him in the flesh, even from afar.”

By the time the gates opened, the roads leading to the park were mostly closed. Many people camped out on tarpaulins on the ground where they had spent the night, surrounded by bags of food. Some pilgrims carried images of the infant Jesus to mark the feast day.

In his homily, Francis urged the crowd to protect their children from sin, alcohol and gambling, saying the devil “distracts us with the promise of ephemeral pleasures, superficial pastimes.”

Niger leader: 10 dead after anti-Charlie Hebdo protests

BY DALATOU MAMANE
The Associated Press

NIAMEY, Niger — Security forces in Niger used tear gas Sunday to disperse hundreds of opposition supporters taking part in a banned demonstration in the capital.

The political altercation came after 10 people were killed in two days of violent protests against a French publication’s cartoon depicting Islam’s prophet.

Niger authorities banned Sunday’s demonstration by the political opposition because of the tense situation following the violence in response to the French satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo’s depiction of the Prophet Muhammad.

President Mahamadou Issoufou said late Saturday that five people were killed in the capital, Niamey, when Christian churches and bars were set ablaze. On Friday, at least five other people

were killed in the town of Zinder when protests erupted after Muslim prayer services there.

The violence came after the French magazine published a new cartoon depicting the Prophet Muhammad. The issue, published Wednesday, was the first following a Jan. 7 terrorist attack on its headquarters that left 12 dead.

Physical depictions of the prophet are considered blasphemous, and protests occurred in a number of predominantly Muslim countries last week.

Sunday’s anti-government demonstration in Niger was organized prior to the Charlie Hebdo protests, though officials said Saturday it would not be allowed to go ahead. Opposition organizers cited general grievances with the government including the controversial purchase of a presidential plane last year.

WORLD

MAKING HIS MARK

Former US interpreter becomes successful tattoo artist in Iraq

By MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE
Los Angeles Times

The short, chubby Iraqi interpreter watched as the American soldiers he worked for shot hoops during their breaks from guarding Baghdad International Airport.

It was 2006, and although Mohammed Akram Taher, 17, shared the troops' love of motorcycles and Metallica, he couldn't compete with them on the basketball court. So he sat on the sidelines, sketching.

One day, an Army sergeant from Los Angeles glimpsed the Baghdad native's artwork — macabre drawings of grinning skulls and demons. The sergeant was intrigued. He happened to be a tattoo artist with a sleeve of tats on each arm.

"You should do tattoos," the sergeant told Taher, who, like most interpreters, went by a nickname. His was Dante, in homage to the medieval Italian poet.

That is how Dante, now 25, ended up inking his first tattoo: a smiley face drawn freehand on the arm of the American sergeant.

As word quickly spread around the airport, Dante attracted unlikely customers.

"I started doing them on the Iraqi soldiers," recalled the tattoo artist, who still goes by his nickname.

That was a switch. Tattoos have been stigmatized for generations here for the same reasons as they long were in the U.S. — seen as the purview of criminals, with the exception of some simple tribal tattoos in rural areas.

With the U.S.-led invasion, Iraqi attitudes about tattoos, like so much else here, changed.

The Iraqi soldiers who approached Dante wanted tattoos of traditional images of wolves and roses, or classic Arabic phrases: "My precious mother" and "Ah, time!"

He also knew that Iraqi civilians were getting their names and phone numbers tattooed on their thighs for a more poignant reason: identification in case they were killed in the sectarian violence engulfing the capital.

Despite his popularity as a tattoo artist, Dante kept his day job — he loved working with the soldiers who had recruited him as a teenager.

Struck by mortar

Then one day in 2008, a mortar shell struck the airport. Shrapnel pierced Dante's right arm, the one he used to trace his tattoos. Dante was taken to the hospital, where he told the doctors not to remove the fragments. He wanted the bumps stenciled under his skin as a reminder of the attack.

He went home to find his family shaken. His father was a bank worker, his mother a homemaker,



Mohammed Akram Taher, a former U.S. Army translator, runs a Baghdad tattoo parlor.

PHOTOS BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE
Los Angeles Times

or, their younger son a civil engineer. They wanted him to quit his interpreter's job. It was too dangerous, they said.

Dante had a better idea anyway. He had been saving up. He would open his own tattoo parlor, one of the city's first.

When Dante started his business in late 2008, Iraq was still at war, but many Iraqis were embracing American culture.

Versions of American fast-food restaurants first established in the Green Zone, the fortified area housing American government offices and businesses, were spreading around town selling pizza, hamburgers, French fries and fried chicken.

Some of Dante's customers in the cosmopolitan Jadriya neighborhood

along the Tigris River wanted patriotic symbols — eagles and tigers, Iraqi and U.S. flags. Others who listened to American rock music, dressed all in black and called themselves emotionals, or "emos," sought darker images — spiders and demons.

Dante ordered a new tattoo gun online, a silver model embossed with grinning skulls and the loaded chamber of a six-shooter, and got to work.

Change in culture

"Anyone who works with the U.S., it changes your culture," said customer Fahed Uqay, 26, a bulky former security contractor wearing a Monster energy drink cap and a fanny pack labeled "Sports."

Nicknamed "General" by the U.S.

contractors he worked with, Uqay joined them in getting matching skull bicep tattoos in addition to the enormous tribal tattoo on his back by Dante.

By 2012, most of Dante's customers wanted to be inked in places that could be concealed. Religious conservatives hated the tattoos.

"If they saw it, they would hurt you," he said.

Still risky

Getting tattooed in Iraq is still risky, said Uqay, who had come to see Dante for a tattoo of the logo of the action movie "The Expendables," a skull atop wings made of guns and knives.

"I live in a militia area, so I have to have it up here," he said, pointing above his T-shirt line, where his enormous left biceps had been scarred by a roadside bomb.

Dante has just opened a larger, new shop in a mixed commercial area of Karada, the middle-class neighborhood where he grew up, among the safest in the city.

One day last month, the line at Dante's shop snaked out of the cramped back room with tinted windows, across the worn linoleum and into a dim, smoky waiting area. There were men and women, gay and straight, Christian and Muslim, Sunni and Shiite, about 20 in all. They would wait for hours to get inked.

A young Sunni man who had fled Islamic State militants in western Iraq's Anbar province days before, arrived at the shop looking to add an EKG line to his wrist with a heart at the center.



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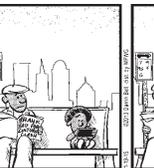
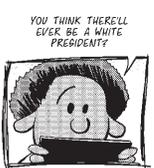
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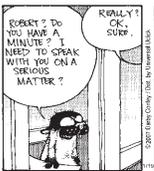
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 15 Use a comma
- 17 Greek consonants
- 18 Antiquated
- 19 Slow musical passage
- 21 Enervated
- 24 Anger
- 25 Flightless bird
- 26 Scarlet
- 28 Sharp flavors
- 31 "NCIS" role
- 33 Fix the soundtrack
- 35 Pronto, in the ER
- 36 Cut corners
- 38 Insult (Sl.)
- 40 NYC airport
- 41 Large amount
- 43 Finn's friend
- 45 "Ain't That —?"
- 47 Away from WSW
- 48 Luau bowlful
- 49 Minute ceremonial detail
- 54 — Francisco
- 55 Less than 90 degrees
- 56 Have bills
- 57 Work unit

DOWN

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- 2 Hosp. section
- 3 Writing implement
- 4 Stable hand (Var.)
- 5 Adorned with nailheads
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- 11 Mexican money
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- 23 Inflicting a penalty
- 27 Flop
- 29 Token of defiance
- 30 Celebrity
- 32 Village People hit
- 34 Cuts in half
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- 39 South Carolina river
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- 44 Chinese dynasty
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- 51 Journal
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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Dairy farmers brace for milk bust in '15

By Dana Ferguson
The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Milk sales set records in 2014, but plummeting prices are forcing some dairy farmers to spill the surplus down the drain.

Already disheartened by the current glut, which is due to global factors and overproduction, dairy farmers say they worry that futures markets predict dwindling prices in 2015. Over in the dairy aisle, though, shoppers are milking savings by the gallon.

"I guess I'm sorry if I'm hurting the farmer or the middleman, but I'm certainly delighted to pay under \$3 a gallon," said Michael Kleinhefer, of Madison.

Dairy farmers recognize the volatility of the industry. Less than a year ago, they struggled to meet global demand and milk prices climbed to record highs — about \$25 per hundredweight, or roughly the equivalent of a 10-gallon tank, according to Mark Stephenson, director of dairy policy analysis at the University

of Wisconsin.

Many farmers bought new equipment and expanded their herds to meet demand. But when China pulled back on its dairy imports after stockpiling milk powder and Russia imposed sanctions against the U.S. by halting trade, dairy farmers nationwide were left with a surplus, Stephenson said.

"We were told to bring everything to a screeching halt," said Norbert Hardtke, director of milk marketing at Family First Dairy Cooperative in Madison.

Every state has some dairy production, but California and Wisconsin anchor the country's supply. The milk glut reached its peak in the Northeast during the holidays, when cooperatives asked farms to pour out some of their milk.

"It's something that no farmer likes to do ... it doesn't feel good to just dump it out," New York-based Northeast Dairy Producers Association board director Jon Greenwood said.

With an excess of milk in the international market, prices for milk, butter and milk powder continue to drop. Market predictions for 2015 look worse, Hardtke said, as prices are expected to drop through the spring — about \$13.50 per hundredweight in March. Dairy Farmers of America, a national marketing cooperative, has started charging its 15,000 members 50 cents per hundredweight to account for additional transportation fees and low prices.

Many dairy farmers recall with dread 2009, when prices plunged and some were forced to sell off cows. Hardtke said the years since have been a roller coaster: If prices continue to dwindle, Wisconsin dairy farmer Rick Steger said his income will decrease by a third — if not more.

"I'm very worried because it's such an extreme drop," said Steger, whose farm is in Theresa, 50 miles northwest of Milwaukee. "Our expenses aren't going to drop."

Steger said he signed up for the

Federal Margin Protection Program last year, but he believes it will not cushion the blows expected this year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture program, a product of the 2014 Farm Bill, serves as a sort of insurance policy for farmers. The program sets average national feed prices, and farmers subtract that price from their milk price to determine their margin. If the margin is below a predetermined amount, farmers get money from the USDA. More than half of the nation's dairy farmers enrolled in the program before the December deadline, the USDA said recently.

Meanwhile, consumers are seeing milk prices slashed. At the peak last year, a gallon of whole milk cost an average of \$3.86. The most recent numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate it's now \$3.82 per gallon — lower in places like Madison, where skim milk cost \$2.99 per gallon — and prices are expected to fall again this spring.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 19)	\$1.1932
Dollar buys (Jan. 19)	€0.8388
British pound (Jan. 19)	\$1.56
Japanese yen (Jan. 20)	115.00
South Korean won (Jan. 20)	1,052.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5146/0.6592
Canada (dollar)	1.2025
China (Yuan)	6.2880
Denmark (Krone)	6.4386
Euro	\$1.1542/0.8664
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7532
Hungary (Forint)	277.75
Israel (Shekel)	3.9273
Japan (Yen)	117.36
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2938
Norway (Krone)	7.6943
Philippines (Peso)	44.56
Poland (Zloty)	37.74
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7584
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3265
Switzerland (Franc)	1.07670
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8561
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.63
Turkey (Lira)	0.3336

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

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	0.25
3-month bill	0.12
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	2.46

