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Paralyzed Marine walks to receive Bronze Star at retirement ceremony

By JENNIFER HLAD
Stars and Stripes

WHEN CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. Capt. Derek Herrera was called to stand in the place of honor Friday at his retirement ceremony, he pressed buttons on what appeared to be a wristwatch as a fellow Marine came to his aid.

After another push of a button and three short beeps, Herrera rose, legs shaking, and walked deliberately toward his commander. With each step, the exoskeleton he wore emitted a robotic whirring noise, as though it were Iron Man striding through the cordoned off parking lot in digital camouflage.

Herrera was paralyzed from the chest down in June 2012, when he was shot in the spine while leading a team of special-operations Marines on a patrol in Helmand province, Afghanistan. But Herrera, a 2006 graduate of the Naval Academy and the type of Marine who always ran to the sound of the gun, did not let the devastating injury end his career, said Lt. Col. John Lynch, commander of 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion.

"I'm not one that normally gets emotional, but I've got to tell you, your drive, determination and dedication ... it's got me moved today," he said. "If a human being with your injury can walk again without the exoskeleton, it's going to be you."

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Capt. Derek Herrera, with wife Maura, walks to his retirement ceremony at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Friday. Herrera used an exoskeleton to power his legs when he received his Bronze Star.

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Obama expands Afghan mission

New guidelines allow Taliban to be targeted

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has quietly approved guidelines in recent weeks to allow the Pentagon to target Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, broadening previous plans that had limited the military to counterterrorism missions against al-Qaida after this year, U.S. officials said.

The president's decisions also allow the military to conduct air support for Afghan operations when needed, the officials said late Friday. Obama issued the guidelines in recent weeks, as the American combat mission in Afghanistan draws to a close, thousands of troops return home and the military prepares for narrower counterterrorism and training missions for the next two years.

Obama's moves expand on what had been previously planned for next year. One U.S. official said the military could only go after the Taliban if it posed a threat to American forces or provided direct support to al-Qaida, while the latter could be targeted more indiscriminately.

"To the extent that Taliban members directly threaten the United States and coalition forces in Afghanistan or provide direct support to al-Qaida, however, we will take appropriate measures to keep Americans safe," the official said.

The Taliban's presence in Afghanistan far exceeds that of al-Qaida, adding significance to Obama's authorization. The president's decision came in response to requests from military commanders who wanted troops to be allowed to continue to battle the Taliban, the U.S. officials said.

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“As he was coming down, he was definitely screaming. It all happened so quickly. It was so instantaneous.”

— Bianca Bahman, on witnessing a window washer falling onto a moving car in San Francisco

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Boycott called in Bahrain election

1st major vote since unrest overshadowed by opposition dispute

By REEM KHALIFA AND ADAM SCHRECK
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Voters in Bahrain cast ballots Saturday in the island kingdom's first full parliamentary election since Arab Spring-inspired protests nearly four years ago, but a boycott by the country's opposition overshadowed the vote and highlighted the sectarian-charged divisions gripping this strategic U.S. ally.

The country's most organized Shiite group, al-Wefaq, and other opposition organizations urged supporters to stay away from the polls. They accuse the government of failing to enact political reforms and address other grievances that were at the heart of the February 2011 uprising that pitted an opposition movement dominated by the country's Shiite majority against supporters of the Sunni monarchy.

The elections are being closely watched not only by Bahrain's Western allies but also by Gulf Arab and the United Arab Emirates that themselves are led by Sunni hereditary rulers.

Bahraini authorities backed by security forces from neighboring Gulf states crushed the 2011 uprising. But street protests, petrol-bomb attacks and other low-level unrest continue to roil the country, which hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet and is part of the U.S.-led coalition striking the Islamic



HASAN JAMALI/AP

Hundreds of Bahrainis head to the streets for an unauthorized march on Friday in Diraz, Bahrain, to show support for an opposition-called boycott of Saturday's parliamentary and municipal elections.

State group.

A total of 419 candidates are running for municipal and parliamentary seats Saturday. Any candidates who do not secure more than 50 percent of the vote will head to a runoff a week later.

The elections will determine the makeup of the 40-seat lower house of parliament, which has limited direct powers but carries important symbolism as part of political reforms begun more than a decade ago.

