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NFL and US military teaming up to fight TBI

By HEATH DRUZIN
Stars and Stripes

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Despite the constant warrior metaphors and references to “the trenches” from sports commentators, the experience of NFL players and troops at war is, of course, incomparable.

There's lots we don't know about blast effects on the human brain and body and I think this is where (sensors) come into play.

Stephanie Maxfield Panker
Surgeon General of the Army's TBI director

But they do share one thing in common: a high risk of suffering traumatic brain injuries.

Government scientists and military doctors have been working with the NFL to develop sensor technology to study traumatic brain injury or concussion, a still little-understood phenomenon that affects hundreds of thousands of troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

where the roadside bomb has been a common weapon of insurgents.

The NFL is in the midst of its own concussion crisis, with an increasing number of high-profile former stars speaking publicly about what many doctors see as the devastating effects of repeated blows to the head.

For the past three years, the NFL and the U.S. military have been working closely together to develop the technology, which can aid the detection and treatment of concussions in both football players and soldiers, said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Frank Lozano, product manager for soldier protective equipment at the Army's Program Executive Office.

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Sarah Forgy, curator for the Army's extensive art collection, puts a rack of paintings back into storage at the military service's Museum Support Center on Jan. 8 at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Hard decisions await new House Defense Appropriations chair

By J. TAYLOR RUSHING
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The man at the center of the new defense spending bill never intended to be there. But the death of an iconic congressman left open a coveted spot in the Capitol Hill hierarchy.

After 18 years in Congress, Rodney Frelinghuysen has taken on the chairmanship of the powerful House Defense Appropriations Sub-

committee, the purse strings of the Defense Department.

“The circumstances of this are not the circumstances one would choose,” Frelinghuysen said, referring to the October death of Rep. Bill Young, the 40-year Florida congressman who led the panel for years and received two consecutive chairmanship term-limit waivers.

Lawmaking runs in Frelinghuysen's blood — since 1793, six members of his family have been elected

to serve.

He has never won an election with less than 59 percent of the vote. His election lock on the 11th district seat in New Jersey is so solid that political activist and filmmaker Michael Moore ran a ficus tree against him in protest in 2000, noting that “we think it's time to point out to the Frelinghuysen family that we live in a democracy, not a dynasty.”

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Frelinghuysen

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They (people) think it's safe and everything's a game when this world is owned by satan himself who wants to dumb us down to think there's no consequences for what we do."

— Zakieya Avery, a mother accused of killing two of her children in an attempt to exorcise them, writing on her Facebook page in November 2011

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TBI: Western armies making most of electronic devices

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"This ongoing collaboration has allowed both communities to better understand the best ideas, processes and technologies for the increased detection of TBI," Lozano said.

TBI has been one of the most common injuries sustained by troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, with studies finding up to 20 percent of all U.S. veterans from those wars sustaining such an injury, with numbers for front-line troops much higher.

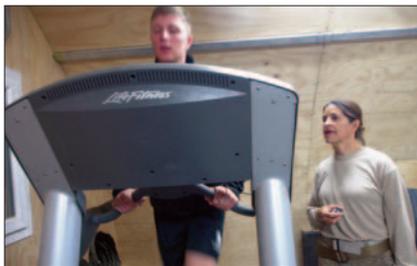
The sensors, which are roughly the size of a watch and weigh 2 ounces, are placed in troops' helmets, on their torsos and in vehicles. They measure the two types of force troops experience from blasts — overpressure and acceleration — and the sensors can even tell if a helmet is being worn to avoid false readings in case a servicemember drops the helmet. When the sensors do register a blast, the reading will show either a green, yellow or amber light, meaning no exposure, moderate exposure or serious exposure, respectively.

The readings can more quickly and accurately tell doctors about a patient's risk for TBI. The information is also being stored to do more long-term analysis of the effects of TBI in the hopes of developing better treatment and better protective equipment in the future.

Wider trend

The TBI sensors are part of a wider trend in western armies aimed at fielding military gear and clothing equipped with electronic devices capable of monitoring things like respiration, heart rate and skin temperature. Those can also help identify the locations and extent of impact wounds by sensing any damage to the fabric of soldiers' uniforms.

For doctors treating patients



HEATH DRUZIN/Stars and Stripes

U.S. Army occupational therapist Maj. Marji Burniston monitors Air Force Army 1st Class Samuel Davies as he runs on a treadmill at the Concussion Specialty Care Center at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, in October, days after he sustained a head injury.

exposed to blasts, the sensors take some of the guesswork out of diagnosing TBI. While a sensor reading on its own is not a diagnosis, it can tell doctors the amount of force a servicemember experienced, as opposed to relying on troops who have recently experienced a traumatic event to describe what happened.

In the early days of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, little was understood about the effects of concussions, and an untold number of troops kept fighting even after having suffered multiple head injuries. Not only did this put troops at risk of serious long-term medical consequences but it would eventually take some out of the fight who would have otherwise been able to return to duty had they received prompt care, said Col. David Wilkie, an Army neurologist and the theater neurology consultant for Task Force Med-A, which is responsible for U.S. forces' medical care throughout Afghanistan.

"Prior to 2009, we were finding

a lot of soldiers trying to drive on," he said. "Their symptoms would get worse, they would get more concussions and some had to be [medically evacuated]. Unfortunately, some of those soldiers went on to have chronic symptoms that they might not have if they had proper treatment."

Now, because of better understanding of TBI and better treatment, roughly 95 percent of troops who suffer a TBI downrange are able to return to duty rather than evacuated, Wilkie said.

"No soldier goes back to duty until they've been tested and show they can handle the stress," he said.

The benefits of the sensors can be seen at Bagram Air Field, north of Kabul, inside the khaki, foam-roofed huts of the Concussion Specialty Care Center that Wilkie oversees.

It feels like a world away from the war still being fought just outside the base gates. Soft lighting and cushy leather chairs make the center's lounge one of the most

relaxing rooms on any base in Afghanistan, and that's the point. It's an oasis for troops recovering from TBIs for which the best medicine is often rest.

"It's great here. You forget you are in Afghanistan," said Senior Airman Mike Hansen, 31, who along with four Air Force comrades was recuperating in the center after their convoy was attacked by a suicide bomber just outside Bagram Air Field in October.

Expecting to get better

Hansen and three other airmen sat in the concussion center chatting just days after the attack that injured them. The airmen were doing a security patrol outside the base when a man on a motorcycle strapped with explosives sped toward their armored truck before detonating.

After a few days of relaxation and physical therapy at the center, all were hoping to get back to duty soon.

Since January 2011, roughly 4,400 patients have been admitted to the concussion center.

"It's a rehabilitation environment so there's an expectation of getting better," Wilkie said. "You don't want to create the thinking, 'I need medicine. I need a procedure done.'"

There's still a long way to go in understanding TBI and its effects, but the sensors are helping researchers and doctors make progress, said Stephanie Maxfield Panker, Surgeon General of the Army's TBI director.

"We still have a gap in terms of having more objective data about blast pressures and accelerations folks are experiencing out there," she said. "There's lots we don't know about blast effects on the human brain and body, and I think this is where [sensors] come into play."

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Afghan president again asks for end to US airstrikes

The Associated Press

KABUL — Afghanistan's president says the U.S. can no longer carry out military operations or airstrikes and must jump-start peace talks with the Taliban before his country signs a security

deal to keep American troops in Afghanistan after 2014.

President Hamid Karzai made the statement Sunday after being presented with the findings of an investigation into a joint Afghan-U.S. military operation last

week that resulted in civilian casualties, which he blamed on U.S. soldiers.

The U.S.-led international military coalition provided a sharply different account of what happened during the two-day operation against insurgents in

eastern Parwan province, saying it was an Afghan-led effort and carried out at the request of the government.

Although Karzai has set out similar conditions in the past, he has intensified his anti-American rhetoric in recent weeks.

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MILITARY

Navy's workhorse, the USS Ashland, gets a new skipper

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — Humanitarian workhorse the USS Ashland got a new skipper Friday.

The Sasebo Navy community, as well as the crew of the Whidbey Island-class amphibious dock landing ship, gathered on deck on a chilly morning to celebrate the tenure of outgoing captain Cmdr John Barnett, who then was replaced by former executive officer Cmdr Douglas Patterson.

Barnett and Patterson were credited with changing the culture aboard the USS Tortuga and later the Ashland after a hull swap last year.

The Tortuga had been nicknamed the "Tortanic" in Navy circles but later developed a reputation as a dependable piece of the 7th Fleet's amphibious force. Neither ship missed an operational commitment in the past three years.

Barnett's tenure aboard the Tortuga, and later the Ashland, was marked by participation in

Operation Tomodachi following Japan's earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster three years ago as well as Operation Damayan in November after Typhoon Haiyan battered the Philippines.

Before coming aboard the Tortuga in June 2012 as executive officer, Patterson previously completed tours with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Seven, the USS Germantown as its engineer officer and as an individual augmentee with the Defense Energy Support Center as its bulk fuel officer responsible for Tactical Petroleum Terminal Cedar II in An Nasiriyah, Iraq.

He becomes the ship's 16th commanding officer. "I am humbled to be your captain," Patterson said shortly after his pennant was raised high above the ship.

The Ashland arrived in Sasebo in August 2013 after a stint in Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, Va. It was the first amphibious ship in the Navy to embark female sailors as permanent members of the crew, in 1994.

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S. Korea may investigate US use of defense funds

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SEOUL, South Korea — A government audit board may investigate whether South Korean funds for the upkeep of U.S. troops are being used appropriately, according to media reports.

Yonhap News reported last week that the Board of Audit and Inspection is collecting documents from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of National Defense and the Seoul Regional Tax Office to determine whether to launch a formal investigation.

The review is focusing on whether the U.S. has tried to evade taxes on interest earned on unpaid defense contributions from Seoul — an allegation that U.S. Forces Korea denies.

According to Yonhap, the BIA review comes at the request of a left-wing civic group, Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea, that says unspecified data show the U.S. has left unspent about \$944 million in Korea-provided defense funds. The BAI received similar requests from another civic group in 2007 and 2008 but did not conduct an investigation.

USFK said in an email to Stars and Stripes that "does not earn any interest on (Special Measures Agreement) funds deposited in the burden-sharing account, nor does USFK make any additional money off the SMA burden-sharing account."

The U.S. and South Korea just agreed on a five-year defense cost-sharing deal, following months of negotiations that centered on how much Seoul should pay and an alleged lack of transparency in the U.S. use of Korean defense funds.

Seoul will increase its contributions 5.8 percent in 2014. In addition to paying about \$866.6 million,

South Korea will make unspecified contributions toward labor, logistics and construction.

The review focuses on possible tax evasion on interest earned on money from Seoul.

The old agreement expired at the end of 2013. The new one includes measures intended to increase transparency. The foreign ministry would not comment last week on why Seoul believes its oversight of defense fund

spending has been inadequate.

If BIA decides to launch a full investigation, it would be the first time the agency has inspected USFK's use of money since the two allies signed their first SMA in 1991.

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Memorials to the four airmen killed during a training exercise near Salthouse, England, line the stage before a ceremony Friday at RAF Lakenheath.

Four airmen killed in crash 'touched the lives of many'

By ADAM L. MATHIS
Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — Four airmen killed in a helicopter crash earlier this month were remembered at a ceremony Friday as "amazing" people who touched many lives.

Capt. Christopher S. Stover, Capt. Sean M. Ruane, Tech. Sgt. Dale E. Mathews and Staff Sgt. Afton M. Ponce died when their HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter went down during a low-flying exercise near the town of Salthouse, England, on Jan. 7.

Airmen and civilians at RAF Lakenheath gathered at RAF Lakenheath to pay their last respects to the fallen crewmembers.

Col. Kyle Robinson, commander of the 48th Fighter Wing, said during the ceremony the airmen died upholding the rescue creed: "These things we do that others may live."

"They touched the lives of many and made the world a better place," Robinson said during the ceremony.

The four served in the 56th Rescue Squadron at Lakenheath, a unit trained to conduct combat and humanitarian rescues. The unit supported defense forces in Iceland before going to Lakenheath. Members of the 56th returned from a deployment to Afghanistan late in 2013.

The pilots of the helicopter, Stover and Ruane, had about 11 years of piloting experience between them and numerous deployments. Stover became an Air Force pilot in 2009 and deployed



The memorial included a photo of Staff Sgt. Afton M. Ponce, who was serving as a special mission aviator when she died in the helicopter crash Jan. 7 near Salthouse, England.

2004 and served in the Air Force Honor Guard, participating in about 500 ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. She also assisted more than 125 children through a program for survivors of deceased airmen.

Lt. Col. Jared Herbert, commander of the 56th Rescue Squadron, described all four of them as "amazing" and said the squadron would continue their mission in honor of the four.

"This squadron will continue to take the fight to the enemy's doorstep, and the 56th will not fail," Herbert said. "They would not want it any other way."

"I will be forever grateful for my interactions with Sean, Chris, Dale and Afton," Herbert added. "Thank you to the families of these great warriors for raising and influencing such awesome individuals."

Support for the families has been pouring in. A gofundme.com campaign to raise money for the families of the four has collected more than \$41,000 in less than two weeks.

Lakenheath has received offers "too numerous to count" from organizations on and off base to help the families and other airmen, a Lakenheath spokesman said in an email.

"I would like to thank you all for your warmth and kindness," Robinson said. "We've seen your support in so many forms this past week as the wing has come together to support the families and members of the 56th Rescue Squadron."

Ponce, another special mission aviator, was on active duty since

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MILITARY

Army's military art awaits its own museum

By MICHAEL E. RUANE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The story goes that Norman Rockwell, seeking authenticity, wanted to rip holes in the soldier's shirt.

The GI said fine. Rockwell asked to smear mud on his face and hands. Not a problem.

But when the artist asked to rub dirt on his machine gun, the soldier refused; no proper gunner could tolerate that. So Rockwell portrayed the GI as tattered and begrimed, but with his big gray Browning machine gun sleek and clean.

That rare and meticulous World War II painting — by an artist whose work routinely fetches tens of millions of dollars — hangs not in a museum or gallery, but in a state-of-the-art Army conservation center at Fort Belvoir in Northern Virginia.

It is part of the Army's extensive collection of military art — much of it by renowned painters and illustrators — that is ready and waiting for the future National Museum of the United States Army.

The museum, which has been a decade in the making, is at least four years from opening and has less than half the money it needs for its construction, according to its chief fundraiser, Creighton W. Abrams Jr., a retired brigadier general.

The Army Historical Foundation, which he directs, has raised \$76 million of the \$175 million it needs. Abrams said he expects the museum to open in 2018 at the earliest. It is also to be at Fort Belvoir, Va., 6 miles west of Mount Vernon.

The project, like many such endeavors in the Washington area, has been blessed with generous donors, slowed by years of planning starts and stops, and hampered by the ups and downs of fundraising.

In 2010, fundraising was good, Abrams said in a recent interview. It was not as good in 2011, worse in 2012, but better in 2013. "We raised \$10 million last year," he said. "And we think we're going to get between \$15 [million] and \$20 [million] this year."

Meanwhile, the art collection and a trove of other Army historical treasures wait in climate-controlled seclusion.

A top-notch trove

The collection is superb.

It has four original works by Rockwell and several by noted World War II illustrator Tom Lea — including his famous portrait of a stunned, battle-fatigued Marine entitled, "Marines Call It That 2,000-Yard Stare."

There's art by Floyd MacMillan Davis, the magazine and advertising illustrator, and by Edward Reep who, on the ground, painted the World War II bombing of Italy's Monte Cassino while it was still underway.

"The earth trembled (and so did my hand)," Reep said later.

There's a series of elegant 1840s paintings from the Army's museum Support Center, which was created to care for items destined for the museum. Though construction of the museum was delayed, that of the lower-profile support center was not.

The art had been housed in the leased basement of an office building in downtown Washington until it was moved to the center in 2010, according to Sarah Forgy, curator of the art collection.

At the new site, in a spare, cavernous room, multiple paintings are hung on giant sliding wire screens that can be recessed for storage or pulled out for examination.

Although American martial art became well known during the Civil War — with



PHOTOS BY BILL O'LEARY/The Washington Post

Visitors and officials examine art stored at the Army's Museum Support Center in Fort Belvoir, Va.



Above: Alan Bogan, the curator at the center, scrutinizes a Colonial state military flag that is part of the collection. Left: About 16,000 pieces of art are stored at the center, including this vintage headgear.

such painters as Winslow Homer and Conrad Wise Chapman, and illustrators like Alfred Waud — the official War Department art program began in World War I, Forgy said.

The department sent eight artists to France, commissioned as captains in the Corps of Engineers.

They produced about 500 pieces which, after the war, went to the Smithsonian Institution because the Army had no place to keep them, Forgy said.

That collection is still there. Asked if it can be retrieved, she said, "That remains to be seen ... It's in good hands."

When World War II began, the government set up the War Art Advisory Committee, which selected 42 civilian and military artists to cover the conflict. The committee chairman was Philadelphia lawyer-turned-artist George Biddle.

"Any subject is in order," he told the selectees. "Battle scenes and the front line ... the dying and the dead; prisoners of war ... wrecked habitations ... the nobility ... cruelty, boredom of war ... You may be guided by Blake's mysticism, by Goya's cynicism ... Delacroix's romanticism. ..."

Three months into the project, Congress cut its funding. Life magazine, which had its own artists in the field, picked up many of the program's civilian artists, and the work continued, Forgy said during a tour of the collection in early January.

In 1960, Life donated 1,050 originals to the Defense Department. There was a vast array of work.

Floyd Davis produced "GI Perfume Shop," a humorous image of a rumpless soldier and a well-dressed French saleswoman in her perfume store.

He also painted the grim "GIs in Paris,"

which shows three battered, unshaven and utterly exhausted American soldiers in 1944. "They look woebegone," Forgy said, "like they've been to hell and back."

She said there was no official Army art program during the Korean War, but one was re-established during the Vietnam War, with 10 teams of four or five artists each.

They produced eerie images in vibrant colors of downed helicopters, flaming structures, and works like Roger Blum's spooky "Patrol in the Jungle." The painting captures wary soldiers plodding through a swamp that seems to engulf them in blue-green gloom.

"The Vietnam period, the artwork's very immediate," Forgy said. "You really do feel like you're right there."

More recent conflicts have produced work in tans, browns and grays, from the deserts of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan.

MILITARY

Testimony: Recruiter threatened violence

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A Tennessee National Guard recruiter charged with trying to kill four of his superiors at an armory told a fellow soldier he would start shooting if he was fired from his job, an FBI agent testified Friday.

Special Agent Matthew Ross gave his testimony at a detention hearing for Sgt. 1st Class Amos Patton. Magistrate Judge Charmaine Claxton later denied bond for Patton, a 14-year-Guard veteran who has pleaded not guilty to charges that he tried to kill four Guard members when he opened fire inside the armory in Millington, northeast of Memphis.

Ross testified that Patton was being disciplined after an investigation into sexual assault claims by a female soldier when he opened fire inside a guard armory on Oct. 24. Prosecutors say Patton, 42, pulled a gun from a fanny pack and started shooting after he was told he was being relieved of duty and dismissed from active service.