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	68	40	Cir	Chatanooga	58	36	Cir	Daly Wayne	36	24	Cldy	Louisville	50	34	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	36	25	Cldy	Cheyenne	48	22	Cir	Fresno	51	44	Cir	Lubbock	67	33	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	48	31	Cldy	Chicago	37	27	Cldy	Goodland	57	27	Pcldy	Macon	65	39	Cir
Albuquerque	57	32	Pcldy	Cincinnati	44	31	Pcldy	Grand Junction	45	24	Pcldy	Madison	35	25	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	36	21	Cldy	Cleveland	36	24	Cir	Grand Rapids	30	24	Cir	Medford	50	34	Cir
Amarillo	65	39	Cir	Colorado Springs	55	24	Cir	Great Falls	40	25	Cir	Memphis	61	41	Cir
Anchorage	28	22	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	64	40	Cir	Green Bay	50	31	Cir	Midland-Odessa	71	35	Cir
Ashville	54	35	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	38	25	Pcldy	Harrisburg	36	21	Pcldy	Milwaukee	34	26	Cir
Atlanta	61	42	Cir	Concord, N.H.	36	27	Cir	Heartford	37	19	Cir	Missoula	35	25	Snow
Atlantic City	39	25	Pcldy	Cornhusk, Wis.	70	51	Cir	Helena	37	19	Cir	Mobile	63	37	Cir
Austin	68	41	Cir	Dallas-Ft. Worth	67	42	Cir	Honolulu	67	42	Cir	Montgomery	66	37	Cir
Baltimore	43	27	Pcldy	Dayton	38	28	Pcldy	Houston	68	48	Cir	Nashville	59	37	Cir
Baton Rouge	67	44	Cir	Daytona Beach	67	42	Cir	Huntsville	59	37	Cir	New Orleans	67	48	Cir
Birmingham	63	39	Pcldy	Denver	55	25	Cir	Indianapolis	41	28	Pcldy	New York City	39	25	Pcldy
Bismarck	42	26	Cir	Des Moines	50	33	Pcldy	Jackson, Miss.	66	39	Cir	Newark	47	35	Cir
Boise	41	25	Pcldy	Detroit	30	23	Cir	Jacksonville	68	37	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	48	35	Cir
Boston	40	25	Pcldy	El Paso	67	38	Cir	Janeau	38	33	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	48	35	Cir
Bridgeport	39	23	Cir	Elkins	36	25	Cir	Key West	58	35	Pcldy	Oklahoma City	66	38	Cir
Brownsville	73	54	Cir	Erie	32	19	Cir	Knoxville	55	35	Pcldy	Omaha	53	30	Pcldy
Buffalo	28	14	Cir	Eugene	51	34	Cir	Lake Charles	65	46	Pcldy	Orlando	71	45	Cir
Butte, Mont.	30	15	Cir	Fargo	38	25	Cir	Las Vegas	67	46	Pcldy	Pasadena	56	35	Cir
Caribou, Maine	40	15	Rain	Fairbanks	6	-4	Cir	Las Vegas	67	46	Pcldy	Pendleton	50	31	Cir
Casper, Wyo.	40	15	Cir	Fargo	38	25	Cir	Lexington	47	33	Pcldy	Peoria	43	30	Pcldy
Charleston, S.C.	62	42	Cir	Flagstaff	58	27	Pcldy	Lincoln	55	31	Pcldy	Philadelphia	38	27	Pcldy
Charleston, W.Va.	48	32	Pcldy	Flint	27	21	Cir	Little Rock	65	40	Cir	Phoenix	77	52	Pcldy
Charlotte, N.C.	56	36	Cir	Fort Smith	69	38	Cir	Los Angeles	72	50	Pcldy	Pittsburgh	35	26	Cir

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National temperature extremes
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SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

A whale of a gene

Researchers hope sequencing the bowhead will help reverse human aging

By RACHEL FELTMAN
The Washington Post

Bowhead whales are most likely the longest-living mammals on the planet. There's evidence (some of it in the form of Victorian-era harpoons embedded in blubber) that they can live as long as 200 years. There are humans who'd like to get a little slice of that longevity for themselves.

Earlier this month, some of them took the first step to stealing the bowhead whale's secrets: They sequenced its genome. Their results were published in *Cell*.

"I think that having the genome sequence of the bowhead whale will allow researchers to study basic molecular processes and identify maintenance mechanisms that help preserve life, avoid entropy and repair molecular damage," said corresponding author Joao Pedro de Magalhaes, of the University of Liverpool.

Most research experiments try to model human decay and disease in other animals to learn how to cure it, Magalhaes said. But he hopes he can find organisms that are resistant to certain diseases — and to some extent, perhaps even aging itself — and use those tools to better human health.

Of particular interest is the whales' resistance to cancer. The species can weigh as much as 100 tons and has thousands of times more cells than a human does. Statistically, it would make sense for the whales to exhibit more instances of cancer. But examination hasn't found that to be so.

Magalhaes and his colleagues did find differences between bowhead whales and minke whales (close relatives who live only about 50 years) in genes related to cell cycle, DNA repair, cancer and aging. He believes that bowhead whales may be better at repairing DNA damage, which would keep them alive longer and protect them from diseases like cancer.

But Magalhaes didn't find any important genes in common with the other long-living mammal he's sequenced, the naked mole rat.

"Some pathways may be in common in long-lived species, like DNA damage responses, but the specific genes involved seem to be differ-

ent," he said.

He believes that the two species each work with their own bag of evolutionary tricks — and he hopes that humans can borrow a few of them.

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U.K.

The study was supported by the Methuselah Foundation and the Life Extension Foundation, which both aim to extend human life spans through research, in the hopes of finding genes and mechanisms that could inspire drug or genome therapy for human illness.

But first Magalhaes will have to move onto mice. If he can splice some of the seemingly important bowhead genes into a mouse and make them do the same jobs, it would be an important step toward lending whale power to human medicine.

At the moment, Magalhaes said, he lacks the funds necessary to take that step.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Giant, lethargic beaver captured at lake

AZ TEMPE — A giant beaver is on the mend after getting captured near a Phoenix-area lake last week.

The beaver, which weighs more than 40 pounds, drew the attention of joggers and onlookers in recent weeks at Tempe Town Lake because of its size. Wildlife workers captured the animal with a net and took it to the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center, where the beaver will stay until it gets healthy again and is released back into the wild. The animal was lethargic when it came in.

Christina Tetreault said she was helping with a friend around the lake on Jan. 7 when she spotted the portly critter. Tetreault said she called authorities, who came out to check on the beaver, which had by then made its way back into the water.

Motorist saves boy, 2, who fell out of car

NC BURLINGTON — Authorities say a 2-year-old boy fell out of his mother's car as she turned onto an interstate, but a quick-thinking motorist may have saved the toddler's life.

Police said in a news release that the boy was not in a child seat Friday when he fell from the car into the roadway in Burlington as his mom turned from NC 62 onto an on-ramp to Interstate 40/85.

Authorities said a woman saw the boy fall from the car and used her own vehicle to block the ramp until police and paramedics arrived.

Police said they boy was taken to the hospital.

Authorities said the mother, Samantha Yanklem, 20, is charged with violating child safety seat laws.

Sheriff: Suspected killer won't be entertained

IN CROWN POINT — A northern Indiana sheriff said it will take a court order for him to provide entertainment to a man charged with strangling two women and suspected of killing five others.

Lake County Sheriff John Bunich said Darren Vann's attorneys have asked the jail warden to return to provide Vann, 43, with a book he'd previously received about the Chicago White Sox.

Bunich said he'll feed, clothe and shelter Vann, but won't entertain him without a court order, adding, "Does he think I run a newsstand?"

Vann's attorneys said in a letter that he should receive normal privileges given other inmates.

Bunich said Vann is being held separate from the jail's general population, but has access to its commissary, paper and writing utensils and its law library.

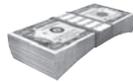
'In Dog We Trust' rug to be auctioned for group

FL LARGO — Is "In Dog We Trust" your motto? If so, a sheriff's office in Florida has a rug for you. The Pinel-

THE CENSUS

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The amount of a tip a group of real estate agents meeting in Ann Arbor, Mich., gave a man for delivering one pizza Thursday. The stunned man, identified only as Rob, said on video, "All I did was deliver pizza." Agents from Keller Williams Realty all pitched in during a regional conference, and said they wanted to show their appreciation to someone from the service industry.



JIM DAMASKE, TAMPA BAY TIMES/AP

A wave for Winter

Camp No Limits campers Bella Smith, 4, and sister Katelyn, 10, from Melbourne Fla., and Abbie White, right, 10, from Palmyra N.Y., wave to Winter the dolphin on Friday as trainer Heather Statz swims with Winter at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium in Clearwater, Fla. The aquarium hosted 45 Camp No Limits participants from as young as 3 to those in their 20s who have experienced limb loss. The camp has programs involving support sessions and self-esteem- and confidence-building.

las County Sheriff's Office said Thursday it will auction off a rug that had "In Dog We Trust" on it instead of "In God We Trust."

The forest green rug with the sheriff's gold badge was in the entrance area for a couple of months when the error was discovered Wednesday by a deputy.

Proceeds from the auction will go to Canine Estates, a local animal rescue organization.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri said he wanted to put the rug on the auction block because the story garnered so much attention.

The rug initially was valued at \$500. Bidding already has far surpassed that. The auction closes Wednesday.

Family creates 45-foot icicle in front yard

IL ST. ELMO — A family in south-central Illinois has created a 45-foot-tall icicle in their front yard.

Katherine Ragel, of St. Elmo, in Fayette County, said she's worried there might be an accident because passing traffic sometimes will "stop in the middle of the road."

Ragel's son, Garrick Moreland, made the icicle. The tree trimmer climbed into one of Ragel's trees with a hose and turned on the water when temperatures dropped a few weeks ago. The icicle kept growing.

The Effingham Daily News reported the idea originally came from Ragel's late husband, Alan Ragel, who liked to build smaller icicles along the driveway.

Cancer patient marries longtime love in hospice

NY NEW YORK — A 25-year-old man with terminal cancer got his wish fulfilled when he married his long-time girlfriend in the New York City hospice where he is living out his last days.

The Daily News reported that Christopher Robinson and Terry Torres, 23, married Thursday at the Metropolitan Jewish Health System hospice in Brooklyn.

Robinson was diagnosed with a rare form of renal cancer last summer and was given a few months to live. He checked into the hospice last week.

But he was determined to marry the woman who already

had stayed by his side for better and worse.

A city clerk brought the licensing paperwork to Robinson and the hospice staff got decorations, a cake and a musician.

Robinson said the wedding was "like something out of a dream."

Police: Man fell, shot self as police watched

CO COLORADO SPRINGS — A man under surveillance by Colorado Springs police fell down while carrying a gun and ended up shooting himself in the leg in front of the officers.

Police said detectives from the gang unit wanted to question Aaron Braatz, 28, and were waiting outside a house. Police said that while they waited, Braatz came out and started running. Police said the man fell down and the gun went off.

After the shooting, Braatz went into a house and surrendered about a half-hour later. He was arrested and was given medical attention for injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

Braatz was arrested on warrants involving drugs, weapons

and theft.

Discovery of 1882 rifle puzzles researchers

NV RENO — Researchers are trying to crack the mystery surrounding the discovery of a weathered, rusted Winchester rifle in the mountains of remote eastern Nevada.

The gun made in 1882 was found leaning against a juniper tree in Great Basin National Park during an archaeological survey in November.

Park spokeswoman Nichole Andler said officials may never know how long the rifle has been there, but it possibly could have been left in the 1800s.

She said the area along the Utah border has a history of mining, ranching and hunting. Park researchers are scouring historical documents to learn who might have been the owner.

Gun expert Herbert Houze, of Cody, Wyo., said Winchester rifles were so valuable that he thinks its owner leaned it against the tree and then couldn't find it.

From wire reports

FACES

Judge revokes Chris Brown's probation in assault case

By ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
The Associated Press

A judge revoked Chris Brown's probation Jan. 15 but allowed him to remain free for now after the R&B singer traveled without approval for a concert and failed to complete community service on time.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James R. Brindlin said Brown can remain free at least until a March 20 hearing when the judge will receive an update from probation officials.

Brown was ordered by those officials in December not to leave Los Angeles County without permission. However, the singer performed at a nightclub in San Jose on Jan. 11 without obtaining permission to travel.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos told Brindlin that his office incorrectly advised Brown that he hadn't need permission to travel for the show. The judge said he accepted Geragos' explanation, but needed to revoke the singer's probation to keep control of the case. Brindlin also said it was not unexpected that Brown failed to complete his community service on time.

A shooting at the San Jose club injured five people, but there were no indications that Brown was involved in the attack. Still, Brindlin ordered probation officials to investigate the shooting and whether there were any issues involving Brown.

In a report, the singer's probation officer cited another shooting last year involving a Los Angeles nightclub where Brown was present and where Brown is showing poor judgment. "Though he has shown the ability to be compliant during long stretches of his probation grant, (Brown) continues a pattern of making choices that are counterproductive to his ability to be successful on probation," Probation Officer Carlos Delgado wrote. "There is also concern that when he performs or attends at (sic) some of his public events, people will get shot or seriously injured."

