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Bety Martinez, an immigrant from Peru, gathers with others outside the White House on Thursday.

EVYLYN HOCKSTEIN
The Washington Post

USS Ford on budget, on time – but incomplete

BY ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

The Navy plans to meet the \$12.9 billion cost cap for its new aircraft carrier by accepting the ship unfinished and spending more money afterward, according to a report by the government's watchdog agency.

The aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford may be unable to demonstrate its promise to boost aircraft launch and recovery rates before it is delivered to the Navy, according to a Government Accountability Office report released Thursday.

The ship may also require as much as \$988 million more in spending after delivery, according to the GAO.

"In essence, the Navy will have a ship that is less complete than initially planned at ship delivery, but at a greater cost," according to the report.

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Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The Gerald R. Ford transits the James River in Newport News, Va. A new General Accountability Office study states that the aircraft carrier will likely be incomplete and require more spending after its planned 2016 delivery to the Navy.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It was humbling to know that my life was in God's hands right there and he graciously spared me."

— Florida State University senior Jason Derfuss, who, after hearing gunfire as he left a library at the school, returned home to learn a bullet had gone through a book about 14th-century theologian John Wyclif that was in his backpack

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STEVE HELBER/AP

Boatswain's Mate Ben Hansen and his wife, Jessica, of Edmore Mich., are photographed Nov. 9, 2013, in front of the USS Gerald R. Ford, the Navy's newest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, at the christening of the ship at Newport News Shipbuilding in Newport News, Va.

Ford: Navy office estimates cost overrun of up to \$988M

FROM FRONT PAGE

The Gerald R. Ford is about 80 percent complete and is about to begin shipboard testing, which the GAO estimates the most challenging phase of development.

Construction has begun concurrently on the new aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy. The Navy plans to spend \$43 billion on three Ford-class carriers.

Since 2006, cost estimates for the first Ford-class carrier already have risen 20 percent. Delivery has been delayed from September 2015 until March 2016.

Once completed, the Navy states that the Ford-class carrier will provide several advantages over its 10 active Nimitz-class carriers.

For example, using an electromagnetic field, instead of steam catapult launchers, to propel air-

The Government Accountability Office states that the ship will not be able to demonstrate some of its biggest technological advances before deployment, under its current test schedule.

craft off the deck will ease wear and tear on the carrier.

Replacing cables with electromagnetic fields to transport weapons is expected to increase payload capacity by 229 percent, according to the report.

Other changes are expected to improve radar detection, to reduce manning and to trim long-term costs.

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nological advances prior to deployment, under its current test schedule.

"After an investment of at least \$12.9 billion, CVN 78 may not achieve improved operational performance over the Nimitz class of aircraft carriers as promised for some time to come," GAO said.

The CVN 78 program office has created a \$96 million reserve fund for spending above the \$12.9 billion cap.

However, Naval Sea Systems

Command Cost Engineering Office estimates a cost overrun ranging between \$780 million and \$988 million.

The report also criticized the ship's design for not including enough berths if additional personnel are needed, which the GAO views as likely.

The Pentagon disagreed with a GAO recommendation that Congress revise cost caps to more accurately reflect real spending.

"The Department acknowledges that remaining within the cost cap is challenging, but contends that it is achievable," according to a Defense Department memo appended to the report.

The memo did not directly address the timeline and design issues identified by the GAO.

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Firing of Central Ala. VA director upheld

By PHILLIP RAWLS
The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A federal appeals board upheld the firing of the director of the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System for neglect of duty, including not taking action against an employee who investigators said drove a substance abuse patient to a crack house to get drugs.

The Department of Veterans Affairs terminated James Talton in late October. He was the first VA official fired under a law approved by Congress and the president this summer.

The law expedites the dismissal process for VA senior executives in response to the agency's staff falsifying patient scheduling data to cover up extremely long waits for appointments.

Talton appealed to the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, which in a 32-page

decision, upheld his dismissal for also failing to provide appropriate information to his supervisor. The decision ends Talton's 31 years of federal service in the Army and then at the VA.

VA Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson told the board that Talton's "misconduct has contributed to the public's lack of trust that the VA can fulfill its mission to care for veterans."

Rep. Martha Roby, R-Ala., who has repeatedly called for leadership changes at the Central Alabama VA, said Thursday that instilling accountability requires more than just firing Talton.

Talton, 53, represented himself in the appeal. He does not have a listed phone number and could not be reached for comment Thursday. But before taking the job in 2012, he was honored for his work as associate director of the Tuscaloosa, Ala., VA hospital. He received the VA's Secretary's

Award for his service following a deadly tornado that hit Tuscaloosa on April 27, 2011, and the Alabama Hospital Association gave him its 2012 Hospital Heroes Award.

But at the Central Alabama VA, there were problems cited.

Ex-employee Joe Kennedy was accused in March 2013 of borrowing \$600 from a patient in the VA's drug treatment program and then driving him to a house to smoke crack cocaine. The patient tested positive for drugs when he returned to the VA on his own.

The board's report said investigators informed Talton of the facts, but he took no action until the Montgomery Advertiser wrote about Kennedy's case in August. Talton's supervisors first learned of the incident when they saw the report.

The VA put Talton on paid administrative leave Aug. 21 and then began termina-

tion proceedings against Kennedy. He was removed Oct. 10 — 19 months after the initial complaint.

Talton was also cited for not taking action against another employee who lied about why he wrecked a VA vehicle.

In a written appeal, Talton told the Merit Systems Protection Board that he was never informed of all the facts in the two cases and that he was hampered by staff shortage and leadership turnover.

But in a decision Wednesday, the board's Chief Administrative Judge Thomas Lanphear found that investigators made Talton aware of all the facts in the Kennedy case and kept checking back to see why no action was taken.

He wrote that "it is difficult to conjure a situation more diametrically opposed to the VA's mission of honoring and caring for our veterans."

Negative Ebola test for officer at Texas base

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — An Air Force major who returned sick from an operation to fight an Ebola outbreak in West Africa has tested negative for the virus, the Pentagon said Thursday.

The officer arrived Tuesday at Fort Bliss, Texas, on a flight from Liberia along with nearly 70 other troops and was immediately placed under observation at William Beaumont Army Medical Center at the installation. Once his Ebola test came back negative, he joined the other troops in 21 days of quarantine mandated by Defense Department policy.

Officials had said he had appeared sick in flight and exhibited symptoms of a stomach virus or food poisoning, but did not have an elevated temperature, considered a telling symptom of Ebola.

"I can't get into the specifics because of privacy, but I can tell you that it's an illness other than Ebola, and eminently treatable, which does not preclude him from joining the rest of his cohorts," Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby told reporters.

Kirby also fielded a question about a complaint by a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official, who, according to a New York Times report, complained that U.S. military helicopter crews were ordered not to transport Ebola patients within Liberia or carry blood samples.

Kirby said troops have not been trained to deal directly with patients, and carrying them or their blood would require aircraft decontamination and other steps beyond the scope of their current assignments.

"It's not part of the mission, and there's a resource allocation component as well as a safety component," he said.

Military officials have stressed since the beginning of Operation United Assistance that U.S. troops would help with command and control, logistics and engineering, but would not deal directly with Ebola sufferers. Nearly 2,400 servicemembers are currently deployed to Liberia, one of the countries enduring a record outbreak of the disease that has killed more than 5,000 people.

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Lonni Mae Lopez/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Keeping carrier combat ready

Sailors scrub the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington — which is homeported in Yokosuka, Japan — during a countermeasures washdown. George Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

Burial delays prompt push for VA oversight in Congress

By TRAVIS J. TRITTON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A bill aimed at decreasing recent delays in veteran burials by giving Congress new Department of Veterans Affairs oversight got a push forward from lawmakers Thursday.

A Senate version of the bill requiring the VA to report any burial delays longer than 30 days was introduced by Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., following a filing earlier this year in the House, which boosted the odds Congress may act to pass the new reporting rules before the end of the year.

Reports have sprung up around the country that deceased vets are waiting months to be interred in the VA's system of national cemeteries.

"This legislation will keep the VA accountable for ensuring every veteran receives a proper burial in a timely manner," Heller said in a joint statement released with Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., the House sponsor.

Under the bill, the VA would be required

to track and record any burials not completed within a month as well as the names of the entities that are responsible for the bodies, including local medical examiners, funeral directors and county service groups.

Data on the burial delays would be collected in an annual report and given to the House and Senate veterans' affairs committees, according to the bill language.

Sen. Dean Heller
R-Nev.

Reports of delays are only one of the recent headaches for the VA, which is working on a massive overhaul following a scandal over patient wait times in the nationwide

veteran health care system.

The agency oversees a system of 131 cemeteries and burial sites for veterans. Over the past year, there have been media reports of long delays for deceased veterans at facilities in California and elsewhere.

Royce cited a May report by the Los Angeles Times that 52 unclaimed veteran bodies had accumulated in the Los Angeles County morgue.

"While the quality of the health care that veterans receive has been in the news lately, our veterans deserve the same attention when it comes to their burials," Royce said in the statement.

Still, the legislation is likely to face steep odds. Both chambers of Congress left Washington on Thursday and are not scheduled to return until after Thanksgiving. Next month, lawmakers will have only a couple of weeks to pass crucial budget and war bills, and other issues may get pushed aside.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

US, Turkey remain out of step over Syria

By DEB RIECHMANN
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ISTANBUL — Vice President Joe Biden on Friday was set to become the latest in a parade of U.S. officials trying to push Turkey to step up its role in the international coalition's fight against Islamic State extremists.

His visit follows weeks of public bickering between the two NATO allies. The Turkish president insists that if the U.S. wants his help, it must focus less on fighting Islamic State militants and more on toppling Syrian President Bashar Assad. Erdogan wants the U.S.-led coalition to set up a security zone in northern Syria to give moderate fighters a place to regroup and to launch attacks.

The U.S. has no appetite to go to war against Assad and has said a no-fly zone against Syria's air force is a no-go.

Turkey has pledged to train and equip moderate Syrian forc-

es on its soil, but no details have been announced by either side. U.S. and Turkish officials have discussed the coalition's desire to use Turkey's Incirlik Air Base for U.S.-led operations against the militants, but Turkey has made no public decision about Incirlik.

"From the no-fly zone to the safety zone and training and equipping — all these steps have to be taken now," Erdogan said on Wednesday. Then he echoed the same line he's been saying all along: "The coalition forces have not taken those steps we asked them for... Turkey's position will be the same as it is now."

That's after a U.S. military delegation spent two days in Ankara last week trying to hammer out details to implement Turkey's pledge to train and equip moderate fighters. That's after top U.S. military officials visited Incirlik in the past few weeks. And it follows two visits in two months by retired Marine Gen. John Allen,

the U.S. envoy for the international coalition.

Allen told the Turkish daily Milliyet on Wednesday in Ankara that fighting extremists in Iraq was the "main effort" right now, but that's not the only effort and "we'll be doing that in Syria as well."

"Eventually, of course, our policy intent for the U.S. is that there be a political outcome in Syria that does not include Bashar Assad," said Allen, who left Turkey for NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Now it's Biden's turn.

He planned a dinner meeting Friday with Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu. On Saturday, Biden is to have an extended meeting with Erdogan, and he plans to fly back to Washington on Sunday.

The obvious compromise would be if Washington shifted its policy on Syria to do more to force out Assad, and Turkey agreed to do

more against IS, said James Jeffrey, former U.S. ambassador to Turkey and Iraq, who is now at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Jeffrey is not holding his breath.

"Erdogan is a tough customer to reason with, but Turkey is already a major source of stability and support in region and could be better if we play cards right," Jeffrey said. "But Erdogan is, at this point, troublingly unpredictable."

Turkish officials say Turkey is an active partner in the coalition. Besides pledging to train moderate Syrian forces, Turkey gave Kurdish fighters from Iraq permission to traverse its soil on their way to help Kurdish fighters in the besieged Syrian town of Kobani near Turkey's border. That was an unprecedented step for Erdogan, but Turkey's military has been inactive regarding the militants' advance on the town.

Turkey has good relations with

the Kurds in Iraq, but it views the Kurds in Syria as an extension of the Kurdistan Worker's Party. The party has waged a 30-year insurgency against the Turkish government and is designated as a terrorist group by the U.S. and NATO. Asked if more Kurdish fighters from Iraq would be moving through Turkey, a Turkish official said: "Yes, we might see them again." He spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak publicly about Turkey's policy on Syria.

Turkey also is hosting 1.6 million Syrian refugees. Washington acknowledges that Ankara has worked to stem the flow of foreign fighters into Syria, although it's still easy in some places to move across for a price. U.S. officials also say Turkey has cracked down on oil smugglers. Analysts estimate that the militant group earns up to \$3 million per day in revenue from oil fields captured in Iraq and Syria.



VADIM GHIRDA/AP

Caring for Syrian refugees

A Syrian Kurd refugee woman from the Kobani area trims the nails of a child Thursday at a camp in Suruc, on the Turkey-Syria border. Kobani, also known as Ain Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters.

Al-Qaida in Yemen denounces Islamic State

By AHMED AL-HAJJ
The Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Yemen's Al-Qaida branch on Friday denounced the Islamic State group for declaring a caliphate over territory it seized in Syria and Iraq and for aggressively seeking to expand its area of influence.

The Al-Qaida Yemeni offshoot's purported spiritual guide, Sheikh Harith al-Nadhari, said such expansionist intentions are "driving a wedge" among jihadi groups. He was referring to Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's recent call for followers to "explode volcanos of jihad everywhere."

Al-Nadhari said the militant group "forced the nation, all the nation, to pledge allegiance" in absence of "consultation" with other jihadi leaders. His message was posted on one of Yemeni Al-Qaida's official Twitter pages.

"They revoked the legitimacy of all the Islamic groups across the Islamic world... and drove a wedge among Mujahedeen ranks by collecting allegiances from within the jihadi groups," he said. "They announced the expansion of their caliphate in a number of countries in which they have no

mandate."

The Islamic State extremists initially fought to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad. But other groups, including Al-Qaida central command, disavowed them. A summer blitz captured nearly a third of Syria and Iraq.

Smaller groups across the region have pledged allegiance to al-Baghdadi while the larger Al-Qaida affiliates remain silent regarding al-Baghdadi's outreach. Among the more significant loyalty pledges came from Egypt's Ansar Beit al-Maqdis.

The U.S. considers al-Qaida in Yemen to be one of the most dangerous local branches of the global terror organization because it has been linked to several failed attacks on the U.S. homeland. Washington has frequently launched drone strikes against the group — which captured large parts of Yemen in the security vacuum following the country's 2011 uprising. A Yemeni government offensive, supported by the U.S., has driven the militants from much of the territory they seized.

The group is led by Nasser al-Wahishi, a onetime close associate of Osama bin Laden.

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NATION

CIA considering 'major' changes

By GREG MILLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — CIA Director John Brennan is considering sweeping organizational changes that could include breaking up the separate spying and analysis divisions that have been in place for decades to create hybrid units focused on individual regions and threats to U.S. security, current and former U.S. intelligence officials said.

The proposal would essentially replicate the structure of the CIA's Counterterrorism Center and other similar entities in the agency — that is, most of the CTC's expanded role and influence since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

U.S. officials emphasized that the proposal is in its preliminary stages, and could still be scaled back or even discarded. Already the idea has encountered opposition from current and former officials who have voiced concern that it would be too disruptive and might jeopardize critical capabilities and expertise.

But if Brennan moves forward, officials said, the changes would be among the most ambitious in CIA history — potentially creating individual centers focused on China, Latin America and other regions or issues for which personnel are now dispersed across different parts of the agency.

"It's a major deal," said a former senior CIA official who has worked with Brennan. Asked for an example of a previous reorganization that was similar in scale, he replied, "I don't think there has been one."

Brennan appointed an internal CIA committee in September to evaluate the proposal as part of a broader review of the agency's structure. In a message to the agency's workforce, he cited the "rising number and complexity of security issues" such as the continued threat of al-Qaida, the civil war in Syria and Russia's incursions in Ukraine.

"I have become increasingly convinced that the time has come to take a fresh look at how we are organized as an agency and at whether our current structure, and ways of doing business, need adjustment," the message said, according to portions that were obtained by The Washington Post.

Brennan did not delineate any specific plans, but he expressed concern that existing divisions undermine the CIA's effectiveness at a time when "the need for integration has never been greater" and more of the agency's missions "cut across our organizational boundaries."

Former officials said Brennan's interest in organizational change is driven in part by frustration with the struggle to strengthen U.S. intelligence on the crisis in Syria, which has morphed from a civil war to an incubator for terrorist groups.

CIA spokesman Dean Boyd said the in-house panel was asked to conduct a wide-ranging review and is expected to report back with "recommendations on whether any changes should be made and, if so, what needs to be done." The review is ongoing, Boyd said, and "the officers have not yet put forth their findings."

CIA veterans, including several who have met with the panel, affirmed that it was given wide latitude with no expectation that it would endorse Brennan's idea. Nevertheless, they said the panel's work is clearly centered on evaluating the major realignment envisioned by Brennan.

"This definitely started with a vision he had," said a former senior U.S. intelligence official who worked with Brennan. Like others, the former official spoke on the condition of anonymity.

'I have become increasingly convinced that the time has come to take a fresh look at how we are organized as an agency.'

John Brennan
CIA director

At issue is a basic structure that has been in place since the agency's inception — with employees divided by function among four major directorates.

The best known are the National Clandestine Service,

which sends case officers overseas on spying missions and carries out covert operations, and the Directorate of Intelligence, which employs thousands of analysts whose main job is to provide insight on global developments to President Barack Obama and other policymakers. Others include a directorate focused on science and technology, and a fourth handles logistics for operations abroad.

Many of the agency's components have been reorganized and renamed repeatedly. The Directorate of Intelligence, for example, was almost completely revamped during the early 1980s to eliminate offices that focused on politics and economics, replacing them with units modeled on the geographic divisions used in the clandestine service.

But the idea being explored by Brennan would go beyond such changes, rebuilding its sprawling bureaucracy around a model that relies on "centers" that combine analysts, operators, scientists and support staff. The agency has for years explored that approach on its most daunting assignments, including efforts to slow the spread of narcotics, illicit weapons and nuclear arms.



Jeff Roberson/AP

A man stands outside a boarded-up business Thursday in Ferguson, Mo.

Holder: Keep the peace in Ferguson

By MATT PEARCE
Los Angeles Times

ST. LOUIS — In a video announcing new guidance for the way law enforcement handles protests, Attorney General Eric Holder on Friday also called for demonstrators protesting the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson to remain nonviolent.

"Over the past few months, we've seen demonstrations and protests that have sought to bring attention to real and significant underlying issues involving police practices, implicit bias and pervasive community distrust," Holder said in the video, which was published on the Justice Department's website.

"Demonstrations like these have the potential to spark a sustained and positive national dia-

logue, to provide momentum to a necessary conversation, and to bring about critical reform," Holder added. "But history has also shown us that the most successful and enduring movements for change are those that adhere to nonaggression and nonviolence."

Holder's remarks came as the St. Louis region remained tense. Police have begun to mobilize as a St. Louis County grand jury deliberates whether to indict a Ferguson, Mo., police officer who killed Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old, on Aug. 9.

The Associated Press reported that demonstrators gathered at Ferguson police headquarters Thursday night. St. Louis County Police spokesman Brian Schellman said police told the crowd to disperse when protesters blocked traffic, and those who refused

were arrested. Three people face charges after the protests.

In addition, AP reported that Brown's father made a plea for peace, regardless of the grand jury's decision. Michael Brown Sr. posted a video online saying that he, his family and the St. Louis region are still hurting from the death of Michael Brown. But, Brown said, "hurting others or destroying property is not the answer."

No firm date for an announcement of the grand jury's decision has been set, but it is expected by the end of the month.