Authorities say three guard members suffered minor injuries in the shooting. A fourth soldier fought with Patton and helped subdue him after he fled the armory.

Prosecutors and Guard officials had released information about the shooting, but Friday's hearing revealed more details about the circumstances that led up to it, including prior altercations Patton allegedly had with his wife of 18 years and threats of suicide.

During the roughly three-month sexual assault investigation, Patton began to confide in Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Turner, Ross said.

Turner told Ross that Patton threatened he "would in fact pull out a gun and shoot everyone that was there" if he was fired, Ross said. Ross said Patton also told Turner he was going to kill the woman who made the sexual assault allegations and commit suicide.

Turner never forwarded the threats to superiors, Ross said.

After Patton received his punishment, he and two superiors went to his government-issued car parked outside the armory. The three were going back to Patton's office to retrieve a computer and take him to his vehicle, Ross said.

Patton retrieved a bag and a fanny pack from the car, then asked to go to the bathroom, Ross said. Patton entered the armory but was told that he could not go into the bathroom with the bag and fanny pack.

That's when Patton took the gun out of the fanny pack, Ross said. Maj. William J. Crawford tried to restrain Patton, but Patton was able to fire shots, Ross said.

Crawford was shot in the thigh and Sgt. Maj. Ricky McKenzie was hit in the foot.

Lt. Col. Hunter Belcher was grazed by a bullet just below the right knee. Another round went through a backdoor. Belcher was wearing, grazing his back.



YVONNE NEWS/AP

Nago city Mayor Susumu Inamine, center, and his wife, Ritsuko, celebrate after he was re-elected in the mayoral election in Nago, Okinawa, on Sunday. The election was seen as a referendum on plans to move a U.S. air base to the community of 62,000 people.

Mayor's re-election deals blow to US Okinawa plans

By YURIKO NAGANO
The Associated Press

TOKYO — A Japanese mayor who opposes moving a U.S. military base to his city in Okinawa won a hard-fought re-election battle Sunday, dealing a potential blow to hopes in Washington and Tokyo that the long-delayed plan would move forward.

Nago city Mayor Susumu Inamine, who has vowed to block construction of the base by denying permits for the project, declared victory before 500 supporters at the city's civic center.

The U.S. and Japan agreed in 1996 to move the Marines Corps Futenma air station to Nago from a more congested part of Okinawa, but many Okinawans want the base off their island completely.

The plan got a boost last month when the governor of Okinawa gave the go-ahead for land reclamation to build the new base, whose runways would extend over

water from the U.S. military's existing Camp Schwab. Opponents filed a lawsuit last week seeking to invalidate the election approval.

Inamine's victory will make it more difficult to move forward, analysts said.

"I don't think it'll be easy now for the U.S. base to be relocated, but I think there is a limit to what a local mayor can do," said Toshiyuki Shikata, a former Japanese military officer and professor of political science at Teikyo University in Tokyo.

The Futenma air station would be moved from Ginowan city to sparsely populated Henoko district in Nago, because of concerns about aircraft noise, accidents in civilian areas and base-related crimes such as rape. The proposed move is part of a broader plan to consolidate and reduce the U.S. military presence in Okinawa, home to about half of the

U.S. troops in Japan.

Pre-election opinion polls by Okinawa media showed about 84 percent of Nago residents opposed moving the base to Henoko. Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, which supports the move, wooed voters with promises of additional development funds for the city.

Inamine got 19,839 votes versus pro-base challenger Bunshin Suematsu, who received 15,684.

"Despite all the efforts, the Liberal Democratic Party has lost," said Koichi Nakano, professor of political science at Sophia University in Tokyo. "I think it reflects how strongly people are opposed to a base relocation."

Before the vote, Hitoshi Morine, a spokesman for the Japanese Defense Ministry in Okinawa, said the government is planning to seek bids soon for drilling surveys of the seafloor bedrock to begin designing the base.

Master diver is culpable in deaths

By DIANNA CAHN

The (Norfolk, Va.) Virginian-Pilot

The master diver of the Navy company that last two men in a training dive last February negligently failed to ensure that proper safety procedures were adhered to, a Navy jury found Friday.

The four-man jury — two SEALs, one Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician and one intelligence specialist — spent two hours deliberating before they found Senior Chief Petty Officer James Burger guilty Friday evening of a single charge of negligent dereliction of duty.

Burger was his company's master diver at Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2 when two sailors drowned during a training dive on Feb. 26.

The dive at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland was deep: down to 150 feet, in cold water with little visibility and with wire and debris at the bottom of the pond.

Petty Officer 1st Class James Reyher and Petty Officer 2nd Class Ryan Harris were on a tending line that got tangled while they were at the bottom, and testing of their breathing apparatuses indicated that the equipment likely failed them.

As the verdict was delivered, Harris' mother and father shook with sobs. Beside them, Reyher's wife, who'd broken down in tears at other points during the trial, sat quietly. Burger showed little emotion, and he somberly embraced family and friends after court adjourned.

He was not held accountable for the sailors' deaths. But the government charged that, as master diver, he was responsible to ensure safe conditions and failed to see the risks of the dive or take steps to mitigate them.

"This dive should never have happened," Marine Corps Capt. Keaton Harrell, the prosecutor, said in his closing statement at Norfolk Naval Station. "Sr. Chief Burger had a responsibility. He had a duty to prevent it. He did not."

The defense contended that the dive, in essence, was safe and the things that went wrong were out of Burger's control. It was, said Burger's attorney, Lt. Cmdr. John Butler, a tragic accident.

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MILITARY

Protests, fires part of troops' Kosovo training

BY MICHAEL DARNELL
Stars and Stripes

HOHENFELS, Germany — NATO troops headed for Kosovo are receiving special training on riot control, including instruction on how to protect themselves when Molotov cocktails are tossed at them during violent clashes with protesters.

Maj. Douglas Holt, the lead planner for the exercise Kosovo Force 18 (so called because this is the 18th time the training has been held), said the training exercise at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels for the incoming contingent of peacekeepers uses real-world scenarios to get the multinational force ready to operate in an area of the world that remains a hot spot for ethnic tensions and violent political protests.

As part of the training, Portuguese fire phobia instructors will train troops on how to overcome

the natural fear of fire, Holt said. "Crowd riot control events often involve Molotov cocktails and that sort of thing," Holt said. "So, the Portuguese give our units skills as far as how they respond to these kinds of implements, how they keep their units safe and how they exercise discipline in the face of that kind of fear."

Even as the U.S. military is reducing its presence in Europe due to changing strategic focus and shrinking programs because of budget cuts, the Joint Multinational Training Command at Hohenfels, Germany, remains robust, hosting dozens of training events annually. The Kosovo Force training, which runs through the end of January, is one of the largest.

KFOR has been in Kosovo since 1999, when NATO ejected Serb forces from the province, which is mostly inhabited by ethnic Albanians. Since then, KFOR's numbers have steadily shrunk to



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A soldier hauls a smoking tire away during a civil disturbance training exercise at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany, in November 2011.

about 4,700 troops from 32 countries. Among those involved in the training are 725 Americans. Virginia and Maryland National Guardsmen from the 29th Infantry Division, who are part of that contingent, will be acting as battle group leaders as well as un-

dergoing the training.

Although intercommunal tensions between Kosovo's mainly Albanian government and the Serb minority have significantly abated over the past year, the possibility of protests and riots remains constant.

"This training is their last opportunity for them to make a mistake," said Don Mills, lead planner for KFOR 18. "The next time they'll have the chance to try things out is when they're out in the field."

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2 DODEA students chosen for Senate youth program

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Stars and Stripes

VILSECK, Germany — They lead their respective schools in Germany as student body president, earn top-notch grades and find time for extracurricular activities.

Phillip Ramirez, of Vilseck High School, and Avalon Roche, of Kaiserslautern High School, are adding another feather to their caps.

The two seniors earned \$5,000 college scholarships and will represent the Department of Defense Education Activity at the 52nd annual U.S. Senate Youth Program in Washington in March.

Only 104 juniors and seniors nationwide were selected to participate in the weeklong program — two from each state, the District of Columbia and DODEA,

according to an American Forces Press Service news release.

"I'm overwhelmed," Ramirez said in an interview. "I really can't believe I get to go to Washington and meet our nation's leaders. Being able to see the ins-and-outs of Congress, the executive branch, the legislative branch is going to be a great experience."

Roche, who heard of the program when a friend applied the previous year, said she wasn't expecting to be chosen. "When it was announced this year, I thought, 'Well, I'll give it a shot,'" she said.

"It's a huge honor. I'm hoping

for a really interesting week. Not many people have this opportunity, to meet kids like me from all over the United States with many different opinions and backgrounds."

The program was created in 1962 to deepen high school students' understanding of America's political processes and encourage them to pursue public service careers, according to the Hearst Foundations, which funds and administers the program.

Ramirez and Roche will be immersed in Washington activities March 8-15. Student delegates will attend meetings and briefings with

senators and congressional staff, the president, a Supreme Court justice, leaders of Cabinet agencies and prominent journalists.

The Hearst Foundations pays for all expenses except transportation, which is covered by DODEA.

Alternate delegates are David Neaverth, of Seoul American High School in South Korea, and Luke Pirotta, of Kubasaki High School in Okinawa, Japan.

To be eligible for the program, Ramirez and Roche had to be in elected or appointed positions representing their high school or an educational or civic organization.

Roche said she's unsure where she'll attend college, but she wants to study architecture and someday work for UNESCO. She's a Girl Scout and a member of the National Honor Society and the Model United Nations.

Ramirez would like to work in

government. He's applied to the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, West Point and a few Ivy League schools.

He hopes to bring back some of the lessons he learns in Washington and apply them to his job as student president.

"I'm honored to be the representative from my school — all DODDS schools, really," he said. "It'll be great to bring some of our world to Washington, and maybe bring some of theirs back."

Roche already has met some of her fellow delegates, virtually, via a Facebook page set up for the group.

"We've been having debates about government, politics, education," she said. "It's nice to see other kids my age have the same interest. Not all my friends like to talk about health care."

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Ramirez



Roche

Marine dies during screening at Calif. base

SAN DIEGO — The Marine Corps is investigating the death of a Marine who died while treading water in a swimming pool during a screening test at Camp Pendleton.

Col. Sean D. Gibson told The Associated Press on Friday that Pfc. Joshua Islam, 18,

died Monday afternoon while undergoing an initial screening test for an infantry school that involves treading water for 30 minutes in a swimming pool. The test is a precursor to the Marines' physically demanding recruitmanne training.

Islam was a rifeman from Union County, N.C. He graduated from boot camp at Parris

Island three months ago.

Man sought in desertion case held on gun charge

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Authorities said a New York man wanted for desertion from the U.S. Navy was discovered at his home with a loaded semi-automatic pistol.

Police in Nassau County said

Roberto Carlo Ayala, 20, was arrested Friday morning by officers from the department's fugitive squad and U.S. marshals. They said Ayala had a 9mm Beretta pistol and a high-capacity ammunition magazine.

He was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and high-capacity magazine.

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NATION

Mayor: Christie aides tied Sandy funds, project



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Hoboken, N.J., Mayor Dawn Zimmer speaks to reporters in 2009.

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie faces new allegations of exacting retribution for political reasons after a city's mayor accused his administration of linking millions of dollars in recovery money for Superstorm Sandy to a politically connected project.

Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer alleged Saturday that Christie's lieutenant governor and a top community development official told her recovery funds would flow to her city if she allowed a commercial development project to move forward.

Christie is already embroiled in another scandal involving traffic jams apparently manufactured to

settle a political score. That scandal has tarnished Christie's image as a straight-talking Republican capable of working across the partisan divide and it may threaten his standing as a leading potential presidential candidate in 2016.

Zimmer said Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno pulled her aside at an event in May and told her Sandy aid was tied to the project — a proposal from the New York City-based Rockefeller Group aimed at prime real estate in the densely populated city across the river from New York City.

"I was directly told by the lieutenant governor — she made it very clear — that the Rockefeller project needed to move forward or they wouldn't be able to help me," Zimmer told The Associated

Press.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday, Zimmer said further that Guadagno told her: "This project is really important to the governor." Zimmer said Guadagno then told her: "This was a direct message from the governor."

Christie's office denied Zimmer's claims, calling her statements politically motivated. Spokesman Colin Reed said the administration has been helping Hoboken secure assistance since Sandy struck.

Christie was raising money Saturday for fellow Republicans in Florida. The fundraisers were closed to reporters.

The Sandy aid matter is the second time in recent weeks

Christie's administration has been accused of exacting retribution for political reasons.

Christie's chief of staff, chief counsel, chief political strategist and two-time campaign manager all have been subpoenaed for documents related to the September closing of approach lanes near the George Washington Bridge, which led to traffic chaos in the town of Port Lee across the river from New York City.

The agency that runs the bridge, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, is chaired by David Samson, whose law firm, Wolf & Samson, represented the developer in the Hoboken matter, according to Zimmer. A phone message left at the firm's office was not returned Saturday.

Decisions: Incoming committee leader wants to root out waste and abuse

FROM FRONT PAGE

He takes the reins of the defense spending subcommittee at a time when the Pentagon is reeling from sequestration and coping with the drawdown from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Pay and benefits are in the cross hairs of many members of Congress, and the federal budget deal approved in December trimmed cost-of-living adjustments for younger military retirees, causing a backlash from veterans' advocates.

A former chairman of the New Jersey General Assembly Appropriations Committee, Frelinghuysen correctly noted that the Joint Chiefs of Staff suggested the changes to congressional committees. But he aligned himself with House Armed Services Committee Chairman Buck McKeon, R-Calif., in saying that he wants to preserve as much pay and benefits as possible, even at a time of mounting fiscal pressure in Congress.

Frelinghuysen said he will work with McKeon's committee and will use the Pentagon's recommendations to thread the needle.

"We have to recognize that many of those who are in the military today... have made multiple deployments to the Middle East — in cases, five or six," he said. "We're going to be very careful in looking at the whole benefit issue... There will be hard decisions."

The way forward

Frelinghuysen, 67, is shy on details about how he intends to use his new chairmanship, saying he first wants to hold hearings with the top service chiefs. He said he wants to root out waste and abuse, and to ask the military how it plans to do more with less. He won't give specifics until after those hearings, which he intends to hold in the coming weeks and months.

"We live in a different fiscal environment, with declining fiscal budgets, and the subcommittee over the years hasn't really been working with declining budgets,"

he said. "I've been on the committee through our time in Iraq, and as we draw down in Afghanistan there's going to be a decline in military expenditures for the Department of Defense. So it's important that we make every dollar count."

He plans to address waste and fraud, he said, but declined to detail programs or projects he would target. The subcommittee plans to fully fund the DOD inspector general's office, "in lock step" with the White House, he said.

"We're going to look at all defense expenditures... We want to know where there are problems."

Frelinghuysen said he used his new chairmanship to help craft the spending bill for 2014. The \$1.1 trillion bill, unveiled Jan. 13 and passed by Congress three days later, will fund the government through September.

"And then we're going to have hearings to look at a lot of different issues that the services are facing," he said. "We'll have the joint chiefs come in to present their budgets. We're going to take a look at procurement, at readiness... We're going to take a look at everything."

Frelinghuysen cites military readiness as his top priority and wants to ensure "predictability" in the Pentagon's budgeting.

"I say this respectfully: Armed Services sets the policy, but when it comes down to it, our committee has a responsibility for a strong national defense," he said. "There's more action and responsibility in those who pay the bills."

He also wants to keep a spotlight on veterans facing post-traumatic stress disorder, mental health issues and traumatic brain injuries.

"Those who have served deserve the best medical care in the system," said Frelinghuysen, a Vietnam vet. "So this is a lifetime commitment on my part."

Mindful of heritage

The most common criticism of

Frelinghuysen is that he is a career politician, riding on his family's long political coattails and sitting entrenched in office. The closest he came to being unseated came in 2012, when Democrat John Arvanites won 40 percent of the vote and independent candidate Barry Berlin got 1 percent. For his part, Berlin declared it a victory.

"The vote total shows that there are many people in the 11th district who agree that the current Congress (and most likely the new Congress) are not working to reach compromises that benefit the country," Berlin posted online after the election.

Frelinghuysen argues that his heritage is a strength, not a liability.

"I don't regard coming from a political family to be detrimental in any way," he said. "There's sort of a feeling, certainly among my constituents and the men and women I serve with, that my sole focus is to be a responsible, accountable member of Congress... I'm mindful of my heritage, but this is today and I'm focused on tomorrow."

Arvanites attacked the New Jersey Republican in 2012, labeling him a far-right incumbent with a tea party-style voting record. The Washington Post congressional voter database says he voted with the GOP 90 percent of the time.

Frelinghuysen shrugged off the criticism and won the race. He maintains a relatively moderate voting record, with some tilts toward the right in the past several years. Once considered an abortion rights supporter, he now has only a 7 percent rating from the National Abortion Rights Action League. He is a member of the Republicans for Environmental Protection caucus despite owning the third-highest amount of oil stocks among the 435 House members and a League of Conservation ranking of 11 out of the 13 representatives from New Jersey.

Of the 123 bills he has introduced since 1995, the four that

became law were two water-power programs, a highlands conservation act and a District of Columbia appropriations act.

A prolific earmarker during the years when the practice was supported by congressional Republicans, most of Frelinghuysen's earmarks were for defense-related spending. Likewise, the bulk of his campaign contributions have come from the same sector — in 2012, seven of his top 10 campaign donors were related to the defense industry.

Drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War, Frelinghuysen served in the Mekong Delta with the 93rd Engineer Battalion, which was tasked with road-building. He received two honors from the military — the Vietnam Service Medal and the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award, the branch's highest civilian honor in 2013.

When Frelinghuysen is working in the district, he lives in Georgetown. His hometown, with

his wife, Virginia, is Harding Township, N.J.

Few in Congress know Frelinghuysen as well as Frank LoBiondo, who was elected to Congress alongside him in 1994. The two men served in the New Jersey General Assembly for years before coming to Washington.

"There are very few people that I have seen who are as eminently qualified as Rodney," said LoBiondo, a Republican who lives in Atlantic County, N.J. "There's an incredible amount of preparation time that has to be spent, one on one, with people who are involved, whether they be Pentagon or military-type people, that he has to listen to. There's an enormous amount that he has to read. There's an enormous amount to research."

"And that's all in addition to representing your district... He eats it. He sleeps it. He's just about 24/7."

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NATION

Many still wary of water in W.Va.

By BEN NUCKLOS
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The smell lingers — the slightly sweet, slightly bitter odor of a chemical that contaminated the water supply of West Virginia's capital more than a week ago. It creeps out of faucets and shower heads. It wafts from the Elk River, the site of the spill. Sometimes it hangs in the cold nighttime air.

For several days, a majority of Charleston-area residents have been told their water is safe to drink, that the concentration of a chemical used to wash coal is so low that it won't be harmful. Restaurants have reopened — using tap water to wash dishes and produce, clean out their soda fountains and make ice.