Brown appeared in court with his mother and girlfriend.



RICHARD SHOTWELL, INVISION/AP

Randall Park speaks at the "Fresh Off the Boat" panel at the Disney/ABC Television Group 2015 Winter Television Critics Association on Jan. 14 in Pasadena, Calif. Park starred in the movie "The Interview."

'The Interview' star glad to switch gears with TV comedy

The Associated Press

"The Interview" actor Randall Park says he's glad the film was finally released and he's ready to move on to his next role as a suburban dad in an ABC sitcom.

Park, who played North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in the movie at the center of the Sony hacking incident, was asked at a Television Critics Association meeting Jan. 14 if he feared any personal fallout.

"I was never worried for my safety or getting

hacked during that process," he said.

What was unsettling, a smiling Park added, was to watch a TV newscast "and they're talking about Kim Jong Un and showing my face."

He said he's excited about his role in ABC's "Fresh Off the Boat," adapted from the memoir by food personality Eddie Huang.

The comedy, about an immigrant Taiwanese family adjusting to life in Florida, debuts in the U.S. on Feb. 10. It will air on AFN.



Chuck Lorre, producer of "Two and a Half Men," won't say if the show's former star, Charlie Sheen, will appear on the finale next month.

Will Charlie Sheen appear on sitcom's final episode?

By DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

Chuck Lorre won't clear up the mystery about whether Charlie Sheen's character will return from the dead for next month's "Two and a Half Men" series finale, but he's throwing a lot of love Sheen's way.

The television megaproducer said Jan. 15 he has "nothing but good feelings" for Sheen, who was kicked off the sitcom in 2011 during a spectacular meltdown that included calling Lorre a "contaminated little maggot."

Lorre, producer of "Two and a Half Men," "The Big Bang Theory" and "Mom," said it was important to acknowledge the ex-

traordinary success the show had with Sheen. His character was killed off and replaced as leading man by Ashton Kutcher.

Once television's most popular comedy, "Two and a Half Men" has faded with age. Its one-hour finale is scheduled for Feb. 19. Lorre, in a meeting with reporters, said there will be a "cast of thousands" for the final episode but is keeping their identities a secret not to spoil things for viewers.

He also said he hoped to find a way to honor the Sheen and post-Sheen versions of the sitcom.

"I think we're going to have a finale that you're going to be very pleased with and that's all I'm going to say about it," he said.

'Birdman,' 'Boyhood' top winners at awards

Fresh off their Oscar nominations, "Birdman" and "Boyhood" added to their awards-season haul with multiple wins at the Critics' Choice Movie Awards.

The Broadcast Film Critics Association presented "Birdman" with a leading seven prizes Jan. 15, but its top honor, best picture, went to Richard Linklater's coming-of-age story, "Boyhood."

Linklater was also named best director, and stars Patricia Arquette and Ellar Coltrane won acting awards.

"Birdman" was recognized for original screenplay, cinematography, editing, acting ensemble, score, and two trophies for star Michael Keaton.

"The Grand Budapest Hotel" claimed three awards, including best comedy. Overlooked by the Oscars, "The Lego Movie" won best animated feature.

Other news

■ "Frozen" star Idina Menzel will sing the national anthem before the Super Bowl kicks off next month. The NFL announced Jan. 16 that John Legend will perform "America the Beautiful" before the Super Bowl on Feb. 1 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

■ The Grateful Dead is coming back to life for final concerts in July. The band announced Jan. 16 that surviving members Mickey Hart, Bill Kreutzmann, Phil Lesh and Bob Weir will perform three shows July 3 through 5 at Soldier Field in Chicago. The band is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and the shows will be its final performances, the band said. They last performed in 1995 at the Chicago venue.

■ Mariah Carey is heading to Sin City. Caesars Palace announced Jan. 15 that the pop icon would open a series of shows May 16 at The Colosseum in Las Vegas. Carey has announced 18 performances, so far. The show, dubbed "MARIAH CAREY #1s," will feature the singer performing her 18 No. 1 singles, which includes "We Belong Together," "Hero" and "Vision of Love."

■ Founding member Rich Robinson says the blues-rock band The Black Crowes is disbanding after 24 years. In a statement Jan. 15, he alluded to internal issues between his brother and the band. Robinson, the band's guitarist and songwriter, founded the group with his brother and lead singer, Chris Robinson. The Black Crowes released its debut album, "Shake Your Money Maker," in 1990.

■ A best-selling account of a 6-year-old boy's journey to heaven and back has been pulled after the boy retracted his story. Spokesman Todd Storzowitz of Fyndale House, a leading Christian publisher, confirmed Jan. 16 that Alex Malarkey's "The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven" was being withdrawn. Earlier this week, Malarkey acknowledged in an open letter that he was lying, saying that he had been seeking attention. He also regretted that "people had profited from lies."

From The Associated Press

Network executive: 'Safe to say' NBC won't work with Cosby

By LYNN ELBER
The Associated Press

The door is firmly shut to Bill Cosby's return to NBC, the network's top entertainment executive said Jan. 16.

"That's safe to say," NBC Entertainment Chairman Bob Greenblatt said when asked if the network would ever again do a project with Cosby, who 30 years ago was the sitcom king with NBC's "The Cosby Show."

NBC's decision comes in the wake of the 77-year-old comedian comes in the wake of allegations

of sexual assault against him, two lawsuits and a complaint to Los Angeles police earlier this week from a woman who says the comedian sexually abused her in 2008.

The network said last year it was dropping plans to develop a "classic" family sitcom with him. The series was announced in mid-2014, before a rising tide of accusations against Cosby by women who say he drugged and assaulted them. Cosby has not been charged and has denied the accusations.

During a Q&A session with the Television Critics Association, Greenblatt was asked

to explain what tipped the network against working with Cosby.

"Fifteen women came out and accused him of what they accused him of," Greenblatt said. Although Cosby hasn't been proven guilty of anything, "when that many people come out and have such similar complaints, it became a tainted situation" and the network didn't want to proceed with the sitcom. He's glad NBC "is out from under that," Greenblatt said.

Pressed to say precisely what number of accusers is seen as critical mass, Greenblatt replied: "Fifteen, yes, two no."

NATION

World's strongest weed? Potency testing challenged

By EVAN BUSH The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — When Uncle Ike's Pot Shop opened in Seattle, owner Ian Eisenberg said he couldn't compete with medical dispensary's lower prices, but he did have one advantage.

"Ours is tested and you know what you're getting," Eisenberg said.

He's right on the first point. State rules require a small sample tested from every lot of marijuana up to 5 pounds. But do consumers know what they're getting? That's murkier. As the state market develops, so does its testing program.

The program is having success screening substances like yeast, mold and bacteria. About 10 percent of marijuana buds fail tests and can't be sold in recreational pot stores, according to Liquor Control Board data.

Potency testing, meanwhile, shows Washington's recreational pot is all over the map. It averages about 16 percent THC, but ranges widely. About 2.5 percent of marijuana tests above 28 percent THC. Some samples climb into the 30s and 40s.

For perspective, High Times reports the "heaviest-hitting strains" at conventions it hosted in 2013 maxed out at 28 percent. In Colorado, scientists at Cann-Labs said they require a retest for results higher than 27 percent THC.

Does that mean Washington is growing some of the world's strongest weed?

It could. But some laboratory

'Will we see people play games? Yes. It happens in any industry out there. Will we catch them? Yes, we will.'

Randy Simmons marijuana project director of Washington's Liquor Control Board

directors, pot growers and the state Liquor Control Board have reservations about the early data and seek changes to the testing system.

In fact, laboratory leaders said they are forming working groups to lobby the liquor board for more oversight of lab methods.

"Part of it is to invite more regulation," said Brad Douglas, the scientific director at the Werc Shop, one of the 12 labs approved by the state.

Randy Simmons, the state's marijuana project director, said the system is off to a good start but needs tweaking.

"The majority of what's out there on the packages is correct," he said.

He expects changes early this year.

"The lab side is emerging," Simmons said. "As it matures, I think all those things that have been missed ... or things we find out we should be looking for, will all be changed."

The Werc Shop lab in Bellevue is a simple, white-walled office

with a collection of expensive machines that look like fancy printers.

Marijuana samples sealed in sterile, plastic bags are separated for several tests, including the state-required microbial and potency tests. Together, the tests cost \$150.

For microbial testing, samples are fed into an automatic incubator, which takes up to 56 hours to grow and automatically test for salmonella, mold and other harmful substances.

For a potency test, pot is ground, weighed and placed into a tube with solvent that allows chemical compounds to separate as the tube spins in a centrifuge. Later, plant material is filtered out and the remaining liquid is injected into a machine that analyzes the cannabinoid compounds.

THC, notably, gets you high. The cannabinoid chemical compound, or CBD, is credited with many of pot's medicinal benefits.

The Werc Shop's process relies on automated equipment for testing. It's built to minimize human error.

Much of that precision, though, is unraveled before samples even arrive, because what growers send might not reflect the overall crop.

"If you're not careful with sampling, you can have results that vary greatly," said lab manager Cameron Miller.

Liquor board rules don't restrict growers on how to choose samples. A grower harvesting a crop of 25 plants can select for testing the best-looking bud encased in THC-loaded crystals, rather than



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Young plants stand under grow lamps at the Pioneer Production and Processing marijuana growing facility in Arlington, Wash.

a brown one that looks like a hair-ball. That's something Simmons hopes to change.

Retailers often use potency results as a way to advertise the quality of their marijuana. Higher test results can mean higher wholesale prices for growers.

Some producers think others might be falsely boosting test results by adding THC-laden substances to their samples.

"I have suspicions some people are ... rolling it in kief and getting high scores," said Joby Sewell, whose company, AuricAG, grows marijuana in Sodo. (Kief is the powder made from glands that have been sifted or rubbed from the buds and leaves of the marijuana plant.)

Simmons said the liquor board also is concerned growers could dip their buds into hash oil before tests.

The agency is beginning a secret-shopping program to find out. Simmons said incognito marijuana enforcement agents will buy products from stores and have them tested. If the results don't hew closely to the label, the board will investigate.

"Will we see people play games? Yes. It happens in any industry

out there," Simmons said. "Will we catch them? Yes, we will."

Simmons said marijuana officers are investigating several producers. So far, no violations have been recorded.

Labs also are under scrutiny. "There are some labs that have financial incentive to game the system for clients," said the Werc Shop's Miller.

A fundamental conflict resides at the heart of the testing industry. Producers pay labs for their tests. If producers don't like the results, they could take their business elsewhere.

"In the medical world ... people that do tests sometimes do pay for higher test results," said Simmons. "I want to make sure that's not happening on the recreational side."

The Werc Shop's Douglas said secret shopping seems premature because labs don't have to use the same methods to test, though they are expected to conform to herb-industry standards adopted by the liquor board. Douglas wants the board to send the same sample to several labs to check for consistency and to help identify labs with equipment or process problems.

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OPINION

A united agenda for national security

By MICHELE FLOURNOY AND RICHARD FONTAINE

Contrary to the oft-stated ideal, politics has never stopped at the water's edge, and it will be no different in 2015. The United States is strongest when it is guided by bold, bipartisan leadership that, while acknowledging policy differences between and within the parties, articulates a foreign policy vision that attracts and sustains broad support. To that end, there are a series of steps that our divided government should embrace this year. A bipartisan national security agenda for America's divided government should include:

■ Passing trade promotion authority and the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Over the past six years, America's only new free trade agreements have been those with South Korea, Panama and Colombia. In the meantime, the world — and Asia in particular — has not stood still, and bilateral and regional trade arrangements are proliferating, often without U.S. participation. In passing TPA and then TPP, Washington would boost the U.S. economy while sending a strong message of sustained engagement with Asia. TPP could also help pave the way for a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement with Europe.