Demonstrators in Ferguson have become increasingly organized in the months since the Brown shooting, holding training sessions and gathering supplies for safe houses after the grand jury's decision is announced.



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From left, Rosa Sari, Erika Tacuri and Rose Tacuri take part in a prayer lead by Rev. Howard Dotson at Mercado Central in Minneapolis after President Barack Obama's Thursday speech on immigration reform.

Republicans: We will not stand by on immigration

By ERICA WERNER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker John Boehner declared Friday that President Barack Obama was “damaging the presidency” with his unilateral action on immigration. He said the Republican-run House will not stand by, but gave no hint of what the response would be.

“I will say to you, the House will, in fact, act,” Boehner, R-Ohio, said at a news conference the morning after Obama announced plans to offer deportation relief and work permits to 5 million immigrants who are in the country illegally.

“We will listen to the American people, we will work with our members and we will work to protect the Constitution of the United States,” Boehner said.

But Republicans have few good options if they scramble for a solution that satisfies irate conservatives without alienating moderates, Hispanics and other voters who will be crucial for the 2016 presidential election. Possibilities include suing Obama or trying to fight his moves through the budget process.

The situation poses a major challenge for Boehner and incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., barely two weeks after midterm election victories that handed Republicans control of the Senate and increased the party's majority in the House.

Obama's move forces them to inaugurate their newly minted congressional majorities amid frantic GOP infighting that party leaders wanted to avoid. With Republicans seething over Obama's go-it-alone approach on such a contentious issue, it's an open question whether Boehner and McConnell will be able to rein in the tea party faction in Congress that forced a politically damaging government shutdown a year ago over the president's health care law.

The answer will have major implications in determining whether the GOP can hang onto its newfound control of Congress and hope to win the White House in two years.

“What did the president do? He pulled the pin on the grenade two weeks after the election,” said Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Ohio, a Boehner ally. “I don't think anybody knows or can predict what happens and the carnage that this creates quite frankly for the legislative process.”

Boehner took issue with Obama's claim that he had to act because House Republicans never moved on the bipartisan immigration bill that passed the Senate last year. That measure offered a path to citizenship for many of the 11 million immigrants here illegally, going further than Obama can on his own.

Boehner said it was Obama's fault because lawmakers didn't trust him after earlier unilateral moves on health care.

“He created an environment where the members would not trust him, and trying to find a way to work together was virtually impossible,” Boehner said.

Obama defers deportation for 4M

By DAVID NAKAMURA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama sought to convince the American public Thursday that his plans to unilaterally change immigration laws were in line with the precedent set by previous administrations and did not amount to an amnesty program for illegal immigrants.

In a prime-time address from the White House, Obama argued that a mass deportation of the nation's more than 11 million undocumented immigrants “would be both impossible and untrue to our character.”

Rather, the president said, his decision to defer deportations of 4 million immigrants is aimed at “actual threats to our security,” by allowing border control agents to focus on the highest-priority incursions, such as those by felons, gang members and recent border-crossers.

“Felons, not families,” Obama said of those who would be in line for deportations. “Criminals, not children. Gang members, not a mom who's working hard to provide for her kids.”

Under Obama's plan, the undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents who have lived in the country for at least five years can apply, starting in the spring, for relief from deportations for a period of three years. About 3.7 million immigrants are expected to qualify under the new guidelines.

The president also is expanding a 2012 program that has provided administrative relief to nearly 600,000 young people brought to the country illegally as children. Officials said that expansion, which will remove an age cap, could reach an additional 287,000 people.

The president's speech, which lasted 15 minutes, was an effort to build public support and head off staunch opposition from congressional Republicans who have vowed to fight Obama's use of executive actions to circumvent the legislative branch after an effort to pass a comprehensive immigration bill failed on Capitol Hill in 2013.

Even before Obama took to the airwaves, GOP leaders were deliberating over how to stop him. Republicans in both chambers debated filing a lawsuit over the president's use of executive authority, pursuing their own legislation on immigration policy or removing funding for federal immigration agencies.

But White House lawyers expressed



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Isela Segovia hugs her two children, Nivia, 7, bottom, and Elan, 6, white, watching the president's speech.

confidence that Obama has the legal standing to enact the changes. They cited previous executive actions taken by Republican presidents, including Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, both of whom signed orders protecting smaller groups of illegal immigrants from deportation.

White House officials released statistics showing that Bush's order protected about the same percentage of illegal immigrants that Obama's action is projected to protect — though far fewer in raw number because there were only 3.5 million undocumented immigrants in the early 1990s.

Asked about a potential GOP lawsuit, a senior administration official said: “Anyone with a filing fee can sue; there's nothing we can do about that.” But the official added that administration lawyers believe Obama's actions “are absolutely supported by the law.”

Obama portrayed his approach as a “common-sense, middle-ground approach” that will allow otherwise law-abiding immigrants to “come out of the shadows and get right with the law.”

Addressing the chief criticism of Republicans — that illegal immigrants are being rewarded for violating the law to remain in the country — Obama declared that his policy is not amnesty. He said many of the undocumented immigrants in the country “are as American as Malia or Sasha,” a reference to his daughters.

“Amnesty is the immigration system we have today — millions of people who live here without paying their taxes or playing by the rules, while politicians use the issue to scare people and whip up votes at election time,” Obama said. “That's the real amnesty — leaving this broken system the way it is.”

The plan to offer immigrants who qualify for Obama's executive action plan three years of relief would mean that the newly processed applicants would be protected from deportations through the first year of Obama's successor in 2017. That would leave it up to the new administration to determine whether to continue the program or abruptly eliminate it.

The new protections are a year longer than they are under the 2012 program for younger immigrants, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and officials said the DACA program also would be revised to provide three years of relief. The officials said the administration would change the date by which DACA applicants must have arrived in the United States from June 15, 2007, to Jan. 1, 2010.

Many of those who are granted administrative relief will be eligible to get Social Security numbers and work permits, officials said.

Administration officials also said the president's new policies would create visas for immigrants who can show that they are investing economically in the United States and for workers in some high-tech fields.

The actions I'm taking are not only lawful, they're the kinds of actions taken by every single Republican president and every single Democratic president for the past half-century,” Obama said. “And to those members of Congress who question my authority to make our immigration system work better, or question the wisdom of me acting where Congress has failed, I have one answer: Pass a bill.”

NATION



PHOTOS BY MIKE GROLL/AP

Workers clear snow from the roof of Costanzo's Bakery on Friday in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Roof collapses, flooding are worries as snow ends

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A snowfall that brought huge drifts and closed roads in the Buffalo area finally ended Friday as the looming threat of rain and higher temperatures through the weekend and beyond raised the possibility of floods and more roofs collapsing under the heavy loads.

More than 30 major roof collapses, most involving farm and flat-roof buildings, were reported overnight, officials said Friday, after snow Thursday brought the Buffalo area's three-day total to an epic 7 feet or more. Little or no snow was expected on Friday, and the forecast called for a chance of rain on Saturday and more through Monday, along with temperatures of about 60 degrees.

As towns and villages began preparing for potential flooding, homeowners and store employees around the region climbed onto roofs to shovel off the snow and reduce the danger of collapse.

"Five hours yesterday and that's just the beginning," John Normile said Friday of the effort to clear snow from the roof of his Lake View ranch-style home. He, along with his daughter and her boyfriend, had knocked about 6 feet off the back of the house and planned to be back at it for a second day.

"We're getting really concerned about the weight of it," Normile said. "We've got to do it before the rain comes."

More than 50 people were evacuated from several mobile home parks in suburban Cheektowaga and West Seneca on Thursday

because roofs were buckling. Tobe said at least 90 small roof collapses involving carports and other structures had been reported by Friday morning, in addition to damage to a pharmacy and a metal warehouse operated by a Christmas decorations company, where damage was estimated in the millions.

With roads impassable, driving bans in effect and the Buffalo Bills' stadium buried in snow, the NFL decided to move the Bills' Sunday home game against the New York Jets to Monday night in Detroit.

National Guardsmen drove nurses to their hospital shifts. State troopers helped elderly residents trapped in their homes. State officials assembled 463 plows, 129 loaders and 40 dump trucks from across the state for a massive cleanup effort.

As of Friday, the Guard had over 500 personnel and 150 vehicles and heavy equipment assisting in the recovery effort, including snow blowers, bulldozers, front end loaders, dump trucks, and Humvees. Troops helping clear rooftops are equipped with small snow blowers.

Beginning Friday, the Guard will provide long-haul transportation support to bring in additional snow removal equipment. Thus far, the force has cleared 5.5 million cubic feet of snow.

"Anticipating the need for continued National Guard resources, we are planning to stage additional equipment in preparation for possible flooding as temperatures are expected to rise," New York National Guard spokesman Col. Richard Goldenberg said in a



A dump truck waits to unload snow removed from neighborhoods in southern Buffalo at the Central Terminal in Buffalo, N.Y.

statement. Some Buffalo-area schools were closed for the fourth day, burning through snow days with winter still a month away.

Stars and Stripes reporter Jon Harper contributed to this report.

FSU shooter was well-liked, but feared 'targeting'

By BRENDAN FARRINGTON
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The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A Florida State University alumnus and attorney who shot three people at the school's library early Thursday believed the government was targeting him for persecution, detailing his thoughts in a journal and in videos detectives obtained, authorities said.

Myron May had "expressed fears of being targeted and that he wanted to bring attention to this issue of targeting," said Tallahassee Police Chief Michael DeLeo. "Mr. May was in a state of crisis."

Police killed May, a 2005 graduate who later earned a law degree from Texas Tech University, early Thursday. Officers had responded to a 12:30 a.m. call about shots being fired at the library, where about 450 students were studying. When police arrived, May had wounded two students and an employee, and reloaded a .380 semi-automatic pistol. He refused to put the gun down and they opened fire. More than 30 rounds were fired by May and the officers.

Police said May didn't get past the lobby, but the sound of gunfire set off screams among students, who scrambled for cover among the bookshelves and barricaded themselves in rooms.

One person was in critical condition at a local hospital. Another, library staffer Nathan Scott, was in good condition at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. A third person was treated and released. Police have not yet uncovered a motive.

Senior Jason Derfuss, 21, of Orlando, told the Tallahassee Democrat he heard gunfire as he left the library and saw a man fire at another person. Derfuss ran to his car and called 911 to report what he'd seen. After he got home, Derfuss dumped the contents of his backpack onto the floor. He noticed several books were damaged, and then his roommate found a slug in the bag; a bullet had gone through a book about 14th-century theologian John Wyclif.

"It was humbling to know that my life was in God's hands right there and he graciously spared me," Derfuss told the newspaper. Friends called May sweet, smart and understated. May, 31, returned to Florida about three weeks ago, looking to get a new start in life.

"His fraternity nickname was 'Sensitive Joe' and it was fitting," said state Rep. Matt Gaetz, who belonged to the same Florida State political club as May. "I was so surprised that someone with this docile nature would have something happen in their lives that would have this outcome."

There were signs of problems before the shooting. Police in Las Cruces, N.M., said May was the subject of a harassment complaint last month after a former girlfriend called to report he was a camera that police had put in his vehicle, a police report said.

"Myron began to ramble and handed her a piece to a car and asked her to keep it because this was a camera that police had put in his vehicle," a police report said. "Police were still going through May's journal, videos and social media posts, but it was clear something was wrong."

"Mr. May's sense of being and place in our community was not what most people would refer to as a normal," DeLeo said. "He had a sense of crisis and he was searching for something."

Abigail Taunton, who runs a foster home in the Florida Panhandle, let May stay in a guest house. She knew him as a teenager who moved to rural Nevada, hitchhike in the Florida Panhandle to live with his grandmother after having problems with his parents in Ohio.

"We're just all astounded. We had no idea that he would do something like this," Taunton said. "Obviously, he was not in his right mind."

May was licensed to practice law in Texas and New Mexico and Taunton said he was preparing to take the Florida bar exam in February.

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NATION

Gay couples wed in Mont. after ruling

By **MATTHEW BROWN**
AND **LISA BAUMANN**
The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — As they stood linking arms and holding bouquets, Linda Gryczan and Constance Enzweiler of Helena married Thursday after waiting 31 years.

They were the first same-sex couple in the city to legally wed after a federal judge overturned Montana's ban on same-sex marriage the day before.

"We've been married for 31 years in our hearts. The next 31 we'll be married in the state," Gryczan said.

Gryczan has a history with Montana gay rights issues. She was the lead plaintiff in a 1995 lawsuit challenging a separate state law that made gay sex illegal. That led to the unanimous 1997 Montana Supreme Court decision that ruled the law unconstitutional.

She had kind words Thursday for two plaintiffs in the lawsuit that led to Wednesday's ruling on the voter-approved ban. Adel Johnson and Sue Hawthorne were married in Washington state but came to the courthouse to celebrate.

"Thank you, thank you, for sticking your necks out," Gryczan told them.

Former Montana Supreme Court Justice James C. Nelson married Gryczan and Enzweiler

and said he supports the ruling by U.S. District Judge Brian Morris to throw out the ban, calling it a stain on the state's constitution.

"I can't tell you how big a decision that is," he said. "It basically says that gay people have the same rights as everybody else, as they always should have."

Statewide, 47 same-sex couples from 13 counties received marriage licenses Thursday, said Jon Ebelk with the state Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Randi Paul and Jill Houk of Billings lined up for theirs before dawn at the Yellowstone County Courthouse. Less than two hours later — and just minutes after paying \$53 for a license — they wed in a courthouse hallway as friends, supporters and members of the media crowded around.

For Paul, 28, a legal assistant, the occasion marked the realization of a dream of getting married in her home state.

"I'm a super-Montanan. That's a big part of who I am. The prospect of getting married somewhere else was unsettling," she said.

Montana Attorney General Tim Fox is appealing the ruling, but won't seek an immediate stay to block same-sex marriages while the case is pending. His spokesman, John Barnes, said the state was waiting for a San Francisco-based federal appeals court to set a schedule for the case.



ADRIAN SANCHEZ-GONZALEZ, BOZEMAN (MONT.) DAILY CHRONICLE/AP

Ben Bahnsen, left, puts a wedding ring onto the finger of Patrick Donnelly as Unitarian minister Nina Grey officiates their marriage Thursday at the Gallatin County Law and Justice Center in Bozeman, Mont.

Crash kills 5 in on 'dream trip' to Disney

NEW ORLEANS — Michael and Trudi Hardman had always talked about taking their six children to Disney World, and just a week before Thanksgiving, it seemed their "dream trip" was to be a reality.

But just a little more than three hours after they took to the road Wednesday night, their SUV veered off a highway and rolled over in Louisiana, killing the couple and three of the kids.

Michael Hardman's brother, Timothy Hardman, said the driver and two passengers were injured, one critically.

Police believe the couple's 16-year-old son apparently fell asleep behind the wheel of the SUV during the drive from Terrell, Texas, to Orlando, Fla.

State police spokesman Michael Reichardt said the driver was cited with careless operation.

Timothy Hardman said going to Disney World was his brother's family's "dream trip."

From *The Associated Press*



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Nurse Therese Serignese, 57, discusses her experience with comedian Bill Cosby at her home Thursday in Boca Raton, Fla. Serignese said the performer raped her in 1976.

Florida woman is latest to accuse Cosby of rape

By **MATT SEDENSKY**
The Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. — A Florida woman who came forward Thursday became the fourth in recent weeks to say Bill Cosby gave her pills that made her feel groggy, then forced himself on her sexually.

Therese Serignese, now 57 and a nurse in Boca Raton, said the television icon raped her in 1976 when she was 19 years old following a show in Las Vegas. She said she went backstage and when the two were alone, Cosby gave her two pills and a glass of water, saying, "Take these."

"My next memory is clearly feeling drugged, being without

my clothes, standing up," she said. "Bill Cosby was behind me, having sex with me."



Cosby

Cosby spokesman David Brokaw did not respond to a request for comment. Cosby's lawyer, in a statement released Sunday, criticized previous "decades-old, discredited allegations," stating that "the fact that they are being repeated does not make them true."

Cosby made no mention of the

allegations Thursday during a benefit performance in the Bahamas for a women's service organization. He stuck to his routine, including stories about his childhood growing up in the projects of Philadelphia. There were few empty seats in the house and a few people gave him an ovation when he finished his set.

Some in the audience said the allegations against Cosby remain unproven and they added that his performance was a benefit for what they felt was a good cause.

Dozens of Cosby's television and comedy colleagues either have refused to comment or have not returned telephone calls from *The Associated Press* in recent days.

Poll: Employers eye insurance costs

By **JENNIFER AGIESTA**
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The Associated Press

Despite years of rising medical costs and pressure from the health care overhaul, employers consider employee health insurance a priority. But new surveys suggest coverage may grow skimpier in the coming years.

A poll from *The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research* found that companies that offer health insurance see it as a key tool to attract workers and keep them on the job. But they're also sweating the expense, with 86 percent citing the cost of coverage as a main factor in picking a plan.

Nearly 9 in 10 employers who offer health insurance benefits call the cost to their organization an important factor in choosing a plan. Asked to name the top factor, more cited cost than any other option.

But costs to the company aren't the only monetary factors on employers' minds. The burden on employees matters, too. About 8 in 10 weigh the cost of premiums, and 7 in 10 say deductibles and out-of-pocket costs are a consideration.

Still, money isn't everything. Eight in 10 companies that offer insurance said they do so mainly because it's the right thing to do, according to the AP-NORC Center poll, while about 6 in 10 say it

helps recruit and keep workers.

Six in 10 employers surveyed say the 2010 health insurance overhaul could impact the way businesses offer benefits, but they are divided on exactly how. About a third think it will make it harder for businesses to scale back their benefits offerings, while a quarter say it will actually make that easier to do. The remaining 35 percent say it won't matter much.

The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey of employers on the health insurance market included interviews by telephone or online with a representative sample of 1,061 private-sector companies with at least three employees.

NATION

Theme parks challenged by home entertainment

By TAMARA LUSH
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Your local fun zone, amusement center and theme park are facing an existential challenge these days.

They need to lure you, the American guest, off your sofa with your high resolution, interactive video games and into their world of fun — real life fun.

A decade or two ago, folks went to theme parks big and small to experience the latest in entertainment and technology. Now, attractions need to come up with something better than the amazing quality of entertainment you can get on your computer or television.

“There’s clutter and noise everywhere nowadays from all of these different channels about things you can do with your time. You have to have an exciting product and you’ve got to be able to do things as a family together,” said Jim Pattison Jr., president of Ripley Entertainment.

Pattison’s company owns the Guinness World Records Attractions, Louis Tussaud’s Wax Museums and the Ripley’s Believe It or Not! Museums.

This week, he and about 27,000 other theme park professionals descended on the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., to seek out the newest and in cool, fun stuff that will lure you out of your home.

Walking around the 9 miles of show floor aisles at the annual International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions Expo is like riding a mechanical bull through a slot machine: wild and noisy and tiring. There’s everything from Hawaiian-themed hot dogs to working carnival rides to the latest in roller-coaster track technology. One company even offers a turnkey theme park solution — they can plan, outfit and open an entire theme park. They’ve done nearly a dozen in China.

But the real buzzword at the show is “immersion.” It seems that every vendor and park owner is hoping to meet the challenge



PHOTOS BY JOHN RAOUX/LAP



Above: Riders shoot at targets with laser guns Tuesday in the Holovis Motion Dome, a 180-degree screen simulator, at the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions Expo in Orlando, Fla.

Left: Children play in a life-size Snow Globe at the convention.

and watch a 3D movie and shoot zombies at the same time.

There’s Justice League: Battle For Metropolis,” which will feature the DC Comic all-star team at Six Flags St. Louis and Six Flags Over Texas. The ride will involve laser blasters, animatronics and a 3-D fog screen.