But as long as people can still smell it, they remain wary — and given the lack of knowledge about the chemical known as MCHM, some experts say their caution is justified.

"I would certainly be waiting until I couldn't smell it anymore, certainly to be drinking it," said Richard Denison, a scientist with the Environmental Defense Fund who has followed the spill closely. "I don't blame people at all for raising questions and wondering whether they can trust what's being told to them."

The Jan. 9 spill from a Freedom Industries facility on the banks of



JOHN RAWBAP

Emma Del Torte, of Charleston, W.Va., holds a sign during a demonstration at the state Capitol on Saturday as more than 100 people gathered to question their tap water's quality.

the Elk River, less than 2 miles upstream from Charleston's water treatment plant, led to a ban on water use that affected 300,000 people. On Friday, Freedom Industries filed for bankruptcy protection, temporarily shielding it from dozens of lawsuits, many by businesses that were forced to shut down.

Four days after the spill, of-

ficials started to lift the ban in one area after another, saying tap water was safe for drinking because the concentration of the chemical had dipped below one part per million, even though the smell was still strong at that level. By Friday afternoon, nearly all of the people affected had been told the water was safe.

Late Wednesday, however,

health officials issued different guidance for pregnant women, urging them not to drink tap water until the chemical is entirely undetectable. The federal Centers for Disease Control said it made that recommendation out of an abundance of caution because existing studies don't provide a complete picture of how the chemical affects humans.

Officials seek men who robbed Memphis mall

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Authorities are continuing to search for five or six suspects who used sledgehammers to rob a jewelry store at a crowded Memphis mall.

A police spokeswoman said in an email that the suspects entered Reeds Jewelers about 7:30 p.m. Saturday and began smashing display cases with hammers. Police said the men took about 65 Rolex watches and stuffed the items into pillow cases.

No injuries were reported. Despite earlier reports, police determined there were no shots fired and no weapons were seen.

The Commercial Appeal reported that the robbers used two exits near the jewelry store to escape. The watches were valued at \$11,000 apiece.

Panda cub Bao Bao makes public debut

WASHINGTON — Giant panda cub Bao Bao was roused from slumber and carried before an adoring public Saturday and Sunday at the Smithsonian National Zoo. The visitors, admitted a few dozen at a time, were atingle with ooohs and ahs even when Bao Bao wasn't doing much beyond breathing.

No matter to the delighted crowds, who started arriving before dawn to spend a too-brief 10 or 15 minutes inside the giant panda house at the Smithsonian National Zoo. The visitors, admitted a few dozen at a time, were atingle with ooohs and ahs even when Bao Bao wasn't doing much beyond breathing.

13 arrested protesting Calif. police acquittal

FULLERTON, Calif. — A protest over the acquittal of two former California police officers in the beating death of a homeless man turned violent Saturday when someone assaulted a TV camerawoman, resulting in at least 13 arrests, police said.

The protest against the Jan. 13 acquittal of two former Fullerton officers in the 2011 death of Kelly Thomas drew about 200 people, police Sgt. Jeff Stuart said.

He said most of the protesters were peaceful, but some took intersections, blocked streets and vandalized business.

Video broadcast by KCBS-TV showed someone whose face was covered by a bandanna striking the camerawoman. She fled into her news van, and her crew called 911 when a group surrounded the vehicle, Stuart said.

Rodman checks into alcohol rehab center

Dennis Rodman has checked into an alcohol rehabilitation center to treat his long-time struggle with alcoholism, his agent said.

Darren Prince declined on Saturday to say which facility will treat Rodman and how long he will be there. Rodman recently returned to the United States from his latest trip to North Korea.

He later apologized for comments he made in North Korea about a detained American missionary, saying he had been drinking and using drugs. He also organized an exhibition game there.

From wire reports

2 women accused of killing toddlers in 'exorcism'

By DAN MORSE
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Germantown, Md., mother and another woman accused of killing two toddlers and trying to kill two other children believed that they were releasing demonic spirits that had possessed the siblings, Montgomery County police said Saturday.

The two dead children — a boy, Norrell Harris, 1, and a girl, Zyana Harris, 2 — were found Friday morning on their mother's bed in a Germantown townhouse. Both had been stabbed repeatedly, police said. A sister, Taniya Harris, 5, and a brother, Martello Harris, 8, were seriously injured but are expected to survive.

Police said the women thought they were performing an exor-



Avery

cism, although it did not appear they had followed any ritual.

"This was all about what was in their minds," said Capt. Marcus Jones, commander of the county's major crimes unit. "They felt like there was something bad going on with the children, and they were trying to release it."

Police identified the women as Zakieya Avery, 28, the mother; and Monifa Sanford, 21, who lived with the family. Each has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of

attempted first-degree murder.

Detectives found two knives that might have been used in the attacks — one about the size of a paring knife and the other a bit larger, police said.

Avery, who has received mental health counseling, moved twice in recent years — from western Maryland to Ohio and then to Montgomery County, according to a minister whose church she attended. A relative said she had separated from her husband. Writings on her Facebook page suggest that she believes in God and fears Satan.

"The Devil is the enemy in their eyes," Jones said.

Sylvia Wade, Avery's step-grandmother, said Avery loved her children and appeared to take good care of them.

Top court to hear case about restitution to child porn victims

By SARA JEAN GREEN
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — A Seattle attorney will be in the gallery this week when the U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in a case to decide if defendants convicted of possessing child pornography should pay restitution to the victims whose online images are viewed and traded over and over

again. Carol Hepburn, a Seattle native and civil attorney who practices in Seattle and Portland, represents a young Pacific Northwest woman who was repeatedly raped by her father, who then posted photos and videos of the abuse online.

The images of Hepburn's client as a 10-year-old frequently surface in pedophilia circles and have been part of 3,200 criminal cases

across the country since 2009. One man who possessed the woman's images is now serving federal prison time for stalking her.

More recently, comments have been left on pedophilia chat boards that make it clear "pedophiles have been looking for her again and talking about her," Hepburn said of her client, who even as an adult is recognizable from the online images.

Child pornography is unlike other sex crimes because it is ongoing and pervasive, Hepburn said. While a victim can heal from actual sex abuse and put it in the past, Hepburn said her client and others like her are constantly traumatized by the knowledge that thousands of people all over the world are downloading and viewing images of the abuse they suffered.

WORLD

Iraq announces offensive against al-Qaida



HADI MIZBAN/AP

People walk past damaged vehicles after a car bomb attack Sunday in Baghdad.

Clashes, bombings kill 30 in Iraq

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Violence across Iraq, including a series of car bombings and fighting between militants and government troops over control of the country's contested Anbar province, killed at least 30 people Saturday, officials said.

The bombings struck neighborhoods around the capital, Baghdad. Among the incidents:

A car bomb exploded near a restaurant

in the western neighborhood of Mansour, killing four people and wounding 12, police said. Another exploded near a bus station in eastern Baghdad, killing four people and wounding six, authorities said.

In northern Baghdad, a car bomb blast near a hospital killed four people and wounded eight, police said.

A car bomb went off in a commercial street of the Jamia neighborhood in western Baghdad, killing two people and wounding 13, officials said.

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi government forces and allied tribal militias launched an all-out offensive Sunday to push al-Qaida militants from a provincial capital, an assault that killed or wounded some 20 police officers and government-allied tribesmen, officials said.

Since late December, members of Iraq's al-Qaida branch — known as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant — have taken over parts of Ramadi, the capital of the largely Sunni western province of Anbar. They also control the center of the nearby city of Fallujah, along with other non-al-Qaida groups that also oppose the Shiite-led government.

A military officer and two local officials said fierce clashes raged through Sunday night in parts of Ramadi, but gave no details.

The two Anbar officials said 20 police officers and allied tribesmen were either killed or wounded during the assault. The officials were unable to provide a breakdown of the casualties.

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who heads the al-Qaida group in Iraq, urged Iraqi Sunnis to join the militants in an audio message posted on militant websites Sunday.

"You the Sunnis people in Iraq, you can carry the weapons against the Shiites' al-Baghdadi said. "This is your chance, so do not miss it. Otherwise you will be finished." He also exhorted his militants to continue their fight and also to attack Baghdad.

Hours after the offensive was announced, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki vowed to continue fighting "terrorism," but left the door open for a politi-

cal solution.

"Our battle is firstly to beat and eliminate terrorism, though we welcome any solution, any proposal and any political meeting that should realize the priority of destroying terrorism, al-Qaida, its formations and its allies," al-Maliki said.

Elsewhere Sunday, gunmen opened fire on a checkpoint run by an anti-al-Qaida, pro-government Sunni tribal militia outside the city of Baquba, killing the local leader and four assistants, a police officer and medical officials said. The former al-Qaida stronghold Baquba is about 35 miles northeast of the capital, Baghdad.

The Sunni militia, known as the Awakening Council, was formed by U.S. forces during the height of the insurgency. They are seen as traitors by al-Qaida's local branch and other militant groups.

The officials in Anbar province and Baquba spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

Violence has escalated in Iraq during the past year, particularly since late last month, after authorities dismantled an anti-government Sunni protest camp and arrested a Sunni lawmaker on terrorism charges. To alleviate the tension, the army pulled back from Fallujah and Ramadi, but that allowed al-Qaida militants to seize control.

Last year, the country saw its highest annual death toll since the worst of the country's sectarian bloodletting began to subside in 2007, according to United Nations figures. The U.N. said violence killed 8,868 in 2013. Sunday's violence brought the death toll so far this month to 364, according to an Associated Press tally.

Talks appear to acknowledge Assad to remain in power

By ANNE GEARAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After nearly three years of fighting in Syria and persistent calls for a new caretaker government there, U.S. policy toward the country's grinding civil war is tacitly acknowledging what has long been obvious: President Bashar Assad will remain in power, at least for a while.

The Obama administration has narrowed its policy to two main efforts: the eradication of Syria's chemical weapons and the staging of a peace conference scheduled for this week. Both need Assad's cooperation to succeed.

Although the official U.S. line is that Assad "must go," the focus on striking even short-term bargains with his regime is a rec-

ognition that he retains a strong political hold.

The United States insists Assad cannot use the upcoming peace talks in Geneva to strengthen his hand, but that is just what many U.S.-backed opponents of Assad say will happen. For months, moderate opponents resisted pressure to attend the talks, seeing them as a losing proposition that would undermine their already small influence on the front-line rebels.

"They understand that this is about recognizing that Assad remains undefeated, and that no great power is willing to dislodge him as they did [Libyan leader Moammar] Gadhafi," said Joshua Landis, a Syria expert and professor at the University of Oklahoma.

"The Syrian opposition does not want to go to Geneva because

they understand it is tantamount to recognizing Assad will stay," he said.

Assad has the upper hand militarily in the civil war. Despite extensive Iranian and some Russian military support, however, his forces have been unable to defeat a diverse rebel coalition that now includes large numbers of Islamist militants. The Assad government has turned that development partly in its favor by arguing that the Swiss talks will help Damascus fight terrorism.

The peace talks begin with low expectations. There is little chance that the nominal goal of a transitional government to replace Assad will emerge quickly, if ever. Analysts note that Iran will not be in attendance, further evidence that no breakthrough is in the offing.

A more realistic short-term

measure of success would be temporary or localized cease-fires and freer access for humanitarian groups to needy people inside Syria.

The State Department has been quietly working toward those goals and pressuring Assad's backers, notably Iran and Russia, to do the same. The most important goal of the conference, U.S., British and other officials said, is simply to get Assad and his opponents talking.

The war, now approaching its third anniversary, has killed more than 100,000 people and has displaced many millions.

The Syrian government on Friday proposed an exchange of prisoners with rebels and a cease-fire in the largest city, Aleppo, gestures that appeared designed to improve Assad's poor image abroad ahead of the talks.

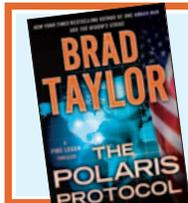
Gunmen attack Muslims fleeing CAR, kill 22

BANGUI, Central African Republic — Attackers armed with machetes and clubs ambushed a convoy of Muslims fleeing sectarian violence in Central African Republic, killing 22 people, an aid group said Sunday as the country in a state of bloody anarchy awaits a new interim president.

More than 1,000 people have been killed since violence exploded a month ago, and nearly 1 million people have fled their homes. The rebel leader-turned-president stepped down about a week ago amid mounting criticism of his inability to stem bloodshed some war could explode into genocide.

On Monday, members of the National Transitional Council are to select a new interim president tasked with leading the country toward democratic elections before the end of 2014.

From The Associated Press



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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

State seeks to limit tanning for youths

VA RICHMOND — Kids 14 and younger would no longer be allowed in Virginia tanning salons if legislation the state Senate passed Friday survives the House.

The bill, put forward by state Sen. George Barker, D-Fairfax, would ban the use of tanning devices by anyone under 15 and require those under 18 to get parental consent before tanning.

Under current Virginia law, tanning salons cannot admit children under 15 without a signature from a parent every six months.

California, Illinois, Oregon, Nevada, Texas and Vermont have outlawed the use of tanning beds by all minors. Eleven states ban tanning at an age younger than 18, and 26 require parental consent for teens under 18, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Deputy sentenced for pepper-spraying pizza

CA NEWPORT BEACH — An Orange County sheriff's deputy has been sentenced for pepper-spraying a teenager's pizza during a traffic stop.

The district attorney's office said Juan Tavera pleaded guilty Friday to a misdemeanor count of assault or battery by a public officer. He was sentenced to a year of informal probation and 100 hours of community service.

Authorities said the six-year sheriff's Department veteran pepper-sprayed a pizza he saw in the backseat of a car that was stopped by another officer in Laguna Hills in 2012.

The 19-year-old driver later returned home and shared the tainted pizza with four friends. All five got sick.

Utah ski resort sued over snowboarding ban

UT SALT LAKE CITY — One of the owners of a Utah ski resort is defending its reputation as a skier's mountain after the resort was sued over allegations that it uses national forest land to discriminate against snowboarders.

David Quinney calls the Alta Ski Area east of Salt Lake City "forbidden fruit" for snowboarders for reasons of safety and customer preference. Skiers' chief complaint is that snowboarders have a blind spot that increases the odds of a collision.

Alta is one of the last remaining U.S. resorts that ban snowboarding, along with the Deer Valley and Mad River Glen in Vermont.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday says four snowboarders bought tickets at Alta but were turned away at the chairlift.

\$330M-plus committed to save Detroit art

MI DETROIT — National and local foundations have committed more than \$330 million toward Detroit's pensions to stave off the possible sale

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5,000

The number of concealed firearms permit applications recently cleared after a backlog in Maine. Last summer, some residents complained of a nearly five-month wait for the permits, saying the Department of Public Safety was doing background checks and processing applications too slowly.



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The weight in pounds of a catfish caught on Jan. 12 in Michigan, breaking the 2-year-old state record. Dale Blakely was ice fishing for crappies when he caught the fish, which was 46.02 inches long. The record fish was verified the next day by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The previous record-sized fish caught in 2012 broke a record that had stood since 1943.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Beautiful butterfly

Connor Klevan, 5, of Miami, watches as a butterfly lands on his hand Friday while he was touring the Wings of the Tropics Butterfly Conservatory at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Fla. The exhibit contains about 40 different species of butterflies from tropical regions in Central and South America, Africa and Southeast Asia.

of city-owned pieces in an art museum.

Mediators in Detroit's bankruptcy proceeding said in a statement last week that other foundations are expected to announce their participation in the plan.

Nearly 130 individuals also have contributed to a fund established with a Detroit-area community foundation.

Federal Judge Gerald Rosen

has asked foundations and others to raise \$500 million to protect pieces in the Detroit Institute of Arts and assist pensioners. They're expected to lose some benefits during the city's restructuring.

Library to offer high school diplomas

CA LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Public Li-

brary is evolving from a place where people can check out books and surf the Web to one where residents can also earn an accredited high school diploma.

The library recently announced that it is teaming up with a private online learning company to debut the program for high school dropouts, believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

It's the latest step in the transformation of public libraries in

the digital age as they move to establish themselves beyond just being a repository of books to a full educational institution, said the library's director, John Szabo.

The library hopes to grant high school diplomas to 150 adults in the first year at a cost to the library of \$150,000, Szabo said.

Man sues care center over wife's death

WA LONGVIEW — A man who is suing a Washington state dementia-care home over the freezing death of his wife has asked the court to expedite testimony.

Donald Sheldon turns 90 next month and said he may not live to see the trial. He and Norma Sheldon were married for 69 years. He said in court records that many of his friends died shortly after losing spouses.

The 88-year-old woman died of hypothermia in an enclosed courtyard at the Canterbury Gardens Alzheimer's Care Center on Dec. 28. The temperature was 28 degrees.

The Daily News reported the state found violations at the home that included doors without alarms.

Canterbury officials have said they are sorry for the tragedy and are working with the Department of Social and Health Services to address concerns.

Workers plan joint bid for Philly newspapers

PA PHILADELPHIA — Workers at Philadelphia's two largest newspapers plan to mount a bid to buy their company from feuding owners.

The Newspaper Guild would join with an unnamed partner to bid on The Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Daily News and Philly.com.

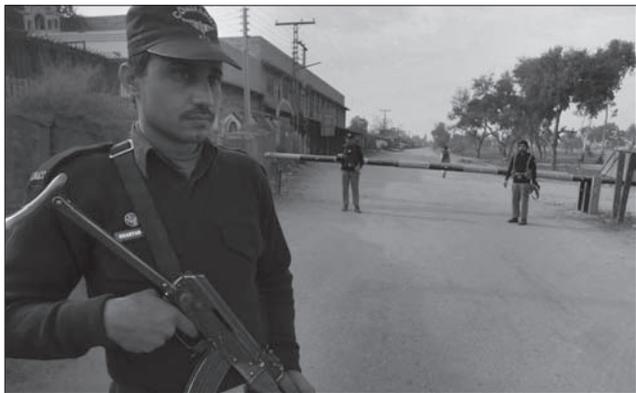
The guild has about 550 workers at the company. Their lawyers filed papers last week seeking to intervene in a proposed auction.

The guild likely competes with powerful millionaire owners who want to dissolve their partnership and force each other out. They are George Norcross, an insurance executive and Democratic political force, and Lewis Katz, the former owner of the New Jersey Nets. Both are expected to mount competing bids if a judge agrees to an auction.

The company has changed hands repeatedly in recent years, and sold for about \$55 million in 2012.

From wire reports

WORLD



IZAB MUHAMMAD/AP

A Pakistani police officer stands guard Sunday at a checkpoint on a road leading to the site of a bomb explosion in Bannu, Pakistan.

Taliban bombing kills 20 troops in Pakistani base

By Iyaz Mohammed and Rebecca Santana
The Associated Press

BANNU, Pakistan — A Taliban bombing inside an army compound in northwest Pakistan killed at least 20 troops Sunday in one of the deadliest attacks to target the country's forces as they battle insurgents in its volatile frontier, officials and militants said.