■ Reverse "sequestration" and authorize sweeping defense reforms. Sequestration was designed to threaten budget outcomes so unpalatable that the desire to avoid them would induce Republicans and Democrats to compromise on taxes and entitlements. They did not, and draconian defense cuts have harmed military training and readiness, restricted deployments, undercut investment in modernization, and created a degree of uncertainty that is causing some of our best and brightest servicemembers to vote with their feet. Congress and the president should work together to prevent the re-establishment of sequestration caps in 2016 and give the defense secretary both predictable budget topology and the flexibility to allocate funds to the highest priorities. They should also authorize sorely needed defense reforms, including a new round of base realignments and closures, reduction-in-force authority and meaningful retirement incentives to enable the right-sizing of the civilian workforce, and

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health care reforms to enhance the quality of care provided to servicemembers and their families who reduce costs. ■ Revisit the president's deadline for withdrawing U.S. troops from Afghanistan. The administration's plan requires the full withdrawal of all U.S. troops (except those guarding the U.S. Embassy) from Afghanistan by the end of 2016. This calendar-driven timeline unnecessarily risks the gains made over 13 years by coalition and Afghan security forces and threatens a replay of post-withdrawal Iraq. The administration should replace that timeline with a conditions-based approach that retains a residual U.S. force to train, advise and assist the Afghan National Security Forces and conduct counterterrorism operations as needed while both the president and congressional Republicans work to shore up bipartisan support for sustained investment in Afghan forces.

■ Revise the Authorization for Use of Military Force, provide meaningful support to Syrian rebels and intensify diplomatic engagement on Iraq and Syria. U.S. military operations in Iraq and Syria today are conducted under the 2001 AUMF that focused on the perpetrators of the 9/11 attacks — al-Qaida and its affiliates. In passing a new AUMF that specifically covers the current counterterrorism operations as needed while both the president and congressional Republicans work to shore up bipartisan support for sustained investment in Afghan forces. Part of this strategy will require moving as quickly as possible to provide military support to the moderate Syrian opposition, which has not yet taken place on any meaningful scale. It will also require permitting small units of special operations forces to work with local Iraqi forces in taking territory back in that country. Most important, U.S. diplomatic efforts should focus both on pushing the Baghdad government to reach necessary accommodations with the Sunni

and Kurdish populations and on defining a path to negotiated peace in Syria with an empowered opposition.

■ Permit crucial exports, expand liquefied-natural-gas export permits and fully leverage America's newfound energy position. With the revolution in tight oil and shale gas, domestic energy production has emerged as a new source of strength. Washington should take maximum advantage of these developments and push for more fully integrated energy markets in North America and beyond. Congress should lift the ban on the export of crude oil from the United States. In addition, Washington should work with allies in Europe and Asia to reduce their dependence on Russian and Iranian energy.

■ Strengthen NATO's deterrent posture and increase assistance to Ukraine. These steps are critical to reassuring anxious allies, including the Baltic countries and Poland, of the alliance's commitment to their defense and to sending a strong signal to Moscow not to interfere in NATO states. The administration and Congress should also increase U.S. economic and military assistance to Ukraine, including providing lethal defensive equipment to the country's armed forces.

This is an ambitious agenda, to be sure. But for all of their disagreements, Republicans and Democrats should be able to come together behind a program of action that protects our national interests and furthers our values. The bipartisan agenda we lay out here represents steps toward a renewed American internationalism that resonates with the country's best traditions — and those of both parties. Putting it into place will require leadership — not just on the global stage but also at each end of Pennsylvania Avenue. In crossing party lines to embrace these steps, our leaders can demonstrate that the government may be divided, but the country should never be when it comes to protecting and advancing our national interests. That's not a bad way to start this new political era.

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Fight terrorism, but always defend free speech

Bloomberg News editorial

Francois Hollande, France's muddled-headed president, has found his voice in response to this month's terrorist attacks. Unfortunately, the French government has yet to strike the right balance.

The three police officers killed this month died defending freedom of expression, Hollande said, and "it is in the name of this liberty that we are the Republic." So France should be careful not to limit free speech, even as it prosecutes illegal hate speech.

In recent days, there has been a disturbing if predictable backlash against the outpouring of support for Charlie Hebdo, whose portrayals of the Prophet Muhammad in various humiliating poses were never popular among France's roughly 5 million Muslims. Now there is a backlash against the backlash, led by French authorities.

In schools this month, there were about 100 incidents where (mostly Muslim) students refused to take part in a minute of silence to honor the magazine's dead. Forty

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of these cases were referred to the police for potential prosecution, according to Education Minister Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, because the words spoken amounted to "glorifying terrorism."

What the law means exactly? It's fair for students to ask why they may face prosecution while it's legal to publish a cartoon of the Prophet Mohammed naked with his bottom in the air, as Charlie Hebdo once did, or for a prominent French TV personality to call for deporting all Muslims. It hardly teaches the value of free speech for the nation's education minister to say it was "unacceptable" for students to ask the question, rather than respond to it.

One answer might be that France, like many European countries — but unlike the U.S. — prohibits speech that incites ha-

red against a particular person or group of people. Saying you identify with the man who killed four customers in a kosher grocery store in Paris this month, as the bigoted comedian Dieudonné M'Elala M'Elkedi on Facebook, might possibly qualify as illegal (though it's quite a stretch). Insulting an entire religion certainly does not.

Yet this debate only underlines that the right to free speech in France is far from absolute. It involves distinctions and choices that need to be better explained and more rigorously applied. The U.K., for example, also prohibits incitement, but it hasn't prosecuted Britons who defended this month's terrorist attacks in France far more clearly than Dieudonné did.

This is admittedly a hard tightrope to walk at a time of high emotion. And there is a difference, which Hollande and other French officials would do well to honor, between what the law should prohibit and what society should deplore. In the longer term, the best way to defend France is through a confident and evenhanded defense of the republic's values — liberty, equality and fraternity — and the freedoms of speech and religion that underpin them.

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



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Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

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

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

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

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

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

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

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Baron

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

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

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

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

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Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES - Assigned C Ryan Howard to Norfolk.
NEW YORK YANKEES - Designated OF Eury Perez for assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS - Assigned LHP Anthony Fernandez outright to Tacoma (PCL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Agreed to terms with RHP Yoan Lopez on a minor league contract.
ATLANTA BRAVES - Assigned INF Tyler Pastornicky outright to Gwinnett (IL).

National Baseball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS - Signed G Langston Galloway to a second consecutive 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

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Golf

PGA TOUR

AT WAIALAe CLUB COURSE
HONEYDEW
Purse: \$5.6 million
Winner: 7,044; Par: 72

Third Round	
Jimmy Walker	65-66-62-194
Mattuchar	63-68-68-196
Brian Harman	66-67-64-197
Tyler Murray	65-67-68-198
Justin Thomas	67-67-64-198
Tim Clark	65-67-66-199
Jason Kokrak	67-69-64-200
Chris O'Neil	65-68-66-200
Harris English	66-69-65-200
K.J. Choi	68-65-200
Wesley Bryan	67-67-66-200
Scott Pelly	67-67-66-200
Nicholas Thomas	67-67-66-200
Daniel Summerhays	66-67-67-200
Russell Knox	66-67-67-200
Dwight Kim	69-66-200
Webb Simpson	69-66-200
Adam Long	66-66-200
Ryan Davis	66-70-201
Michael Kim	66-69-201
Brian Palmer	69-69-201
Paul Casey	70-69-201
Robert Streb	68-69-201
Charles Howell III	69-66-201
Nicklas Ekstrand	67-69-201
Jerry Kelly	73-62-201
Michael Van Dyke	67-69-201
Hez Heavie	67-68-202
Jason Day	65-68-202
James Hahn	65-67-202
J.J. Henry	65-67-202

Abu Dhabi Championship

PGA European Tour
Saturday
AT NATIONALS
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Par: 72

Third Round	
Martin Kaymer, Germany	64-65-196
Tomas Pieters, Belgium	65-67-203
Yannik Franke, Germany	65-67-203
Berni Wiesberger, Austria	70-72-206
Rory McIlroy, N. Ireland	67-66-204
Charles Swinscoe, Africa	67-66-204
Gary St. France	68-67-204
Shane Lowery, N. Ireland	68-67-205
Peter Uihlein, United States	67-68-205
Wesley Bryan	67-68-205
Victor Dubuisson, France	69-74-205
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	72-67-206
Mathias Eklund, Denmark	68-69-206
Edoardo Molteni, Italy	67-68-206
Gregory Bourdy, France	66-74-206

College basketball

Saturday's men's scores

EAST
American U, 78, Lafayette 76
Lake Superior St., 57
Buffalo 72, Keystone 78
Dartmouth 63, NIT 53
Columbia 48, Cornell 45
Northumbria 63, NIT 53
Drexel 66, Delaware 62
George Washington of the Masons 53
Endicott 75, Wm. New England 66
George Washington of the Masons 53
Georgetown 61, Butler 59
Hartford 61, Massachusetts 62
Hofstra 61, Chestnut Hill 62
La Salle 60, Fordham 49
New York Holy Cross 67, OT
St. Mary's 61, LIU Brooklyn 54
St. Mary's, Vincent 15, Mount St. Mary (NY) 67, OT

Nazareth 67, Utica 61
New Hampshire 73, Binghamton 66, OT
Northeastern 69, Coll. of Charleston 76
Pittsburg 70, Georgia Tech 65
Purdue 64, Penn St. 77, OT
Sage 83, St. Joseph's (IL) 73
St. Joseph's, Rhode Island 56
Sussex 84, Drew 59
UMass Lowell 62, Merrimack 62
UNC Wilmington 79, Hofstra 74
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Drexel 66, Delaware 62
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Saturday's men's scores

EAST
American U, 78, Lafayette 76
Lake Superior St., 57
Buffalo 72, Keystone 78
Dartmouth 63, NIT 53
Columbia 48, Cornell 45
Northumbria 63, NIT 53
Drexel 66, Delaware 62
George Washington of the Masons 53
Endicott 75, Wm. New England 66
George Washington of the Masons 53
Georgetown 61, Butler 59
Hartford 61, Massachusetts 62
Hofstra 61, Chestnut Hill 62
La Salle 60, Fordham 49
New York Holy Cross 67, OT
St. Mary's 61, LIU Brooklyn 54
St. Mary's, Vincent 15, Mount St. Mary (NY) 67, OT

Nazareth 67, Utica 61
New Hampshire 73, Binghamton 66, OT
Northeastern 69, Coll. of Charleston 76
Pittsburg 70, Georgia Tech 65
Purdue 64, Penn St. 77, OT
Sage 83, St. Joseph's (IL) 73
St. Joseph's, Rhode Island 56
Sussex 84, Drew 59
UMass Lowell 62, Merrimack 62
UNC Wilmington 79, Hofstra 74
Northwestern 69, Coll. of Charleston 76
Pittsburg 70, Georgia Tech 65
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Sage 83, St. Joseph's (IL) 73
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FOOTBALL

NFL National Football League
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS - Released T Drew Brees, signed DT Joe Vellano from the practice squad.

National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS - Recalled F Curtis McKenzie and D Jyrki Jokipakka from Texas (AHL). Preador F Brett Ritchie on retroactive release to Dec. 15.

NASHVILLE PREDEATORS - Recalled D Anthony Bitetto from Milwaukee (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS - Recalled F Jakub Culek from Evansville (ECHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS - Assigned RW Brandon Anderson to Tulsa (ECHL).

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College hockey

Saturday's scores

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Canisius 2, Bentley 0
Clarkson 5, Dartmouth 3
St. Lawrence 5, Harvard 1
Mercyhurst 5, Holy Cross 4, OT
New Hampshire 5, Boston College 2
Norwich 3, Castleton 1
St. Cloud State 5, Bowdoin 2
Merrimack 3, Quinnipiac 1
Robert Morris 9, American International 4
UT 3, Sacred Heart 1
Colgate 5, Union (NY) 4
Northwestern 2, Vermont 2, OT
Yale 5, Brown 1

SOUTH

MIDWEST
Adrian 3, Huntley 3, N. Michigan 2
Michigan State 0, Ferris St. 1
Lake Superior St. 4, Bemidji 3
Bowling Green 3, Michigan Tech 2
Minnesota 5, Wisconsin 2
W. Michigan 4, Minn.-Duluth 2
North Dakota 5, Niagara 0

FAIR WEST

Air Force 3, Army 1
New Mexico 0, Colorado College 1
Denver 4, St. Cloud 1

College football

Bowl glance

Monday, Jan. 12
College Football Championship
At Arlington, Texas
Ohio State vs. Auburn

Saturday, Jan. 17
East-West Shrine Classic
At Carson, Calif.
National 17 vs. National 18

Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South

Tennis

Apia International

Saturday
At Olympic Park, Tennis Centre
Women, \$73,000 (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Single
Championship
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-3, Mikhail Kukushin, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-3.