There’s “Voyage to the Iron Reef,” where riders will climb into “submarine-inspired vehicles” and blast away at scavenging creatures, fish and other 3-D creatures as they attempt to save Knott’s Berry Farm in California from a watery doom. This at-

traction might be the first ever to involve a steamunk puffer fish.

Holovis, a U.K.-based company, was selling a customizable, “interactive dark ride,” (an indoor ride where cars or vehicles travel through illuminated scenes, often with special effects, music and animation), where riders in a roller coaster car blasted away at pirates in a tropical setting.

‘It’s always challenging for us to find new and better and thrilling.’

Stuart Hetherington
Holovis CEO

“It’s always challenging for us to find new and better and thrilling,” said Stuart Hetherington, CEO of Holovis. “A 10-year-old doesn’t want to experience the same quality from an immersion experience than from his Xbox in his bedroom.”

Theme parks are trying to find ways to incorporate apps and social media into the games and rides so people will continue the immersive experience even after they’ve left the park. Some rides and theme park experiences allow guests to play game versions of the rides on their phones or compare their in-game scores to other guests via an app.

“Everybody wants to be interactive today. It’s not just a matter of going for the experience, now you have to have a digital platform,” Pattinson said.

No one knows this better than Denise Chapman Weston, a psychologist who incorporated video games, a smartphone app, lights and music into a water slide. Called Slide Boarding, it’s coming to select Wet ‘n’ Wild parks. Riders can control the music and lights as they whiz down an enclosed, water chute, then compare and compete for scores with others.

“This,” said Chapman Weston, pointing to her phone, “is not a way to have fun. We need to be with other people. We love to be with other people. We love to be immersed in something.”

1975 murder charges dismissed

By MARK GILLISPIE
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A man convicted with his brother and his childhood friend of killing a businessman in 1975 said Thursday he’s sorry his mother isn’t alive to see that they can now walk free together because the only witness against them has recanted the damning testimony he gave as a 13-year-old.

Kwame Ajamu, his brother and the friend, Ricky Jackson, had been sentenced to death at separate trials for the slaying of the businessman outside a corner store in Cleveland. They were barely old enough to shave when judges sent them to death row. Ajamu, then known as Ronnie Bridgeman, was 17, Jackson was 19 and Wiley Bridgeman was 20.

On Tuesday, Ajamu got a call from a Cleveland courtroom where Eddie Vernon, who as a teenager testified at the men’s trials, had recanted his testimony nearly 40 years later.

“It just blew my mind!” Ajamu said. Cuyahoga County prosecutors

filed a motion Thursday to dismiss charges against the three men. With Vernon’s testimony in doubt, prosecutors conceded on Tuesday they no longer had a case.

Ajamu got out of prison in January 2003. Jackson was at a prison work camp but is now in county jail. Bridgeman is at a northwest Ohio prison.

Ajamu will never forget the moment when a judge sentenced him to the electric chair. He spent his 18th birthday on death row. His mother, a brother and a sister died while he was in prison. Bridgeman got to within three weeks of an execution date.

Both brothers’ sentences were commuted to life in prison after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the death penalty in 1978. Jackson’s sentence had been commuted to life a year earlier because of an error in the jury instructions. Bridgeman was released from prison in 2002 but was sent back

on a parole violation.

“These last few months, I’ve been 17 all over again,” Ajamu said. “I had to relive in my mind and heart my mother walking down the street the last few days of her life with that shame. She knew we didn’t do it, but the world didn’t.”

Despite spending 27 years in prison for a crime he maintains he did not commit, Ajamu said he tries not to dwell on the negative. He said he figures “there’s always a story worse than mine.” And he said he forgave Vernon years ago because he knew such a young boy could not have concocted the story he told at trial on his own.

In 2011, Scene Magazine wrote an article about the case that called into question Vernon’s testimony. But it wasn’t until a minister visited Vernon at a hospital in 2013 that Vernon came clean. In an affidavit submitted by the Ohio Innocence Project, which represents Jackson, Vernon said he was coerced and threatened by detectives into implicating the three men after repeating gossip he’d heard to a police officer. Vernon has acknowledged that he was



PHIL LONG/AP

Ricky Jackson, 57, center, with lawyers Mark Godsey, left, and Brian Howe, looks skyward after being released from his life sentence for a 1975 murder by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Richard McNonley on Friday in Cleveland.

on a school bus parked down the block when the shooting occurred and did not see Jackson or the Bridgemans kill anyone.

Vernon said detectives threatened to arrest his parents if he did not stick to the story they wanted him to tell. There was no physical evidence tying the three men to the slaying, only the boy’s testimony.

Attorney Terry Gilbert, who represents Ajamu and his brother, thanked prosecutors for dismissing the charges.

“They’re doing the right thing,” he said. “They’re also to be congratulated for recognizing that there was an injustice here. It’s not often you see prosecutors rise to the occasion to undo a wrong that has existed for 40 years.”

NATION

By JOSEPH PISANI
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gym classes that promise a plump posterior are in high demand. A surgery that pumps fat into the buttocks is gaining popularity. And padded panties that give the appearance of a rounder rump are selling out.

The U.S. booty business is getting a big bump. Companies are cashing in on growing demand from women seeking the more curvaceous figures of their favorite stars, who flaunt their fuller rear ends.

Nicki Minaj, for instance, raps about her "big fat" butt in "Ananconda." Reality star Kim Kardashian posts photos of hers on Instagram. And in the music video for "Booty," Jennifer Lopez and Iggy Azalea, wearing leotards, spend four minutes rubbing their curvy bottoms together. At one point, they slap each other on the booty.

As a result of the pop culture moment the butt is having, sales for Booty Pop, which hawks \$22 foam padded panties on its website, are up 47 percent in the last six months from the same period a year earlier. The company, which declined to give sales figures, has sold out of certain styles and colors this year, including its Pink Cotton Candy Boy Shorts.

Susan Bloomstone, Booty Pop's co-founder, says customers have asked for larger sizes. So, the Boston-based company plans to begin selling pads that are 25 percent larger this month. "People just want more booty," she says.

Feel Foxy, another maker of padded panties, says 2014 has been its best year since launching nearly a decade ago. Sales are up 40 percent from a year ago, but the company declined to give sales figures.

"The Nicki Minaj song gave women the idea to pay attention to their rear end," says Jessica Asmar, co-owner of the Houston company.

Deborah Santiago squeezed into a \$40 Feel Foxy one-piece for her 30th birthday. The shapewear flattened Santiago's waist and boosted her back side. A flat butt can ruin an outfit, says the New York stay-at-home mother of two. Lopez is her butt idol, but she also covets the bottoms of reality TV stars on "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" and "Love & Hip Hop."

"I always wanted a big butt," Santiago says. "Something you could look twice at."

To be sure, the desire for big butts isn't new. Large buttocks long have been preferable in Latino and black communities, says Dr. Dionne Stephens, an associate psychology professor at Florida International University who has researched sexuality in popular culture. And this is not the first time big butts have been in songs. (Think: "Baby Got Back" by Sir Mix-A-Lot in the 1990s.)

But recently, the desire for a bigger bottom became more mainstream, in large part due to pop culture influences. Mainstream celebrities like Lopez and Minaj accepting their ample

“
People just want more booty.”
— Susan Bloomstone,
Booty Pop co-founder



assets on camera have given the butt cachet. "When people see things repeated on TV more and more, it becomes normalized," Stephens says.

French sociologist Jean-Claude Kaufmann says this is true overseas, too: "In Europe, and in France especially, there's a trend to show off the buttocks in place of breasts. This has to do with Latin American influences, but also the rise of Beyonce and stars like Rihanna," says Kaufmann, author of "Women's Bodies, Men's Gaze. Sociology of Naked Breasts."

Kaufmann also suggests economic reasons are at play: "In uncertain times, people look for security," he says. "Men are attracted to women's hips and the buttocks for security and reassurance. Women respond to this. It's deeply psychological."

Whatever the reason, the widespread interest in larger hind parts seems to have started when Kardashian's reality TV show, "Keeping up with the Kardashians," began airing seven years ago.

In a 2011 episode, she had an X-ray to prove she didn't have butt implants.

But the desire for big buns has intensified. This summer, the music video for "Ananconda" that showed Minaj in a pink thong was viewed 19.6 million times within 24 hours of its release — a record for music video site Vevo. It has racked up nearly 300 million views. The song has been on the top of the Billboard charts, too, right behind another anthem for curvy women, Meghan Trainor's "All About That Bass."

Some businesses that specialize in butts say pop culture has had a direct impact on their bottom line.

A Brazilian butt lift, in which fat is sucked from a patient's stomach, love handles or back and put into their buttocks and hips, is increasingly popular in the U.S. This type of surgery, along with buttock implants, was the fastest-growing plastic surgery last year, with more than 11,000 procedures, up 58 percent from 2012, according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Matthew Schulman, who performs the procedure in New York, says this year has been busier than last. Schulman, who charges \$10,000 to \$13,000 for the three-hour surgery, does six to eight butt lifts weekly, up about 25 percent from a year ago.

He says when he asks patients which celebrity butt they want, the top names are Kardashian, Minaj and Lopez.

At a gym in Boston, there's a waitlist for a \$30 class that fits in 120 squats in 45 minutes. The class, Booty by Brabants, was started by Kelly Brabants a year ago. Brabants starts most classes, held at The Club by George Foreman III gym, with Lopez's "Booty" song. By the end of the year, she plans to expand her brand by selling \$65 workout leggings that help perk up the butt.

"It's not about being stick-thin anymore," says Brabants. "Every girl now wants a booty."

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Companies cash in as women chase bigger butts

WORLD

Lull in Iran nuke dialogue

By GEORGE JAHN AND MATTHEW LEE
The Associated Press

VIENNA — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iran's foreign minister decided Friday to pull back from nuclear talks in Vienna, leaving the future of the negotiations unclear less than four days before the deadline for a deal.

Members of the Iranian delegation to the talks said Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was flying to Tehran for consultations. U.S. officials said Kerry was heading for Paris.

A U.S. statement said Kerry's "future travel schedule is still being finalized, and we have not yet determined when he will return to Vienna."

That suggested that he was waiting to see whether Zarif is returning and bringing new proposals before deciding to rejoin the talks.

The statement said Kerry will be consulting with "European counterparts" while in Paris. Diplomats said French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius and British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond were also leaving the Vienna talks after arriving earlier in the day.

Hammond held out hope for an agreement by Monday before meeting with Kerry and Fabius. At the same time, he told reporters that "we have a long way to go if we are to get to a deal before the deadline."

Expectations are growing that the Monday deadline for a full deal will be missed because of differences on how much Iran needs to reduce the size and scope of key nuclear programs.

Both the Iranians and the six world powers negotiating with them must soon decide whether to go beyond Monday or adjourn to a later date. They may also opt to end negotiations, but that is unlikely.

Officials from the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany are seeking to reduce the potency of Iran's nuclear program and slow its technical ability to produce atomic weapons.

Iran denies seeking such arms, but is negotiating in pursuit of relief from international sanctions.



DARIO LOPEZ-MILLS/AP

Protesters walk under a giant net during a massive march in Mexico City on Thursday.

Mexicans protest over 43 missing students

By MARK STEVENSON AND CHRISTOPHER SHEARMAN
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A largely peaceful march by tens of thousands demanding the return of 43 missing students ended in violence as a small group of masked protesters battled police in Mexico City's main square.

The march late Thursday sought the return of the students from a rural teachers' college. Nov. 20 is usually a day reserved for the celebration of Mexico's 1910-17 Revolution, but Mexicans were in no mood for celebrations.

Many of the marchers carried "mourning" flags with Mexico's red and green national colors substituted by black stripes.

"The entire country is outraged," said housewife Nora Jaime. "It is not just them," she added, referring to the 43 young men who haven't been seen since being attacked by police in a southern city Sept. 26. "There are thousands of disappeared, thousands of clandestine graves, thousands of mothers who don't know where their children are."

The march in Mexico City was mostly peaceful, in contrast to recent protests that have ended with the burning of government buildings in Guerrero state, where the students disappeared. Whenever masked protesters tried to join Thursday's march, demonstrators shouted them down with



MARCO UGARTE/AP

Scores of riot police march to confront protesters near the airport in Mexico City.

chants of "No violence!" and "Off with the masks!"

The protesters converged on the city's main square, where families of the missing students stood on a platform in front of the National Palace holding posters of their relatives' faces. Amid chants for President Enrique Peña Nieto to step down, family members repeated that they do not believe the government's account that the youths were killed by a drug gang.

"We're not tired," said one man speaking from the platform. "On the contrary, we are mad with this Mexican government and its entire structure, because it has not done anything but deceive the

families." Maria Teresa Perez held up a poster with a picture of her son, Jesus Horta Perez, 45, who was kidnapped by armed men from a storefront in a Mexico City suburb in 2009 and has never been heard from again.

"They are shouting about 43, but they should be counting in the thousands because apart from these 43, there are 33,000 disappeared," Perez said.

Mexico officially lists 22,322 people as having gone missing since the start of the country's drug war in 2006, and the search for the missing students has turned up other, unrelated mass graves.

Japan's lower house of parliament dissolved

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe dissolved the lower house of Japan's parliament on Friday, forcing an early election in an apparent bid to shore up support for his scandal-plagued government so he can pursue his policy goals.

His ruling Liberal Democratic Party, which has been in power for most of the post-World War II era, may lose some seats but is likely to retain a solid majority with its coalition partner in the

480-seat lower house.

The election on Dec. 14 follows Abe's decision to postpone a planned sales tax increase after data released Monday showed the economy slipped into recession. He is portraying the election as a referendum on his economic revitalization policies, known as Abenomics, and the postponement of the tax hike — from the current 8 percent to 10 percent — that had been set for next October.

"The question is whether we should pursue Abenomics or not," Abe told a news confer-

ence. "That's what this election is about. Through the election, I will ask the public whether our policies are right or wrong."

"It's like pushing a reset button," said Koichi Nakano, an international politics professor at Sophia University in Tokyo. "Once the election is over, Abe is likely to claim that he's got a popular mandate and now practically has a blank check from the people to continuing to govern for another four years."

The official campaigning starts Dec. 2.

Violent Honduras shocked by slaying

By ALBERTO ARCE
The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Honduras — Maria Jose Alvarado, 19, expected some difficult questions about her country at the Miss World pageant in London, so the beauty queen enlisted a teacher to help her prepare.

They reviewed the history of Honduras, including the military-backed coup in 2009 that sent the president into exile. They went through the daily newspapers to discuss politics and the gang and drug violence that makes this small Central American republic one of the most dangerous countries in the world.

The odds of winning the Miss World crown were long. Alvarado knew, but she practiced her English in the weeks ahead of the pageant, just in case she needed an acceptance speech, said Jose Eudaldo Diaz, the philosophy professor who was coaching her.

No one ever got to hear Alvarado's speech, and she didn't get to the pageant. She was shot to death along with a sister, Sofia, 23, their bodies discarded on a riverbank.

The senseless murders are both a family tragedy and a national outrage in a country that had seemed to be sleepwalking through a homicidal bloodbath. While many of the daily dead are gangsters, drug traffickers and police officers, many others are nameless innocents caught in the line of fire.

Alvarado would have fallen into the last group were it not for the fact she was unusually beautiful and rose from humble roots in the hinterlands to represent Honduras on a world stage.

"If she had been any other girl, if she hadn't been Miss Honduras, this would have been one more crime amid the impunity of Honduras," said Jose Luis Mejia, director of the Technological University campus in Santa Barbara, where Alvarado studied.

Most South American cocaine headed for the United States passes through Honduras, and Santa Barbara is on a main corridor from the brutal city of San Pedro Sula to the Guatemalan border. Officially, the killings aren't related to drug trafficking. Police say Sofia's suitor, Plutarco Ruiz, confessed to shooting the sisters in a jealous rage after she danced with another man at his birthday party. He killed Sofia first and then shot Maria Jose twice in the back as she tried to flee.

But to Alvarado's friends and family, the killings are the result of a traditional machismo made worse by the wealth and muscle of drug traffickers.

"This region is imbued with narcoculture represented by the image of a man who moves in a big car, drinks, takes drugs, walks around armed and is bad," Mejia says. "The culture of violence and death."

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OPINION

How Google knows you so well

By CAITLIN DEWEY
 The Washington Post

According to Google, I am a woman between the ages of 25 and 34 who speaks English as her primary language and has accumulated an unwieldy 74,486 emails in her life. I like cooking, dictionaries and Washington. I own a Mac computer that I last accessed at 10:04 p.m. last night, at which time I had 46 open Chrome tabs. And of the thousands and thousands of YouTube videos I have watched in my lifetime, a truly embarrassing number of them concern (a) funny pets or (b) Taylor Swift.

I didn't tell Google any of these things intentionally, of course. I didn't fill out a profile or enter a form. But even as you search Google, it turns out, Google is also searching you.

This isn't exactly new news. Google has, since 2009, published a transparency tool called Dashboard, which lets users see exactly what kind of data the Internet giant has on them and from which services. But the issue of data collection has provoked renewed anxiety about Google accessing their personal electronic data than they do the NSA, their boss, their parents, or their spouse. Which is unfortunate, given that your parents and boss will probably never see everything you search, email and click — while Google logs that material more or less all the time.

"Google knows quite a lot," said Ondrej Prostrednik, the author of a recent Medium post about Google data collection that has begun making the Reddit rounds. "People outside of Google can only guess. But it is important to realize that we are the ones giving it all the data they know." Prostrednik is, perhaps, an unusual face for the Google surveillance crusade. The 25-year-old Web designer lives in Bratislava, Slovakia, and has a graduate degree in European affairs. But since April, he's been working on a little-known start-up called Cloud Fender, which syncs user documents across multiple cloud-based storage systems. The job necessarily involves a lot of data and a lot of pondering about where and how that data is stored.

So, late last week — apropos of nothing! — Prostrednik compiled a list of all the places where Google users can see their personal results. His list promptly flew to the top slot of Reddit's wildly popular tech forum, where it has attracted almost 1,000 comments. "They know everywhere I've been every day for several years," one user observed. "... I do find it very interesting, but it's also very scary because I don't doubt it's possible to hold this information against me at some point."

In all probability, that's true! (Courts are already working with less.) But it's not that any of this is a secret, necessarily. In fact, in many instances, you've signed off on Google's tracking, whether



Becky Gronewold, of Americorps, a volunteer with Knoxville Parks & Recreation, walks along a trail with the Google Maps Street View Trekker in Knoxville on Nov. 13. The device is used to record first-person views in places inaccessible by vehicles.

by signing up for a Google service or opting in on an Android phone. The startling thing is that we forget all this information is being stored, forever, in one centralized place. The small, ordinary act of sending an email or making a search or looking up directions may seem revelatory, in and of itself. But when you compile all those thousands of disparate emails and searches

and directions over time, which Google does, you end up with something far more intimate — something not too far removed from a detailed portrait of your life and interests.

Consider, for instance, the Google services you probably use on a daily basis. There's search and email; maybe you also use Chrome,

the Google's Internet browser, to access the Web. But that's just the beginning. If you have an Android phone, that device may log your location and velocity data. If you have a YouTube account, Google knows not only what videos you upload, but which you watch, too. There's Google Maps. Google Play. Google Voice, if you use it to transcribe your missed calls. Between Google Contacts and Chat, the site has a pretty good idea who you're friends with.

And while browsing data is aggregated differently than information from Google services, if you visit sites running Google Ads or Google Analytics software, Google also generally knows what you look at and what you click. According to one report from the University of California, Berkeley's School of Information, Google can track user behavior on 88 percent of all In-

ternet domains. Simply put, there are very few corners of modern life that Google doesn't touch.

Let's look at a fairly standard case study, for example. I'm starting to think about what I'm going to get up to this weekend. I'll probably Grab a friend and ask if she wants to grab dinner. After that, I'll Google a couple of restaurant options and check out their menus (in Chrome, naturally) and eventually settle on a spot for dinner. I'll email my friend to confirm. And when the appointed date arrives, knowing my sense of direction, I'll probably use Google Maps to figure out how to get there.