The blast targeted a vehicle in a convoy about to leave a military base in the town of Bannu to drive west to the North Waziristan tribal area, police official Inyat Ali Khan said. Pakistan's military said the blast wounded 30 troops.

The Taliban claimed the attack and called it a suicide bombing. Military officials said the blast came from an explosive planted in the vehicle, hired by the paramilitary Frontier Corps. While the army has its own transport vehicles, the paramilitary forces often hire vehicles when they need to move troops in large numbers.

A spokesman for the Pakistani Taliban, Shahidullah Shahid, told The Associated Press by telephone that the attack had been carried out to avenge the death of Walitur Rehman, the group's former second in command. He

was killed last year in a U.S. drone strike.

"We will avenge the killing of every one of our fellows through such attacks," the spokesman warned.

The explosion was heard and felt across the town of Bannu.

"I rushed out of my home and saw black, thick smoke billowing out of the cantonment's Razmak gate area," resident Sajjad Khan said. He said troops quickly cordoned off the area and ordered residents to go back inside their homes.

North Waziristan is considered a safe haven for al-Qaida-linked militants. Pakistani troop convoys often are hit by roadside bombs, but blasts inside military compounds are rare.

Last December, a suicide bomber killed four Pakistani soldiers when he rammed an explosive-laden car into a checkpoint outside an army camp in North Waziristan. Thirty Pakistani troops died during a four-day period last April in another part of the northwest called the Tirah Valley as part of an operation to oust militants hiding there.

The Pakistani military has been fighting for years in the tribal areas against militants who want to overthrow the government to establish a hard-line Islamic state. The tribal region

is also a refuge for insurgents fighting NATO and U.S. forces in neighboring Afghanistan.

Many Pakistanis resent fighting fellow Muslims and have grown tired of the long war. Many see it as having been foisted upon them by the U.S. after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the invasion of Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, elected last May, has promised to end the fighting through peace talks. So far the Pakistani Taliban has shown little desire to negotiate with the government and ruled out talks after a U.S. drone strike killed leader Hakimullah Mehsud on Nov. 1. Previous attempts at talks quickly failed.

In their statement Sunday, the Taliban said they would be open to talks, but only if they thought the government was sincere.

The militants have accused Pakistan of helping the U.S. target Mehsud. Islamabad vehemently denied the allegation and accused Washington of sabotaging the nascent peace talks.

Mehsud's replacement, Mullah Fazlullah, is not seen as a supporter of peace talks. Fazlullah is known as a particularly ruthless militant who planned the failed assassination targeting teenage activist Malala Yousafzai in 2012.

Iran prepares for start of landmark nuclear agreement

By Nasser Karimi
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Ahead of the start of a nuclear deal between Iran and world powers, an official in the Islamic Republic called limiting uranium enrichment and sharing its stockpile the country's "most important commitments," state radio reported Sunday.

The comments by Behrouz Kamalvandi, a spokesman of Iran's atomic department, show how the government of moderate President Hassan Rouhani welcomes the deal, which begins Monday. International inspectors also already have arrived in Tehran, preparing for the government opening its facilities to them.

"Implementation of mutual commitments in the framework of the Geneva deal will begin from tomorrow," Kamalvandi said. "Under the agreement, suspension of 20 percent enrichment of uranium — and the diluting of the current stockpile of enriched uranium — are the most important commitments of our country."

Iran struck the deal in November with the so-called P5+1 countries — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States. Negotiators agreed to final terms of the deal Jan. 13.

Under the agreement, Iran will limit its uranium enrichment to 5 percent — the grade commonly used to power reactors. The deal also commits Iran to stop producing 20 percent enriched uranium — only a technical step away from weapons-grade material — and to neutralize its 20 percent stockpile over the next six months.

In exchange, economic sanctions Iran faces would be eased for six months. Senior officials in President Barack Obama's administration have put the total relief figure at some \$7 billion.

During the six months, negotiations between Iran and the world powers would continue in hopes of reaching a permanent deal.

The West fears Iran's nuclear program could allow it to build an atomic weapon. Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, like power generation and medical research.

On Saturday a team of international inspectors arrived in Tehran in preparation of beginning their inspections. They will visit Fordo, where Iran enriches its 20 percent uranium, as well as its Natanz facility, which produces 5 percent enriched uranium, to ensure the country complies with the deal.

Obama tells Germans spying won't harm ties

By Robert H. Reid
The Associated Press

BERLIN — President Barack Obama told German television in an interview aired Thursday that he would not allow America's massive communications surveillance capability to damage relations with Germany and other close U.S. allies.

Obama made the pledge in a rare interview with Germany's ZDF television in an apparent step to repair the damage to America's relations with Germany and other countries following reports that the U.S. National Security Agency had monitored communications of European citizens — even listening in on Chancellor Angela Merkel's cellphone.

Merkel accused the U.S. of a grave breach of trust after reports about her cellphone emerged in October, and her government has been pressing for a "no spy-

ing" agreement with Washington since then. Her center-right party's foreign policy spokesman, Philipp Missfelder, told reporters Thursday that revelations about U.S. spying in Germany had plunged relations with Washington to their lowest level in more than a decade.

During the interview, Obama acknowledged the anger in Germany and elsewhere ignited by spy revelations following the leak of documents obtained by former NSA analyst Edward Snowden to news media. Obama said it would take time to restore trust, although he defended U.S. surveillance as necessary to protect the U.S. and its allies, including Germany.

Obama said that before the revelations he had forged a close working relationship with Merkel and that he could not allow U.S. surveillance operations to damage that trust.

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OPINION

Let's stop trying to read MLK's mind

By JEN DESMOND-HARRIS
 The Root

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is today and you know what that means: lots of talk about who has to be at work and who doesn't. Plentiful "I Have a Dream" recitations. An annual reminder to elementary school kids across the country that it's not nice to judge people based on the color of their skin.

And there will be lots of conversation about how the late civil rights leader would feel about everything that's happening in 2014.

Can we skip that part this year? Now, I've been as guilty as the next person of falling back on the "What would MLK say today?" shtick. Just last year I used red-carpet interviews to ask BET Honors attendees what King would make of current offerings in black entertainment. I practically forced them to try imagining a 1968 preacher's shake-my-head response to, say, Bravo's presentation of black women. Cringe. In retrospect, it was neither interesting nor revealing because it had very little to do with the man himself.

Plenty of analysis around last year's 50th anniversary of the March on Washington took a similar approach. We were treated to assessments of what King would think about "40 years of legal abortion," black America, America in general, George Zimmerman's trial, "education as the gateway out of poverty" and more.

A PolicyMic.com piece even made up modern-day King quotes. (Its disclaimer: "Please note: This piece isn't reflective of my views or King's views. Rather, it reflects my view of King's views" — pretty much says it all.)

It doesn't stop with politics or racial issues, either. Amateur psychic mediums have checked in with King about topics from bullying to rap music and pedophilia in the church. (Spoiler alert: He wouldn't be a fan of child molesters.)

But I'd like it if we backed away from this approach to honoring King's legacy. Here's why: We really don't know what he'd say.

Sure, we can speculate. King was progressive. He was for equality and for blacks and all Americans.

We take these general principles and extrapolate in a very rough way. But if the real question is "What would a progressive say?" why not just ask that? Trying to get into any more detail is tough because King's take on specific issues, tactics and



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Kindergarten students in Atlanta watch as an eternal flame burns at the gravesite of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Atlanta on Friday.

priorities is, like most people's, hard to define in time.

"He was constantly evolving in his thoughts, and that evolution would have continued to impact his politics," said Hans Jeffries, an Ohio State University history professor. Jeffries points to the way King "trailed his wife, who'd already participated in anti-war protests years earlier" before finally making the Riverside Church declaration against the Vietnam War, getting himself cut off from more-conservative civil rights activists. It's evidence that neither King's positions nor his alliances were static.

Then there was the famous bus boycott, whose very objectives, Jeffries explains, evolved from better treatment for blacks within a segregated system to complete integration. Naturally, as his reality and his adversaries changed, so did his positions and his goals.

And even when it comes to people who are living today, it's not as if everyone on the left, everyone who was active in the civil rights movement or all black politicians or activists are of the same mind when it comes to contemporary issues. Where would he stand on education reform? The Affordable Care Act? What about President Barack Obama's responsibility to blacks in an environment that could be seen as the embodiment of King's dreams but that goes hand in hand with racialized political potholes he couldn't have imagined? "Scandal?" Your guess is as good as mine.

"Dead people make great heroes because they can't speak for themselves, so you can project onto them whatever you want," Jeffries said. When it comes to hijacking King's legacy, he added, "Conservatives have really taken that and run with it." (One example: those highly questionable "Martin Luther King Jr. Was a Republican, Vote Republican!" billboards.)

When it comes to King's actual life, too many Americans' knowledge is limited to about two quotes, a sugarcoated biography and the misconstrued history of a single speech.

"My frustration is that King is frozen on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at the March on Washington — because we have frozen his politics in time and sort of narrowly framed what his political beliefs were, reducing him to 'I Have a Dream.' His politics and historical evolution get lost," Jeffries said.

In other words, there's plenty to learn about what King was before we get to imagining what he would have been.

"It shouldn't be about what he would be do but about what do you do and believe," says Jeffries.

When it comes to specific takes on particular issues, if you need a figure from the past — MLK or any other — to serve as an authority, it just might have to do less with that figure and more with your attempt to "look for a cover," Jeffries speculates.

And King wouldn't want that, now, would he?

The flawed logic of tougher sanctions on Iran

Bloomberg News editorial

If something works once, why not do it again?

That's the putative logic behind a congressional move to impose new sanctions against Iran. By reducing Iran's oil exports by more than half, existing sanctions have compelled Iran to agree to preliminary limits to its nuclear program. So, the thinking goes, additional penalties will produce greater, long-term limits.

So far, so good. Only two problems: The theory doesn't quite hold, and it is also ignorant reality.

As for the theory: Punishment produces results when the recipient has an expectation that compliance will end the punishment. Senate Bill 1881, which with 59 co-sponsors already has almost enough support to withstand a threatened veto by President Barack Obama, would strip Iran of that expectation.

The reality is also awkward. Under the

legislation, sanctions aimed at eliminating all Iranian oil exports would take effect unless the U.S. president certified that Iran was meeting various conditions. They go beyond Iran's nuclear program, beyond the terms of the interim nuclear deal Iran and world powers completed this week, beyond even the realm of the possible.

Specifically, the president would have to certify that Iran has not conducted tests for a ballistic missile with a range exceeding 500 kilometers, or 310 miles. No time span is given, so such tests in the past arguably would qualify. The president would also have to declare that Iran has had no direct or indirect involvement in terrorist acts against the United States or U.S. targets. Again, no time period is specified, and Iran has certainly committed such acts in the past. By requiring Iran to give up its uranium-enrichment capability, the bill also dictates parameters for a final nuclear deal that contradict the terms of the interim deal.

In an election year, both Republican and Democratic supporters are casting the measure as tough on Iran and as increasing the chances of a deal.

They are right on the first count and wrong on the second. If the bill becomes law, Iran will correctly understand it as a means of subverting the Obama administration's diplomatic effort to reach a comprehensive nuclear deal. Iran's leaders have threatened to abandon negotiations altogether if the bill passes, but even if they don't, making progress will become difficult if not impossible.

If negotiations fail, the U.S. almost surely will be blamed, weakening its ability to maintain the unprecedented international sanctions against Iran that it has orchestrated. Without those, Iran's economy can get by, no matter how restrictive U.S. sanctions are. In which case, the bill's sponsors wouldn't have even theoretical justifications for their measure, much less realistic ones.

Looking at the news

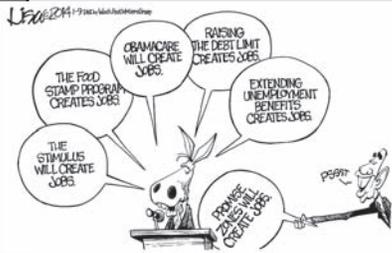
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Pharrell's song "Happy," from the "Despicable Me 2" soundtrack, was nominated for an Academy Award for best original song. He's also up for seven Grammy awards and will open for Bruno Mars' tour. "Can't wait to go out and make a cool moment with the ladies on the road," he said.

Grammy nominee Pharrell speechless over Oscar nod

BY MESFIN FERADU
The Associated Press

A week before his big night at the Grammy Awards, Pharrell is happy — and speechless — over his Oscar nomination.

The producer-rapper-singer's "Happy," from the "Despicable Me 2" soundtrack, is nominated for best original song.

"Uh, speechless," Pharrell said in an interview Thursday after the nominations were announced.

"Man, I am over the moon." He was then speechless, trying to recall what he was doing when he got the news.

"Man, I'm sorry, I don't know," he said.

Pharrell was writing a "thank you" speech to radio stations for playing the upbeat song, which jumped 42 spots to No. 56 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart last week. The song is a No. 1 hit in the U.K., Australia, Ireland, France, Germany and Switzerland.

The Oscar nomination is another highlight in his massively successful year: He was the pro-

ducer of two of 2013's biggest anthems — Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines" and Daft Punk's "Get Lucky." Both songs are nominated for record of the year and best pop duo/group performance at the Grammy Awards.

The 40-year-old has seven nominations, tied in second place with Daft Punk, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Kendrick Lamar. Jay-Z, the Grammy leader, has nine nominations.

He said the success of "Happy" nicely ties in with all of his achievements, adding that he was meticulous about getting the song right — recording it nine times before nailing it.

"I used to stare at the TV as a child watching your actors and favorite actresses take it home," he said of attending the Oscars. "That's where Jack Nicholson stands or the guy that I look up to majorly, Wes Anderson. That's where his work is considered. I cannot believe we get to go."

Pharrell has produced hits for Britney Spears, Justin Timber-

lake and Jay Z. He's in the studio working with Ed Sheeran, Jennifer Hudson, Usher, Kendrick Lamar and Jennifer Nettles, and scoring the upcoming "Spider-Man" film with Hans Zimmer. He recently signed with Columbia Records — home to Beyonce, Adele and One Direction — and will release an album this year.

"It's some of my best work and that's because in the process I made it with my eyes closed," he said. "That's not a reflection of any sort of superiority in any way, shape or form. I didn't do a lot of looking around to try and figure it out. I just closed my eyes and made it by feeling it, and I think that's why I am most proud of it."

Pharrell will open for Bruno Mars' tour, which will kick off April 18 in Honolulu.

"Can't wait to go out and make a cool moment with the ladies on the road," he said.

The Grammys will be Jan. 26. The Academy Awards will air March 2.

just hours earlier.

Awards for "Gravity" included best actress for Sandra Bullock, best director for Alfonso Cuarón and best sci-fi movie. "American Hustle" won four prizes, including best comedy, best acting ensemble and best actress in a comedy for Amy Adams.

"12 Years a Slave" collected two other awards besides best pic-

ture: best supporting actress for Lupita Nyong'o and best adapted screenplay.

Other winners Thursday included Matthew McConaughey and Jared Leto for "Dallas Buyers Club" and Cate Blanchett for "Blue Jasmine."

For a complete list: criticschoice.com.

Showtime: Hoffman to star in new comedy

From wire services

Philip Seymour Hoffman is starring in a new Showtime comedy series about a middle-aged man's pursuit of happiness.

The series, titled "Happyish," co-stars Kathryn Hahn and Rhys Ifans, the premium cable channel said Jan. 16.

Hoffman, an Oscar-winning actor for 2005's "Capote," is among a number of big-screen stars choosing to work in television as well.

"Every actor is interested in television right now," Showtime President David Nevins told the Television Critics Association on Thursday. "The level of long-form (series) storytelling is very seductive for the talent right now."

Showtime also announced a new drama, "The Affair," starring Dominic West, Ruth Wilson, Maura Tierney and Joshua Jackson. Nevins said the show's intimate approach is in contrast to a TV series trend of bigger and splashier.

During a subsequent Showtime panel on the Matt LeBlanc comedy "Episodes," cast members were asked if actors really prefer TV or actually pine to work in movies.

"I can't get a movie," replied LeBlanc, the former "Friends" star who plays a fictional version of himself in "Episodes."

"Same here," said actress Kathleen Rose Perkins.

LeBlanc then added that "great writing is coming back to television" and he considers it an honor to work with writers-producers David Crane and Jeffrey Klarik, who created the witty satire about Hollywood and two fish-out-of-water British writers, played by Tamsin Greig and Stephen Mangan.

"Episodes" is in its third season and has been renewed for a fourth. "Happyish" and "The Affair" will air in the next year, but air dates have yet to be set.

Helen Mirren earns Hasty Pudding award

Academy Award-winning actress Helen Mirren said that given her love of pudding of all kinds, she's thrilled to be named woman of the year by Harvard University's Hasty Pudding Theatricals.

"How very saucy of the Hasty Pudding organization to offer me their award," Mirren said in a statement issued with the announcement of her award on Jan. 17. "As someone who adores pudding in all its manifestations ... suet, Christmas, treacle, bread and butter, Yorkshire, plum, figgy, etc., etc., I am so looking forward to the famous Hasty Pudding."

Hasty Pudding Theatricals is the nation's oldest undergraduate drama troupe, dating to the late 18th century. Its awards are presented annually to performers who have made lasting and impressive contribution to en-



JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

Showtime says Philip Seymour Hoffman will star in a new comedy series called "Happyish."

tertainment. Mirren, 68, will be honored with a parade and roast and given her ceremonial pudding pot at Harvard on Jan. 30.

Other news

"American Idol" continued to show its age with the ratings from its season premiere Wednesday. The 13th season opener of "Idol" drew an average 15 million viewers overall and earned a rating of 4.6 among key 18- to 49-year-olds. That's down 16 percent in total viewership compared with last year's premiere.

Nielsen says "Duck Dynasty" drew 8.5 million viewers for its fifth-season premiere. That audience was slightly higher than for October's fourth-season finale of the A&E reality show. But last summer, 12 million viewers caught the fourth-season premiere.

Jimmy Kimmel is taking his late-night show to Texas for the South by Southwest festival ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" said Jan. 16 it will air five shows in March from Austin. Kimmel's guests will include celebrities and musical performers from South by Southwest, along with comedy segments shot at the festival and around Texas, according to the show.

Legendary singer Aretha Franklin and Motown founder Berry Gordy will be honored at the 2014 BET Honors. The network announced Jan. 16 that rapper-actor Ice Cube, American Express CEO Ken Chenault and photographer and video artist Carrie Mae Weems will also receive tributes at the event. The show is Feb. 8.

Showtime chief executive David Nevins said Jan. 16 that the "Homeland" is undergoing a "big reset." He said the character Carrie Mathison, played by Claire Danes, will be on the ground in a foreign city. Nevins said the show is primarily about a CIA field operative, but it hasn't spent much time showing her in the field.

On Jan. 16, St. Martin's Press announced a two-book, eight-figure agreement with Sylvia Day, the author best known for her "Crossed" series, for a new "Blacklist" series.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

The science of money laundering

Study: Cleaning of bank notes could cut \$10B annual cost of replacing bills

BY MONTE MORIN
Los Angeles Times

Got some dirty money to launder? Well, Rhode Island scientists say they've devised a method of washing human grease, microbes and motor oil from the world's bank notes using supercritical fluid.