Men's Championship

Robyn Hanagan, India, and Daniel Nestor (3), Canada, def. Juan-Pablo Brunero, Argentina, and Horacio Tzecau (2), mania, 6-4, 7-6.

AP spotlight

Jan. 19

1937 - Nap Lajoie: This Speaker and Cy Young are elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in the second year of its history. © The Professional Sports Association approves the participation of Negro players in the sport.

1972 - Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers is elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame at age 36. Yogi Berra and Early Wynn are also elected.

1974 - UCLA's 88-game winning streak is snapped by Stanford. UCLA wins its 11th title in the final 32-26 win. 71 of 88 games remaining.

2005 - LeRon James becomes the youngest player (20 years, 20 days) in NBA history to score 30 points in a game with 27 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in Cleveland's 107-91 win over Portland.

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SPORTS BRIEFS/SKIING



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Deontay Wilder, right, hits Bernard Stiverne during their WBC heavyweight title bout Saturday in Las Vegas. Wilder earned a 12-round unanimous decision to keep him unbeaten in 33 fights.

Wilder wins heavyweight title

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS—Deontay Wilder became the first American to win a piece of the heavyweight title in nearly a decade Saturday night, staggering Bernard Stiverne early on his way to a 12-round unanimous decision that kept him unbeaten in 33 fights.

Going deep into a fight for the first time in his career, Wilder controlled the fight with a big left jab, often followed by right hands up the middle as he piled up points early on his way to the biggest win of his career.

The 2008 Olympic bronze medalist had to go the distance in this one. But the payoff was the WBC heavyweight title and a chance to be a big man on a big stage.

One ringside judge gave Wilder every round, scoring it 120-107, and he won 119-108 and 118-109 on the other two.

Stiverne was defending the title he won last May when he stopped Chris Arreola in the sixth round. The WBC title had become vacant by the retirement of Vitali Klitschko, whose brother, Wladimir, is considered the true heavyweight champion.

UFC fines champion \$25K for cocaine test

LAS VEGAS — UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones has been fined \$25,000 by the mixed martial arts promotion for violating its code of conduct by failing a drug test.

The UFC announced the fine Saturday.

Jones tested positive for the main metabolite of cocaine one month before his fight against Daniel Cormier on Jan. 3. He was allowed a fight because cocaine is not a banned out-of-competition substance under World Anti-Doping Agency rules.

The UFC's athlete code allows the promotion to fine a fighter for conduct detrimental to the UFC.

Peyton Manning to miss Pro Bowl with injury

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Peyton Manning is skipping the Pro Bowl because his right thigh injury hasn't gotten much better in the week since the Denver Broncos were bounced from the playoffs.

Manning was injured last San Diego on Dec. 14 and missed a handful of snaps. He didn't miss any more time with the injury.

Golfer says he was beaten, robbed after missing cut

HONOLULU — Australian golfer Robert Allenby says he was robbed, beaten and dumped in a park after missing the cut in the Sony Open, leaving him with cuts and a deep scrape on his forehead.

Golf Channel reported during the Sony Open telecast that Allenby was in a wine bar Friday night when he became separated from his caddie and a friend from

Australia. The caddie told the network that Allenby was beaten, robbed of his cellphone, cash and credit cards and driven six miles away and dumped in a park.

He was found by a retired military man, who helped him back to his hotel.

In other golf news:

■ Gary Stal came from 10 shots behind to capitalize on an improbable meltdown by Martin Kaymer and win the Abu Dhabi Championship on Sunday.

Kaymer had three birdies in his opening four holes to extend his six-stroke lead from overnight, only to drop six shots in seven holes around the turn.

Stal pounced with six birdies from Nos. 4-11 and captured his first European Tour title. He shot a 7-under 65 for 19 under overall.

Kaymer shot 75 for 17 under and third place. Top-ranked Rory McIlroy had a 66 to finish second, a shot behind Stal.

■ Defending champion Jimmy Walker one-putted his last 11 holes Saturday on his way to an 8-under 62 and a two-shot lead in the Sony Open.

D-backs announce deal for Cuban pitcher

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks have announced an agreement with 21-year-old Cuban pitching prospect Yoan Lopez.

The right-hander played three seasons in Cuba's top league, going 15-13 with a 3.76 ERA.

Vonn matches World Cup mark

Skier returns from injuries to tie record

By ANDREW DAMPF

The Associated Press

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Two serious knee surgeries, fog, soft snow, and mounting pressure to match one of ski world's most hallowed records.

Nothing seems to stop Lindsey Vonn.

The American fought through difficult conditions to win a demanding downhill Sunday and match Annemarie Moser-Pröell's 35-year-old record of 62 World Cup wins, capping a comeback from injuries that kept her out of last year's Sochi Olympics.

"The last two years have been pretty tough and a lot of people counted me out and thought I would never reach this record," Vonn said. "A lot of people thought that I would never win again. I never stopped believing in myself and I think I proved everyone wrong."

Vonn clocked a time of 1 minute, 39.61 seconds down the Olympia delle Tofane course to finish 0.32 ahead of Elisabeth Görgl of Austria.

Daniela Merighetti of Italy was third, 0.54 back.

Vonn can break Moser-Pröell's record in a super-G scheduled for Monday.

"I think 62 is more important to me," Vonn said. "Now I feel like from here on out I'm already tied for No. 1. So I'm just going to try to continue to win races and I'm skiing for another three years so there's a lot of racing left in me and I'll just keep on doing my best."

Moser-Pröell, an Austrian great, established the record between 1970 and 1980.

Swedish standout Ingemar Stenmark holds the men's record of 86 wins.

Vonn was on track to smash the record two years ago before she crashed at the world championships and tore up her right knee, requiring serious surgery. She



ARMANDO TROVATI/AP

Lindsey Vonn waves after winning an alpine ski women's World Cup downhill in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, on Sunday. Vonn's win matched Annemarie Moser-Pröell's 35-year-old record of 62 World Cup wins.

attempted to return for Sochi but re-injured her knee two months before the games and had to have surgery again.

This was Vonn's third win of the season — all in downhill — and the eighth of her career in Cortina.

And it was anything but straightforward.

As clouds moved over the middle of the course, the race was momentarily suspended after 12 skiers came down. And even when Vonn and the other favorites went, visibility varied over each section of the piste.

Vonn had a few bubbles at the start of her run but increased her lead over then-leader Merighetti at every checkpoint. At the finish, Vonn collapsed to the snow in a scene of relief, then used her ski poles to pick herself back up, flashed a big smile and received a hug from overall World Cup leader Tina Maze, who finished fifth.

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Roundup

Hawks top Bulls for 12th straight

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Atlanta Hawks are looking down at the rest of the Eastern Conference heading into the second half of the season.

With their efficient offense and stingy defense, Kyle Korver and company could be on top for a while.

Korver made a season-high seven three-pointers on his way to 24 points, and the Hawks beat the Chicago Bulls 107-99 Saturday night for their 12th straight victory.

"I think we're gaining confidence by the game," Korver said.

Al Horford added 22 points and nine rebounds as the Hawks streak the second-longest win stretch in franchise history. Paul Millsap scored 16, and Jeff Teague had 17 points and 11 assists.

The Hawks (33-8) have won 26 of since a 7-6 start, surging to the top of the East with a balanced offense and sound defense. They closed out the first half of the season with impressive road wins over Toronto and Chicago on consecutive nights.

"I think they enjoy sharing the ball. They enjoy playing with each other," Atlanta coach Mike Budenholzer said, "and they know that they'll all reap the benefits of it if everybody plays unselfishly."

Derrick Rose had 23 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds for Chicago (27-15), which has dropped five of seven. Pau Gasol had 22 points and 15 rebounds, and Jimmy Butler scored 15.

"There were lapses. It seemed like we were down and chasing them the entire game," Rose said. "I don't know when we are going to learn, but we have to learn quickly."

Atlanta and Chicago also played on Dec. 15, with the Hawks winning 93-86 at home. It looks as if the gap between the division leaders has only increased since the first meeting of the season.

Korver had 12 points on a 4-for-4 shooting from three-point range as Atlanta led by as many as 14 on its way to a 48-39 advantage at the end of the first half. The Hawks jumped into passing lanes and used their active hands to disrupt Chicago's offense, with the Bulls committing seven turnovers in the first quarter after they totaled seven during Friday night's win at Boston.

It was more of the same in the second half. Each time Chicago made a run, Atlanta responded.

Warriors 131, Rockets 106: Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson scored 27 points each, and Golden State used a huge third quarter to roll past host Houston.

Golden State bounced back from a loss to Oklahoma City on Friday night by snapping an eight-game winning streak.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Toronto	17	14	.551
Brooklyn	17	24	.415
Boston	13	25	.342
Philadelphia	8	32	.200
New York	8	32	.200

Southeast Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	33	8	.805
Washington	28	13	.683
Miami	18	22	.450
Orlando	15	25	.375
Charlotte	15	28	.347

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago	15	25	.375
Milwaukee	15	25	.375
Indiana	15	25	.375
Detroit	16	25	.390
Minnesota	15	27	.357

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Memphis	29	11	.725
San Antonio	28	13	.683
Dallas	28	13	.683
San Antonio	25	16	.610
New Orleans	19	20	.488

Northwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Portland	19	20	.488
Oklahoma City	19	20	.488
Denver	18	22	.450
Utah	14	26	.350
Minnesota	12	27	.312

Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Golden State	24	8	.842
Los Angeles	20	14	.588
San Antonio	22	12	.646
Phoenix	12	29	.293
L.A. Lakers	12	29	.293

Friday's games			
Team	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia 95, New Orleans 81			
Brooklyn 102, Washington 80			
Chicago 126, Orlando 96			
Detroit 98, Indiana 96			
Dallas 77, Denver 89			
Chicago 119, Boston 103			
Oklahoma City 127, Golden State 115			
Phoenix 110, Minnesota 96			
San Antonio 110, Portland 96			
Utah 94, L.A. Lakers 85			
Miami 95, Sacramento 83			
Chicago 126, Orlando 96			

Saturday's games			
Team	W	L	Pct
Portland 107, Philadelphia 89			
Indiana 113, Denver 97			
Golden State 131, Houston 106			
Washington 99, Brooklyn 90			
San Antonio 113, Denver 97			
Memphis 102, Portland 98			
Chicago 119, Boston 103			

Sunday's games			
Team	W	L	Pct
New Orleans 81, Toronto 80			
Oklahoma City at Orlando			
Utah at San Antonio			

Monday's games			
Team	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia at Washington			
Minnesota at Charlotte			
Detroit at Atlanta			
Boston at L.A. Clippers			
Denver at Golden State			
Dallas at Memphis			
Chicago at Cleveland			
Toronto at Milwaukee			
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L.A. Lakers at Phoenix			

Tuesday's games			
Team	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia at Washington			
Minnesota at Charlotte			
Detroit at Atlanta			
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PAUL BEATY/AP

The Hawks' Al Horford ducks against the Bulls' Taj Gibson on Saturday in Chicago. Atlanta won 107-99.

Twolves 113, Nuggets 105

MINNESOTA — Hummel 6-12 2-15, Young 9-17 4-4 22, Diong 4-8 4-4 12, Wells 5-14 6-15, Horford 11-14 6-22, Teague 5-14 6-15, Korver 11-14 6-22, Brand 3-5 0-6, Sefolosha 2-6 0-4, Mack 1-2 0-2 0, Scott 2-7 1-1, Bazemore 2-5 1-1, Totals 40-84 21-16, Bazemore 2-5 1-1, Totals 37-80 12-9-20.

CHICAGO — Gasol 16-11 2-15, Gibson 3-7 3-4 9, Linsley 3-8 2-22, Rose 8-23 2-5, Hinrich 3-6 0-0, Moore 2-4 0-4, Adams 5-8 2-2 13, Mirovic 1-4 2-8, Totals 37-80 12-9-20.