Check it that: That is an utterly ordinary process that millions of people go through millions of times a week. And during the process, Google gets not one, not two, but five data points on me. (More, perhaps, depending on how long I took clicking around for restaurants.)

None of this is malicious, per se. It's just the necessary consequence of one company providing such an incredible range of services — of becoming so inextricably embedded in the lives of, as a Google statement put it in 2009, "hundreds of millions of people ... around the world."

"We are very aware of the trust that you have placed in us, and our responsibility to protect your privacy and data," it said.

In that vein, Google does give users some tools to limit how much data it can collect. You can turn off the tools that track your personal search history and that sync your Chrome use between computers. You can also opt out of interest-based ads — those vaguely creepy messages that invite you to buy a camera after you've just gotten an email on the subject.

But if you want to avoid Google's gaze entirely, some more radical lifestyle changes may be in order — like, maybe consider quitting the Internet and moving into the woods. Just make sure you bring lots of survival guides with you. In case of emergency, there will be no Google search.

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OPINION

A Sanders candidacy could help Clinton

By DOYLE MCMANUS
Los Angeles Times

I'm going out on a limb here, but: Bernie Sanders is not going to be our next president. Still, the independent socialist senator from Vermont is sounding more and more like a man who intends to defy the doubters and run. And he could play an important role in the campaign.

Sanders hasn't formally announced his candidacy; he hasn't even changed his party registration. (If he runs, it will be in the Democratic primaries.) But he's doing everything an aspiring candidate needs to do. He's traveled to Iowa and New Hampshire. He's signed up (provisionally) a high-powered campaign manager, Tad Devine, who worked on the presidential campaigns of John Kerry and Al Gore. He's buttonholing reporters with even more zeal than usual. And this week, he even submitted to the gentle ridicule of faux conservative Stephen Colbert to win seven minutes of national television time. "A self-described socialist!" Colbert faux-sneered. "Do you frighten people when you walk around the Capitol? Are they afraid you're going to take their tractor and give it to the whole village?"

"Hopefully we frighten the billionaire class," Sanders replied as a youthful studio audience cheered.

Get ready to hear Sanders repeat that

phrase, "the billionaire class," a lot. It's the core of his message, the theme that makes him passionate: his conviction that the wealthy have hijacked not only the economy, but also the political system.

There may not have been a major-party presidential candidate with so blunt a populist message on the economy since Franklin D. Roosevelt ran against "economic royalists" in 1936.

"The biggest issue in the country is that we don't discuss the biggest issue in the country," Sanders told me in his Senate office last week.

"How does it happen that today the economists tell us that 95 percent of all new income created in America goes to the top 1 percent? How does it happen that we have by far the most unequal distribution of wealth and income of any major country on Earth, where one family, the Walton family of Wal-Mart, owns more wealth than the bottom 40 percent of the American people? How does that happen, and what do we do about it?"

Sanders' answers on what to do come from a crisp checklist: higher taxes on the wealthy, a much higher minimum wage, \$1 trillion of new spending on roads and public transportation and European-style national health insurance (which he tries to make less foreign by calling it "Medicare for all").

He's asking the right questions. The

stagnation of middle-class incomes in the midst of an economic recovery has become the central challenge for both political parties. Exit polls in this month's midterm elections found that 63 percent of all voters believe the U.S. economic system isn't fair to most Americans, but "favors the wealthy."

But does Sanders really think his untrammeled populism can win him the nomination, much less a general election?

"I'm running to win," he insists. "It won't be just an educational campaign."

When pressed, however, he acknowledges that he thinks even a losing campaign would be a good thing because of its potential to bring more attention to his ideas, widen the national debate and put pressure on Hillary Rodham Clinton or any other eventual Democratic nominee.

Win or lose, Sanders will fill a familiar role if he decides to run. Democratic presidential primaries almost always include at least one populist or quasi-populist candidate on the left. In 2008, it was John Edwards. In 2004, it was Howard Dean. In 1992, it was Jerry Brown. And none of them won the nomination.

This year, there could be three candidates running to the left of Clinton. In addition to Sanders, there might be Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley (who says he's running, but hasn't succeeded in defining much of a theme yet) and Massachusetts

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who spent most of the summer saying she wouldn't run, but recently modified that to "I don't think so."

Meanwhile, former Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., has been talking about running as a moderate to Clinton's right.

Challenges like these would be a good thing for Clinton.

For one thing, they would give voters a reason to tune in to Democratic primary debates; otherwise, the brawling Republican field would get hours of television time all to itself.

For another, if she has challengers on both the left and right, Clinton could conveniently cast herself as the woman in the middle, the champion of her party's broad center.

And finally, it would be good for Clinton to work through her campaign style in more friendly waters. The last thing she wants is to sail through the primaries untested and have to develop her battle skills in actual combat with her Republican opponent. "She needs to get out of the cocoon of inevitability," former Barack Obama strategist David Axelrod said last week.

If Clinton wins the nomination, she's unlikely to thank her Democratic opponents for trying to stop her from breaking the glass ceiling — but she should.

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Cosby accusers should have spoken up sooner

By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS
Philadelphia Daily News

I know that the nuns who had custody of my conscience for 12 long years will be hanging their heads about this, but I've come to the conclusion that you can actually be too compassionate. While it's always good to reach out to the suffering, there are times when you have to say, "Sorry, but you waited too long. I can't help you now."

That's how I feel about the women who are coming out and accusing Bill Cosby of raping them decades ago. I know that most of the ladies are doing it to make themselves feel better and neutralize the shame they say he caused them to carry through their teen years and into adulthood, but the regurgitated revelations have been picked up by people who advocate for abolishing statutes of limitations.

The thinking in this goes that statutes that prevent putative victims from making accusations against their alleged abusers are just another way of victimizing the innocent, and don't take into consideration the psychological trauma experienced by a person who has been raped.

I get that. Clearly, not everyone has the ability to transcend their own pain, uncurl from the fetal position and raise their defiant voices to say "I accused." It would be a much better world if society welcomed the testimony of victims, particularly children, and believed their claims of persecution and abuse.

But just because we don't live in that utopia, we don't then get the right to trash our venerable tradition of due process and simply eliminate the protections against false accusations or faulty memories. Exposing anyone to a lifetime of liability because we feel sorry for a woman who says she was assaulted is not the societal take of due rape, or a man who only found the courage



Model and television personality Janice Dickinson arrives at an "American Idol" season finale in Los Angeles in 2012. In an interview that aired Tuesday, Dickinson said comedian Bill Cosby sexually assaulted her in 1982 in Lake Tahoe, Calif.

to admit he'd been sexually violated in the last 30 years after the fact, is as fundamentally un-American as you can get.

I know that this will not make me a lot of fans. I raised the issue on my Facebook page earlier this week, and while some of my virtual friends agreed that decades-old allegations are untrustworthy, many others believed that we need to give women the benefit of the doubt. I say "women," because I didn't touch on the child abuse scandal, which is a special variant of the topic with its own complications. I'm also pretty certain that my critics don't think

men should be afforded the same tolerance, because many of those who responded to my post talked about how women were traditionally discouraged from speaking out about rape. In point of fact, it's actually been harder for men because of the stigma society attaches to male victims of sexual abuse, but we are all somehow conditioned to believe that women have a harder time of it.

I've studied the claims of the women who say they were drugged by Cosby and then raped, and they all seem to follow a pattern: The women were either interns or

mentored by the actor, went to his room to discuss some project, had a drink (or several) and then woke up after he'd allegedly attacked them. They sound so similar that I'm reminded of the McMartin preschool case where children were coached to tell the sordid tales of being raped by their teachers. That story, which never gets the attention it deserves, turned out to be false. Lives were destroyed by opportunistic psychologists, parents who were naive enough to believe them, and a flock of media vultures who fed on the carcass of manipulation and lies.

I'm not sure whether Cosby is innocent of having extracurricular sex, and it's quite possible that he did take advantage of his position. Even so, we have an obligation to tell these women that they waited too long for their day of reckoning.

Compassion is a good thing, but it needs to be evenly applied. Sometimes, the people that we are naturally inclined to view as victims bear some responsibility for their injuries, and it's neither sinful nor heartless to say that. If we tell them it's OK to wait lifetimes to speak out about what they think happened to them, we are showing no compassion to the targets of their anger.

The thing that angers me the most about this whole situation with Cosby is the mean-spirited, vengeful way the story is being trotted out yet again like some B-movie zombie that refuses to die. It's been a non-story for a decade, and it seems to pop up periodically when Temple's pride and joy has a project or is railing against the gangsta culture. His detractors know they can't get to him legally, so they want to destroy what Shakespeare's Cassio called "the eternal part of myself," his reputation.

For that reason alone, I have no compassion for these women and their cobwebbed, aged stories. Enough.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Hired gun aims to rid town of coyotes

RI TIVERTON — Residents of a Rhode Island town have enlisted a hired gun to rid the town of coyotes, responsible for several recent attacks on pets.

Randy Lebeau owns the Sakonnet River Outfitters gun shop in Tiverton, a bayfront town 25 miles southeast of Providence.

Lebeau said that several customers have given him permission to hunt the animals on their properties.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management gave Lebeau permission to hunt the coyotes, but with limits. He cannot hunt at night and is only allowed to bait the coyotes on private property. He must stay 500 feet from houses and can only use certain guns and ammunition.

Dennis Brumley, whose dog was killed by a coyote, called Lebeau his "ace in the hole."

Lebeau calls himself a coyote's worst enemy.

Suit: Black dispatchers told they 'speak ghetto'

PA PITTSBURGH — Three minority women who worked at a western Pennsylvania 911 center have filed lawsuits, with one of them saying black dispatchers were made to take calls from inner-city residents because they knew how to "speak ghetto."

Two of the Allegheny County dispatchers are black and one is Hispanic. They say they were subjected to ethnic slurs.

Ruby Helvy, who is black, said her bosses targeted her for discipline while letting other employees slide. Kelli Rodriguez, a Hispanic woman, said she was subjected to harassment. Dapree Thompson, who is also black, said she was forced to work overtime while others got to go home.

A county spokeswoman did not immediately respond to the lawsuits, which were filed late Wednesday. The county's solicitor is also declining to comment.

Crossword aficionado gets puzzling proposal

MN MINNEAPOLIS — An avid crossword fan from the Twin Cities has received a puzzling proposal she's likely never to forget.

Emily Schwartz picked up the latest issue of *Via* on the day it has newsstands and went straight for the crossword puzzle. Little did she know, there was a secret message hidden among the answers, waiting for her to solve.

Her girlfriend, Jessica Campbell, previously had spoken with the creator of the crossword and asked him to work in a marriage proposal. The title of the puzzle was "Wedding Announcement," and the words "Emily," "Marry" and "Jess" were worked in horizontally across the top line of the grid.

Although it took Schwartz a while to uncover the meaning after solving the puzzle, she immediately accepted.

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The number of puppies delivered by a Pennsylvania couple's Great Dane. Great Danes normally have seven to 10 puppies in a litter, but during a visit to the veterinarian's office before she gave birth, an X-ray of Brandon and Airmie Terry's dog, Snowy, found at least 15 "little spines," said Brandon Terry, of York County. The puppies are about three weeks old and recently opened their eyes.



PATTI BLAKE, (PANAMA CITY, FLA.) NEWS HERALD/AP

In-flight refueling

Chris Corman feeds french fries to a seagull Tuesday at St. Andrews Marina in Panama City, Fla.

Officials investigate deer poaching

UT SALT LAKE CITY — State wildlife officials are seeking tips from the public as they investigate the poaching of five deer in northern Utah.

The Division of Wildlife said the deer appear to have been killed by arrows, but investigators don't believe the deaths are all related.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported the animals were found in Summit County and Iron County.

The deer found in Summit

County appear to have been killed in the past two weeks.

The animals found in Iron County appear to have been killed between Nov. 4 and Nov. 10.

Sasquatch summit planned this weekend

WA OCEAN SHORES — "Big things" are promised at this weekend's Sasquatch summit in Ocean Shores.

Todd Standing of the TV show "Survivorman Bigfoot" said he'll present a 90-minute documentary with evidence he feels is com-

elling enough to push for legal recognition and protection of the species.

KBKW reported hundreds of people are expected at Bigfoot events Friday evening and Saturday at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino.

Aggressive groundhog charges at man

NH HAMPTON — A New Hampshire man said he was working in his garage when a groundhog he had seen in his backyard charged at him.

Gary McGrath of Hampton said the groundhog got close, so he pushed him back with his foot Tuesday. But the animal returned. McGrath said he gave him a harder kick and closed the garage door.

But the groundhog sneaked through another opening — and McGrath ended up running to the front door.

His wife called an animal control officer, who got back into his truck for a short time when confronted by the groundhog. The animal was later put down in the yard. It will be tested for rabies.

McGrath said he didn't know what the groundhog was thinking, "but it was not nice."

Guard waives hearing in jail shower videos case

PA INDIANA — A guard at a western Pennsylvania county jail charged with using security cameras to peep at showering female inmates has waived his right to a preliminary hearing.

Wednesday's waiver means Daniel Miller, 51, of New Florence, must either stand trial or work out a plea agreement on the four counts of invasion of privacy he faces — one for each of the inmates he allegedly viewed.

The Indiana Gazette reported Miller was working midnight shifts monitoring the jail's surveillance system when he moved a camera normally pointed at an exterior door so he could watch the showers. The reputed victims were 25, 27, 30 and 32 years old.

Miller hasn't commented on the charges, to which he's pleaded not guilty. The county hasn't commented on Miller's employment status.

Tribal police arrest man in theft of casino chips

CT UNCASVILLE — Tribal police in Connecticut charged one of two suspects linked to the theft of \$7,000 of gambling chips from a casino customer before punching the patron during his escape.

Mohegan police arrested Niren J. Davis of Norwich at an appearance Tuesday in Danielson Superior Court. Davis, 33, was in court on unrelated weapon and narcotics possession charges.

Police charged Davis with accessories to third-degree robbery and accessory to third-degree larceny. He was held on \$25,000 bail, and it wasn't known Thursday if he's represented by a lawyer.

Police said they also have obtained an arrest warrant for Jorge Morales, 28, in connection with the Friday robbery.

Police said they identified the two men as suspects within 48 hours of the suspected theft after reviewing surveillance video and distributing photos.

From wire reports

HEALTH & FITNESS

By ERYN BROWN
Los Angeles Times

The doctors shifted nervously in their seats as the sharp-tongued questioner scanned the room.

Dr. Paul Offit, a University of Pennsylvania pediatrician and the nation's most outspoken childhood vaccine proponent, had come to the UCLA lecture hall to subject several dozen physicians to a faux parental grilling.

He wanted to give them the kind of pushback doctors have come to expect in affluent parts of Los Angeles and California, where increasing numbers of parents are refusing to inoculate their kids against contagious, even life-threatening diseases for fear of complications.

For many of the pediatricians in the audience, taking a hard line on the immunization schedule can mean potentially alienating well-intentioned, but misinformed, parents.

If Offit, a rock star in his field, could give these doctors more factual ammunition — and a little practice on their delivery — could they help convince resistant parents that science is simply not on their side?

The salt-and-pepper-haired Offit slipped straight into character and zeroed in on one young doctor.

"I know you doctors keep telling me that vaccines don't cause autism. If that's true, then why is it on this package insert?" he asked, playing the role of a parent who had read the blogs and heard the celebrities who connect the two.

Shifting in her seat, the designated victim shot Offit an unsure look.

Then she began citing studies and said that drug packaging inserts include many "temporarily associated symptoms" that weren't necessarily caused by the vaccine.

"Why?" Offit pressed. "Why would they put that there — just to scare me?"

The doctor kept trying. "They're required by law," she said. "I actually didn't know the answer."

Offit broke character to explain: Drug companies must list any condition known to have occurred within six weeks of a vaccination, whether the medication caused the condition or not, and even if it occurs at the same level as with a placebo.

Package inserts are legal documents, not medical documents, he said, calling them "the bane of (his) existence."

"If you look at the original package insert for chicken pox vaccine, it says, 'Broken leg has been associated with this drug,'" he added.

Studies have firmly debunked the notion that vaccines cause autism. Yet that is one of the most common claims made by a persistent national anti-vaccination movement that treats Offit as public enemy No. 1.

Some brand the doctor as a muckpiece for the pharmaceutical firms that sell vaccines, in part because he co-invented one to prevent rotavirus, which causes severe diarrhea in infants and children and kills nearly half a million around the world each year.

Since the introduction of a vaccine for measles in 1963, the number of cases in the U.S. has dropped dramatically. According to the CDC, vaccine refusals have played a role in measles outbreaks occurring since 1989.

Here in Southern California, physicians said, parents become concerned about vaccines for all kinds of reasons.

"In this area, we have a lot of families who don't want to get their children immunized," said Dr. E. Richard Stiehm, a UCLA pediatric immunologist and the organizer of the



Olive McCaffrey, 2 months, of Santa Monica, Calif., receives a vaccination from nursing supervisor Caitlin Canelli of Tenth Street Pediatrics in Santa Monica. An increasing number of parents in Los Angeles and California are refusing to inoculate their children against contagious diseases for fear of complications.

RIK LOOMIS, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

Inoculation perturbation

Doctors learn to push back, gently, against anti-vaccination movement

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pediatric immunologist, UCLA

event. "Many parents will say, if everyone else is vaccinated, my child will be protected. That's true — but it's shortsighted and self-centered."

Doctors who showed up for the recent Q&A session — a first for UCLA — said they were eager for advice.

"I want to listen to Dr. Offit because he's a world-renowned expert," Dr. Lisa Stern said before the event. "I know whatever he talks about, there'll be something I'll take away from it."

Stern said parents who reject vaccines outright generally don't seek care at Tenth Street Pediatrics in Santa Monica, where she has spent 20 years treating a patient base

that includes the wealthy and well-traveled. She sees a lot of families who are "sort of on the fence" about immunizations, she said.

"There's a lot of misinformation at baby groups and on the playground," Stern said. "The more educated people are and the more free time they have the more they take a position."

Parents ask her about additives in injections, and whether giving babies "bundled vaccines" — shots that protect against more than one illness — will overwhelm their young immune systems. They ask whether a baby who's going to stay home with Mom really needs protection. They question why their child can't just skip being immunized against polio, since the disease has been eradicated in the U.S.

"I say, 'Your kid is going to travel. You're going to take your child to Africa. You can't take an unvaccinated child to Africa,'" Stern said.

"I have stock answers for all of the questions." But other doctors in the audience didn't have as ready an information arsenal, which was apparent as Offit continued to pepper his audience with questions.

A simulated parental inquiry about the Roman Catholic Church's opposition to four vaccines made using cells derived from aborted fetuses elicited uncomfortable squirms.

Offit told the group that, in fact, the Catholic Church had ruled that use of these vaccines is acceptable to protect the health of children and pregnant women. (The church's official position does, however, call on researchers to develop alternative immunization options.)

Regarding worries about the inclusion of the preservative formaldehyde in some vaccines, Offit told the group that humans have been "making formaldehyde in our cells since we crawled out of the ocean on land."

Audience members deftly answered "broad and butter" questions about the slower-going approaches to vaccination promoted by television talk-show host Dr. Mehmet Oz and Orange County author Dr. Bob Sears, among others.

"With vaccine schedules, it's not an opinion," said Dr. Julie Omid, a pediatrician in the audience who practices in Irvine, not far from Sears' Dana Point home turf. "Dr. Sears writes lots of books and makes lots of money, but he's frankly wrong."

Omid said she tells parents that her own children, ages 6 and 3, get immunizations "on the first date that it is allowed."

Stern said Offit's presentation had armed her with useful information to take back to her "overeducated parents," and that she would "make more of an effort to push" those who sought to delay shots.