Each year, the world's governments shred roughly 150,000 tons of cold hard cash due to wear and tear and the buildup of human grease, or sebum, which collects on the bills as they are handed from one person to another.

As the sebum reacts with oxygen in the air, the bills begin to turn yellow, making them more likely to be retired by central banks and destroyed. While well-used bills can be replaced due to tears and limpness, 60 percent to 80 percent of all bank notes are removed from service due to soiling.

In a study published this month in the journal *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry Research*, scientists wrote that effective cleaning of bank notes could reduce the annual global cost of

replacing the bills, which now approaches \$10 billion.

"Replacement orders can range from 7 to 11 billion bank notes annually in the United States and is approaching 150 billion worldwide, with much of the growth in volume over the past decade coming from the People's Republic of China," wrote chemist Nabil Lawandy and physicist Andrei Smuk. Both men hold management positions in the bank note authentication firm Spectra Systems Corp.

In the United States, it costs 5.5 cents to produce a new \$1 bill and about 12.6 cents to produce a new \$100 bill, according to the authors. The world average replacement cost is about \$65 per 1,000 bank notes.

"In addition to replacing bank notes that are not fit, the central banks have to dispose of nearly 150,000 tons (of) shredded bank notes annually," the authors wrote. "Although this waste does not contain hazardous levels of toxic materials, it still poses a significant envi-

ronmental concern."

To address the issue, the authors constructed a special washing chamber that used supercritical carbon dioxide to scrub grimy dollars, pounds, rupees, rubles and yuans.

Supercritical fluids are substances that maintain liquid and gas properties through manipulation of their temperature and pressure.

If CO₂ is heated to 140 degrees Fahrenheit and pressurized to 2,000 pounds per square inch, it will permeate the pores of cotton and linen dollar bills, like a gas, but will also dissolve foreign matter, like a liquid.

The use of supercritical CO₂ has the added benefit of it being nonpoisonous, unlike some commercial solvents, and has been used to clean precision mechanical parts and in dry cleaning.

The authors wrote that the device, which also uses ultrasound but no mechanical agitation, was effective in removing lab-applied oil that had been allowed to oxidize, as well as microbes. They said the process did not appear to damage anticounterfeiting watermarks, threads, holograms or ultraviolet excited ink markings. It also showed that bills could be cleaned in 100-note bundles, called "straps."

Refinement of the money laundering process could "have dramatic consequences for central bank budgets as well as mitigating the environmental impact of the disposal of unfit bank notes," the authors wrote.



PUTTING ON T

Groomers making canines dazzle with jewels, bows and fake tattoos

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LOS ANGELES

SUGARPLUM went into the salon as a reddish-blond dachshund mix and came out with pink and green ears, a rainbow tail and a bow in her fur.

“It’s like having a little unicorn creature,” said Sasha Sinnott, an attorney from Pasadena who was nearly giddy about her dog’s makeover.

For some dog owners, simple bathing and combing is not enough. They pay groomers to turn fur into an artist’s canvas, where vibrant sweeps of chalk and paint transform pooches into fantasy fur balls that draw both compliments and strange looks. For an extra 10 or 15 minutes at the groomer, the everyday dog can get an outlandish redesign with a temporary paint tattoo, Mohawk, feather extension or glued-on jewels.

Then there are the “extreme groomers,” who turn their own pets into elaborate creations like zombies, flowers or even whole jungle scenes, transformations that can take months as hair grows, paint is applied, fur is braided or extended, and shapes are sculpted.

There are limits to the makeover mania, which is blossoming in an unregulated industry that can leave pets open to risks. Experts say products should be toxic-free and there should be no pain involved — absolutely no piercings or real tattoos. If dogs enjoy being groomed, they shouldn’t mind the extra primping, experts added, though one veterinarian said, “It’s just something I would not do.”

But many pet owners and industry professionals

say it’s a fun activity that helps person and pooch bond.

“For me, it is about a closer connection with my pets,” said Lauren L. Darr, founder of the International Association of Pet Fashion Professionals. “People are now showering their pets with the amenities and affections that they would like themselves.”

Grooming products are getting more mainstream every day, added Darr, author of the *Pet Fashion 2014 Almanac*.

A big worry for the average pet owner is a grooming industry unfettered by regulations, said Amy Bullet Brown, founder and president of the National Association of Professional Creative Groomers LLC and the owner of an Alabama dog spa.

“If a groomer wants to bathe your dog in battery acid, he can, and it’s going to die, but it’s not against the law,” she said.

Brown is one of the “extreme groomers.” The fad has become a sport of sorts — more than a dozen U.S. competitions are held every year.

Some of Brown’s most photographed dog work includes a zombie, sculpted over a year to look like

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exposed bones and rotting flesh, and a tribute to the Alabama football team that took more than four months to make.

For the regular pet owner, birthdays are the most popular occasion for chalk-based makeovers, said Megan Mouser, groomer and PetSmart salon project manager in Phoenix. Sports team colors are also in demand, she said.

At PetSmart, it costs \$6 to chalk a dog’s ears and \$2 for a single streak of color on the coat. After applying

a sealer, resembling one to six days.

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From left: Oona, a 4-year-old standard poodle, was groomed by Amy Bullet Brown as a tribute to the Alabama college football team. Lou, a 3-year-old a pit bull mix, models temporary paint. Xerxes, a 5-year-old poodle, is dressed as a zombie for Halloween at the A.B. Grooming & Pet Spa. Molly, a 15-year-old Bichon Frise, has a chalking treatment at PetSmart in Cul

THE DOG

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Temporary tattoos at the A.B. Grooming & Pet Spa in Childersburg, Ala. (left) and a dog in Culver City, Calif.

Sasha Sinnott holds her dog, 2-year-old dachshund mix, Sugarplum, after a chalking at the PetSmart in Culver City, Calif.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

COLA 'fix' creates haves, have-nots

Congress has rushed to protect the medically retired and survivor-benefit recipients from the cap on annual cost-of-living adjustments it approved only a few weeks ago for all "working area" military retirees.

The lightning-quick "COLA fix," part of a massive omnibus funding bill for 12 federal departments, still leaves most military retirees younger than 62 with future COLAs trimmed by 1 percent below the annual inflation rate, an erosion of retirement value set to begin in January 2016.

The fix also creates a disparity in COLA protection between separate groups of disabled retirees, critics contend. It won't affect retirees with conditions diagnosed and rated in service, even if the rating is as low as 0 or 10 percent for those with 20 or more years served. Full COLAs are being restored for anyone medically retired, so-called Chapter 61 retirees.

The COLA cap remains for

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retirees younger than 62 whose service-connected disability ratings came later from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Those VA-rated disabled retirees will continue to receive full COLAs on disability compensation, but COLAs would be on any military retiree they draw. (Only in the past decade did Congress phase out a long-time ban on "concurrent receipt" of both payments for many disabled retirees.)

Retired Army Lt. Col. Michael Parker, an advocate for disabled retirees, said the COLA disparity from the quick fix in the omnibus bill would create "huge inequities." He gave a few examples.

"A fully employable Chapter 61 disability retiree rated at 0 per-

cent (disabled) by DOD," which occurs when a condition is recognized but not compensable, "will not be subject to COLA reduction," Parker said.

Yet an unemployable length-of-service retiree rated by VA, even if rated 100 percent disabled, would see the COLA cap affect their retired pay.

So would a length-of-service retiree who sustains a severe, non-service-connected disability in retirement if, for example, paralyzed in a car crash, Parker said.

Influential lawmakers, urged on by military associations and veterans' groups, are still promising to roll back the COLA cap for all retirees before it is to begin in two more years. Still to be determined is whether the quick fix to protect the medically retired takes critical wind out of those sails.

Obstacles to full repeal include support for the COLA cap from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Rep. Paul

Ryan, R-Wis., chairman of the House Budget Committee; and lower-profile lawmakers from both parties who see restoring this trim to military retirement as less critical than other budget needs such as weapon-modernization programs, avoiding higher taxes on the wealthy, or protecting other federal entitlements and assistance programs for the young, the poor and the aged.

Bitter disagreement between Republicans and Democrats also remains likely over how to pay for full repeal of the retiree COLA cap. The cost of cap relief for the medically retired and survivors is \$573 million over 10 years. House-Senate negotiators on the omnibus bill didn't worry about finding offsets for those lost savings because no retirement dollars would be saved before 2016 anyway, an appropriations committee staff member said.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 20)	\$1.3945
Dollar buys (Jan. 20)	€0.7171
British pound (Jan. 20)	\$1.69
Japanese yen (Jan. 20)	102.00
South Korean won (Jan. 20)	1,034.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6420
Canada (dollar)	1.0972
China (Yuan)	6.0505
Denmark (Krone)	5.5141
Egypt (Pound)	6.8465
Euro	\$1.3531/3.7290
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7559
Hungary (Forint)	223.61
Israel (Sheqel)	3.4894
Japan (Yen)	104.31
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2832
Norway (Krone)	6.1691
Philippines (Peso)	45.06
Poland (Zloty)	3.508
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7205
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2758
South Korea (Won)	1,052.56
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9113
Taiwan (Dollar)	32.83
Turkey (Lira)	2.2320

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., 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 euro, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	3.75
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.75

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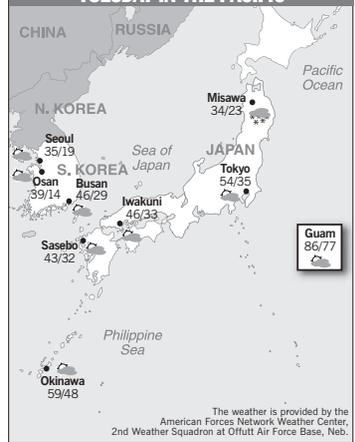
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Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlington, Va.	57	24	Cir	Fort Wayne	26	23	Cldy	Louisville	39	29	PCldy	Pocatello	39	17	Cir
Birmingham	59	30	Cir	Fresno	49	36	Cir	Lubbock	62	28	Cir	Portland, Maine	32	21	Cldy
Bismarck	18	16	Snow	Goodland	48	26	Cir	Madison	62	28	Cir	Portland, Ore.	43	33	Cldy
Boston	36	27	Cir	Grand Junction	42	15	Cir	Madison	16	15	Cldy	Providence	39	27	Cir
Brownsville	80	57	PCldy	Grand Rapids	19	16	Snow	Medford	43	31	Cldy	Pueblo	52	22	Cir
Buffalo	18	17	Cldy	Great Falls	46	27	Cir	Memphis	57	36	Cir	Raleigh-Durham	61	31	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	15	14	PCldy	Green Bay	47	28	Cir	Miami Beach	76	57	PCldy	Rapid City	58	27	Cir
Caribou, Maine	16	15	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	59	28	Cir	Midland-Odessa	66	33	PCldy	Reino	55	22	Cir
Casper, Wyo.	36	19	Cir	Harford Spg	41	26	Cir	Milwaukee	17	16	Cldy	Richmond	57	30	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	63	33	Cir	Harrisburg	42	26	Cir	Mpls-St Paul	9	9	Snow	Roanoke	54	28	Cir
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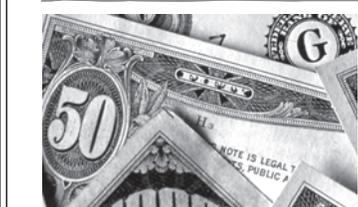
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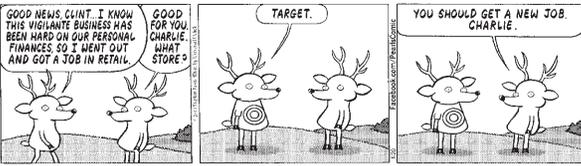
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San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20

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Saturday, Jan. 11
Seattle 23, New Orleans 15
New England 43, Indianapolis 22

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Sunday, Jan. 19
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San Francisco at Seattle

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Michael van der Horst, Ireland	71-68-72-68=275
Phil Mickelton, USA	73-70-63-69=275
Rafa Cabrera-Bello, Spain	67-68-73-68=275
Brendon de Jong, Netherlands	72-67-72-66=275
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	68-70-67-68=275
Thomas Bjorn, Sweden	73-70-69-65=275
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	70-68-66-69=281
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	70-68-68-73=281
Gaganjeev Bhambhani, India	73-68-65=281
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	70-67-72=281
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	70-67-68=281
Per Hanse, Sweden	69-71-70=281
Thongchai Kitanon, England	70-67-72=281
Michael Hoey, Ireland	69-71-68=281
Thongchai Kitanon, England	70-67-68=281
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	73-67-73=281
Craig Lee, Scotland	68-67-69=281

Also
Sergio Garcia, Spain 76-68-70=282
Luke Donald, England 74-71-71=285
Darren Clarke, N. Ireland 74-69-72=288

Humana Challenge

Saturday
PGA West, Palmer Course, 6,950 yards,
par 72
PGA West, Nicklaus Course, 6,924 yards, par 72
PGA West, Country Club, 7,060 yards, par 72

La Quinta, Calif.
Purse: \$5.7 million
Third Round

Patrick Reed	63-63-63=189
Charley Hoffman	64-66-60=189
Brendon de Jong	65-62-61=188
James Driscoll	66-66-56=189
Charlie Weir	68-66-54=188
Justin Leonard	68-67-52=187
Justin Rose	69-66-52=187
Lee Westwood	69-66-52=187
Matt Jones	69-66-52=187
Brian Stuard	67-66-66=199
Will MacKenzie	67-66-66=199
Ben Crane	70-64-65=199
Charles Howell III	70-64-65=199
Charlie Bejan	68-64-66=200
Jeonju-Byeol Noh	68-64-66=200
Lee Westwood	69-64-66=201
Zach Johnson	69-64-66=201
Jerry Kelly	69-64-66=201
Tommy Fleetwood	69-64-66=201
Stuart Appleby	69-64-66=202
Max Homa	69-64-66=202
Jory Schaer	69-64-66=202
Scott Langley	69-64-66=202
Charles Howell III	69-64-66=202
Spencer Levin	69-64-66=203
Lee Westwood	69-64-66=203
Martin Laird	69-64-66=203
Kevin Chappell	70-67-60=203
Lee Westwood	70-67-60=203
Martin Flores	69-65-69=203
Ben Crane	69-65-69=203
Brendon de Jong	69-66-67=203
Tyrene Van Aswegen	69-67-67=203

Mitsubishi Electric

Saturday
At Hazumi Golf Course
Kaupohu-Kona, Hawaii
Kona, Hawaii
Purse: \$1.1 million
Yardage: 7,107; Par: 72
Second Round

Bernhard Langer	66-64=130
Fred Couples	65-65=130
Mark O'Meara	66-65=131

College basketball

Saturday's men's scores

EAST
Albany (NY) 85, Maine 78
Alabama 61, Lafayette 61
Bloomfield (Ind.) 63
Bloomington 77, West Chester 76
Antares, Fairleigh Dickinson 61
Buffalo 71, Kent 50
Cincinnati 81, 113, Lyndon St. 104
Colgate 63, Navy 41
Cornell 61
Delaware 71, Northeastern 70
Dickinson 77, Haverford 72
Dominican (NY) 80, Felician 71
Emory 82, W. New England 76
Fairleigh 71, Manhattanville 66
Gannon 71, Edinboro 59
George Washington 79, St. Bonavent.

Gettysburg 71, Swarthmore 55
Greene City 57, Tietel 54
Hartford 60, New Hampshire 43
Hawke 56, Houghton 82
Hobart 71, Bard 59
Holy Cross 61, Lehigh 42
Iona 62, Widener 89
Johns Hopkins 67, Ursinus 66
Lafayette 68, CCSU 61
La Salle 74, Temple 64
Marquette 68, Albright 57
Louisville 76, UConn 68
Marshall 62, Shippensburg 73
McDaniel 67, Franklin & Marshall 56
Millersville 69, Cheyney 65
Millsaps 67, Mary (NY) 70, Old Westbury 69
Mount St. Vincent 82, St. Joseph's (LI) 58
Muhlenberg 76, Washington (Md.) 62
Providence 81, Creighton 68
Purchase 66, Farmingdale 59
Ramapo 65, Niagara 66
Robert Morris 71, George Mason 69
O'Fallon 66, Marist 56
Rhode Island 77, Mount St. Mary's 67
Rosemont 77, Keystone 75, Rose 107, West Virginia 110, 74

MIDWEST
St. Joseph's 85, Penn 68
Seton Hall 67, Georgetown 57
Baylor 84, Wake Forest 43
St. Francis (NY) 74, Sacred Heart 71
John Fisher 83, UConn 65
St. John's 69, Dartmouth 55
Stony Brook 70, Mass.-Lowell 65
St. Michaels 79, Merchant Marine 64
Syracuse 59, Pittsburgh 54
St. Louis 51, UMKC 67
Villanova 88, DePaul 62
Wagner 86, St. Francis (Pa.) 50

SOUTH
Alabama St. 68, Alabama A&M 58, OT
Alcorn S.S. 65, MVU 53
Arkansas 79, Arkansas-Rhyme 61
Appalachian St. 81, Georgia Southern 68
Asbury 112, St. Louis Pharmacy 59
Barton 91, Limestone 73
Clemson 103, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 60
Belmont 79, Tennessee St. 65
North Carolina 76, Roanoke 57
Brigham 59, St. Andrews 52
Campbell 97, VMI 92, OT
Clemson-Newman 87, Coker 77
East Tenn. 56, Sewanee 46
North Carolina 76, Ocas 74
Chattanooga 71, Wofford 57
North Carolina 76, Wofford 57
Clemson 61, Wake Forest 65
Coppin St. 71, Hampton 68
North Carolina 76, Greensboro 82
Drexel 79, UNC Wilmington 63
East Tenn. 56, State 69

FLORIDA
Florida 85, Auburn 61
Florida 85, Auburn 61

WEST
Furman 76, The Citadel 71
Garner-Welch 67, Presbyterian 58
Princeton 76, Wake Forest 73
Georgia 66, Arkansas 61, OT
North Carolina 76, Wake Forest 73
High Point 76, Liberty 70
Howard 88, Mid.-Eastern Shore 55
North Carolina 76, Tennessee 58
Kentucky Wesleyan 92, Trevecca Nazarene 82
LSU 81, Vanderbilt 58
Louisiana 86, Christian Brothers 82
Louisiana-Monroe 64, South Alabama 58

MARTIN
Martin 66, Housatonic 76, Loyola NO 66
McNeese St. 70, Houston Baptist 68
North Carolina 76, Lafayette 66
Mercer 87, Lipscomb 66
North Carolina 76, Wake Forest 73
Middle Tennessee 80, USA 58
Mississippi 76, South Carolina 74
Princeton 76, St. Texas A&M 92, OT
Morehead St. 82, UT-Martin 75
North Carolina 76, Norfolk 57, UVA 81
Mount Olive 82, Belmont 67
North Carolina 76, Kenesaw 59
NC A&T 85, NJIT 67
NC Central 62, Delaware 52
Princeton 76, Christian Brothers 82
North Carolina 82, Boston College 71
Oglethorpe 76, Berry 61
North Carolina 76, Davidson 60
Park 91, Old Dominion 60
Pikeville 66, Cumberland 61
Princeton 76, Davidson 60, 20T
Radford 93, Longwood 76
North Carolina 76, Randolph-Macon 60
Rhodes 86, Hendrix 62
North Carolina 76, Davidson 60
SE Louisiana 91, Lamar 65
SE Missouri 93, Tennessee Tech 76
Princeton 76, Christian Brothers 82
Saint Houston 77, New Orleans 70
Savannah St. 70, Bethune-Cookman 69

60, OT
Spring Hill 100, Bethune 88
Johnson 77, SC-Update 73
OT Stillman 86, Lane 83, OT
Wabash 81, CCNY 78, Nichols 67
Texas Southern 74, Grambling St. 72
Transylvania 97, Bluffton 91, OT
Texas Southern 74, Grambling St. 72
Tulsa 69, Marshall 52
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UTM 84, Elon 74
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UTAH
Utah 74, UCLA 69
W. Washington 84, Montana 52
Baylor 84, Wake Forest 73
Warner Pacific 79, Evergreen St. 70
Wabash 81, CCNY 78, Nichols 67
Wyoming 67, San Jose St. 56

WOMEN'S MAJOR SCORES
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SE Missouri 93, Tennessee Tech 76
Princeton 76, Christian Brothers 82
Saint Houston 77, New Orleans 70
Savannah St. 70, Bethune-Cookman 69

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS A&M - Acquired to terms with LHP Rafael Perez on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
New York Knicks - Signed forward Mark Cuban \$100,000 for confronting the general manager over the conclusion of the game on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

HOUSTON ROCKETS - Recalled F Robert Covington from Rio Grande Valley (NBA D-League).