Hawks 107, Bulls 99

ATLANTA — Carroll 15 1-2 4, Millsap 15 4-16 15, Horford 11-14 6-22, Teague 5-14 6-15, Korver 11-14 6-22, Brand 3-5 0-6, Sefolosha 2-6 0-4, Mack 1-2 0-2 0, Scott 2-7 1-1, Bazemore 2-5 1-1, Totals 40-84 21-16, Bazemore 2-5 1-1, Totals 37-80 12-9-20.

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Warriors 131, Rockets 106

GOLDEN STATE — Barnes 4-7 0-10, Green 2-5 1-4, Hayward 9-17 2-0 2, Brewer 15-27 3-7, Thompson 19-35 6-27, Speights 6-12 4-15, Igoudala 5-9 1-5, Holiday 2-4 0-4, Lee 8-13 2-15, Livingston 0-5 0-0, Barbosa 3-4 0-6, Rush 1-1 0-2, Totals 90-211 22-33 131.

HOUSTON — Ariza 2-5 2-7, Motiejunas 4-13 1-11, Harden 4-15 4-17, Brewer 3-6 2-9, Terry 9-23 2-2, Smith 6-10 3-4, Papanikolaou 2-5 0-5, Dorsey 2-2 0-3, Sived 2-3 1-1, Totals 37-82 24-106.

GOLDEN STATE — Thompson 31 21 26-106, Three-point Goals—Golden State 9-22 (Thompson 3-5, Barnes 2-4, Curry 3-8), Igoudala 1-1, Green 1-4, Houston 7-23 (Beverly 2-5, Motiejunas 1-1, Smith 1-4, Papanikolaou 1-3, Ariza 1-3, Brewer 1-3, Terry 2-5, Harden 0-0, Robinson 0-0, Total Goals—Golden State 21, Houston 24, Technicals—Igoudala, Golden State defensive three-second, Howard A.—18-48 (18,023).

Wizards 99, Nets 90

WASHINGTON — Pierce 2-1 2-7, Nene 8-12 4-20, Gortat 5-6 2-10, Wall 5-15 1-12, Beal 5-12 5-16 7, Butler 4-8 0-5, Humphries 5-7 1-13, Porter 0-1 0-0, Miller 0-0 0-0, Seraphin 5-7 2-4 12, Blair 0-0 0-0, Temple 0-0 0-0, Totals 40-77 14-27 99.

BROOKLYN — Johnson 6-17 2-2 15, Garnett 4-6 0-0, Plumlee 4-7 3-4 11, Jack 10-18 2-22, Bogdanovic 3-6 1-18, Lopez 5-13 5-15, Anderson 2-4 1-3, Morris 0-1 0-0, Teletovic 2-7 0-5, Brown 0-0 0-0, Jefferson 1-0 0-0, Totals 38-24 18-90.

WASHINGTON — 23 27 22-99

Brooklyn — 26 25 20-90

Three-Point Goals—Washington 5-16 (Pierce 2-4, Beal 2-5, Butler 1-2, Wall 0-2, Brook 1-4) (Anderson 1-2, Bogdanovic 1-2, Johnson 1-4, Teletovic 1-4, Garnett 0-4, Lopez 0-1, Morris 0-1, Jack 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Washington 56 (Gortat 16), Brooklyn 44 (Garnett 10), Assists—Washington 23 (Beal 8), Brooklyn 17 (Jack 8), Total Fouls—Washington 15, Brooklyn 20, A.—17,52 (17,732).

Pistons 107, 76ers 89

PHILADELPHIA — Mbah a Moute 5-8 0-11, Covington 3-9 1-9 0, Noll 3-7 1-2, Carter-Williams 6-12 2-15, McDaniels 2-10 0-4, Grant 2-7

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Patch boys, Wiesbaden girls stay on top

Both look primed to defend crowns

Roster upheaval threatened both of their reigns. But the defending Division I basketball champion Patch boys and Wiesbaden girls have each found a way forward on the strength of, appropriately enough, a pair of forwards.

Frontcourt stars both new and familiar have played central roles as both undefeated teams have retained their spots atop the DODDS Europe large-school standings. That became clear over the weekend, as the two schools met in Wiesbaden to stage rematches of both the boys and girls title games of a year ago.

Long, athletic forwards Robert Braswell and Colin Whitten are among the new catalysts for Patch, which won the past two European titles with a perimeter-heavy attack led by since-graduated wings Brendan Jones and John Robinson. Braswell scored 35 combined points and Whitten totaled 25 as the Panthers secured a weekend sweep of Wiesbaden, 53-44 and 72-57.

While Patch builds a new foundation, the Wiesbaden girls are back in title contention thanks to a well-established set of frontcourt stars leading its otherwise unfamiliar roster. Reigning Stars and Stripes girls basketball Athlete of the Year Cierra Martin and fellow All-European Catherine Klein both piled up points and rebounds in 40-16 and 40-18 wins over Patch; Martin had 25 points and 24 rebounds and Klein had 17 points and 24 rebounds on the weekend.

AFNORTH: Lion wrestler Anthony Doerfer continued his breakout season Saturday. The 113-pounder took first place in his bracket, giving the small host school its only weight-class victory in a meet dominated by Division I powers Ramstein and Lakenheath.

Alconbury: The Dragons figured to be immediate basketball title contenders at the Division III level after moving down from Division II prior to this season. This weekend's results only confirmed that, as both the Alconbury boys and girls swept Brussels, the defending small-school champion on both fronts.

American Overseas School of Rome: The Falcons will get their first and only regular-season look at what kind of basketball competition lies outside of Italy this weekend. AOSR and host Aviano meet up with Ansbach and Hohenfels, German schools they usually wouldn't see until the tournament, in a four-team gathering.

Ansbach: Viseck's depth earned it the team victory, but Cougar shooters took the top two spots in the weekend's remote marksmanship meet. Kaitlyn Carson paced the field with a 279, followed by Ryan Roberts at 276.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Patch's Robert Braswell takes a shot against Wiesbaden in the Panthers' 53-44 victory on Friday. Braswell scored 35 points in a pair of games against the Warriors this weekend, both victories for the two-time defending champs.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Wiesbaden's Cierra Martin goes in for a basket against Patch's Jaxen Godfrey in the Warriors' 40-16 victory over the Panthers in Wiesbaden on Friday. The reigning Stars and Stripes girls basketball Athlete of the Year had 25 points and 24 rebounds in the weekend sweep.

Aviano: The Saints turned in a strong second-place showing in the wrestling meet they hosted Saturday. Jaiden Raymond at 138 pounds and heavyweight Joseph Rivera took weight-class wins as Aviano finished ahead of Vicenza for runner-up status behind Naples.

Baumholder: The Bucs will take an undefeated record against DODDS Europe competition into this weekend's three-team set at Alconbury. Baumholder owns doubleheaders sweeps over defending Division III champ Brussels and Division II squad AFNORTH this season.

Bitburg: With the weekend's basketball bye behind them, the Barons will be busy down the regular-season stretch. Their slate in the final month before the tournament includes a three-team set Rota and AFNORTH, a home-and-home with Baumholder and doubleheaders against Hohenfels and Black Forest Academy.

Black Forest Academy: The defending Division II girls basketball champion Falcons knocked down a potential challenger over the weekend. Senior Emily Campbell and the vaunted BFA defense powered 41-31 and 40-15 wins over Hohenfels.

Brussels: The rebuilding process has proven difficult for the Brigand boys and girls hoops teams, each of whom is defending a Division III title with a young and inexperienced roster. But bright spots are present, most notably a 21-point, 12-rebound effort by Michael DeFazio in a Saturday loss to Alconbury.

Hohenfels: The Tigers avoided a weekend boys basketball sweep to BFA with a gritty by 75-65 overtime win on Saturday. David Vidovic totaled 23 points, seven rebounds and six assists and Hohenfels outscored the Falcons 17-7 in the extra frame for the win.

Kaiserslautern: The Raiders recorded a dramatic boys basketball victory on the home court of archival Ramstein on Tuesday. Bridger Hawkin tipped in a missed free throw to deliver a 47-46 Kaiserslautern win.

Lakenheath: Lili Estus paced the Lancers girls basketball team to its first Division I wins of the season over the weekend, a pair of double-digit defeats of SHAPE. Lakenheath travels to Germany next weekend in search of more Division I success against Kaiserslautern and Ramstein.

Marymont International: A basketball schedule heavy on larger Italian programs finally relents this weekend for the Royals. But it won't get any easier, as MMI heads south to Sigonella for a set with the giant-killing Division



III Jaguars.

Menwith Hill: The Mustang boys basketball team gets two shots at its first win of the program's final season this weekend. Division III frontrunners Alconbury and Baumholder are the competition as the three programs gather at Alconbury.



Naples: The Wildcats took the weekend off of the hardwood ahead of next weekend's crucial four-team gathering at Vicenza. Naples will see new Division I rivals Patch and Viseck at the event, coming just a month before they'll see those same teams in the realigned European tournament.



Ramstein: The Royal girls basketball team blasted Viseck in consecutive routs Friday and Saturday. Rezana Todman led Friday's rout with 12 points, eight rebounds and six steals, while Amethyst Rorie posted 12 points and eight rebounds in Saturday's encore.



Rota: The first, last and only games on the Admirals' DODDS Europe basketball regular-season schedule finally arrive this weekend. Rota travels to the Netherlands to match up with Division II rivals Bitburg and



AFNORTH.

SHAPE: Brandon Benesh delivered the Spartans' only weight-class win in a top-heavy five-team wrestling meet at AFNORTH on Saturday. The 160-pounder bested wrestlers from Lakenheath and Ramstein for top honors.



Sigonella: The Jaguars basketball teams will play a light schedule heading into next month's post-season. After a bye last weekend, Sigonella hosts Marymont next weekend, hosts Aviano Feb. 6-7 and wraps up the regular season at Florence on Feb. 14 before proceeding to the Division III tournament.



Vicenza: The Cougars crowned four weight-class champions in Saturday's five-team wrestling meet at Aviano. The Vicenza winners were Josh Badillo (125), Robert Maldonado (152), Marshall Perfetti (160) and Seth Shields (170).



Viseck: Three Falcons wrestlers won their respective weight class Saturday in a stacked meet featuring fellow Division I powers Patch and Wiesbaden. Blaise Markley (106 pounds), Elijah Brown (170) and Leonard Deraney (182) took top honors to help Viseck to a third-place finish in the six-team meet.



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NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Sibling rivalry

Older brother helps out Kubasaki High

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Growing up in Southern California, Jacob Green said he became accustomed to always coming up short playing basketball against his older brothers Anthony and Adrian.

Sunday proved to be no exception, as the elder Greens once more had their way with their kid brother, a junior Kubasaki point guard.

Anthony scored 32 points, 24 in the first half, as his Outlawz men's team eliminated the Dragons, the last boys high-school hope in the 24th anniversary Martin Luther King Invitational Tournament. Outlawz advanced to Monday's knockout game against Rebound, a fellow open team.

Jacob said as long as somebody in the family played on Monday, it was fine with him. "It's OK; I'm used to it," he said. "He's been beating me my whole life. One day, maybe next tournament, I'll get him."

Before being ousted in the knockout bracket, Kubasaki did go up 2-1 in their season series with Kadena, eliminating the Panthers 86-80. The Dragons trailed 50-40 but scored 20 straight to lead for good. Nick Ashley tied a DODDS Pacific season high with 38 points for Kubasaki.

Kadena got sent to the knockout bracket by Rebound, a team with one player who has close ties to most of the Panthers; Antoine Tucker, a Rebound point guard, is also the Far East Division I champion Panthers' assistant football coach.

One high school team reached Monday's championship round — Kadena's girls, who played on the fourth day of the tournament for the fourth straight year. The Panthers knocked off defending champion Her-ricanes 58-52 in the process.

"It seemed like there was a lid on the basket," said coach Willie Ware of Kadena's inability to hit from outside in Sunday's three games. Turning on defensive pressure helped get it turned around, he said.

In Monday's final, the Panthers face their assistant coach Kristin Robinson, who also plays point guard for the Lady Warriors. "We're going to leave everything on the court tomorrow," Kadena senior Jasmine Rhodes said.