But she also said she thought it might be easier for Offit to draw a hard line than for pediatricians practicing day to day in L.A.'s tonier ZIP Codes.

"I waver with my families," she admitted. "But I have to, I have to keep their trust. If I send them away, they won't come back" and could end up in an office where doctors don't vaccinate.

In an interview, Offit said there also was risk in not pressing a resistant parent.

"If you do that," he said, "if you say: 'OK, we're going to make this decision together' — which is to say that they're going to be a major force in the decision — then you have to be willing to watch them make a bad one and stand back."

LIFESTYLE

There's Still Time at the Ball

Prison hosts father-daughter dance

BY AUDRA D.S. BURCH
The Miami Herald

MIAMI
In a Federal Bureau of Prisons first, inmates serving time in a Miami federal detention center were allowed to dance with their daughters for an afternoon as part of a re-entry program. The theme: There's still time at the ball, still time to take an active role in their daughters' lives.

Inmate Ernest Williams, serving a 41-month drug sentence, had long stopped asking his family — a wife and five children — to come see him at the Federal Detention Center Miami. The visits, he says, left him too chastened and hurt, a stark reminder of his loss of freedom.

So when a staffer told him about the Federal Bureau of Prisons' plan to host a first-ever dance allowing inmates to spend an afternoon with their daughters, Williams said no, instead returning to the predictable routine of his kitchen detail.

Weeks later, Williams says, he had a dream while sleeping in his cell, an unclouded vision of him dancing with his three daughters. The next day, he said yes.

On a recent Tuesday, Williams moved beyond all the emptiness and guilt, trading a khaki jumpsuit for a light gray suit, lavender print tie and black shoes — and danced with his 9-year-old twin girls and 13-year-old daughter for a few precious moments at the detention center, a high-rise administrative facility. "I haven't seen my girls in months; I could not believe how much they have grown," said Williams, 37, convicted of intent to sell crack cocaine. "I was so happy to see them but so sad that I will not be able to leave with them. I am here instead of being outside with my family because of the choices I made."

The bureau hosted its inaugural Daddy-Daughter dance to create an enduring memory, one that can carry inmates to the outside world with a different perspective and offer daughters the hope that there will be more such moments. It is part of the bureau's broader re-entry program to reach out to the children and families of offenders and strengthen their bonds, critical for transitioning back home. "You are a key to the success

of your father," Federal Bureau of Prisons Director Charles E. Samuels Jr., told the 20 girls, aged 4 to 18, who had assembled to meet their fathers, all nonviolent offenders.

In a third-floor prison meeting space transformed into a ballroom with a fairytale theme, 13 fathers in suits and ties and tuxedos spent two hours with their girls, this long-held tradition unfolding without the harshness of uniforms and visiting rooms and prison walls. They danced. They swayed. They held tight. They laughed. They cried. And these fathers who have been gone for years remembered the chapters they had missed: birthdays, holidays, first tooth, first crush, first heartbreak.



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Inmates at the Federal Detention Center in Miami dance with their daughters at a father-daughter dance on Nov. 4. During the event — hosted by the federal prison system — the dads spent two hours dancing and socializing with their daughters.

Some of the girls are so young, they only know a father confined; others are old enough to remember what life was like when their father was home.

"I haven't been here for so many special moments," said inmate Michael Rangel, 40, his eyes welling up. The father of three daughters has been in prison almost three years for cargo theft and is scheduled to enter a halfway house in January. "I talk to them and email them all the time, but it's not the same as being there."

Most of the girls had been here before, inside the dark waiting room on the first floor of FDC Miami, a coed facility where about 1,200 minimum-security inmates serve time or are being held before trial. But today was different. They arrived with their mothers and grandmothers wearing fancy dresses, the littlest ones in pastel

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Inmate Omar Outten dances with his daughter at the Miami detention center.

LIFESTYLE



Clockwise
 from left: Xzavion Steadman puts the finishing touches on his suit inside his cell at the Federal Detention Center in Miami on Nov. 4 before a father-daughter dance hosted at the prison; inmate Santel Martínez embraces his daughters at the dance; inmate Omar Outten takes a break from dancing to entertain his daughter.

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gowns and patent leather shoes. One little girl wore her hair in braids made pretty with blue beads that matched her shoes. Williams' identical twins wore matching black-and-white striped dresses and held hands while they waited.

"I wanted to dress up to look pretty for my daddy," said Rangel's 15-year-old daughter. Her 13-year-old sister: "I wanted to make him feel special."

With all the ruffles and lace and bows, it felt like Easter. Still, there were reminders that this is a federal prison.

Each of the girls walked through metal doors removing her shoes and jewelry and belts to go through a body scanner, arms raised. Later, they were escorted to the third-floor, multi-purpose room, decorated with purple ribbons, glitter paper chandeliers and a big cardboard cutout carriage — the handmade gifts of a group of female inmates. In total, the dance cost the prison system \$600 — including a meal of sandwiches, chicken, fruit and a cake.

Just after 1:30 p.m., the sound of trumpets filled the room, signaling the arrival of 20 princesses. The first inmate — for today, referred to as "Sir" Anthony Martin — walked to the entrance of the carriage with a pink rose. He handed the flower to his 4-year-old, the youngest daughter at the dance, as she beamed in a blush-hued gown with white leotard and baller slippers.

One by one, each man greeted his daughter and escorted her to a seat as the song "You Are So Beautiful" played. They had all been convicted of something, but for a Tuesday afternoon, they were just fathers spending time with their own.

The program was attended by national law enforcement officials — including the BOP director, Samuels, Assistant Attor-

ney General for Justice Programs Karol Mason, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida Wilfredo Ferrer and Warden William T. Taylor.

The fathers and daughters mingled until Luther Vandross' ballad, "Dance With My Father," began to play. The fathers escorted their daughters to the floor where they danced and hugged and wiped away the tears of their girls — and their own. Then the fathers performed a choreographed dance for their daughters to the Temptations' "My Girl."

The dance, and the emotions it triggered, might have seemed incongruous in a place meant to house and rehabilitate prisoners. But there are possibilities in a father's love, as one of the program speakers put it. "Offenders with hope and aspirations are offenders with drive and purpose and are ultimately law-abiding citizens," said Eric

O. Young, a union representative.

The dance was born in a conversation between Samuels and Young, national president of the Council of Prison Locals, a few months ago as they discussed ways to fortify inmates before they leave the system. Returning to a strong, engaged family gives inmates their best shot at starting over. The bureau, which confines more than 213,000 inmates across the country, is looking to replicate the dance in other locations.

For its debut, Miami made sense. It is the home base of Young, the staff was supportive and the BOP executives were already meeting in the city that week. Two years ago, a city jail in Richmond, Va., held a similar father-daughter dance, believed to be the first in the country.

At the Miami center, inmates are housed in 8-by-10 cells three floors above the

dance area in a unit called BRAVO. Most of the fathers who participated are serving time for drug offenses and white-collar crimes such as bank, wire and mail fraud. They are all within a few years of release.

The dance theme: "There's Still Time at the Ball." Translation: There is still time to be a better father.

"You hope this will be transformational, that this dance gives these fathers something to look forward to," said Walter T. Richardson, the Miami-Dade Police Department chaplain who delivered the keynote address. "We want the focus not so much on what happened, what brought them here, but what kind of future they can have. Their daughters are their future."

An hour after the dance and just before lockdown, Anthony Martin, 33, a father of two young girls, sits quietly. One of his daughters is crying, head in her hands.

"She misses me, and I love her so much," he says, comforting the 8-year-old. "I was so glad to be able to interact with my girls in a different way."

Their mother, Patrice Jones, 32, wanted them to see their father in a different setting.

"He talks to them most every day and he sees them weekly, but I wanted them to see him in normal clothing, in a normal way, not sitting in a room with a guard and guns," Jones says. "They were so excited. They have been counting down the days."

Martin is serving a 70-month sentence for cocaine trafficking.

"I missed my youngest daughter learning to talk. I missed the 'terrible twos.' I missed the first day of school," he says. "And then something like this happens where you see them all dressed up and looking so pretty. It just makes you want to do the right thing."



Inmates, including Omar Outten, front, perform for their daughters the song "My Girl" by the Temptations at the father-daughter dance.

VIDEO GAMES



A colorful tale full of adventure 'Inquisition' will captivate players



By BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

The best medieval sagas are filled with valiant heroes, magic and intrigue. They also tend to be long. "Dragon Age: Inquisition" fits nicely into that mold.

BioWare's latest fantasy role-playing game depicts a rich and colorful tale filled with adventure. The story picks up a few years after the action in "Dragon Age II," expanding on many of that game's themes and bringing back some of its central characters.

In the intervening years, mages have risen in rebellion against the Templars, a military order that was created to monitor and control magic users. At a conclave involving leaders of both sides, an otherworldly blast kills many of the attendees and leaves your character with a glowing green mark on his — or her — hand. Of course, everyone suspects you're to blame for the blast, and for all of the demons that have started pouring through green tears in the interdimensional fabric known as the Veil. Things look pretty grim until you discover that your mysterious green mark can actually close these tears and send the demons packing.

Although many remain skeptical, others greet you as a potential savior, and it's not long before you're put in charge of the Inquisition, a powerful new group established to deal with this nasty mess.

But before most of this unfolds, you'll need to create your avatar. The character creation system is deeper than the previous game. You can select from three classes: fighter, mage and rogue, with the latter having the option of focusing on the bow or the blade. You can choose whether to play as a human, elf, dwarf or Kumari, an imposing race of horned warriors. You also are given a great deal of control over the appearance of your avatar's face. You can manipulate his or her face into almost any configuration imaginable.

However, other options are limited. Hairstyle options are few and there are only two choices for voices for each gender. But that's probably understandable when you consider the mindboggling amount of dialogue the game offers. Notes from the developers state there are 80,000 lines of dialogue totaling more than a million words.

The script isn't the only thing big about "Inquisition." The world is immense. The developers' notes say that the first territory you visit covers more digital ground than "Dragon Age: Origins" and "Dragon Age II" combined. And there are many other regions you will visit, including deserts, forests, snowy hills and dark bogs. The size of this world and the number of missions and quests required to fill it have a major impact on gameplay. But more about that in a moment.

While this might sound impressive — or intimidating — what really has set the "Dragon Age" franchise apart from other fantasy RPGs are the story and characters. They were superb in "Origins," and they were pretty good in the sequel, even though "II" has its critics.

"Inquisition" delivers a story that's enthralling, with plenty of drama, tragedy, excitement and — if you complete the right quests — romance. And true to BioWare's tradition, you must periodically make key decisions that will affect the course of the storyline and the fates of some of your

companions. And these tales unfold in a world that's rich in history and filled with fascinating cultures that rarely play nicely with each other.

It is also packed with interesting characters. You can gather up to nine traveling companions and each has a story to tell and several side quests to offer. This offbeat assortment of adventurers provides most of the game's comic relief. When not swinging swords or flinging bolts of electricity, they usually banter and bicker — especially if you take along the young elven wench who seems to be afflicted with Tourette's Syndrome.

With all of this activity, the game offers dozens of hours of gameplay. I saved quite a few quests for a second playthrough and still clocked in at 59 hours. And don't think you can cut it short



by simply following the main thread in a sprint to the end. Before you can tackle a primary mission in the storyline, you must unlock it by spending "power" points. You earn these points by completing quests and performing heroic deeds. However, you'll need many more points than you can gain while moving along the storyline, which means you'll need to spend a lot of time wandering the countryside in search of side quests. While this can be a lot of fun, it can also dilute the story after a while. The effect is like that in the similarly sprawling world of "The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim." The more side quests you pick up, the more the storyline fades into the background.

The gameplay is similar to that of the preceding games in the series.

You spend lot of time talking to nonplayer characters. And you spend a lot of time fighting.

When engaged in conversation, you are usually offered several questions to ask or statements to make. Some are assertive, some are snarky, and some are heartfelt. The tone of your interactions determines how other characters — primarily your companions — respond to you. In most cases, you're simply gathering information. But at key points, your response will be a matter of life and death for another character.

When you encounter an enemy, there's little talk aside from belligerent taunts. You travel with up to four companions at a time and can direct the actions of each adventurer in combat.

You have two basic options. Concentrate on one character's actions and let the others fight on autopilot. Or you can pause the action and micromanage each character's movements and attacks.

The layout of the attack and defense controls is very logical and efficient, so the action usually feels very fluid. A

Overall grade: **A**

major battle can be quite impressive with swords clashing, fighters yelling and colorful spells zinging across the screen.

The graphics are pretty good, but definitely not perfect. People and settings are beautifully rendered. However, characters' animations are a bit wooden and visual glitches aren't uncommon.

The game's biggest snags occur during dialogue sequences. It's not unusual for certain characters to temporarily stall in the middle of the conversation.

The game earns its mature rating for violence, a few profanities and brief, partial nudity during the romance scenes.

"Inquisition" also offers an interesting multiplayer mode. Four teammates crawl through a dungeon taking on all comers. The biggest difference between a co-op battle and a regular mission is that you can't control the actions of your companions, which can be good or bad depending on who you're paired with. Experience and loot you gain builds up your multiplayer character but doesn't affect the main campaign.

In almost every category, "Inquisition" stacks up well against its major competition — "Skyrim." And in the key categories of story and character, it's far superior.

Bottom line: A "Dragon Age: Inquisition" offers an epic tale and exciting action that will keep you enthralled for days.

Platforms: Xbox One, PlayStation 4, PC
Online: dragonage.com

A cataclysmic event plunges the land of Thedas into turmoil. It's up to you and your allies to restore order as you lead the Inquisition and hunt down the agents of chaos in "Dragon Age: Inquisition."

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MOVIES

By JOCELYN NOVECK
The Associated Press

Sitting down to interview Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth, stars of the blockbuster "Hunger Games" franchise, feels a bit like hanging out with three siblings.

While Hutcherson ponders a question, Lawrence and Hemsworth are surreptitiously playing a game of hand-slap, Lawrence pulling her hand free just in time. When one of the guys says reflectively, "Maybe I was just an idiot," Lawrence pipes up: "Yes, you ARE an idiot!" There are giggles, and a totally inside joke involving the phrase "My ears hurt," spoken in baby voice. (Don't ask.)

"I met my best friends in the world on this movie," Lawrence says, turning serious, of Hutcherson and Hemsworth. "We love each other. They're as close to me as my family, and in some ways they ARE my family."

Lawrence, who plays Katniss Everdeen for the third time in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1," is known for being a straight shooter — and not just with a bow and arrow. And so when she talks about her co-stars, it sounds refreshingly nothing like canned Hollywood-speak, in which everyone professes how it was SO great working with everyone else.

Instead, the 24-year-old Oscar winner explains how she, Hutcherson and Hemsworth (22 and 24 respectively) grew up together on set over the past several years — and became famous together, though Lawrence's star has risen the fastest.

"We all have the actor thing in common where we left home very early — I left home when I was 14," Lawrence says. "And our lives changed together in a way that nobody else in the whole world understands."

In fact, she says, just the night before, the trio attended a dinner — exhausted — and sat for the first half entirely silent, like families sometimes do. "People were thinking, they must not really like each other," she says. Chuckles Hutcherson: "Yeah, they're thinking it's all an act!" Adds Hemsworth: "You've got to be really close to not talk at all."

Promoting the third film in the Suzanne Collins trilogy — filmmakers have split "Mockingjay" in two parts — has brought back familiar questions about parallels between the characters and the actors who play them. Katniss and Peeta Mellark (Hutcherson) are both thrust into dizzying fame in the first "Hunger Games" when they're chosen to represent District 12 in the fight-to-the-death spectacle forced on them by the Capitol, ruled by shadowy President Snow (Donald Sutherland). In the third movie, along with Gale (Hemsworth), they each figure in different ways in the rebellion spreading through the country of Panem.

"I always get kind of nervous when people make parallels," says Lawrence. "(Katniss) led a rebellion that changed the world, and I'm just an actor telling people I need more lipstick or whatever."

She does, though, understand why people latch onto the "reluctant fame" idea, since she herself initially hesitated before accepting the role that catapulted her to global fame.

"We all had an idea of how big this was going to be, which is why I took a few days before I said yes, and really thought about what I wanted," Lawrence says. "Saying yes to this was going to completely change my life."

Hutcherson says he was oblivious. "I had to say I didn't expect any of it," he says of sudden stardom.

"You're not as paranoid and neurotic as me," Lawrence quips.

Lawrence, who has spoken bluntly and forcefully about privacy concerns, feels her co-stars need to be more security-conscious. "I recently changed my number and texted them, 'Hi boys,' and they answered back blah blah and didn't even ask a security question!" she says, in mock disapproval.

"But I knew it was you," protests Hemsworth. "Nobody else would text us, 'Hi, boys!'"

Philip Seymour Hoffman, who died in February, as Plutarch.

"He was incredible," says Lawrence. "It was so funny because we just don't take anything seriously on set ... and Phil was always so thrown by that. He said he'd never seen such a flippant set before." Eventually, she says, "we broke him down, and forced him to be as unprofessional as us."

Each actor, asked their biggest take-away from the "Hunger Games" experience, mentions the same

Friends for



"Mockingjay," directed by Francis Lawrence (no relation), brings back most of the starry supporting cast — Woody Harrelson, for example, as a rehabbed Haymitch Abernathy; Stanley Tucci as the flamboyant Caesar Flickerman; and Elizabeth Banks as the colorful Effie Trinket (with an expanded role, but also a much less colorful revolutionary wardrobe). Also returning:

things: Exposure, job opportunities, and especially friendship.

"Just having them in my life is one of the greatest gifts I've ever been given," Lawrence says.

"I couldn't have said it better myself," says Hutcherson.

"I know," replies Lawrence. "That's why I went first!"



From left, Liam Hemsworth, Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson reteam in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1," the third in a series of four sci-fi dystopian action-adventure films.

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

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

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

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

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

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

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

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

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SPORTS BRIEFS/NBA

Briefly

Manfred given 5-year term as commissioner

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — Rob Manfred has been given a five-year term as Major League Baseball commissioner when he succeeds Bud Selig in two months.

Team owners voted for the term on Thursday at their first meeting since electing Manfred over Boston Red Sox Chairman Tom Werner on Aug. 14. Manfred, who has worked for MLB since 1998, will take over from the 80-year-old Selig on Jan. 25.

Selig said Manfred's term was approved "unanimously, quietly and quickly," and the transition of power has been orderly. "That's the way it's supposed to be," Selig said after two days of meetings.

Manfred said improving the pace of play will remain a priority. He also said video replay will be similar to this past season, and changes will stem from technology and "how long it takes to get replay going."

In other MLB news: **Reliever Joel Peralta** has been acquired by the Los Angeles Dodgers from the Tampa Bay Rays as part of a four-player trade. Tampa Bay received right-handers Jose Dominguez and Greg Harris in the trade announced Thursday night, and the Dodgers also obtained left-hander Adam Liberatore.

NBA union head: Taylor suspension violates CBA

NEW YORK — The executive director of the NBA Players Association said Thursday the suspension given to Charlotte's Jeffery Taylor by Commissioner Adam Silver is "excessive, without precedent and a violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement." Michele Roberts adds that the union is ready to file an immediate appeal, but that the choice is Taylor's.

Silver suspended Taylor for 24 games without pay on Wednesday as his suspension will kick in last month to address another domestic violence assault and malicious destruction of hotel property. Taylor will lose nearly \$200,000 of his \$915,000 salary this season.

Taylor will get credit for the 11 games he has missed and will sit out an additional 13 for a total which is slightly more than one-fourth of the league's 82-game schedule.

Roberts notes that the penalty is one of the longest in NBA history.

"We have a scheme of discipline that was the result of collective bargaining between the parties that has been applied consistently over the years," she said. "While we appreciate the sensitivity of this societal issue, the Commissioner is not entitled to rewrite the rules otherwise more precedent in disciplinary matters."