NBA Development League
IDAHO STAMPEDE - Acquired G Dexter Strickland from the league's player pool. Waived center Antoine Hooker.

FOOTBALL
National Hockey League
CINCINNATI BELL - Named Matt Burke linecheckers coach.

DETROIT LIONS - Named Ron Prince assistant head coach/tight ends coach.

NEW YORK JETS - Signed offensive coordinator Dennis Thurman, assistant head coach/running backs coach Anthony Myer, defensive line coach Karl Dunbar, offensive line coach Mike Devlin and wide receivers coach Santny Laul. Promoted Bobby April III to linebackers coach.

TENNESSEE TITANS - Named Lou Spanio head coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
PHOENIX COYOTES - Signed G Steve Mason to a three-year contract.

ST. LOUIS
St. Louis Blues - Signed G Kevin Shattenkirk to a three-year contract.

VERMONT - Named Derek Mason (Col.) head coach.

Tennis

Australian Open

Sunday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: \$29.7 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Men
Fourth Round
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Fabio Fognini (15), Italy, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6
David Ferrer (3), Spain, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6 (5), 7-6, 6-2, 5-1
Kei Nishikori (12), Japan, def. Kevin Anderson (19), South Africa, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-3
Stanislas Wawrinka (8), Switzerland, def. Tommy Haas (16), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5)

Women
Fourth Round
Flavia Pennetta (28), Italy, def. Angelika Kravoncová (1), Czech Rep., 6-4, 7-6
Li Na (4), China, def. Ekaterina Makarovic (22), Russia, 6-2, 6-3
Ana Ivanovic (14), Serbia, def. Serena Williams (1), United States, 6-3, 6-4
Casey Dellacqua (30), Canada, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, 6 (5), 6-2, 6-2

Men
Third Round
Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (5), Czech Republic, def. Yuki Bhambhani (15), Belgium, and Michael Venus, Zealand 5, 6, 3
Treat Huey, Philippines, and Dominic Inglot (12), Britain, def. Robert Bredjan, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (7), Pakistan, 6-7 (6), 6-3
Alex Bolt and Andrew Whittington, Australia, def. Bastas and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6
Amel Mehandric and Nicolas Mahut (13), France, def. Alexander Peyrang, Austria, and Bruno Soares (14), Brazil, 6-4, 6-4

Women
Third Round
Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, and Petra Martic (10), Croatia, 6-3, 6-4

Men
Fahar Peer, Israel, and Silvia Soler-Espinoza, Spain, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, and Filip Poljak, Netherlands, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2
Katerina Paschic, Czech Republic, and Victoria Dubinska, Slovakia, def. Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Liezel Huber (13), United States, 6-3, 6-4
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Petra Martic (10), Croatia, and Rogowska, Australia, 6-2, 6-2

First Round
Anastasiya Rodionova, Australia, and Colby Fleming, Belgium, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-4
Lisa Raymond, United States, and Dominic Inglot, Britain, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, and Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-3, 6-4
Germany, 6-1, 7-6 (5)

Women
Katerina Paschic, Czech Republic, and Victoria Dubinska, Slovakia, def. Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Liezel Huber (13), United States, 6-3, 6-4
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Petra Martic (10), Croatia, and Rogowska, Australia, 6-2, 6-2
Boise St. 71, Utah St. 66
North Carolina 76, Santa Barbara 66
Cal Poly 107, Long Beach St. 102, OT
Colorado St. 87, Air Force 49
E. Washington 78, Sacramento 57
North Carolina 76, Wake Forest 73
Hawaii 74, UT-Riverside 61
North Carolina 76, Wake Forest 73
Idaho St. 69, Utah 56
New Mexico 89, Fresno St. 78
North Dakota 74, Montana 67
N. Arizona 88, Portland 52
N. Arizona 88, Portland 52

WEST
Boise St. 71, Utah St. 66
North Carolina 76, Santa Barbara 66
Cal Poly 107, Long Beach St. 102, OT
Colorado St. 87, Air Force 49
E. Washington 78, Sacramento 57
North Carolina 76, Wake Forest 73
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Idaho St. 69, Utah 56
New Mexico 89, Fresno St. 78
North Dakota 74, Montana 67
N. Arizona 88, Portland 52
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UTAH
Utah 74, UCLA 69
W. Washington 84, Montana 52
Baylor 84, Wake Forest 73
Warner Pacific 79, Evergreen St. 70
Wabash 81, CCNY 78, Nichols 67
Wyoming 67, San Jose St. 56

NHL



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

San Jose Sharks center Joe Pavelski (8) is knocked down by Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman (77) as he scores one of his three goals past Lightning goaltender Ben Bishop (30) in the Sharks' 5-4 win on Saturday in Tampa, Fla.

Roundup

Pavelski nets hat trick as Sharks top Lightning

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Martin St. Louis tied a Tampa Bay scoring record, it just wasn't enough to lift the Lightning to a win.

Just two minutes into the second period, St. Louis had matched the club mark with four goals on the game. The Lightning had the lead, but it wouldn't last.

Joe Pavelski scored three straight goals of his own in the second period to help the San Jose Sharks rally for a 5-4 victory on Saturday.

Pavelski beat goalie Ben Bishop twice in a span of 21 seconds midway through the period, and then added the winner a minute before the intermission.

St. Louis struck three times against goalie Antti Niemi in a span of 7:34 in the first period for his eighth NHL hat trick. His fourth goal early in the second equalized the team mark set by Chris Kontos against the Hall of Fame goalie Ed Belfour and the Chicago Blackhawks in Tampa Bay's inaugural game on Oct. 9, 1992.

St. Louis scored twice on the power play against a penalty-killing unit that hadn't allowed a goal in six consecutive games. His four goals were one more than San Jose had allowed in its previous four games combined.

"Spotting him with four goals, it's lucky we won the game," Sharks captain Joe Thornton said. "He's been a great player for a lot of years. He knows what to do when he gets the puck."

Thornton also reached a milestone, joining Hall of Famer Bobby Hull in 48th place on the NHL career list with 1,170 points with his assist on Pavelski's winner.

"Rightplace righttime," Thornton said. "He just has a knack for finding the back of the net. For us to come back behind 4-2, it was big for us."

Maple Leafs 5, Canadiens 3: James van Riemsdyk scored

with 5:33 left in the third period as host Toronto extended its winning streak to four games with a victory over Montreal.

Rangers 4, Senators 1: Derek Stepan broke a 13-game goal drought and added two assists in New York's win over host Ottawa.

Jets 3, Oilers 2 (OT): Winnipeg defenseman Jacob Trouba scored his second goal of the game 1:10 into overtime to lift the Jets over visiting Edmonton.

Red Wings 3, Kings 2 (SO): Tomas Tatar scored and Jimmy Howard stopped all three shots he faced in a shootout, lifting host Detroit past Los Angeles.

Flyers 6, Islanders 4: Michael Raffl scored the go-ahead goal with 4:15 left and host Philadelphia rallied to beat New York.

Hurricanes 3, Panthers 2: Alexander Semin scored two goals in the third period to lift host Carolina over Florida.

Blue Jackets 4, Sabres 3 (SO): Ryan Johansen scored the only goal in the shootout, and host Columbus extended its winning streak to a team-record-tying six games by beating Buffalo.

Canucks 3, Flames 2 (SO): Chris Higgins scored in the fifth round of the shootout of a game marked by a nasty line brawl off the opening faceoff as host Vancouver defeated Calgary.

Ducks 3, Blues 2: Ryan Getzlaf scored his 25th goal and rookie Frederik Andersen made his debut as visiting Anaheim got back to its winning ways with a victory over St. Louis.

Wild 3, Stars 2 (OT): Nate Prosser scored his third career goal at 2:42 of overtime, lifting host Minnesota over Dallas.

Coyotes 3, Devils 2: Martin Hanzal had a goal and an assist as host Phoenix held off New Jersey to give coach Dave Tippett his 450th NHL victory.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division					
Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
St. Louis	27	15	5	62	152/120
Boston	29	18	5	61	141/120
Tampa Bay	29	16	5	59	142/120
Montreal	29	15	5	58	142/120
Toronto	29	15	5	55	141/152
Ottawa	29	15	5	53	141/152
Florida	29	11	9	51	139/148
Buffalo	29	11	7	49	144/150

Metropolitan Division					
Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Pittsburgh	28	14	12	56	115/115
Philadelphia	29	15	9	55	134/140
N.Y. Rangers	29	15	9	54	124/121
Columbus	28	20	4	52	138/135
Nashville	28	22	8	52	141/146
New Jersey	30	19	11	51	115/123
Carolina	27	18	9	49	114/132
Washington	30	19	7	49	144/150
N.Y. Islanders	30	19	7	49	144/150

Western Conference

Central Division					
Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Chicago	30	11	11	73	181/137
Phoenix	30	12	9	69	165/107
Colorado	30	12	5	67	142/132
Minnesota	30	11	8	59	129/148
San Jose	28	19	8	59	138/148
Nashville	30	22	7	49	121/151
Winnipeg	29	17	9	71	175/126

Pacific Division					
Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Anaheim	29	11	6	68	168/121
San Jose	29	12	6	68	162/121
Los Angeles	29	11	6	65	150/127
San Jose	29	11	6	65	150/127
Phoenix	28	16	9	59	139/145
Edmonton	30	16	9	59	121/153
Edmonton	31	15	3	66	131/141

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

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

Saturday games
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 2
Vancouver 3, Calgary 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Ottawa 1

Sunday games
Carolina 3, Philadelphia 4
Anaheim 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 5, Nashville 4

Monday games
San Jose 5, Tampa Bay 4
Winnipeg 3, Edmonton 2
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Islanders 4

Tuesday games
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 5, Nashville 4

Wednesday games
Minnesota 3, Dallas 2
San Jose 5, Tampa Bay 4
Winnipeg 3, Edmonton 2

Thursday games
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Islanders 4
San Jose 5, Tampa Bay 4
Winnipeg 3, Edmonton 2

Friday games
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 5, Nashville 4

Saturday games
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 2
Vancouver 3, Calgary 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Ottawa 1

Sunday games
Carolina 3, Philadelphia 4
Anaheim 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 5, Nashville 4

Monday games
San Jose 5, Tampa Bay 4
Winnipeg 3, Edmonton 2
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Islanders 4

Tuesday games
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 5, Nashville 4

Wednesday games
Minnesota 3, Dallas 2
San Jose 5, Tampa Bay 4
Winnipeg 3, Edmonton 2

Thursday games
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Islanders 4
San Jose 5, Tampa Bay 4
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Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2
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Thursday games
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Islanders 4
San Jose 5, Tampa Bay 4
Winnipeg 3, Edmonton 2

Friday games
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2
Colorado 5, Nashville 4

Avalanche 5, Predators 4

Northwest Division					
Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Colorado	30	12	5	62	152/120
Nashville	30	11	5	61	141/120
Minnesota	30	11	5	59	142/120
San Jose	29	15	5	58	142/120
Toronto	29	15	5	55	141/152
Ottawa	29	15	5	53	141/152
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Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
St. Louis	27	15	5	62	152/120
Boston	29	18	5	61	141/120
Tampa Bay	29	16	5	59	142/120
Montreal	29	15	5	58	142/120
Toronto	29	15	5	55	141/152
Ottawa	29	15	5	53	141/152
Florida	29	11	9	51	139/148
Buffalo	29	11	7	49	144/150

Central Division

Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Chicago	30	11	11	73	181/137
Phoenix	30	12	9	69	165/107
Colorado	30	12	5	67	142/132
Minnesota	30	11	8	59	129/148
San Jose	28	19	8	59	138/148
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Winnipeg	29	17	9	71	175/126

Pacific Division

Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Anaheim	29	11	6	68	168/121
San Jose	29	12	6	68	162/121
Los Angeles	29	11	6	65	150/127
San Jose	29	11	6	65	150/127
Phoenix	28	16	9	59	139/145
Edmonton	30	16	9	59	121/153
Edmonton	31	15	3	66	131/141

Northwest Division

Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Colorado	30	12	5	62	152/120
Nashville	30	11	5	61	141/120
Minnesota	30	11	5	59	142/120
San Jose	29	15	5	58	142/120
Toronto	29	15	5	55	141/152
Ottawa	29	15	5	53	141/152
Florida	29	11	9	51	139/148
Buffalo	29	11	7	49	144/150

Atlantic Division

Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
St. Louis	27	15	5	62	152/120
Boston	29	18	5	61	141/120
Tampa Bay	29	16	5	59	142/120
Montreal	29	15	5	58	142/120
Toronto	29	15	5	55	141/152
Ottawa	29	15	5	53	141/152
Florida	29	11	9	51	139/148
Buffalo	29	11	7	49	144/150

Central Division

Team	GP	W	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Chicago	30	11	11	73	181/137
Phoenix	30	12	9	69	165/107
Colorado	30	12	5	67	142/132
Minnesota	30	11	8	59	129/148
San Jose	28	19	8	59	138/148
Nashville	30	22	7	49	121/151
Winnipeg	29	17	9	71	175/126

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SPORTS BRIEFS

NASCAR considering 'radical' Chase changes

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A 16-driver championship field that would be whittled down to create a winner-take-all season finale is among radical changes reportedly being considered by NASCAR.

NASCAR chairman Brian France has repeatedly said he wants to place a greater emphasis on winning, and he's never ruled out tinkering with the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship format in an effort to create the "Game 7 moments" he covets.

The Charlotte Observer first reported Friday night a possible overhaul to the Chase format that France first introduced in 2004 and has made periodic changes to several times since.

Citing anonymous sources, The Observer outlined three major changes beginning with expanding the field from 12 drivers to 16 — meaning a win during the "regular season" would virtually guarantee a driver a spot in the field.

Once the field is set, The Observer said NASCAR is considering eliminations during the 10-race Chase.

The field would be cut after the third, sixth and ninth races. The proposed eliminations would drop the lowest four drivers from title contention after the third, sixth and ninth races, leaving four drivers eligible for a "winner-take-all" race in the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The four remaining drivers would go to Homestead with their points reset and tied in the standings, The Observer said.

A statement from NASCAR chief communications officer Brett Jewkes was non-committal on The Observer report.

"NASCAR has begun the process of briefing key industry stakeholders on potential concepts to evolve its NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship format," Jewkes said. "This dialogue is the final phase of a multi-year process that has included the review of extensive fan research, partner and industry feedback and other data-driven insights. NASCAR has no plans to comment further until the stakeholder discussions are complete. We hope to announce any potential changes for the 2014 season to our media and fans very soon."

Former NFL star Sharper arrested in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Former NFL star defensive back Darren Sharper has been arrested on suspicion of rape, the Los Angeles Police Department said.

Sharper, who played 14 seasons in the NFL with Green Bay, Minnesota and New Orleans, was arrested and booked Friday and released on \$200,000 bail just before midnight. He faces a Feb. 14 court appearance.

LAPD said it is investigating Sharper in connection with two sexual assaults that occurred in October and earlier this month in

the West Los Angeles area.

New Orleans Police Department spokeswoman Remi Braden said Saturday in a statement that NOPD is also investigating an allegation of sexual assault filed against Sharper on Sept. 24.

He has been working as an analyst for the NFL Network.

"Darren has been suspended without pay until further notice, effective immediately," said Alex Riethmiller, spokesman for NFL Network, in an email Saturday.

In other NFL news:

■ Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez can't watch football on TV for his own safety, the sheriff in charge of the prison said on Saturday.

Hodgson said this week that Hernandez won't be able to watch his former teammates play in the

AFC Championship game because he isn't allowed to watch TV at all. The sheriff said that Hernandez is kept separated from the other inmates under "special management" because of his fame.

Crosby will captain Canada at Olympics

OTTAWA, Ontario — Sidney Crosby will captain the Canadian hockey team at the Olympics.

After the Pittsburgh Penguins star scored the gold-medal-winning overtime goal against the United States in Vancouver four years ago, he's the natural choice in Sochi. Along with leading the NHL in scoring, the 26-year-old center is the face of the league and hockey in Canada.

The Chicago Blackhawks' Jon-

athan Toews and the Nashville Predators' Shea Weber will be alternate captains, Hockey Canada announced Sunday.

The United States has yet to announce its captain, though general manager David Poile singled out Ryan Suter, Zach Parise, Dustin Brown, Ryan Callahan and David Backes as leaders.

In other Olympic news:

■ Members of Congress say they have serious concerns about Americans' safety at next month's Olympics in Russia, and they want Moscow to cooperate more on security.

The State Department has advised Americans planning to go that they should keep vigilant about security because of potential terrorist threats, crime and uncertain medical care.

Larrazabal wins Abu Dhabi Championship

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Spain's Pablo Larrazabal shot a final round 70 to end a near three-year winless drought to capture the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship on Sunday.

Rory McIlroy (68), who had incurred a two-stroke penalty a day earlier, finished with a share of second place with Phil Mickelton (69) on 13-under.

Mickelton was left counting the cost of incurring a shot penalty after a double hit while playing from brush on the 13th hole of the National course.

The British Open champion, who was leading at the time, finished the hole with a triple-bogey seven.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Ivanovic snaps Williams' winning streak

Defending champ, fighting back pain, ousted in fourth

By JOHN PYE
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Moments before she started pounding the first of her many winners past Serena Williams at the Australian Open, Ana Ivanovic listened intently to the announcer on Rod Laver Arena outlining the extraordinary accomplishments of the woman soon to be across the net from her.