Yokota: Any road victory in the Kanto Plain is a good victory, coach Paul Etti said after his Panthers won 72-53 Friday at St. Mary's International.

led four Panthers in double figures with 23 points. The Titans handed the Panthers their first loss in 13 games last season 49-40 on Feb. 4 at St. Mary's.

Kinnick: Red Devils wrestling went 3-0 Saturday at American School in Japan to complete a 12-0 dual-meet season and capture the Kanto regular-season



DAVE OMAUER/Stars and Stripes

Isaac Pelendo, top, and Rebound had a struggle early in the second half keeping pace with Jaret Colon and Kadena High School during Sunday's Martin Luther King Tournament playoff game. Rebound finally pulled away late and beat the Panthers 75-65.

title. Key was a 36-29 win over archival St. Mary's, which put the title out of reach of the Titans.

Zama: Tiara Carroll continues to sparkle for Trojans girls basketball. The sophomore scored 11 points as Zama won at home Friday 45-13 over Christian Academy Japan; Carroll is averaging 17.2 points per game this season. Alex Jones had 16 points and 11 rebounds but the Trojans boys just missed, falling 50-48 Friday at CAJ.

Perry: It was time for the Samurai's younger and backup players to shine, assistant coach Ronnie Pride said after Saturday's 57-29 win over Tabuse-Nokoh, a Japanese team. Tyson Moore led the way with 10 points and 12 rebounds. He also had 12 rebounds in a 52-22 win Thursday at Hiroshima International.

E.J. King: Even without 168-pounder Ricky Salinas, who transferred to Kadena, Cobras wrestling is fielding its largest and strongest team in decades.

Kaivan Taylor (115 pounds), David Jackson (141) and Thomas McGrath (148) pinned their opponents as King beat Perry 39-16 Saturday.

Seoul American: Falcons boys basketball got its first big test of the season, surviving a scare at Osan 66-63. Myles Haynes played a huge role with 17 points, five steals and seven assists. All told, he had 10 steals and 12 assists on the weekend as Seoul American remained unbeaten at 9-0.

Osan: Nicholas White continues to

be the main Cougars' scoring weapon; he had 33 points against the Falcons, bringing his DODDS Pacific-leading scoring average to 30.9 points per game. He had a chance to tie it with an open look at a three-pointer at the buzzer, which bounced out.

Daegu: The defending Far East Division II champion Warriors boys and girls basketball teams remain winless, but a few players are showing signs of life. Junior Joone Abaya and freshman Devin Speights averaged 18 and 15 points and Daegu's boys played their closest two games, losing by a combined 17 points. Senior Taylor Myatt averaged 15.5 points and 11 rebounds over the weekend for the girls.

Humphreys: It's a matter of finishing, girls basketball coach Ashley Gooch said after the Blackhawks suffered two losses by six points to remain winless in eight starts. Daniella McCoy had 21 points and 12 rebounds in Humphreys' 41-35 loss Wednesday to Yongsan International-Seoul; the Blackhawks led most of the way but were outscored 13-6 in the final period.

Guam: Third-quarter sports seasons begin this week on Guam, finding the Panthers boys basketball team visiting Southern in Tuesday's opener. Tennis also begins Tuesday with St. John's visiting the Panthers at Ninete Tennis Center. Guam High softball season starts Saturday with a game against Simon Sanchez at Okkodo High School.

— Dave Omauer

Australian Open preview

Federer aims for 18th; Nadal not optimistic

By DENNIS PASSA
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — The 2015 Grand Slam season begins Monday with multiple major winners Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray and Maria Sharapova gracing the Melbourne Park courts on the opening day of the Australian Open.

The weather forecast for Monday is a comfortable 75 degrees with temperatures not expected to vary significantly for much of the first week, with light rain possible on some days.

None of those 104F scorchers in the forecast — yet.

Here are a few things to watch this week:

Pessimistic Nadal: Rafael Nadal, who is coming back from a right wrist injury and recovering from appendix surgery in November, didn't need a tough first-round match, but he drew one in former top-10 player Mikhail Youzhny. Nadal has beaten the Russian in 11 of 15 matches, but one of Youzhny's wins came in the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open in 2006. Nadal, who has won their last five matches, said he'll be happy to win a few rounds at Melbourne Park because he's not feeling match-fit.

"I don't consider myself one of the favorites here," the No. 3-ranked Nadal said at a pre-tournament news conference. "I would be lying if I say I feel that I am ready to win." Nadal is the third match on Rod Laver Arena during the day session.

Federer begins quest for 18: Roger Federer hasn't added to his tally of Grand Slam singles titles since he won his 17th at Wimbledon in 2012, but the 33-year-old Swiss star made great strides toward another major last year, making the semifinals here and at the U.S. Open as well as losing to Novak Djokovic in the Wimbledon final. He opens the night session on Rod Laver Arena against Taiwan's Lu Yen-hsun, whom he has beaten in three previous meetings.

"I would hope that over the years I've always improved," Federer says. "I think I'm serving more consistent and stronger than I ever have. But I'm definitely very pleased how things have gone now the last six months."

Maria to follow: Maria Sharapova plays qualifier Petra Martic of

Czech Republic in the final match of the night at Rod Laver Arena, hoping she'll be able to improve on her 2014 appearance here when she lost in the fourth round. She went all the way in her next Grand Slam, winning the French Open for the second time to increase her career major titles to five. The 2008 Australian Open winner won the Brisbane International in her only tune-up tournament, beating Ana Ivanovic, but isn't placing a lot of emphasis on that victory.

"You can't be overly negative; you can't be overly positive," Sharapova says. "I wanted to start well. I thought I did many things well. But I'm not going into next week throwing flowers at myself or anything."

Sharapova has a chance to return to No. 1, supplanting Serena Williams, after the Australian Open this year, but needs to at least advance to the final.

New year, new roof: Andy Murray plays Indian qualifier Yuki Bhambhani and Canadian Eugenie Bouchard takes on Anna-Lena Friedsam of Germany among five matches to officially open the refurbished Margaret Court Arena and its new retractable roof, the third covered venue at Melbourne Park. Seating capacity has also been increased to 7,500.

The last match will see 19-year-old Nick Kyrgios of Australia play Federico Delbonis of Argentina. Kyrgios was as wild-card entry at Wimbledon last year when he stunned then No. 1-ranked Nadal in the fourth round, hitting a career-high 47 aces, the most Nadal had ever faced. But the shot everyone remembers is the between-the-legs effort from the back of the court by Kyrgios that dropped over the net and which Nadal didn't even bother to make a move to return. Kyrgios is fighting a back injury and he admits he wouldn't be playing if it wasn't his home Grand Slam.

"I think I'm putting a bit more expectation and pressure on myself as well to perform, and obviously I'm expecting more out of myself now," the Australian said.

Top seeds, champs idle or retired: With the bottom half of both draws playing Monday, both top seeds — Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams — won't play until Tuesday.



VINCENT THIAN/AP

Roger Federer practices serving Saturday in Melbourne, Australia.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

White scores 22 as Iowa sweeps Ohio St.

The Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Aaron White sat on the bench with four foul trouble early in the second half, watching Iowa's lead begin to evaporate. The senior responded in a big way.

White scored 18 of his 22 points in the second — including 12 straight during a key stretch — to lead Iowa to a 76-67 win over Ohio State on Saturday. White's time on the bench helped him see vulnerabilities in the Buckeyes' aggressive defense.

"Sometimes that perspective is a little different than if you're out there," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said. "And so when it got to the point where I had to start doing something, I said, 'Get in there, take over.' Boy, did he take over."

Adam Woodbury had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Hawkeyes (13-5, 4-1 Big Ten), who swept the home-and-home series with Ohio State for the first time since 2004. Mike Cessell added 11 points.

D'Angelo Russell scored a game-high 27 points on four three-pointers and grabbed eight rebounds for the Buckeyes (14-5, 3-3).

White struggled to get going in the first half, then found a quick seat on the bench after picking up his third foul less than a minute into the second half.

"I was upset with how I had been playing," White said. "I was on the bench and not helping the team."

White took over a few minutes after checking back into the game, scoring 12 straight points to push Iowa's lead to 16 points — and give the Hawkeyes a much-needed energy boost.

A White steal at half court led to his easy two-handed dunk. Later, the senior grabbed an offensive rebound and dribbled coast-to-coast for a layup. White added a jumper and six free throws during the three-minute burst.



CHARLIE NEBERGALL/AP

Hawkeys forward Aaron White drives to the basket past Ohio State forward Jae'Sean Tate, left, during Saturday's game in Iowa City, Iowa. White scored 22 points as the Hawkeyes beat the Buckeyes 76-67 to sweep their season series.

Bucknell 81, Army 75: Chris Hass scored 23 points, including four three-pointers, to lead Bucknell to a win over Army on Saturday night.

Nana Foulland contributed 17 points to go with nine rebounds and Steven Kaspar added 11 points as Bucknell (9-10, 4-2 Patriot League) extended its home-court win streak to seven.

Army (11-6, 2-4) trailed by eight at the break but steadily fought back in the second half, tying the game at 66 and again at 68. Bucknell, leading by a point with 1:23 to go, pulled away with a free throw and three-pointer from Hass that made it 75-70 and sank 6 of 8 from the free throw line down the stretch.

Tanner Plomb led Army with 18 points. Kyle Wilson added 17, Dylan Cox had 12 and Larry Toomey 11.

Colgate 65, Navy 53: Damon Sherman-Newsome scored 17 points to lead four Colgate players in double figures and beat host Navy.

Ethan Jacobs had 14 points and Matt McMullen and Luke Roh chipped in 11 for Colgate (8-11, 5-1 Patriot League), which kept its one-game lead over American (11-7, 4-2) at the conference.

Brandon Venturini scored 20 points on 8-for-13 shooting, including 4-for-8 from long range, to lead Navy (7-11, 3-3). Worth Smith had 10 points and Kendall Knorr five assists for the Midshipmen.

San Diego St. 53, UNLV 47: Aceel Quinn scored 14 points as UNLV's J.J. O'Brien had 11 points and 10 rebounds for San Diego State, which closed with a 22-7 run to beat UNLV and extend its home winning streak to 25 games.

The Aztecs (14-4, 4-1 Mountain West) appeared headed for their first home loss since early last season, as they trailed 33-22 early in the second half and 40-31 with 12:46 to play.

Georgetown 61, Butler 59: Isaac Copeland made a three-pointer with 5.4 seconds left and D'Vauntes Smith-Rivera blocked Butler's final shot as time ran out to give host Georgetown the win.

Smith-Rivera led Georgetown (12-5, 4-2 Big East) with 14 points. Copeland, Jabari Trawick and Joshua Smith all had 10.

Dayton 61, Saint Louis 45: Kendall Pollard scored a career-high 20 points and Jordan Sibert had 18 points to help Dayton beat visiting Saint Louis for its eighth straight victory.

Dayton (15-2, 5-0 Atlantic 10) has now won 15 of its last 16 regular season conference games dating back to last season.

Clemson 66, Syracuse 53: Clemson freshman Donte Grantham had a career-high 16 points and the Tigers ended visiting Syracuse's perfect ACC start.

Grantham had four three-pointers as the Tigers (10-7, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) ran out to a 21-point lead in the first half and never let the Orange (13-5, 4-1) get back in it.

Georgia 73, Florida 61: Marcus Thornton and Kenny Gaines scored 16 points apiece and host Georgia, which never trailed, beat Florida on Saturday to end the Gators' streak of 24 straight wins in the Southeastern Conference.

Georgia (11-5, 2-2 SEC) scored the first 12 points. Florida (10-7, 3-1) cut the deficit to two points early in the second half but couldn't complete the comeback.

Providence 74, Creighton 65: Kris Dunn scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half to lead three Providence scorers in double figures, and the visiting Friars sent Creighton to its seventh straight loss.

LaDontae Henton added 18 points and Tyler Harris had 13 for the Friars (14-5, 4-2 Big East), who swept the season series with the Bluejays (9-10, 0-6).

Map: Army on way to third winning season of post-Coach K era

FROM BACK PAGE

Since Coach K left in 1980, Army has had only two winning seasons: in 1984-85 with its all-time leading scorer Kevin Houston and two years ago under Spiker, when it finished 16-15.