STEVE RUARK/AP

Baseball owners voted Thursday to give Major League Baseball Chief Operating Officer Rob Manfred a five-year term as commissioner when he succeeds Bud Selig in two months.

Johnson says Harvick was correct winner

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson believes NASCAR's new championship format produced the correct champion and a Ryan Newman victory would have been "tough to swallow for the sport."

Johnson began the season as the six-time and defending champion, but he was eliminated from title contention in the revamped chase for the Sprint Cup format. A 16-driver field was whittled down to four for Sunday's finale, where Kevin Harvick beat Newman, Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano to claim his first title. "I feel like Kevin winning was the right thing when you look at the winners and the dominant cars throughout the year," Johnson said Thursday.

Stenson leads McIlroy at European Tour finale

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Henrik Stenson birdied two of his closing three holes to seize a two-shot lead over Rory McIlroy and two others in the second round of the World Tour Championship on Friday.

Stenson's 6-under-par 66 put him at 10 under overall in his bid to defend a title for the first time.

McIlroy (70), Scotland's Richie Ramsay (69) and England's Danny Willett (67) were tied for second at 8 under at Jumeirah Estates.

Stenson birdied his opening two holes, dropping a shot on the fourth, birdied the fifth, and picked up more birdies at 10, 13, 16 and 18.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	4	2	.667	0
Boston	3	4	.429	4½
Brooklyn	3	4	.429	4½
New York	3	3	.500	2
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	2
Southeast Division				
Washington	7	3	.700	0
Miami	7	3	.700	0
Atlanta	5	5	.500	2½
Orlando	4	6	.400	3
Charlotte	4	8	.333	4
Central Division				
Chicago	8	0	.667	0
Milwaukee	5	5	.583	1½
Cleveland	5	5	.500	2
Indiana	7	7	.417	3½
Detroit	9	9	.250	5
Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
Memphis	10	2	.833	0
Dallas	9	3	.750	1
Houston	9	3	.750	1
San Antonio	6	4	.636	2½
New Orleans	6	6	.500	3
Northwest Division				
Portland	8	2	.727	0
Utah	5	7	.417	3½
Denver	5	7	.417	3½
Minnesota	3	7	.300	4½
Oklahoma City	10	2	.667	1
Pacific Division				
Golden State	8	2	.800	0
L.A. Clippers	4	4	.500	1½
Phoenix	7	5	.583	2
Sacramento	1	11	.273	6
L.A. Lakers	3	9	.250	6
Thursday's games				
L.A. Clippers 110, Miami 95				
Sacramento 103, Chicago 88				
Friday's games				
Phoenix at Philadelphia				
Orlando at Charlotte				
Detroit at Atlanta				
Milwaukee at Toronto				
Brooklyn at Oklahoma City				
Cleveland at Memphis				
San Antonio at Minnesota				
Portland at Washington				
L.A. Lakers at Dallas				
New Orleans at Denver				
Utah at Golden State				
Chicago at Portland				
Saturday's games				
Miami at Orlando				
Phoenix at Indiana				
Toronto at Cleveland				
Philadelphia at New York				
Dallas at Houston				
Sacramento at Minnesota				
Washington at Milwaukee				
Brooklyn at San Antonio				
New Orleans at Utah				
Sunday's games				
L.A. Clippers at Memphis				
Charlotte at Miami				
Portland at Dallas				
Golden State at Oklahoma City				
Denver at L.A. Lakers				



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin (32) looks to pass as Miami Heat center Chris Bosh (1) defends on Thursday in Miami.

Roundup

Clippers top Heat

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Blake Griffin and Chris Paul found themselves all alone on a fast break late in the third quarter, no Miami Heat player even remotely close to them.

Everything wasn't always that easy for the Los Angeles Clippers. It only seemed that way.

Paul had 26 points and 12 assists, Griffin added 26 points and the Clippers wasted no time in taking control on the way to a 110-93 win over the Heat on Thursday night.

"We're doing what we're supposed to do," Paul said.

DeAndre Jordan scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Clippers (7-4), who led 39-15 after one quarter. Jordan's night: Six shots, all of them dunks, all part of the reason why the Clippers outscored Miami 44-26 in the paint.

"I think that's rare," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said of Jordan's all-dunk night. "That might not be for him... He's the perfect guy to have on a winning basketball team."

Chris Bosh scored 28 points for Miami (6-6), which has dropped three straight home games for the first time since March 2011. Rookie reserve Shabazz Napier had a season-high 17 points.

"We didn't have a chance to-night after that first quarter," Bosh said. "Good team like that,

down 20, you can't do that. We can't do that. We're not good enough to keep making mistakes... It was a clinic they put on us."

Dwyane Wade missed his fourth consecutive game with a strained left hamstring. The Heat are 5-3 when Wade plays this season, 1-3 when he doesn't.

"Not a whole lot to say," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "That was a blitz in that first quarter. They absolutely knocked us on our heels and we just could never gain our footing after that."

Kings 103, Bulls 88: DeMarcus Cousins had 22 points and 14 rebounds and Rudy Gay scored 20 points to help hot Sacramento end Chicago's six-game road winning streak.

Jimmy Butler had 23 points and Taj Gibson, Mike Dunleavy and Aaron Brooks had 12 each for Chicago. Joakim Noah had 10 points and 11 rebound despite foul trouble. The Bulls played the second game of a seven-game road trip, their longest of the season.

Chicago was trying to win its first seven road games for the first time in franchise history. Instead the Bulls joined the rest of the league with at least one road loss. The last team to start 7-0 on the road was San Antonio, which won its first eight road games in 2010-11.

Thursday Kings 103, Bulls 88

CHICAGO — Druw Gooden 4-13 2-2 12, Gilbert Arenas 4-9 4-9 10, Hinrich 3-11 2-9, Butler 11-18 12-23, Brooks 5-11 2-9, Casspi 5-5 4-10 10, McDermott 0-1 2-1, Small 1-2 0-0 2, Baird 2-0 0-0 0, Moore 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 36-84 11-18 88.

SACRAMENTO — Gay 7-11 5-5 20, Cousins 5-19 4-5 22, Collison 5-2-7 7-17, McLemore 4-6 0-4 11, Gopfer 1-2 0-0 2, Crawford 4-4, Williams 4-9 2-10, Landry 1-0 0-0 2, Hollins 0-0 0-0, McCallum 0-0 0-0, Stausskas 0-0 0-0, Totals 38-74 22-27 103.

Chicago 29 18 20 88
Sacramento 22 30 23 103
 Three-Point Goals — Chicago 5-19 (Dunleavy 2-7, Brooks 1-2, Mirotic 1-3, Hinrich 1-3, McDermott 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Butler 0-1), Sacramento 4-6 (McLemore 3-4, Gay 1-2, Collison 0-0, Crawford 0-0, Williams 0-0, Rebounds — Chicago 49 (Noah 11), Sacramento 44 (Cousins 12, Gibson 12, Bosh 12, Hinrich 7), Sacramento 26 (Collison 12), Total Fouls — Chicago 26, Sacramento 20, Chicago fouls defensive three second — A-17,317 (17,317).

Clippers 110, Heat 93

L.A. CLIPPERS — Barnes 4-6 0-0 9, Griffin 12-18 1-3 26, Jordan 6-6 0-2 12, Paul 8-17 8-8 26, Bosh 11-17 0-0 14, Crawford 1-2 2-5, Turgeon 1-1 0-0 3, Hayes 2-5 1-2 6, Gopfer 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 4-4 0-0 4, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Cunningham 1-5 0-2 10, Totals 47-117 17-110.

MIAMI — Deng 5-10 3-4 13, Williams 1-5 4-4 7, Bosh 9-17 9-9 28, Cole 0-3 0-0 0, Chalmers 4-6 2-3, Anderson 0-1 2-2, Miami 6-26 (Napier 2-6, Bosh 1-2, Williams 1-2, Brown 0-0 0-0, Anderson 0-0 0-1, Ennis 0-2, McCrothers 0-2, Granger 0-0 0-0 0, L.A. Clippers 46 (Jordan 11), Miami 35 (Bosh 7), Assists — L.A. Clippers 31, Miami 11, Total Fouls — L.A. Clippers 21, Miami 15. A-19,685 (19,600).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Scoreboard

Thursday's men's scores

EAST
 Bryant 72, New Hampshire 63
 Harvard 71, FAU 49
 Mass.-Lowell 57, Sacred Heart 54
 Niagara 61, St. Peter's 59
 Providence 88, Navy 51
 Villanova 72, Bucknell 65
 Wagner 83, Old Westbury 49

SOUTH
 Alabama 81, Southern Miss. 67
 East Carolina 92, Va. Lynchburg 51
 Maryland 66, Fordham 50
 Mississippi 69, Southern U. 38
 Murray 59, Brescia 56
 NC State 79, Jacksonville 43
 Radford 61, Howard 52
 SC-Upstate 107, Bob Jones 41
 Savannah St. 59, Winthrop 58
 South Florida 73, IAB 71, OT
 Stetson 96, Palm Beach Atlantic 85
 Tennessee 106, Southern 58
 Tennessee St. 75, Fisk 60
 Tulane 100, MVSU 61
 UCF 76, Eckerd 59
 UT-Martin 115, Champion Baptist 29
 VCU 106, Md.-Eastern Shore 66
 Vanderbilt 72, Lipscomb 62

MIDWEST
 Indiana 74, SMU 68
 Michigan 71, Detroit 62
 Minnesota 109, Franklin Pierce 57
 N. Illinois 78, Idaho 67
 N. Iowa 67, Morgan St. 53
 Northwestern 69, North Florida 67
 Purdue 65, Grambling St. 30
 UC Davis 63, E. Illinois 61
 TCU 86, New Orleans 71

SOUTHWEST
 Arizona St. 69, Loyola Marymount 44
 N. Arizona 73, Fresno St. 52
 Saint Mary's (Cal.) 78, Denver 62
 San Diego St. 51, CS Bakersfield 27
 Texas-Arlington 66, Grand Canyon 64
 UCLA 107, Nicholls 74

TOURNAMENTS
2K Sports Classic
First Round
 California 73, Syracuse 59
 Texas 71, Iowa 57
 Glidan Charleston Classic
First Round
 Akron 66, Southern Cal 46
 Charlotte 106, Penn St. 97, ZOT
 Miami 66, Drexel 46
 South Carolina 69, Cornell 45

Puerto Rico Tipoff
First Round
 Boston College 69, New Mexico 65
 Dayton 55, Texas A&M 53
 UConn 65, Coll. of Charleston 57
 West Virginia 91, George Mason 65

Thursday's women's scores

EAST
 Boston College 73, Boston U. 56
 Hartford 57, Providence 54
 James Madison 69, American U. 65
 Monmouth (N.J.) 78, LIU Brooklyn 57
 Pittsburgh 85, Michigan 64
 St. John's 72, Florida 66

SOUTH
 Arkansas 58, Middle Tennessee 51
 Auburn 72, Florida Gulf coast 69
 Davidson 68, Gardner-Webb 67
 Duke 82, Old Dominion 69
 Louisville 95, Belmont 39
 Mississippi 91, Southern U. 68
 Morgan St. 66, Columbia Union 44
 SC-Upstate 69, UNC-Greensboro 60
 South Carolina 99, Clemson 41
 VCU 72, Md.-Eastern Shore 50

MIDWEST
 Creighton 64, Utah 56
 Illinois 60, Memphis 58
 Ohio 50, Detroit 51
 SIU-Edwardsville 74, Drake 60
 Toledo 60, Bonaventure 58
 Valparaiso 65, N. Illinois 59
 Vanderbilt 57, Wisconsin 58
 Virginia 71, Xavier 62

No scores reported

SOUTHWEST
 Santa Clara 47, UC Santa Barbara 33
 Texas 87, Stanford 81, OT
 WakeForest 96, South Dakota 82
 Weber St. 71, Air Force 53

TOURNAMENT
Preseason NIT
Semifinals
 Mississippi 57, W. Virginia 61
 W. Kentucky 63, Albany (NY) 54



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

SMU's Yanick Moreira reacts to a foul call in his team's 74-68 loss to Indiana on Thursday.

Golden Bears rout No. 23 Orange

Cal advances to 2K Classic final

By BRIAN MAHONEY
 The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cuonzo Martin wasn't around during California's troubles with Syracuse, though he knew all about it.

That's over now and the Golden Bears have their first big victory under their new coach.

Jordan Mathews scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half, and California routed the No. 23 Orange 73-59 on Thursday night to reach the championship game of the 2K Classic.

The Bears finally broke through in the third meeting between the teams in the last three seasons. Syracuse ousted Cal in the 2013 NCAA tournament en route to the Final Four and beat the Bears again a year ago in the Maui Invitational.

"We lost to them the past two years, and with guys that were returning it plays on your mind," said Martin, the former Tennessee coach. "But I thought our guys did a great job of accepting the challenge."

California (3-0) seized control by hitting four straight three-pointers late in the first half. Jabari Bird added 16 points and David Kravish had 12 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

The Golden Bears will face No. 10 Texas, which beat Iowa 71-57 in the first semifinal, on Friday.

"It's a big win for our program," Bird said. "We came out here, we're not ranked. We're kind of an underdog team that's going up against a great team in Syracuse. They put up a great fight and we got a great team 'W' tonight."

Kaleb Joseph and Michael Gbinije each scored 13 points for Syracuse (2-1), which couldn't get much going in front of its orange-clad fans at Madison Square Garden.

"They showed up tonight and we didn't," Orange coach Jim Boeheim said.

It was just the third loss in this event for Syracuse, which won the championship in 2004 and again in 2009.



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

California guard Jabari Bird reacts after hitting a three-point shot against Syracuse in the first half of Thursday's game at Madison Square Garden in New York. The Golden Bears won 73-59.

Roundup

Hoosiers improve to 3-0, knock off No. 22 SMU

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — James Blackmon Jr. scored 26 points and Indiana (3-0) used a big run in the second half to earn a 74-68 victory over SMU.

SMU (1-2) lost its second straight road game. The Mustangs were led by Ben Moore with 16 points and Nic Moore with 13 on a topsy-turvy night.

No. 10 Texas 41, Iowa 57: Jonathan Holmes scored 17 of his

19 points in the second half, Isaiah Taylor added 15 and the Longhorns beat the Hawkeyes at the 2K Classic in New York.

No. 12 Villanova 72, Bucknell 65: Dylan Ennis scored 16 points, including four free throws in the final 30 seconds, and the host Wildcats (3-0) survived a serious upsurge in the Progressive Legends Classic.

No. 15 VCU 106, Maryland-Eastern Shore 66: Terry Larrier scored 21 points and the host Rams

made quick work of the Hawks.

No. 16 San Diego St. 51, CS Bakersfield 27: Dwayne Polee II was the game's only player in double figures with 13 points and the host Aztecs survived another awful shooting performance.

No. 17 Connecticut 66, College of Charleston 57: At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Ryan Boatright had 19 points, Daniel Hamilton added 15, and the Huskies held off the Cougars in the first round of the Puerto Rico Tip-Off.

No. 24 Michigan 71, Detroit 62: Caris LeVert had 21 points and nine rebounds, and the host Wolverines scored 11 straight points late in the second half to hold off the upset-minded Titans.

Providence 99, Navy 51: Latontae Henton scored 22 points and Kris Dun added 12 and a career-high 14 assists to lead the Friars over the visiting Midshipmen. James Hemphill was the only Navy player in double figures with 10 points.

NHL

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference											
Atlantic Division											
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Montreal	21	13	5	2	31	95	52				
Tampa Bay	19	10	7	2	28	75	59				
Boston	20	12	8	0	24	53	49				
Ottawa	20	10	8	2	22	67	47				
Toronto	20	10	8	2	22	63	62				
Florida	20	10	8	2	22	57	58				
Buffalo	20	5	13	2	17	34	69				

Metropolitan Division											
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Pittsburgh	13	3	3	0	27	64	35				
N.Y. Islanders	18	12	6	0	24	59	52				
Washington	19	10	7	3	23	57	52				
N.Y. Rangers	19	8	7	4	20	52	58				
Philadelphia	18	7	9	2	16	53	58				
Carolina	18	6	10	1	13	45	58				
Columbus	18	6	10	1	13	44	64				

Western Conference											
Central Division											
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Nashville	19	12	6	1	25	50	39				
Chicago	19	11	7	3	23	53	41				
Minnesota	18	11	7	0	23	53	41				
Dallas	20	10	9	3	18	56	68				
Colorado	20	6	9	5	17	49	64				

Pacific Division											
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA					
Anaheim	21	12	4	5	29	58	53				
Vancouver	20	13	6	5	27	61	50				
Los Angeles	20	11	7	2	26	66	57				
Calgary	22	10	7	2	26	66	57				
San Jose	20	10	7	3	23	53	41				
Arizona	20	8	10	2	18	49	62				
Edmonton	19	9	9	2	19	49	62				

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

Wednesday's games
 N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 0
 Los Angeles 5, Edmonton 0

Thursday's games
 Anaheim 3, Vancouver 3
 Florida 3, San Jose 2
 Philadelphia 2, Philadelphia 2
 Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2
 Dallas 2, St. Louis 1
 Ottawa 3, Nashville 2
 Detroit 4, Winnipeg 3
 Chicago 3, Arizona 1
 Washington 3, Colorado 2
 St. Louis 2, Carolina 1
 Los Angeles 3, Carolina 2

Friday's games
 N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, ppd., snw
 N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia
 Boston at Columbus
 New Jersey at Edmonton

Saturday's games
 St. Louis at Ottawa
 Dallas at Philadelphia
 Detroit at Toronto
 Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders
 Columbus at Philadelphia
 Buffalo at Washington
 Florida at Nashville
 Los Angeles at Dallas
 Carolina at Colorado
 New Jersey at Calgary
 Chicago at Edmonton
 Arizona at San Jose

Thursday Wild 3, Flyers 2
Philadelphia 0 1 2-3
Second Period—1, Philadelphia, Niederreiter (Kane, Perreault), 1:05 (pp).
Third Period—2, Philadelphia, Streit 3 (Lecavalier, Simmonds), 14:31.
Third Period—3, Minnesota, Scandella 4 (Niederreiter, Granlund), 1:42. 4 (Piller, Groulx), 1:58. Chicago, Voracek (16:30 pp), 5, Minnesota, Zucco 4 (Suter, Groulx) (17:25).
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 67-16-29, Philadelphia 13-13-32.
Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 1 of 6; Philadelphia 1 of 1.
Goalies—Minnesota, Kemper 9-5-0 (39 shots-37 saves); Philadelphia, Emery 4-1-0 (28-28).
A—19,913 (19,545), T—2,322.

Maple Leafs 5, Lightning 2
Tampa Bay 1 0 1-2
Toronto 3 3 5-3
First Period—1, Toronto, 3-0 (Winnik, Polak), 1:29. 2, Tampa Bay, Killorn (14:31).
Second Period—3, Toronto, Panik 4 (2:00), 10:00, Dallas, Klingberg (3:04), 12:31. 5, Toronto, van Riemsdyk 9 (Kessel, Panik), 15:15 (pp).
Third Period—1, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 13 (Kucherov), 15:47. 7, Toronto, Polak 3 (Chabik), 18:01 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 31-7-28, Toronto 21-13-21.
Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 1 of 1; Toronto 1 of 1.
Goalies—Tampa Bay, Bishop 11-3-2 (20 shots-16 saves); Toronto, Bernier 6-5-2 (26-26).
A—19,089 (18,819), T—2,366.