Williams, a five-time champion at Melbourne Park, won 78 of her 82 matches in 2013, and was coming into the fourth round on the second-longest winning streak of her career — 25 matches.

It was her 70th match at the Australian Open, a record in the Open Era. And then, of course, there's the 17 major singles championships.

"When we were starting the match and they were talking about all her Grand Slam titles, it was quite impressive," Ivanovic said, recalling the pre-match introductions. "But I didn't think much about the occasion and who I was playing, because it can get overwhelming."

True to her word, Ivanovic, who had never won a set against Williams in four previous meetings, took on the biggest serve in women's tennis without fear. And she hit pinpoint forehands — 20 of 33 winners were on that side — to all areas of the court. Williams, who later revealed she was carrying a back injury, didn't even bother trying to chase some of them down.

Just under two hours later, it was game, set and match: 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 and an upset victory to put Ivanovic into the quarterfinals of the Australian Open for the first time since her run to the final in 2008.

"It's not easy playing such a champion ... but she is also just a human," Ivanovic said. "I just went out there swinging."

Williams never got into the swing of things, at least not to Ivanovic's expected. She noticed from the outset that Williams' serve seemed to lack its usual zip. Williams also made some very uncharacteristic errors on her backhand, a telltale sign of back pain.

"It wasn't the best," Williams



AARON FAVILA/AP

Serena Williams rests on her racket during her fourth-round loss Sunday to Ana Ivanovic at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia.



EUGENE HOSEK/AP

Novak Djokovic celebrates his win over Fabio Fognini during their fourth round match on Sunday at the Australian Open.

admitted later, sounding surprised when asked about the back injury. Her coach had let it slip after the players walked off the court that Williams had been ex-

periencing back pain for days.

"Again, I don't want to blame anything. I feel like Ana deserves all the credit," Williams added. "I feel she played unbelievable today. I think she went for her shots. It's not like I gave her the match."

Ivanovic will next play 19-year-old Canadian Eugenie Bouchard, who had a 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-0 win over local hope Casey Dellacqua.

The other quarterfinal in Ivanovic's half will feature two-time finalist Li Na, who beat No. 22 Ekaterina Makarova 6-2, 6-0, and No. 28 Flavia Pennetta, who defeated No. 9 Angelique Kerber 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

The men's draw progressed more according to rankings when three-time defending champion Novak Djokovic and No. 3 David Ferrer advanced to the quarterfinals, along with No. 7 Tomas Berdych and No. 8 Stanislas Wawrinka.

Djokovic continued his bid for a fourth straight Australian title with a 6-3, 6-0, 6-2 win over Fabio Fognini. Ferrer beat Florian Mayer 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-2, 6-1 and will next play Berdych, the 2010 Wimbledon finalist.

Djokovic will play Wawrinka, who finished off the Sunday night program at Rod Laver with a 6-3, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5) win over Tommy Robredo.

"I've been elevating my game as the tournament is going on," said Djokovic, who later entertained the crowd with an impersonation of his new coach, Boris Becker. "The general feeling on the court, all the shots, using the court position really well, being aggressive, playing my style of the game."

On Monday, Djokovic's major threats to the title — top-seeded Rafael Nadal, Wimbledon champion Andy Murray and 17-time Grand Slam singles winner Roger

Federer — will play their fourth-round matches. Two-time defending champion Victoria Azarenka and No. 3 Maria Sharapova are in action on the women's side.

Ivanovic will have the day off — she's planning a celebratory dinner with some of her Serbian relatives who live in Melbourne.

Asked if having Williams out of any Grand Slam makes a difference, Ivanovic said it "definitely" did, then explained why in effusive terms.

"I think she's done so much for the sport and she's still doing it," Ivanovic said. "She's such a great athlete and a great person to have on tour. We want her, because it pushes us."

With the challenge met on Sunday, Ivanovic, at the urging of several fans, attempted to throw a souvenir towel into the stands. The breeze blew it back at her.

She was plainly off the mark, perhaps for the only time all day.

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OLYMPICS

Gold: Confident Ligety keeps his focus on success, not fame

FROM BACK PAGE

"I don't do ski racing to be famous," said Ligety, who won gold at the 2006 Turin Games in the combined only to miss out on a medal four years later in Vancouver, finishing no higher than fifth. "I do this because I love it. This is fun."

Ligety has the resumé, the talent, the charisma to be as big of name in the sport as, say, Lindsey Vonn, who's sitting out these Olympics after recently undergoing knee surgery. But cover shots on trendy magazines hold no appeal for the 29-year-old from Park City, Utah. And walking the red carpet at an extravagant event isn't exactly Ligety's thing.

No, he's all skiing, all the time. "Ted's focused on what he needs to do to not lose. He's amazing that way," U.S. men's coach Sasha Rearick said. "He's so professional in everything he does, in terms of getting up in the morning, warming up, making sure his service guys have the perfect setup, training his butt off, coming off the hill and talking to the service guys — 'OK, this is what we have to adjust' — getting in on the bike to recover, eating the right foods.

"He does all those things in such a professional way."

That's why he's earned the moniker "Mr. GS" among his peers, a label Austria's Marcel Hirscher, the reigning World Cup overall champion, gave to him.

Bestowed with good reason, too.

For a while there, Ligety was almost unbeatable in the giant slalom. He had a stretch where he captured four straight World Cup giant slalom races dating back to last season, the first to accomplish that since Italy's Alberto Tomba in 1991. The streak was halted on Dec. 14 in Val d'Isère, France, when Ligety didn't finish the first run.

"I feel very confident in my skiing," Ligety said. "I know I have a good chance to win any race I start."

That wasn't exactly the case heading into the 2012-13 season. See, the International Ski Federation altered the hourglass configuration of the GS skis, essentially leveling the playing field in the name of safety after years of supremacy by Ligety.



ALESSANDRO TROVATI/AP

Ted Ligety speeds down the course during the men's super-G event at the Alpine skiing world championships in Schladming, Austria. Ligety, a gold medalist at the 2006 Turin Games, is back at the top of his game after a disappointing result at the 2010 Games in Vancouver.

Ligety was highly agitated about the rule change. He even voiced his displeasure in a rather terse blog post.

Didn't do much good, though. But he made his point this way: He mastered the new design of GS skis quicker than anyone and captured his fourth overall GS title last season. He even won a race in Austria by 2.75-second margin, a landslide in races usually determined by fractions of a second.

Of course, Ligety will be the favorite in the GS going into Sochi. Maybe in a few other events, too. After all, he did win the super-combined in Wengen, Switzerland, on Friday for his first World Cup win outside the GS event.

In years past, Ligety was

viewed as more of a technical specialist. But he shattered that myth last season at the world championships by winning the super-G, super-combined and defending his title in the giant slalom. He was the first male skier to win three events since French great Jean-Claude Killy took home four golds at the '68 world championships.

That's some pretty elite company.

"There's no questioning Ted's ability or his brain," teammate Bode Miller said. "He's smart and he's unique in that that he takes responsibility for his situation. That's what has allowed him to be successful.

"He has no one to blame for his success except himself."

Ligety's biggest push may just be from Miller, especially with the five-time Olympic medalist rounding back into shape after missing last season with a knee injury. These two have an intriguing relationship, almost a little brother trying to upstage big brother sort of rivalry. Ligety is ultra-competitive with Miller.

"He fouls me harder than anyone tries on the basketball court. He tries to take me out in soccer," said Miller, who finished runner-up to Ligety during a giant slalom race in Beaver Creek, Colo., on Dec. 8. "He's just very competitive."

No offense, but Ligety is that way with everyone.

"It's the nature of the beast playing sports on the ski team,

and how competitive all of us are," Ligety said. "I want to beat everybody's time. We're all like that. Definitely because Bode is Bode and he has been so successful. He's a guy that everyone looks up to. I guess you compete a little bit more with a guy like that."

Although Ligety's not exactly a big fan of fame, it has opened some doors for him, like launching his own company, Shred, which specializes in goggles, helmets, sunglasses and outerwear. He's also appeared in a few commercials.

"There are definitely perks," he said, grinning, "to being a gold ski racer."

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NBA

Roundup

James Leads Heat Despite Cold Spell

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The large icecap on LeBron James' right shoulder said it all.

Attempting 25 shots in a game will do that, the four-time MVP said.

James overcame a mid-game shooting slump to score 34 points and help the Miami Heat beat the Charlotte Bobcats for the 15th straight time, 104-96 in overtime Saturday night.

"The game presented itself for me to be aggressive and I was able to shoot a lot. It felt, well... that's why I'm icing my shoulder now," James said with a laugh.

James wasn't laughing much in the second quarter.

After missing his first five shots from the field, James missed his next nine shots. But he turned that around late in the second half, hitting eight of 11 shots from the field to close the game, including two driving layups in overtime. "It came out shooting the ball extremely well and then I just hit the Walker shot," James said. "My teammates kept confidence in me and I was able to get it going again."

Chris Bosh added 25 points and seven rebounds for Miami.

It was a costly loss for the Bobcats as starting point guard Walker was scheduled to have an MRI done on Sunday to determine the extent of the damage.

"He's going to be out a while," Clifford said.

Pacers 106, Clippers 92: Paul George scored 36 points and Lance Stephenson added 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Pacers to their fourth straight win, all by double digits.

The Pacers retained the league's top record and improved to 21-1 at home before heading West for a five-game road trip.

Timberwolves 98, Jazz 72: Nikke Leavelle scored 27 points and 12 rebounds in three quarters to lead host Minnesota over Utah.

Kevin Love had 18 points, 13 rebounds and five assists, and Kevin Martin scored 20 points to help the Timberwolves snap a three-game losing streak that included losses to Sacramento and Toronto. The Wolves scored 28 points off 16 Utah turnovers and outscored the Jazz 50-18 in the paint for a much-needed blowout.

Warriors 97, Pelicans 87: Stephen Curry scored 28 points, David Lee added 22 and visiting Golden State sent New Orleans to its eighth straight loss.

Anthony Davis had 31 points

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference		
Atlantic Division		
Toronto	16	21 6th GB
Brooklyn	16	22 4th
New York	19	25 2nd
Boston	14	21 3rd 7½
Philadelphia	18	23 5th
Southeast Division		
Miami	29	11 475
Atlanta	17	23 8th
Washington	19	20 9th
Charlotte	19	21 10th
Orlando	10	30 25th
Central Division		
Indiana	7	28 19
Chicago	19	20 48 13
Detroit	17	22 42 16
Cleveland	15	25 37 17½
Milwaukee	22	23 17 25
Western Conference		
Southwest Division		
San Antonio	31	9 775
Dallas	24	18 571
Memphis	25	18 585
New Orleans	15	28 385 15½
Northwest Division		
Portland	30	775
Oklahoma City	20	150
Denver	20	213 10½
Minnesota	19	215 47 12
Utah	19	215 10 18
Pacific Division		
L.A. Clippers	14	667
Golden State	26	619
Phoenix	22	575 12
L.A. Lakers	22	575 12
Sacramento	14	368 12
Thursday's games		
Brooklyn 127, Atlanta 110		
Oklahoma City 104, Houston 92		
Charlotte 111, Orlando 101		
Miami 101, Philadelphia 86		
Atlanta 117, Chicago 99		
L.A. Clippers 109, New York 95		
Atlanta 104, Charlotte 97		
L.A. Lakers 107, Sacramento 104		
Indiana 110, Denver 90		
Portland 109, San Antonio 100		
Oklahoma City 127, Golden State 121		
Chicago 117, Denver 109		
Portland 109, Phoenix 104		
Indiana 109, L.A. Clippers 102		
Detroit 104, Washington 98		
Chicago 103, Philadelphia 78		
Minnesota 98, Utah 72		
Golden State 107, Milwaukee 104		
Golden State 97, New Orleans 87		
Portland 127, Dallas 110		
Sunday's games		
L.A. Lakers at Boston		
Sacramento at Oklahoma City		
Atlanta at San Antonio		
Denver at Phoenix		
Dallas at Cleveland		
Phoenix at Detroit		
Philadelphia at Washington		
Toronto at Charlotte		
Brooklyn at New York		
New Orleans at Memphis		
Golden State at Indiana		
L.A. Lakers at Chicago		
Golden State at Minnesota		
Indiana at Golden State		
Saturday		
Pistons 104, Wizards 98		
DETROIT — Smith 8, 17-22, Monroe 5, 7-25, 12, Drummond 5-6 0-2, 10, Jennings 13-14, Caldwell 10-10, Stuckey 8-15 4-5, 20, Singler 5-6 2-4, 14, Washington 2-7, 20, Batorine 0-0 0-0.		
WASHINGTON — Ariza 17-4 4-7, Nene 5-9 14-14, Gortat 4-5 2-7, Bosh 0-0 0-4, Webster 5-8 0-10, 15, Temple 1-4 2-4, Washington 2-7, 20, Batorine 0-0 0-0.		
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Three-point Goals—Detroit 6-21 (Jennings 3-8, Singler 2-3, Caldwell 1-0). Free Throws—Detroit 12-18 (Jennings 8-21, Webster 3-5, Wall 2, Temple 1-3, 2-0). Rebounds—Detroit 32, Washington 27. (Jennings 8, Washington 22) (Ariza 7). Total Fouls—Detroit 24, Washington 26. Technical Fouls—Detroit three, second. A.—17-039 (20,308).		
Warriors 97, Pelicans 87		
GOLDEN STATE — Igoudala 3-7 2-2, 8, Lee 19-4 2-24, Bogut 5-10 0-10, Curry 10-16, Thompson 3-4 0-8, Barnes 0-0 0-0, Crawford 4-6 0-9, 11, Green 1-1 2-4, Speights 2-3 3-7, Batorine 0-0 0-0, Brooks 0-0 0-0, Totals 37-81 11-19, 97.		
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Roundup

Ennis leads No. 2 Syracuse by Pittsburgh

The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Put this in the scouting report on Syracuse's Tyler Ennis: He can score, too.

Ennis, the freshman point guard who would rather pass than shoot, scored 16 points, including two driving layups and two free throws in the final two minutes, and the No. 2 Orange rallied past No. 22 Pittsburgh 59-54 on Saturday in a battle for first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference between former Big East foes.

Syracuse (18-0, 5-0 ACC) fell behind 52-49 with 4:31 to go on two free throws by Lamar Patterson, who had rallied the Panthers (16-2, 4-1) from a 10-point deficit.

Ennis hit a scooping layup to give Syracuse a 53-52 lead with 1:47 left and the Orange held it to the end.

"I pretty much had to make a play," said Ennis, who had three assists with one turnover. "I think they broke down defensively. They don't usually do that too often. I didn't even get to the basket all the way the whole game. Luckily, I did at the end."

In a seesaw game that was tight all the way, Ennis took advantage again of his driving ability after Patterson and Cameron Wright missed three-pointers on the same possession with just over a minute to go.

Encouraged by coach Jim Boeheim to take more shots, Ennis hit a lefty layup with 30.6 seconds to go as the crowd of 30,046 shook the Carrier Dome with deafening roars.

Pitt shot 38.3 percent (18 of 47) and Syracuse finished at 51.2 percent (21 of 41) in a very efficient game offensively.

The Panthers dominated the offensive glass 16-4, outscoring the Orange 19-2 on second-chance points, but they missed a lot of chances underneath and paid for it in the end.

"We got a couple of good shots," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. "We just didn't make them. We need to finish better around the basket. They're good, but we felt we should have won the game."

C.J. Fair had 13 points, Jerami Grant added 12 and Raekwon Christmas 10 for Syracuse.

James Robinson, who leads the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio, had six points, four assists and one turnover for Pitt and Talib Zanna finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds

Michigan 77, No. 3 Wisconsin 70: Nik Stauskus scored 23 points and hit a key three-pointer with 48 seconds left as Michigan (13-4, 5-0 Big Ten) ended off a late surge for a win over Wisconsin (16-2, 3-2).

Caris LeVert added 20 for the Wolverines, who held on for their first road win at Wisconsin since 1999 after nearly blowing a 15-point lead.

No. 7 Michigan St. 78, Illinois 62: Gary Harris scored 23 points and Denzel Valentine pulled



Nick Lus/AP

Syracuse's Tyler Ennis shoots as Pittsburgh's Talib Zanna, right, defends in the second half of Saturday's game in Syracuse, N.Y. Ennis scored 16 points as Syracuse won 59-54 to stay undefeated.

down 11 rebounds to lead Michigan State (17-1, 6-0 Big Ten) past host Illinois (13-6, 2-4).

No. 5 Wichita St. 68, Indiana St. 48: Ron Baker scored 16 points and Fred VanVleet added 23 as host Wichita State (19-0, 6-0 Missouri Valley) remained unbeaten in a win over Indiana State (14-4, 5-1).

No. 6 Villanova 88, DePaul 62: James Bell had 17 points and eight rebounds and Ryan Arcidiacono scored 14 points as host Villanova (16-1, 5-0 Big East) beat DePaul (10-9, 2-4) for its 15th straight win.

No. 7 Florida 68, Auburn 61: Casey Prather scored 21 points in his return from a knee injury and

visiting Florida (15-2, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) survived a scare from Auburn (8-7, 0-4).

Texas 86, No. 8 Iowa St. 76: Jonathan Holmes scored 23 points and Cam Ridley had 16 points and 11 rebounds as host Texas (14-4, 3-2 Big 12) handed Iowa State (14-3, 2-3) its third straight loss.

No. 10 San Diego St. 63, Nevada-Las Vegas 52: Xavier Thames scored 18 points for host San Diego State (16-1, 5-0 Mountain West), which used a 19-2 first-half run to beat Nevada-Las Vegas (11-7, 2-3) for its 15th straight victory.

No. 15 Kansas 80, No. 9 Oklahoma St. 78: Naadir Thar-

pe scored 21 points for host Kansas (13-4, 4-0 Big 12) and Frank Mason stripped Le'Bryan Nash as the final buzzer sounded to preserve the win over Oklahoma State (15-3, 3-2).

No. 25 Oklahoma 66, No. 12 Baylor 64: Buddy Hield scored all 19 of his points after halftime and Oklahoma (14-4, 3-2 Big 12) stormed from behind with a big run to beat Baylor (13-4, 1-3).

No. 13 Kentucky 74, Tennessee 66: Freshman Andrew Harrison scored 26 points and Kentucky (13-4, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) used near-perfect free throw shooting to pull away from Tennessee (11-6, 2-2).

No. 16 Massachusetts 84,

Elon 74: Cady Lalanne scored 16 of his 23 points in the first half and Chaz Williams scored all 20 of his points in the second half as visiting Massachusetts (16-1) held off several Elon rallies to win.

No. 17 Memphis 101, Lemoyne-Owen 78: Nick King scored 18 points as host Memphis (13-4) beat Division II Lemoyne-Owen (4-10). The win was a needed relief for the Tigers, who had dropped two straight home games.