Now, Army is 6-2 on the road and sits 11-6 overall, though only 2-4 in the Patriot League as key contributors have been injured.

The Black Knights opened the season with five straight wins before Krzyzewski and others there. No. 2 Duke Blue Devils halted the streak. Army was within single digits in the second half before fading and losing by 20.

Beating the program that helped shape him into Coach K was both bittersweet and an eye-opener.

"I think Army could play anybody that we played and have a chance to beat them," said Krzyzewski, whose 1976-77 Army team won its first seven games.

The Black Knights soon proved their old coach right, defeating Southern California 85-77 in overtime in Los Angeles.

"We can play with any team on our schedule. I think we've proven that in our nonconference schedule," said Spiker, only the second Army coach to win at least 10

games in five consecutive seasons. Knight had a six-season run from 1965-71. "I have tremendous confidence in these guys and have to make sure they have confidence in themselves."

They do.

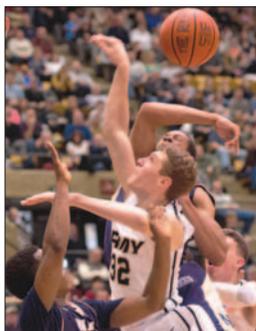
Kyle Wilson, a 6-foot-4 swingman, leads the league with 19.8 points per game. Center Kevin Ferguson has a school-record 136 career blocks. Forward Tanner Plomb averages 14.4 points per game. These Black Knights are a determined bunch.

Entering Saturday's game against Bucknell, they led the Patriot League in scoring at 77.5 points a game and scoring margin (plus-5.9), and ranked second in blocks (4.1), assists (15.2), steals (7.8) and turnover margin (plus-1.90).

"Any time you can score you've got a pretty good team," Navy coach Ed DeChellis said. "And they defend. They're physical guys. I like their team."

Spiker's starting lineup consists of five juniors — Wilson, Plomb, Ferguson, guard Dylan Cox, and forward Larry Toomey. And when they need a break, Spiker has another five guys to throw in there, often changing lines en masse.

"It's how conditioned we are," Wilson



KELLY MARSH, TIMES HERALD-RECORD/AP

Army's Tanner Plomb (32) battles for control of the ball during a game against West Point at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

said. "I think we're able to run over their teams into the ground."

Army has 10 players averaging at least five points, though two are out for the season, including guard Max Lennox, who led the team in assists (96) and steals (38) as a freshman, with an injured Achilles.

Spiker's recruiting prowess has been key, helped in no small part by the academy's history. Wilson, from Mission Viejo, California, said he never heard of West Point until he was recruited, and Plomb's first visit to the academy from his home outside Milwaukee made it an easy sell despite the rigors of military life.

"It was just amazing," Plomb said. "They were talking about making history, kind of building it back up to what it used to be under Coach Knight and Coach K."

Also hanging from a wall at Christ Arena are banners from the four appearances the Army women have made in the NCAA tournament. The men have never qualified.

"That's what our goal has been since we got here," Plomb said. "That's what we talk about. I think it would be a huge accomplishment if we could really put Army basketball on the map."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



CHARLIE NEIBERGER/AP

Iowa State guard Bryce Dejean-Jones, right, drives past Kansas guard Kelly Oubre Jr. during Saturday's game in Ames, Iowa. The No. 11 Cyclones beat the No. 9 Jayhawks 86-81.

No. 11 Iowa State holds off Kansas

Cyclones set sights on Big 12 championship

BY LUKE MEREDITH

The Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State sent a clear message to Kansas and the rest of the Big 12: The Cyclones aren't about to let the Jayhawks breeze to an 11th straight league title.

In fact, Iowa State is ready to make its own run at the championship.

Naz Long scored 20 points and 11th-ranked Iowa State held off No. 9 Kansas 86-81 on Saturday night, recording back-to-back wins over the Jayhawks for the first time in 14 years.

Georges Niang had 15 points for the Cyclones (13-3, 3-1 Big 12), who shot 9-for-20 on threes in snapping Kansas' five-game winning streak.

"To win 10 straight is just an amazing accomplishment. In order for us to compete with them for the league championship, we had to win this game," Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg said.

The Cyclones came somewhat close to blowing it though.

Long followed a long three with a layup to give Iowa State a 71-57 lead with 6:26 left. But the Cyclones allowed Kansas to pull to 82-79 before Niang sealed the win by drawing a crucial charge with 14 seconds left.

Frank Mason III scored 21 points and Perry Ellis had 19 with 11 rebounds for Kansas (4-3, 3-1), the last team in the Big 12 to lose a conference game.

This was perhaps the most highly anticipated home game of Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg's five-year tenure in Ames.

The Cyclones didn't disappoint.

After a back-and-forth first half, Iowa State pushed its lead to 51-39 and seemed poised for a blowout win. But the Jayhawks responded with 10 points in four minutes to keep their hopes alive.

That's when Iowa State's Jaemel McKay took over. McKay had three buckets in 81 seconds — including an alley-oop dunk over Landon Lucas — and his block set up a Niang three that put the Cyclones back in front 66-55.

Kansas coach Bill Self burned so many timeouts trying to slow down the fast-paced Cyclones that he had had none left for the final 6:26.

"He can really run," Self said of McKay. "I thought he did a good job of protecting the rim, too."

McKay scored 11 points with three blocks and Monte Morris had 11 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for Iowa State, which allowed the Jayhawks to hang around until the very end by hitting 13 of 10 18 free throws in the second half.

"It's very satisfying. It really is," Long said.

As a freshman in 2012-13, Niang was called for a late foul against Kansas that many felt should have been a charge. Kansas forced overtime with the ensuing free throws and eventually won, 108-96. Niang's drawn charge Saturday happened on nearly the exact same spot on the floor and came less than a minute after Long also drew a charge.

"That game was certainly not over. So for those guys to step up and make big defensive plays was obviously a key," Hoiberg said.

Top 25 roundup

Duke dominates Louisville

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Nice as it was to finally halt the losing streak, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski cautioned against reading too much into Saturday's 63-52 win over No. 6 Louisville.

That's asking a lot considering how effective the Blue Devils' zone defense was in denying the Cardinals inside.

Duke's defense made it easy for Jahill Okafor to take over on the other end as he scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half. Amile Jefferson added 19 as No. 4 Duke handed Louisville its first double-digit loss in three years.

Staggered by Tuesday's 16-point loss to Miami that ended their 41-game home winning streak, the Blue Devils (15-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) rebounded to throttle the Cardinals on their home floor and end a two-game slide. The 6-foot-11 freshman Okafor and 6-9 Jefferson played a big role in outscoring Louisville 32-24 in the paint while denying the inside defensively.

Okafor, Jefferson and Justice Winslow each grabbed seven rebounds as the Blue Devils finally put Krzyzewski within two wins of 1,000.

Terry Rozier's 17 points led Louisville, which trailed by 21 in the second half before getting within 10 points, at 58-48 with 1:29 remaining. The Blue Devils were firmly in control at that point and won the matchup between Hall of fame coaches Krzyzewski and Rick Pitino.

No. 1 Kentucky 70, Alabama 48: Devin Booker scored 13 points and visiting Kentucky coasted to its second straight lopsided Southeastern Conference victory.

The Wildcats (17-0, 4-0) withstood an early second-half rally by Alabama (12-5, 2-2) before brushing off the potential challenge.

No. 2 Virginia 66, Boston College 51: Malcolm Brogdon scored 20 points, Anthony Gill had 11 points and 10 rebounds and visiting Virginia pulled away.

No. 3 Gonzaga 72, Loyola Marymount 55: Gary Bell Jr. scored 17 points and Gonzaga pulled away in the second half to beat host Loyola Marymount for its 11th straight win over the Lions.

Kevin Pangos added 16 points and six assists, Bryon Wesley had 14 points and Kyle Wiltjer 12 points for the Zags (18-1, 7-0 West Coast).

No. 5 Villanova 62, Penn 47: Daniel Ojetti had 21 points and 10 rebounds for visiting Villanova.

The Wildcats (17-1) only led by one midway through the second half until a 21-6 run finally clinched their fourth straight victory.

No. 10 Arizona 69, No. 8 Utah 51: Stanley Johnson scored all 18 of his points in the second half. T.J. McConnell added 16 points in a rare display of offensive ag-



TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Duke's Jahill Okafor, right, puts up a shot over the defense of Louisville's Mangok Mathiang during Saturday's game in Louisville, Ky. Okafor scored 18 points and the Blue Devils snapped a two-game skid with a 63-52 win over the Cardinals.

gression and host Arizona rolled over Utah.

McConnell had six assists, and Brandon Ashley added 14 points and eight rebounds.

No. 12 Notre Dame 75, Miami 70: Jerian Grant scored 23 points and host Notre Dame overcame a 12-point deficit in the second half.

After making just two of their first 16 three-point tries, the Irish hit seven of their next nine. Grant's three broke a tie with 6:19 left, and he made a layup and blocked a shot in the last minute.

No. 13 Wichita State 61, Evansville 41: Darius Carter and Ron Baker scored 18 points apiece to lead Wichita State past host Evansville.

The Shockers (16-2, 6-0 Missouri Valley) held the Aces to their season-low points total and a season-low 30 percent from the field.

No. 14 Maryland 75, Michigan State 59: Freshman Melo Trimble scored 21 of his 24 points in the first half and host Maryland breezed past Michigan State to take sole possession of first place in the Big Ten.

No. 20 Texas 77, No. 16 West Virginia 50: Cam Ridley scored 19 points and set the tone with a thunderous early dunk as Texas snapped a two-game skid with a bruising victory over visiting West Virginia.

No. 17 VCU 70, Duquesne 64: At Pittsburgh, JeQuan Lewis scored a season-high 16 points and Virginia Commonwealth beat Duquesne for its 10th straight victory.

No. 18 Oklahoma 82, No. 24 Oklahoma St. 65: Buddy Hield scored 27 points on 10-for-10 shooting to help host Oklahoma beat Oklahoma State.

Mississippi 96, No. 19 Arkansas 82: Stefan Moody had 18 points and visiting Mississippi put a season-high 56.4 percent.

The Rebels (11-6, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) were playing their first road game since a crushing overtime loss at Kentucky.

Kansas State 63, No. 22 Baylor 61: Nino Williams had 18 points to lead a big second-half rally, and host Kansas State forced Baylor's Kenny Chery to miss a layup at the buzzer.

No. 25 Wyoming 70, Fresno State (30T): Larry Nance Jr. scored 21 points and Josh Adams added 16 to help Wyoming survive a triple-overtime thriller against host Fresno State.

Nance missed two free throws with a second left in the second overtime for the Cowboys (16-3, 5-1 Mountain West), but recovered to hit the basket that gave Wyoming the lead for good in the third overtime.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Army coach Zach Spiker wants to put Black Knights Back on the map

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Army head coach Zach Spiker stands on the sidelines during a game against Navy in Christl Arena at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Since Mike Krzyzewski left Army to coach Duke in 1980, Army has had only two winning seasons. With an 11-6 record, the Black Knights could be on their way to a third.

By JOHN KEKIS
The Associated Press

Zach Spiker winced at the score after the most intense game of the season: Navy 75, Army 66.

That it came in front of a home crowd of 5,291 last Saturday, largest in the history of West Point's Christl Arena, made it that much more difficult for Army's head coach.

"We're working hard to develop a culture of winning, an attitude of believing you can win any and every game," said Spiker, in his sixth year at Army. "We're getting close to turning that corner. We did a few years ago. We've got to get back to that point."

Reminders of past glory hang all around the 30-year-old home court: six NIT banners from the 1960s, when the tournament was as tough as any and Army basketball made headlines with Bob Knight as head coach and Mike Krzyzewski his stalwart captain.

'That's what our goal has been since we got here, that's what we talk about. ... I think it would really put Army basketball on the map.'

Tanner Plomb

Army forward, on trying to qualify for the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history

Patriot league scoring leader Kyle Wilson, right, looks to pass during a game against Navy earlier this month.

Knight departed with a 102-50 record in six seasons after his only losing campaign in 1970-71. Krzyzewski, who graduated from West Point in 1969, succeeded Dan Dougherty as head coach in 1975 and posted three winning seasons and a 73-59 record in five years before leaving for Duke.

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