Stars 3, Arizona 1
Arizona 1 0 0-1
San Jose 3 2 5-3
First Period—1, Arizona, Korpioski 2 (Gagner, Schienko), 14:21 (pp).
Second Period—1, Dallas, Klingberg 1 (Hernsky), 1:19. 3, Dallas, Eakin 4 (Daley, Jankowski, 4:40), Dallas, Spezza 4 (Rouselle, Hernsky), 15:42.
Third Period—1, Arizona, 1-0-27.
Shots on Goal—Arizona 9-10-8-27, Dallas 9-9-9-27.
Power-play opportunities—Arizona 1 of 0; Dallas 1 of 1.
Goalies—Arizona, Smith 4-0-1 (27 shots-26 saves); Dallas, Lehman 2-4-0 (27-26).
A—16,078 (18,532), T—2,29.



Matt Stocum/AP

Minnesota Mikko Koivu (9) and Philadelphia's Sean Couturier (14) battle for the puck during Thursday's game in Philadelphia.

Canadiens 4, Blues 1
St. Louis 0 0 0-1
Montreal 0 2 2-4
First Period—1, St. Louis, Tarasenko 11 (Lehtera, Schwartz), 7:45.
Second Period—2, Montreal, Weise 4, 4:50. 3, Montreal, Pacioretty 9 (Pareuteau, Subban), 12:2.
Third Period—4, Montreal, Pacioretty 10 (Laprovok, Mackinnon), 6:44. 5, Washington, Ovechkin 9 (Orpik, Backstrom), 12:10.
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 6-13-13-30, Montreal 9-11-11-30.
Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 0 of 6; Montreal 0 of 2.
Goalies—St. Louis, JAllen 5-2-0 (30 shots-28 saves), Montreal, Price 12-4-1 (32-33).
A—21,287 (21,273), T—2,223.

Senators 3, Predators 2
Nashville 1 0 1-2
Ottawa 1 0 1-2
First Period—1, Nashville, Weber 6 (Jose, Ribeiro), 3:17 (pp).
Second Period—2, Ottawa, Ryan 5 (Karlsson, Zibanejad), 6:17 (pp). 3, Ottawa, Chiasson 5 (Ceci, MacArthur), 12:18. 4, Ottawa, Cowen 1 (Mihalik), 14:24.
Third Period—5, Nashville, Jokinen 1 (Rov), 1:16.
Shots on Goal—Nashville 19-16-35, Ottawa 12-12-31.
Power-play opportunities—Nashville 1 of 2; Ottawa 1 of 1.
Goalies—Nashville, Hutton 0-2-1 (19 shots-16 saves), Ottawa, Lehner 4-2-1 (35-33).
A—16,796 (19,153), T—2,322.

Red Wings 4, Jets 3
Winnipeg 0 2 2-4
Minnesota 0 3 0-3
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Byfvenius 3 (Kane, Perreault), 2:15. 3, Winnipeg, Luroy 2 (Scheifele, Frolik), 9:32. 3, Winnipeg, DeBruin 1 (DeBruin, Franzon), 12:54 (pp).
Second Period—5, Winnipeg, 1:25 (pp), 5, Winnipeg, Bertrac 3 (Trout), 15:12.
Third Period—6, Detroit, Abdelkader 6 (Sheahan, Lashoff), 7:00. 7, Detroit, Tatar 8 (Abdelkader, Ericsson), 15:10.
Shots on Goal—Detroit 7-14-27, Winnipeg 18-14-31.
Power-play opportunities—Detroit 1 of 1; Winnipeg 0 of 1.
Goalies—Detroit, Mrazek 1-0-0 (31 shots-28 saves), Winnipeg, Pavol 7-7-27 (32-33).
A—15,016 (15,044), T—2,229.

Panthers 3, Sharks 2 (SO)
San Jose 1 1 0 0-3
Florida 1 0 1 0-2
First Period—1, Florida, Bjurgstad 5 (Klof, Huberdeau), 24.
Second Period—2, San Jose, Couture 8 (Pavelski, Marleau), 6:19 (pp). 3, Florida, Bjurgstad 6 (Gudrathson, Huberdeau), 17:23 (pp).
Third Period—4, San Jose, Marleau 6 (J Thornton, Herlihy), 19:26.
Shootout—Florida 2 (Huberdeau, Nog), Jokinen 6, Bjurgstad 0, San Jose 1 (Pavelski, Couture, G Burns), NG, 13:07.
Shots on Goal—Florida 10-9-33-28, San Jose 12-13-32-30.
Power-play opportunities—Florida 1 of 6; San Jose 1 of 1.
Goalies—Florida, Luongo 6-4-4 (30 shots-26 saves); San Jose, Niemi 7-0-2 (28-26).
A—17,331 (17,562), T—2,51.

Roundup

Wild top Flyers, win 4th in a row

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — After it appeared they had blown a regulation victory, the Wild players were relieved and excited to pull out a late win.

Nico Niederreiter had with 45.4 seconds left to lift Minnesota to a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

"It was a little bit of relief and happy we were able to bounce back and get out of here with two points," Zucker said.

Nico Niederreiter had a goal and an assist and Marco Scandella also scored for the Wild, who won their fourth straight. Darcy Kuemper stopped 37 shots.

"I was pretty excited," Kuemper said of his reaction to Zucker's goal. "It's always exciting when you can end it in regulation. He buried it. That was huge."

Mark Streit and Claude Giroux scored for the Flyers, who lost their fourth straight. Ray Emery had 27 saves.

Philadelphia coach Craig Berube was satisfied with his club's effort.

"I played well," Berube said. "I thought we took the play to them most of the game. We made two mistakes in the third period you shouldn't make and it cost us two goals."

Scandella broke a 1-1 tie 1:42 into the final period when he ripped a slap shot from just outside of the left circle past Emery's glove hand. It looked like it was going to be the winning goal for the second straight contest for Scandella, who scored the winner in Minnesota's 4-3 win over Winnipeg on Sunday.

However, Giroux's one-timer on the power play with 3:30 left in the game beat Kuemper stick side to tie it 2-2.

The Wild then capitalized when Philadelphia couldn't clear in its own zone in the final minute and scored when Ryan Suter sent a cross-ice pass to a wide-open Zucker, who deposited the puck past a sprawling Emery.

"I was trying to get in on the forecheck," Zucker said. "I just tried to try to get the net and (Suter) made an unbelievable pass."

Maple Leafs 5, Lightning 2: James van Riemsdyk scored two goals to lead host Toronto to a much-needed victory over Tampa Bay.

Stars 3, Hurricanes 2: David Clarkson, Richard Panik and Roman Polak added goals for Toronto, which scored early in the first period and three times in the second to snap a three-game losing streak.

Canadiens 4, Blues 1: Max Pacioretty scored twice as host Montreal beat St. Louis. Dale Weise and Chris Eakin also scored, and Carey Price made 31 saves.

long goal for St. Louis. Jake Allen stopped 26 shots in defense.

Senators 3, Predators 2: Bobby Ryan, Alex Chiasson and Jared Cowen all scored in the second period, Robin Lehner stopped 33 shots, and host Ottawa topped Nashville.

Shea Weber and Olli Jokinen scored for Nashville, and Carter Hutton playing for just the third time this season — stopped 16 shots.

Red Wings 4, Jets 3: Tomas Tatar scored two goals and added an assist as visiting Detroit defeated Winnipeg.

Justin Abdelkader had the tying goal and an assist for the Red Wings, and Johan Franzen scored his sixth of the season.

Stars 3, Coyotes 1: Jason Klingberg, Cody Eakin and John Spezza all scored in the third period, rallying host Dallas past Arizona.

Alex Hensley had two assists as Dallas ended a seven-game, home-losing streak (0-5-2). The Stars won for just the second time in 11 home games (5-2-4).

Capitals 3, Avalanche 2: Alex Ovechkin scored late in the third period, Braden Holtby stopped 27 shots, and visiting Washington outlasted Colorado.

Nicklas Backstrom had a goal and an assist, Jason Chimera also scored, and Ovechkin added an assist for the Capitals. Washington won the last two games of its three-game trip.

Blackhawks 4, Flames 3: Patrick Kane scored the tiebreaking goal in the third period to help visiting Chicago edge Calgary.

Kings 3, Hurricanes 2: Tanner Pearson ended his 11-game goal drought with the tiebreaking score, and Jonathan Quick made 25 saves against Carolina in Los Angeles' NHL-best 10th home victory of the season.

Jarret Stoll and Trevor Lewis also scored for the defending Stanley Cup champions, who won their third straight.

Ducks 4, Canucks 3 (SO): Corey Perry scored the shootout winner, lifting visiting Anaheim over Vancouver.

Perry's goal on Anaheim's first shootout attempt was the only one the Ducks needed. They got another from Jakob Silfverberg after Vancouver's Radim Vrbata and Nick Bonino failed to score.

Panthers 3, Sharks 2 (SO): Nick Bjurgstad scored twice during regulation and added the winning goal in the shootout as visiting Florida won its fourth straight in San Jose.

San Jose's Patrick Marleau tied it with 33 seconds remaining in regulation, taking a pass from Joe Thornton and firing it past Roberto Luongo, who had stopped Marleau's penalty shot earlier in the third period.

College GameDay



Ron Jenkins, Fort Worth Star-Telegram/TNS



LUIS SINCO, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS

Player to watch

Bryce Petty QB Baylor

The senior is 10th in the FBS with 14.76 passing yards per completion, and 11th with 302.6 yards passing per game. He has thrown a TD in 21 straight games in which he has played. Petty leads the Big 12 in passing efficiency 152.2, the country's 16th-best mark. Petty will lead the defending Big 12 champion in its final three-game push of the regular season against struggling Oklahoma State, hoping to win out and boost their standings in the College Football Playoff ranks.

Oklahoma State at No. 6 Baylor
1:30 a.m. Sunday, Central European Time
AFN-Xtra

UCLA running back Myles Jack dives into the end zone for a touchdown against USC in last year's game between the conference rivals. UCLA won, 35-14. The No. 11 Bruins and No. 24 Trojans meet again on Saturday in a game which could determine who wins the South split in the Pac-12 championship game.

SERVICE ACADEMIES



Air Force
at San Diego State
Last week: Beat
Nov. 16-38
Next game: vs.
Colorado State



Army
vs. Fordham
Last week: Lost at
Western Kentucky, 52-19
Next game: vs.
Navy, Dec. 13 at Baltimore



Navy
Does not play
Last week: Beat
Georgia Southern
52-19
Next game: at
South Alabama, Nov. 28

AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

- Thursday**
- No. 12 Kansas State 26, West Virginia 20
 - North Carolina 45, No. 25 Duke 20
- Saturday**
- No. 1 Florida State vs. Boston College
 - No. 2 Alabama vs. Western Carolina
 - No. 3 Oregon vs. Colorado
 - No. 4 Mississippi State vs. Vanderbilt
 - No. 6 Baylor vs. Oklahoma State
 - No. 7 Ohio State vs. Indiana
 - No. 8 Mississippi at Arkansas
 - No. 9 Georgia vs. Charleston Southern
 - No. 10 Michigan State vs. Rutgers
 - No. 11 UCLA vs. No. 24 Southern Cal
 - No. 13 Arizona State vs. Washington State
 - No. 14 Wisconsin at Iowa
 - No. 15 Arizona at No. 20 Utah
 - No. 16 Auburn vs. Samford
 - No. 18 Marshall at UAB
 - No. 19 Missouri at Tennessee
 - No. 21 Nebraska vs. Minnesota
 - No. 22 Colorado State vs. New Mexico
 - No. 23 Oklahoma vs. Kansas

THE POWER CONFERENCES

ACC			
Atlantic Division			
Conf.	W	L	All
Florida St.	7	0	10
Clemson	6	2	8
Couville	5	3	8
Boston College	3	3	6
NC State	1	6	7
Syracuse	1	6	7
Wake Forest	0	6	6
Coastal Division			
Conf.	W	L	All
Georgia Tech	4	3	7
North Carolina	4	3	7
Miami	3	2	5
Virginia Tech	2	4	6
Pittsburgh	2	4	6
Virginia	2	4	6

Game of the week: Louisville at Notre Dame. The Cardinals, who cracked the playoff rankings this week at No. 24, face a Notre Dame team that is jockeying for position in the ACC's bowl lineup. Louisville no longer has the league's top total defense but the Cardinals have forced seven turnovers in their last two games while the Fighting Irish have scored at least 27 points in every game but one.

Inside the numbers: The ACC could have two quarterbacks rush for 1,000 yards in the same season for the first time. Louisville's Tyler Murphy has 1,006 yards rushing while Georgia Tech's Justin Thomas has 827 with at least two games left.

Player to watch: Virginia Tech DEs Dadi Nicolas and Ken Ekenam. Nicolas ranks third in the ACC with 7.5 sacks while Ekenam has 6 and they could make things tough on a young Wake Forest offensive line that has allowed 37 sacks.

Big Ten			
East			
Conf.	W	L	All
Ohio St.	7	0	9
Michigan	5	1	6
Maryland	3	3	6
Michigan	3	3	6
Penn St.	2	4	6
Rutgers	2	4	6
Indiana	0	6	6
West			
Conf.	W	L	All
Nebraska	5	1	6
Minnesota	4	1	5
Wisconsin	4	2	7
Iowa	3	2	5
Northwestern	2	4	6
Illinois	1	5	6
Purdue	1	5	6

Game of the week: Minnesota at No. 21 Nebraska. To reach the Big Ten championship game, Nebraska would have to win out against Minnesota and Iowa and have Wisconsin lose its last two, against Iowa and Minnesota. The Gophers bring in an offense committed to the run similar to Wisconsin, which ripped the Huskers 59-24 last week.

Inside the numbers: Last week's performances by Indiana's Tevin Coleman and Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon marked the first time since 2002 that Big Ten running backs produced two performances of 300 or more yards in a single season.

Player to watch: Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett. The freshman has now accounted for a school-record 38 total touchdowns this season. That is tied with Oregon's Marcus Mariota for the national lead this season and is more touchdowns through 10 starts than any FBS quarterback in at least the last 10 years.

Big 12			
Conf.	W	L	All
TCU	6	1	7
Kansas St.	6	1	7
Baylor	5	1	6
Texas	5	3	8
Oklahoma	4	3	7
West Virginia	4	3	7
Oklahoma St.	3	4	7
Texas Tech.	1	6	7
Kansas	0	6	6
Iowa St.	0	6	6

Game of the week: No. 6 Baylor vs. Oklahoma State. Baylor (8-1) is a four-touchdown favorite at home against the slumping Cowboys, and the playoff-hopeful Bears likely need that kind of outcome Saturday night. Baylor remained seventh in the playoff rankings after being off last weekend, which followed their 48-14 win at Oklahoma. Oklahoma State (5-5) has lost four straight games and the Cowboys have to win at Baylor or Oklahoma to get bowl eligible for the ninth season in a row.

Inside the numbers: Texas Tech (3-7, 1-6 Big 12) is already assured only its second losing record since the Big 12's inaugural season in 1996. The Red Raiders were 5-7 in 2011.

Player to watch: Oklahoma State defensive end Emmanuel Ogbah. The sophomore leads the Big 12 with 10 sacks and 16½ tackles for loss. He is the first Cowboys player with at least 10 sacks since 2003.

Pac-12			
North			
Conf.	W	L	All
Oregon	6	1	7
Stanford	3	4	7
California	3	5	8
Washington	2	5	7
Washington St.	2	5	7
Oregon St.	2	5	7
South			
Conf.	W	L	All
Southern Cal	6	2	8
UCLA	5	2	7
Arizona St.	5	2	7
Arizona	5	2	7
Utah	4	3	7
Colorado	3	4	7

Game of the week: No. 24 Southern Cal at No. 11 UCLA. The Bruins are the front-runner in the South division race. Win the next two games and they are in the championship game. The Trojans' chances of winning the division hinge on beating UCLA; lose, and they are done. If USC, wins they still need Arizona State to lose at least one remaining game.

Inside the numbers: Utah junior punter Tom Hackett is third in the nation, averaging 46.8 yards per punt. He leads the Pac-12 with 29 kicks placed inside the 20, and 20 punts of 50 or more yards.

Player to watch: QB Brett Hundley. The national leader in pass completion percentage takes pride in his perfect record against USC, memorably declaring that "UCLA runs L.A. now" after last season's victory at the Coliseum. Hundley also would become the Bruins' career leader in total offense with 260 more yards.

SEC			
East			
Conf.	W	L	All
Missouri	6	1	7
Georgia	6	2	8
Florida	4	4	8
South Carolina	3	5	8
Tennessee	4	4	8
Kentucky	2	6	8
Vanderbilt	2	6	8
West			
Conf.	W	L	All
Alabama	6	1	7
Mississippi St.	5	1	6
Mississippi	4	2	6
Auburn	4	3	7
Texas A&M	4	3	7
LSU	3	4	7
Arkansas	3	4	7

Game of the week: No. 8 Mississippi at Arkansas. The Razorbacks finally broke their 17-game SEC losing streak last weekend by beating LSU 17-0. Now they're eyeing a second upset in a row when they host the Rebels. Ole Miss will use the nation's best defense — which is giving up just 11.9 points per game — to try and stop Arkansas' productive running duo of Jonathan Williams and Alex Collins.

Numbers game: Arkansas is one of only two teams in the nation with two running backs to rush for over 800 yards this season. Williams has 932 yards rushing while Collins has 886.

Player to watch: Mississippi State QB Dak Prescott. He had a rough day against Alabama last weekend, throwing three interceptions in a 25-20 loss. His play during the next few running backs to rebound and rival Mississippi will be key in the Bulldogs' push for a spot in the College Football Playoff.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tar Heels doom Duke's ACC title hopes

UNC forces three turnovers in win over Blue Devils

By **JOEDY MCCREARY**
The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — A return to the Atlantic Coast Conference title game slipped out of Duke's hands — in large part because the 25th-ranked Blue Devils couldn't keep hold of the ball.

North Carolina beat Duke 45-20 on Thursday night after forcing three turnovers and scoring three touchdowns off them.

In a six-day span, the Blue Devils had six turnovers and their opponents turned those miscues into 38 points during two losses that sent them tumbling out of the Coastal Division lead.

The Duke loss sends Georgia Tech to the ACC title game in Charlotte to face Florida State.

"We have a two-game season. We know that now," coach David Cutcliffe said, referring to the regular-season finale against Wake Forest and a bowl game.

"This is a two-game season that this team needs to go 2-0 in."

Marquise Williams threw for two touchdowns and rushed for two more for North Carolina (6-5, 4-3).

Williams was 18-for-27 for 276 yards with touchdown passes covering 3 yards to Quinshad Davis and 1 yard to Mack Hollins. He also had scoring runs of 1 and 16 yards.

Tim Scott returned an early fumble 10 yards for the tone-setting score.

"I think we finally put together a complete game," coach Larry Fedora said.

Anthony Boone was 22-for-40 for 262 yards with two touch-



GERRY BROOME/AP

Duke quarterback Anthony Boone (7) is tackled by North Carolina's Nazair Jones during Thursday's game in Durham, N.C.

downs for the Blue Devils (8-3, 4-3), who managed 378 total yards against a defense that allows an ACC-worst 512 per game.

"We made mistakes early (and) they capitalized on our mistakes," Boone said. "We usually play mistake-free football, taking care of the football on offense, and they did a good job of capitalizing and creating turnovers."

T.J. Logan rushed for 116

yards and a 1-yard touchdown, and Ryan Switzer caught three passes for 109 yards for the Tar Heels.

They reached the six-win mark for the second straight year and seventh time in eight years while beating Duke for the first time since 2011 — earning the coveted bell that goes to the winner of this fierce backyard rivalry. They rang it repeatedly — and

audibly — both on the field and in the locker room.

"They wanted to get it done for the guys from the last two years," Fedora said.

The offense kept clicking behind Williams, who had 98 yards rushing and has accounted for eight touchdowns in six days — he rushed for three and threw for another TD while beating Pittsburgh on Saturday. North

Carolina rolled up 591 total yards — three shy of Duke's season worst — with 315 coming on the ground.