No. 18 Louisville 76, Connecticut 64: Russ Smith scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half to lead visiting Louisville (16-3, 5-1 American) past Connecticut (14-4, 2-3).

No. 19 Cincinnati 61, South Florida 54: Sean Kilpatrick scored 18 points to lead Cincinnati (17-2, 6-0 American Athletic Conference) by South Florida (10-8, 1-4) for its 10th straight win. Shaquille Thomas added 10 points for the Bearcats. Javontae Hawkins scored 15 for South Florida.

Providence 81, No. 20 Creighton 68: Bryce Cotton scored 23 points and LaDontae Henton added 19 as host Providence (13-5, 3-2) upset Creighton (15-3, 5-1).

No. 21 Colorado 83, Southern Cal 62: Josh Scott scored 20 points and Aska Booker had 13 as host Colorado (15-4, 4-2 Pac-12), shaken by the loss of star guard Spencer Dinwiddie to a season-ending knee injury, rebounded from its first home loss to beat Southern Cal (9-9, 0-5).

No. 23 Duke 5, N.C. State 60: Jabari Parker scored 23 points and host Duke (14-4, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored 33 points off turnovers to beat N.C. State (11-7, 1-4).

No. 24 Saint Louis 70, Fordham 48: Dwayne Evans had 21 points and 10 rebounds and Jordan Jett lacked a rebound for his first career double-double as host Saint Louis (17-2, 4-0 Atlantic 10) beat Fordham (7-10, 0-4).

Utah 74, No. 25 UCLA 69: Jordan Loveidge had 17 points and nine rebounds to lead Utah (14-4, 3-3 Pac-12) over UCLA (14-4, 3-2).

Colgate 63, Navy 41: Austin Tillotson scored 10 points with five assists and grabbed five rebounds as host Colgate (7-10, 1-5 Patriot League) defeated Navy (7-10, 2-4).

Brandon Venturini led Midshipmen with 11 points and five rebounds. Navy was only 29.3 percent from the field, 25 percent from the line overall and relied heavily on its bench, with Zach Fong adding 10 points.

No. 26 Air Force 66, Air Force 68: Daniel Bejarano drilled back-to-back three-pointers to give host Colorado State (12-7, 3-3 Mountain West) the lead and push the Rams over Air Force (9-8, 3-3).

Max Von scored 23 points to lead the Falcons, with Marek Olesinski adding 13 points and nine rebounds and Kamryn Williams 16 points and seven boards.

HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Signonella boys upset Naples to split series

The Signonella Jaguars pulled off their second upper-division boys basketball upset of the month on Saturday, edging visiting Naples 56-55 in overtime to earn a dramatic split of the weekend doubleheader.

Adding to the shock value, the win came after a 59-24 runaway victory for Naples on Friday night.

Neither team led by more than five in Saturday's tight matchup. Naples — which has more than three times Signonella's 100-student enrollment — scored five points in the final 10 seconds to tie the game and force an extra session. Gunnar Smith made seven of 10 free throws late in the fourth quarter and overtime to secure the victory.

Chris Moore scored 17 to pace Signonella on Saturday, while Smith finished with 15 and Jason Berlin added 12.

Division III squad Signonella moves to 4-2 on the season, with two of those wins coming against larger Division II opponents. The Jaguars defeated Aviano 45-41 on Jan. 10.

Signonella will try to run the table of Division II visits. Vicenza's next weekend when it visits Florence.

AFNORTH: Lion boys off early struggles to escape Alconbury with a Saturday hoops sweep.

Jena Solorzano made AFNORTH girls to victory with a six-point fourth-quarter in a 24-16 win. Daniel Cordova led all scorers with 17 in a 55-42 boys win that saw the Lions outscore the Dragons 35-16 after halftime.

Alconbury: After the Saturday setback, AFNORTH Dragons boys basketball coach Wade Favors said his team will spend the month remaining before the European tournament seeking to boost its offense. The team averaged 34 points in three games over the weekend.

The tournament will represent a fresh start for the winless squad. "We can't let any previous games get to us," Favors said. "We just got to keep pushing forward."

American Overseas School of Rome: The Falcon boys basketball team returns to DODDS action Friday and Saturday as Florence pays a visit to Rome. The team is dangerous despite its 1-3 record, having earned a December split with Aviano and a respectable showing Jan. 10-11 against unbeaten Vicenza.

Ansbach: Stand-out individual performances from Alyssa Smith and Jahiya Smith led the Cougars' weekend sweep of Division II girls hoops rival Bitburg.

Solis produced 20 points and 20 rebounds to start the weekend doubleheader. A day later, Smith posted a triple-double, piling up 19 points, 12 rebounds and 10 steals to complete the sweep.

Aviano: It was a confidence-boosting weekend for the Saints boys and girls basketball teams, each of whom cruised to two lopsided victories over visiting Marmout.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Patch's Jonathan Becker puts the pressure on Alconbury's Joey Wood in a 106-punt match won by Becker on Saturday at Kaiserslautern, Germany.



Alex Sblabaugh led the boys in scoring in each game. Jasmyin Green did the same for the girls.



Grapplers in the higher weight classes got the Bucs into the win column in a five-team meet at AFNORTH on Saturday. Yorel Smalls took first place at 195 pounds, while Noblemann Soule proved the meet's top 220-pounder.



Bitburg: Barons wrestler Brandon Beaumont confirmed his status as a European champion at Saturday with a first-place finish at 126 pounds. A European semifinalist at 113 pounds last season, Beaumont has had no trouble with the transition to the heavier class. He bested wrestlers from Division I programs Kaiserslautern, Lakenheath and Patch on Saturday to deliver Division II Bitburg's lone first-place finish.

Black Forest Academy: The Falcons faced a tall order this weekend in road games against Division I girls hoops frontrunner Wiesbaden. Despite suffering the expected losses, BFA can take pride in hanging with the Warriors throughout the weekend; the Falcons scored 30 points in each game and played their larger opponent about evenly after falling behind in each first quarter.



Brussels: The Brigands return to DODDS hoops action Friday and Saturday at Menwith Hill. The boys bring a 3-3 record into the games; the Brussels girls are 4-1

and riding a four-game winning streak. **Hohenfels:** Sharpshooter Katherine Gamble continued her remarkable season this week with her most dominant effort of the season. Gamble's 287-point overall score was 10 points better than her nearest competitor. That makes sense, because she was the best from each position — 98 from prone, 94 from standing and 95 from kneeling.

International School of Brussels: The Raiders are off the DODDS-Europe basketball courts until Feb. 4, when they'll face cross-town rival Brussels for the second time this season. ISB swept the Brigands boys and girls on Dec. 3.



Kaiserslautern: Though Patch largely dominated the five-team meet in the Raiders' gym Saturday, three homesteading wrestlers broke through for top honors in their weight classes. Matt Fischer won at 120 pounds, Arvin Hruschka won at 170 and Bradley Lemon paced the 182-pound ranks.



Lakenheath: Addie Ruffin exploded for a game-high 25 points Saturday as the Lancers earned a 70-32 girls basketball win over visiting Rota. Jourdan Hodge added 15 and Kristen Reed scored 12 as the team posted its highest point total of the season.



Marmout: A discouraging DODDS-Europe hoops season won't get any easier for the Lions after taking next weekend



off. They'll return Jan. 31 to face formidable Vicenza.



Menwith Hill: After playing mostly non-DODDS opponents around the United Kingdom, the Mustangs dive back into DODDS hoops action Friday and Saturday with a visit from Region I rival Brussels. They'll follow that up the weekend of Jan. 31 with a visit to Alconbury.



Naples: A well-rounded Wildcat girls basketball offense fought off upset bids from Signonella. Two players scored in double figures in each game for Naples. Keylee Soto scored a game-high 13 on Friday, Daria Andrews led all scorers with 13 on Saturday and Shanice Alexander scored 11 and 12 points, respectively.



Patch: The Panthers established themselves as the clear frontrunner for a European marksmanship title this weekend, posting a score of 1,435 points that was 69 points better than any of the other nine DODDS-Europe teams filing scores across two remote meets.

Patch swept the top five spots in the five-team western conference meet, led by matching scores of 288 from Lucas Gilliland, Erika Hoffman and Caelyn Miller.



Ramstein: Reduced numbers have tempered expectations of a Royal wrestling first this season, but Saturday's performance proves that the team can't be dismissed so easily.

Royals claimed top honors in eight weight classes at AFNORTH, and finished second five times.



Rota: The Admirals made a rare but successful appearance on the DODDS-Europe hoops regular-season schedule over the weekend.

The Rota girls beat Alconbury and AFNORTH, while the boys defeated Alconbury and lost to AFNORTH. The strong showing places Rota squarely in the mix for a Division II tournament run next month.

Schweinfurt/Bamberg: The Razobaks couldn't match the firepower deployed by defending Division I boys basketball champion Patch, but Schweinfurt star Leon Roy more than held his own against the visiting Panthers. Roy led all rebounders with 11 boards in each game and totaled 23 points on the weekend.



SHAPE: Accomplished Spartan wrestler Carlos Ude placed first in the 113-pound weight class Saturday at AFNORTH. Ude and his teammates travel to Brussels and

Lakenheath over the next two weekends before voying for European berths at the Feb. 8 sectional qualifiers.



Vicenza: The Cougars outlasted their Italian wrestling rivals, including Naples and Aviano, in a five-team meet Saturday.

Vicenza took first place in seven brackets to earn the win. **Wilsbek:** It wasn't the Division I triumph it's so anxiously awaiting, but the Falcon boys basketball team did accomplish some things in a 60-54 win over Hohenfels.

In addition to ending a four-game losing skid and earning their second win of the season, the Falcons put a stop to their neighbors' hot streak, handing the upstart Tigers their first loss of the season.



Wiesbaden: The unbeaten Warrior girls stayed that way with victory; consequently they won Friday and Saturday wins over BFA.

A balanced Wiesbaden offense produced no double-figure scorers on the weekend; Crisheena Roilack led the team on both occasions with nine points. Cierra Martin matched Roilack's nine points Friday and added eight on Saturday while grabbing 19 rebounds and nine steals on the weekend.

— Gregory Broome

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Basketball

Boys

Friday's games
AFNORTH 43, Rota 29
Rota 33, Alconbury 21
AFNORTH 43, Rota 29
Ramstein 71, Baumholder 31
Vilseck 60, Hohenfels 54
Wiesbaden 85, BFA 34
Patch 63, Schweinfurt 22
Aviano 48, Marmout 24
Aviano 48, Marmout 24
Vilzenza 47, Florence 5
Naples 59, Signonella 24

Saturday's games
AFNORTH 15, Alconbury 10
Rota 21, Alconbury 18
AFNORTH 43, Rota 29
American School of London 49, Lakenheath 49
Ansbach 41, Bitburg 40
Ramstein 51, Baumholder 5
Wiesbaden 49, BFA 30
Vilseck 31, Hohenfels 26
Wiesbaden 43, BFA 20
Naples 30, Signonella 21

Sunday's games
AFNORTH 24, Alconbury 16
Lakenheath 70, Bitburg 36
Ansbach 41, Bitburg 36
Ramstein 46, Baumholder 6
Wiesbaden 45, BFA 20
Aviano 35, Marmout 7
Naples 43, Signonella 21

Marksmanship
Saturday's events:
Patch 1,282; Alconbury 1,245; Bitburg 979
Ansbach 1,366; Wiesbaden 1,322; Vicenza 1,172; Bamberg 748

Wrestling
Saturday's meets
Patch 247, Kaiserslautern 138, Lakenheath 115, Alconbury 82, Bitburg 31
Vicenza 110, Naples 86, Aviano 56, AOSR 35, Signonella 34

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Tournament brings out best in Kadena girls

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Okinawa — Are the real Panthers back, junior guard Jasmine Rhodes was asked.

"Yes," she replied without hesitation. She had good reason, 32 of them to be exact. That was how many points she scored as for the first time, Kadena girls basketball enjoyed a blow-out win over a Kubasaki Dragons squad that had played the Panthers close their previous four meetings.

"They finally showed up," coach Willie Ware said on Sunday after Kadena downed Kubasaki 63-40 in the knockout round of the 20th Martin Luther King Invitational Tournament at Futenma's Semper Fit Gymnasium.

Rhodes scored 23 of her 32 points in the first half alone, while freshman point guard Linda Vaughan totaled 18 assists, 12 alone on passes to Rhodes, usually on outlets following rebounds.

After a couple of down games earlier on the weekend, "we were firing on all cylinders," Ware said. "Jasmine played a great game. Linda does a great job of running the offense, controlling the game and she has such good court vision."

The two teams had played four previous games this season, Kadena winning three of them by a total margin of 10 points.

"We just had trouble getting in synch," Dragons coach Bob Driggs said. "Kadena came out and clicked. We have to go back and get it done. This is what we can expect when we go to Far East" next month at Camp Zama.

With the loss, Kubasaki was eliminated from the double-elimination playoffs, while Kadena moved on to face Storm on Monday, needing to win that one plus twice over Her-ricanes to capture the title.

Kubasaki's boys were the only one of four Okinawa high school teams to not make the playoff round, going 2-4 and losing their last four games in pool play. Kadena's boys tied two other teams at 2-3 and got in the playoffs via points tiebreaker. They were eliminated by Black Top Cru 65-63 Sunday in the knockout round.

Kinnick: A good weekend it was not for Red Devil nation in all sports. Kinnick's wrestling team suffered its first defeat of the season 35-25 to St. Mary's International in a six-way dual tournament at American School in Japan, and may have lost key 158-pounder Charlie Gann to a knee injury. Christian Academy Japan beat the boys basketball team

60-49 and in a rematch of last season's Far East Division I Tournament final, ASIJ beat Kinnick's girls 52-40.



Yokota: Dennis Wilkins and J.J. Henderson each scored 13 points and the Panthers boys' basketball team held American School in Japan to just 16 second-half points in beating the defending Far East D-I Tournament champion Mustangs 55-41.



Zama: Tierra Carroll netted 11 points and the Trojans girls basketball team continued its resurgence with a 43-29 win over Christian Academy Japan. Zama is 8-2 on the season.



Edgren: Playing Kamikita, a Japanese school, proved to be a sweep dream for the Eagles, whose boys and girls basketball teams each won handily, the boys 94-36 behind Khaledem Shabazz's 19 points and the girls 57-48 as Candice Miller scored 22 points and Vanessa Black and Coko Magby 12 each.



Guam: The Panthers boys basketball team broke out of the gate in style over the weekend, as Lordan Aguon averaged 27 points in Saturday's 68-57 win over Southern and Friday's 54-33 romp over Notre Dame. Aguon had five steals in each game and Austin Hines averaged 16.5 rebounds in the two games.



Humphreys: The Blackhaws boys basketball team's second win in the young program's history came at the expense of a team that many of their players used to play for, in Friday's 76-68 win at Osan. Former Cougars Manasseh Nartey had 24 points and Ose Cruz 17 for Humphreys. ... Austin Rudd remained unbeaten for the Blackhaws wrestling team at 180 pounds, winning two bouts by pin and one by walkover to improve to 11-0.



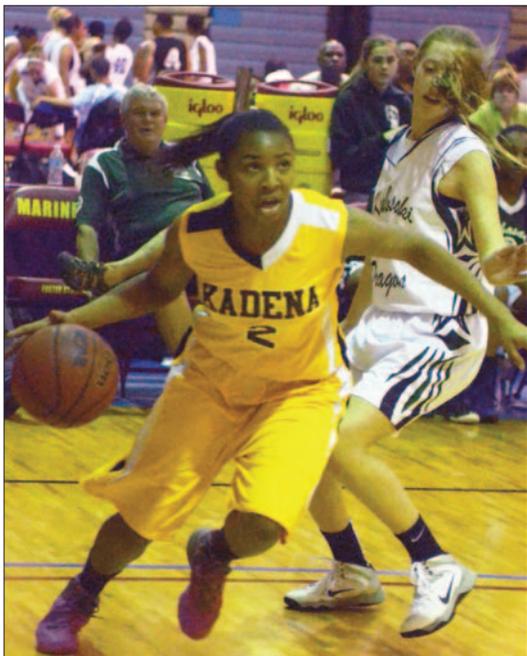
Seoul American: Despite shooting 27 percent from the field, the Falcons boys basketball team improved to 9-0, getting past YIS-Seoul 47-40 on Friday. The Falcons girls also beat the Guardians girls 32-23. 43-18 behind Janade Armos' 23 points.



Osan: Ciera Farias scored 10 points and the Cougars girls basketball team won their third game of the season, taking down Humphreys 28-23. They were not as successful on Saturday, falling 32-28 at Yongsan International-School.



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Kadena junior Jasmine Rhodes dribbles to the basket past Kubasaki's Leigh Trumble during Sunday's knockout game in the 20th Martin Luther King Invitational basketball tournament at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa. Rhodes scored 32 points, including 23 in the first half, as Kadena defeated Kubasaki 63-40.



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— Dave Ornauer



Kubasaki's Josie Daffin looks to pass as she is pressured by Elva Harris of Kadena on Sunday.

Scoreboard

Wrestling		Basketball	
South Korea		Boys	
Seoul American 46, Osan 15	Seoul American 56, Humphreys 7	Yongsan International-Seoul 65, Osan 48	South Korea
Seoul American 49, Daegu 11	Osan 57, Daegu 5	Seoul American 47, Yongsan 40	Humphreys 76, Osan 68
Osan 46, Humphreys 15	Daegu 29, Humphreys 20	Guam	Guam 68, Southern 57
Japan	American School in Japan 42, Yokota 21	Guam 54, Notre Dame 33	Japan
American School in Japan 53, Zama 5	St. Mary's 49, Yokota 10	Christian Academy Japan 60, Kinnick 49	Edgren 94, Kamikita 36
St. Mary's 51, Zama 10	St. Mary's 35, Kinnick 25	American School in Japan 41	Girls
Kinnick 53, American School in Japan 10	Kinnick 43, Christian Academy Japan 19	South Korea	Yongsan Seoul 32, Osan 28
Christian Academy Japan 39, Zama 13	Christian Academy Japan 37, Yokota 15	Seoul American 45, Yongsan 18	Osan 28, Humphreys 23
		Japan	American School in Japan 52, Kinnick 40
		Edgren 57, Kamikita 48	Zama 43, Christian Academy Japan 29

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Mellow gold

Laid-back Ligety will be in the spotlight at Sochi

By **PAT GRAHAM**
The Associated Press

T BEAVER CREEK, Colo. Laid Ligety goes by many a nickname these days — from “Teddy Ball Game” for his cool under pressure, to “Shred” for his ability to carve up a course and lately to “Mr.

GS,” which his rivals dubbed him for his domination in the giant slalom.

Whatever they call him, the U.S. skier is one of the world’s best and the cameras will be zoomed in tight on him at the Sochi Games next month.

Not that Ligety particularly wants all that attention.

He’s more of your mellow, ‘surfer dude’

type who considers any day he can’t at least swoosh through waist-deep powder a wasted opportunity.

Ligety quickly dismisses the notion that all eyes will be on him in Russia with a casual wave of a hand.

He’s all about speed, not the spotlight.

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