"The run game was just there, the offensive line was just pushing everybody," Williams said. "They took control and they let Duke's defensive linemen know, 'Hey, we're here all night and we're going to do some big things.'"

No. 12 Kansas State holds off WVU

By **JOHN RABY**
The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jake Waters' special night has No. 12 Kansas State back in a first-place tie in the Big 12.

Waters threw for a career-high 400 yards and a touchdown, Tyler Lockett returned a punt for a score and No. 12 Kansas State held on to beat sloppy West Virginia 26-20 on Thursday night.

"The receivers did a good job of getting open," Waters said. "We had a ton of open receivers and we just went out there and made plays. I felt good throwing the football!"

Kansas State (8-2, 6-1 Big 12, No. 12 CFP) rebounded from a blowout loss at TCU to move into a tie with the idle Horned Frogs with two weeks left in the regular season. No. 6 Baylor can make it a three-way tie for first place with a win at home Saturday against Oklahoma State.

Kansas State has games left at home against Kansas next week and at Baylor on Dec. 6. West Virginia finishes the regular season at Iowa State next week.

Behind solid protection, Waters was 22 of 34 passing that included a 7-yard TD toss to DeMarcus Robinson on Kansas State's first drive.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder was happy with Waters, but that was about it. The Wildcats ran 29 times for 1 yard and were penalized 10 times for 102 yards. "It was frustrating," Snyder said. "I think they did do what they had to do to win the ball game. They're pleased about that and I certainly don't want to take that away from them. We didn't have the discipline that we've come to count on so much."

Matthew McCrane kicked four field goals for the Wildcats and Lockett caught 10 passes for 196 yards.

West Virginia coach Dana Holgerson said he approached Lockett after the game.

"I said, 'I am really glad you are graduating,'" Holgerson said. "That kid is just a special, special football player."

The Mountaineers (6-5, 4-4) have lost three straight after winning four in a row. West Virginia committed four turnovers,

with three of them occurring inside the Kansas State 30, and Josh Lambert missed a 40-yard field-goal try.

West Virginia's Skyler Howard threw two touchdown passes after Clint Trickett left with what Holgerson said was a concussion. Trickett didn't return after throwing his second interception in the third quarter. Trickett has now gone 10 consecutive quarters without a TD pass.

Howard, a junior college transfer, went 15-for-23 for 198 yards.

"If you want to talk about something positive, that's something that was incredibly positive," Holgerson said. "He went in there and didn't bat an eye."

Lockett returned a punt 43 yards just before halftime to put the Wildcats ahead 17-3. West Virginia punter Nick O'Toole was supposed to kick the ball to the right, but Lockett fielded the ball on the other side of the field and scored untouched.

"Horrible punt," Holgerson said. "Our whole team went right and he mishit it left."

Lockett had fumbled away a kickoff earlier in the game.



CHRIS JACKSON/AP

Kansas State's Tyler Lockett returned a punt for a score in Thursday's 26-20 win over West Virginia in Morgantown, W.Va.

NFL

Bills move home game to Detroit

By JOHN WAWROW
The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Whether by plane, snowmobile or sled dog, the Bills are leaving snowbound Buffalo behind for Detroit to play their “home” game against the New York Jets on Monday night.

And there’s no telling when they will be back.

The Bills’ schedule is suddenly in upheaval because of a lake-effect storm that dumped more than 5 feet of snow on the Buffalo region since Monday. Another 1 to 3 feet was projected to fall by Friday.

The storm that paralyzed much of the community surrounding the Bills’ home at Orchard Park led to the NFL’s decision on Thursday to relocate the game, which will be played at the Lions’ downtown Detroit home, Ford Field.

“It really wasn’t an option to try to play the game (in Buffalo) at any point Sunday, Monday or even potentially Tuesday based on what the forecast is,” Bills president Russ Brandon said. “All the focus needs to be on the safety of not only the fans but the community. And everyone needs to be focused on helping our neighbors.”

Given the cleanup job, Brandon said the team is considering spending next week practicing out of town. And he wasn’t sure if Ralph Wilson Stadium will be ready for the Bills’ next home game against the Cleveland Browns on Nov. 30.

“That’s a good question,” Brandon said. “It’s going to be a full-on effort by our stadium operations crew and everyone involved here to get that facility ready for next week. There’s an enormous amount of snow to be removed.”

The team intends to travel to Detroit on Friday and practice at the Lions’ facility.

The Lions are at New England on Sunday.



THE BUFFALO BILLS, HARRY SCULL JR./AP

Snow covers a sign at Ralph Wilson Stadium, home of the Buffalo Bills, in Orchard Park, N.Y. on Wednesday. A ferocious lake-effect storm left the Buffalo area buried under 6 feet of snow.

This marks the second time the Bills will play at Ford Field this season following a 17-14 win over the Lions on Oct. 5. It also is the second time in four years the facility has hosted a neutral site game.

The last time an NFL game was moved to Ford Field unexpectedly, the fans who did show up witnessed a bit of history. Brett Favre’s streak of 297 regular-season starts came to an end that night — on Dec. 13, 2010 — when the Minnesota Vikings lost to the New York Giants 21-3. Favre was sidelined by shoulder and hand issues.

That game was moved to Detroit because the Metrodome roof collapsed.

“We are pleased to be hosting the Bills and Jets for their game Monday night,” Lions president Tom Lewand said. “While our thoughts are with the people of the Buffalo area during this difficult time, our team at Ford Field will do everything we can to be good hosts to their team this weekend.”

The Bills also get an extra day to prepare, with the game pushed back from Sunday.

“A big part of preparation is practice and lifting and nutrition, and that’s been compromised,” Bills president Russ Brandon said before the location of the game was announced. “And it’s certainly something we’re looking into and trying to do the best

as we try to prepare to play the Jets whenever that may be.”

The Bills (5-5) are already coming off an extended break. They had last weekend off following a 22-9 loss at Miami on Nov. 13. The Jets (2-8) are coming out of their bye week, and haven’t played since a 20-13 win against Pittsburgh on Nov. 9.

Jets coach Rex Ryan said his team wouldn’t be hampered by a change of venue.

“It wouldn’t affect us,” Ryan said. “We’d just aim our plane in a different direction, I guess.”

AP Sports Writers Dennis Waskaz Jr., in Florham Park, N.J., and Noah Stern in Detroit contributed to this report.

Scoreboard

American Conference

		East				
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	5	0	0	800	263	215
Miami	6	4	0	600	249	180
Buffalo	4	0	0	500	200	204
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	200	174	265
		South				
Indianapolis	6	0	0	600	310	253
Houston	5	0	0	500	229	204
Tennessee	4	0	0	200	158	220
Jacksonville	1	9	0	100	158	282
		North				
Cincinnati	6	3	1	650	224	221
Pittsburgh	7	1	1	636	288	263
Baltimore	6	4	0	600	261	181
Cleveland	6	0	0	600	216	195
		West				
Denver	7	3	0	700	293	224
Kansas City	6	4	0	636	261	195
San Diego	6	4	0	600	218	192
Oakland	1	10	0	91	176	285

National Conference

		East				
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	5	0	0	700	299	251
Dallas	7	0	0	700	261	212
N.Y. Giants	7	0	0	300	209	163
Washington	3	0	0	300	204	256
		South				
Atlanta	4	6	0	400	238	255
New Orleans	4	0	0	400	252	204
Carolina	2	7	1	215	210	300
Tampa Bay	2	7	1	200	194	279
		North				
Detroit	7	3	0	700	188	156
Green Bay	4	0	0	700	230	225
Chicago	4	6	0	400	215	290
Minnesota	4	0	0	400	181	220
		West				
Arizona	9	1	0	900	237	176
San Francisco	6	4	0	600	211	212
Seattle	6	4	0	600	260	215
St. Louis	4	4	0	400	185	258

Thursday's game

Sunday's games	
Oakland 24, Kansas City 20	
Green Bay at Minnesota	
Cincinnati at Houston	
Tampa Bay at Chicago	
Cleveland at Atlanta	
Tennessee at Philadelphia	
Detroit at New England	
Jacksonville at Indianapolis	
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, p.m., snow	
Arizona at Seattle	
St. Louis at San Diego	
Washington at San Francisco	
Miami at Denver	
Dallas at N.Y. Giants	
Carolina at Pittsburgh	
Monday's games	
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, p.m., snow	
Baltimore at New Orleans	
Tuesday, Nov. 27	
Chicago at Detroit	
Philadelphia at Dallas	
Seattle at San Francisco	
Sunday, Nov. 30	
Tennessee at Houston	
Oakland at St. Louis	
Carolina at Minnesota	
Washington at Indianapolis	
Cleveland at Buffalo	
Atlanta at Dallas	
N.Y. Giants at Jacksonville	
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay	
New Orleans at Pittsburgh	
New England at Green Bay	
Monday, Dec. 1	
Miami at N.Y. Jets	

Thursday

Raiders 24, Chiefs 20

Kansas City	0	3	7	10	20
Oakland	6	3	7	3	24

First Quarter
Oak —Murray 11 run (Janikowski kick), 6:33

Second Quarter
Oak —Murray 30 run (Janikowski kick), 12:28

Third Quarter
Oak —FG Janikowski 40, 5:05; KC —Fasano 21 run from A. Smith (Santos kick), 1:52

Fourth Quarter
KC —Charles 30 pass from A. Smith (Santos kick), 12:50

Final Score
KC —FG Santos 25, 9:03
Oak —Jones 9 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 1:42

	A	S	2	3	4
First downs	16	18			
Net yards	249	301			
Rushes-yards	24-96	30-179			
Interceptions	1	0			
Punt Returns	4-51	2-5			
Kickoff Returns	3-112	4-82			
Offensive Ret.	19	19			
Comp-Att-Int	20-36-0	18-35-0			
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-17	6-49			
Punts	7-42	4-20			
Penalties-Yards	7-59	7-60			
Time of Possession	29:22	30:05			

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Kansas City: Charles, 19; Thomas, 5; Murray, 2; Jones, 2; Oakland, Murray 4-112, Reece 3-77, McDaniel 12-22, Carr 2-25, Jones 2-5 (minus 1).

Passing—Kansas City: A. Smith 20-36-0, 234; Oakland, Carr 18-35-0, 174.

Receiving—Kansas City: Charles 1-0, Oakland, Holmes 5-25, Jones 5-47, Westbrook 1-8, Rivera 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

First: Raiders' last victory was 368 days ago

FROM BACK PAGE

situation — in all seriousness — that can make it the difference and I've got to understand that.”

After Smith threw an incomplete pass on fourth down, Derek Carr took a knee and the Raiders celebrated their first win in 368 days since beating Houston last Nov. 17.

Carr threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to James Jones with 1:42 remaining to give the Raiders the long-awaited win.

Hopefully there's many more to come because I like this feeling better than the other one, that's for sure,” Carr said.

Here are some other takeaways from the Raiders' win:

Big play Murray: Third-string running back Latavius Murray got a chance early in the game and made the most of it. He scored on an 11-yard run on the

second drive of the game and went 90 yards for a score on his next carry for the longest run by a Raiders running back since Bo Jackson had a 92-yarder against Cincinnati in 1989. Quarterback Terrelle Pryor had a 93-yard TD run last season against Pittsburgh. Murray's 112 yards rushing on four carries were the most by any player since at least 1960 with five or fewer carries. Murray left the game with a concussion.

Run over: The Chiefs came into the game having not allowed a rushing touchdown all season. Murray got them twice in the first half and Oakland ran for 179 yards overall on a wet day not suited to passing.

“When you line up and it's raining, the weather's no good and they can't throw the ball, you just line up and run the football,” Chiefs' linebacker Tamba Halli-

said. “We weren't playing our gaps and it's like a high school football game.”

Reliable Reece: Raiders fullback Marcel Reece has been underutilized all season, carrying the ball just six times in Oakland's first 10 games. But with the game on the line, Reece got seven carries for 34 yards and added an 8-yard reception on the winning drive.

“Anytime I've ever used him that way or seen him used that way, he can push the pile a little bit,” Sparano said. “I felt like we were moving him pretty good a little bit there. He did a heck of a job. He really did.”

Slow start: The Chiefs punted on their first five drives and got their only first-half score when Demarius Moore muffed a punt at the 11. Even then Kansas City settled for a field goal. The of-

fense then found its groove by scoring two touchdowns and a field goal on consecutive drives in the second half to take the lead. But it wasn't enough.

“It's easy to say — you love to start fast,” Smith said. “We talk about that all the time, but it's a matter of going out there and doing it. I think we'll look back, especially those first two series before it started coming down, about lack of execution.”

Long wait: No one wanted long for this win than Raiders defensive lineman Antonio Smith. He lost the final 14 games with Houston last year and his personal 24-game losing streak was the third longest for any player since 1980.

“Like heaven,” Smith said. “It feels good, man. It's awesome. That's it, that's the word. Long-time coming. Such a relief.”

NFL



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson waits inside a courtroom while making his first court appearance on Oct. 8 in Conroe, Texas. In an interview with USA Today, Peterson acknowledged that some in the Vikings organization may have mixed feelings about his returning to the team, and that he had given a lot of thought to the possibility of playing elsewhere next season.

Peterson: 'Fresh start' may be best

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Adrian Peterson says he realizes moving on from the Minnesota Vikings might be best for both him and the team.

In an interview published Thursday by USA Today, Peterson said he believes the coaches and players on the team are fully behind him but that feelings in the organization toward him are mixed after he was charged with felony child abuse in Texas for using a wooden switch to discipline his 4-year-old son. He pleaded no contest Nov. 4 to misdemeanor reckless assault.

"I know who loves me. The coaches and the players, it's not going to be a problem. I've felt so much support from those guys. The organization, I know there's people in the organization that support me and there's people that I know internally that has not been supporting me," Peterson told the newspaper. He said he has given a lot of thought to the idea that "maybe it's best for me to get a fresh start somewhere else."

"I would love to go back and play in Minnesota to get a feel and just see if my family still feels comfortable there," he told USA Today. "But if there's word out that hey, they might release me, then so be it. I would feel good knowing that I've given everything I had in me."

Peterson said he spoke last week with his son for the first time in five months. He told the newspaper he "won't ever use a switch again," that he has been seeing a therapist and meeting a pastor certified in counseling near his Houston-area home, and has learned other ways to discipline his children.

On paid leave from the Vikings for more than two months, Peterson was informed this week by the NFL he will be suspended without pay for at least the rest of the season. The NFL Players Association has appealed the punishment on his behalf, and Peterson will continue to draw his sal-

ary on the exempt list until the appeal is resolved.

Regardless of which team he plays for next year, assuming he's reinstated by the league, Peterson said his focus has been on family — restoring his relationship with the boy and becoming a better parent. Peterson has fathered six children by six different women. He was married July 19.

‘If there’s word out that, hey, they might release me, then so be it.’

Adrian Peterson
Vikings RB

"No one knows how I felt when I turned my child around after spanking him and seeing what I had left on his leg," Peterson said. "No one knows that Dad sat there and apologized to him, hugged him and told him that I didn't mean to do this to you and how sorry I was."

Peterson said he declined to meet with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell last week because of unanswered questions he and the union had about the process.

"I didn't want to go into a situation blind. I didn't know what to expect. Who's going to be there? Who will I be meeting with? What details are we going to get into?" he said.

Peterson also said he was upset by Goodell's accusation in the letter about the suspension that he showed "no meaningful remorse" about injuring the boy.

"Ultimately, I know I'll have my opportunity to sit down with Roger face to face, and I'll be able to say a lot of the same things that I've said to you," Peterson told the newspaper. "Don't say that I'm not remorseful, because in my statement, I showed that I was remorseful. I regretted everything that took place. I love my child, more than anyone could ever imagine."

Colts desperate to crank up ground attack

By JIM JOHNSON
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Trent Richardson viewed the Colts' running game as a three-man threat, right up until fellow running back Ahmad Bradshaw was placed on injured reserve this week with a broken left leg.

"I always say, 'A three-headed monster,'" Richardson said. "A lot of people say it's two-headed, but I say three-headed monster."

The third is Daniel Herron — the only remaining healthy running back on the active roster. Richardson is fighting an illness, but practiced Thursday one day after missing workouts.

The Colts (6-4) are looking for Herron to step up against Jacksonville (1-9) on Sunday with Bradshaw expected to miss the rest of the season. Their best blocking tight end, Dwayne Allen, also missed practice for the second straight day with an injured ankle. Offensive coordinator Pep

Hamilton sees it as an opportunity for Herron to show he has what it takes, but wants to see a better mix on offense after the Colts finished with 19 yards on 17 carries Sunday night in a loss to the Patriots.

"I have to do a better job of making sure we maintain some balance," he said. "And find ways to attack what the opponent's doing. If they have seven or eight guys in the box, that's no excuse for us not to run the ball."

Richardson expects big things from Herron right away, but acknowledged the third-year running back is a bit inexperienced — he's carried the ball only 22 times this season. Still, Richardson said he and Bradshaw already know they can rely on him and expects Herron to get "that big score" against the Jaguars this weekend.

"A lot of people don't know how much work we put in with him," Richardson said. "To be that other guy and to be that guy we can trust when we're out and when we're tired or if something



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Indianapolis Colts running back Trent Richardson sits on the bench at the end of last week's loss to the New England Patriots.

ever happened like this we know we can count on him."

Lucy's injury woes for its backfield started long before Sunday's loss.

Vick Ballard was placed on injured reserve back in August with a torn Achilles and Richardson didn't play last month against Pittsburgh because of an injured hamstring. The Colts got 35 yards and a touchdown out of Bradshaw against the Steelers.

"The next man up filled that role," coach Chuck Pagano said. "So it's the next man up. So it's Trent and (Herron) and whoever."

If the Colts need a third running back, though, Pagano said they will make moves to add one.

"We've got guys in the building, and roster mechanics are what they are," Pagano said. "We'll always check and see if anybody's available on the street. If there's somebody available, we look at guys on the street, we look at guys on our roster, and then we make a decision."

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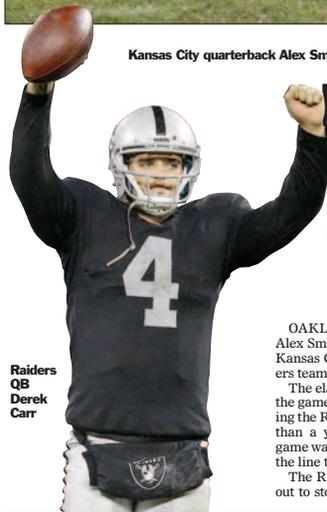
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Kansas City quarterback Alex Smith, right, is sacked by Oakland cornerback Charles Woodson during the third quarter of Thursday's game in Oakland, Calif.



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Derek Carr

Raiders get first win

Oakland tops KC, ends skid at 16 games

JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Sio Moore sacked Alex Smith and started to celebrate in the Kansas City backfield with Oakland Raiders teammate Khalil Mack.

The elaborate dance could be forgiven if the game had actually been over, considering the Raiders hadn't won a game in more than a year. The only problem was the game was still going and the Chiefs were at the line trying to run a fourth-down play.

The Raiders were forced to call a timeout to stop the clock and then got one last

stop, snapping a 16-game losing streak with a 24-20 victory over the Chiefs on Thursday night.

"I don't need any more of that," safety Charles Woodson said. "I couldn't believe it. I told them that was the first time I had ever seen somebody celebrate for a whole

40-second clock. That was ridiculous, and they know it. I told Sio he's lucky we got the win because we really probably would've had to fight."

The Raiders (1-10) were able to laugh about it because Justin Tuck alertly called timeout to prevent the Chiefs (7-4) from getting a free play off against a nine-man defense.

But Moore knows it could have been a costly mistake.

"I was so caught up in the moment, man," Moore said. "That was an error I've got to make sure I clean up, because in another

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