Many voters in areas domi-

nated by Shiites, who have long complained of discrimination and political persecution, said they were heeding calls to boycott.

“Everyone here is either in jail, killed, tortured or dismissed from their job,” said Zahra Mohamed, a housewife from the Shiite-heavy community of Sanabis, west of the capital, Manama. “How I can vote while the government is still doing what I just mentioned? ... They did not offer anything to make things better.”

1 soldier killed in attack on Afghan base

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan official says that one soldier and eight insurgents have been killed in an attack on an army base in the country's volatile east.

Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said the assault Saturday in Afghanistan's remote Nuristan province along the country's mountainous border with Pakistan lasted almost three hours. He says a large number of insurgents tried to overrun the base, but were turned back.

Meanwhile in eastern Nangarhar province, police spokesman Hazrat Hussain Mashreqwal said a car bomb killed one civilian and wounded two in Jalalabad, the provincial capital.

Survey shows Afghans worried by jobs, security

KABUL, Afghanistan — The number of Afghan people who feel their country is moving in the wrong direction has risen this year, as concerns about security, corruption and unemployment show marked increases from 2013, a survey released Tuesday showed.

The San Francisco-based Asia Foundation found that 54.7 percent of Afghans think the country is moving in the right direction, down from 57.2 percent last year, while the number who feel the opposite — 40.4 percent — is up from last year's 37.9 percent.

Security, corruption and unemployment were among the major concerns facing Afghans, it found in the survey of 9,271 people, conducted in June and July across Afghanistan's 34 provinces.

Fear for safety has risen significantly in the past year, to 65.4 percent, from 59 percent last year, the survey found. Another 72 percent said that efforts by the government to reconcile with insurgent groups would help bring stability after more than 30 years of war.

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MILITARY

DOD cuts to get new look by incoming Congress

By Heidi Przybyla
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Military supporters are counting on a new Republican-led Congress to roll back defense-spending cuts cut by a 2011 budget agreement. First, they'll have to get past Jeff Sessions and his allies.

The Alabama Republican, who's in line to take over the Senate Budget Committee in January, and other lawmakers seeking to lower the U.S. deficit say they aren't convinced the Pentagon needs more money. Even if they agree, restoring funds to the military would require comparable cuts to domestic programs, which Democrats reject.

"I'm going to be pushing to examine what their needs are," Sessions, who's planning a series of hearings, said in an interview. "We don't want to add additional monies until we know what we want to add it for and be sure that we need it."

While most major legislation has been stalled in Congress for four years, some budget analysts say they're optimistic that Republican leaders will at least try to reduce the \$35 billion in automatic defense cuts slated for the fiscal year starting next October. The Pentagon says those reductions would affect popular programs and personnel.

The automatic cuts in the 2011 budget deal, known as sequestration, are a potential area for compromise because they're unpopular with both parties, and the deficit that triggered them has shrunk by two-thirds since 2009. Sequestration slashes \$1.1 trillion in spending through 2021, divided equally between domestic and defense programs.

Hostilities in Ukraine, the beheadings

of Americans in Syria and a bigger U.S. military footprint in Iraq also could sway lawmakers to support more Pentagon spending. Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work recently asked Congress to "stop this madness."

"What's happening in terms of the security situation of this country will hopefully change people's minds," said Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson, a Republican who voted against the 2011 Budget Control Act.

The debate will occur in a new Congress controlled by Republicans. The party swept both chambers in the Nov. 4 election, which will empower lawmakers like Sessions committed to reducing the budget deficit.

His insistence that reductions would have to come elsewhere in federal spending to subsidize added

Pentagon funding can't easily be met. A bipartisan budget deal reached in late 2013 already used many of the politically easy fixes such as raising airline fees.

An agreement would require trading cuts in areas such as education and scientific research — or programs like Social Security and Medicare, all of which Democrats will resist. And Republicans will need the other party's support because their Senate majority will fall short of the 60 votes required to advance most major legislation.

Undersecretary of Defense Michael Mc-

Cord, the Pentagon's comptroller, said he doesn't see an end to sequestration soon, even with a Republican-led Congress. "Just knowing whether the Senate flipped or not was not going to bring us any huge amount of enlightenment," McCord said in an interview.

Chris Chadwick, chief executive officer of Boeing's defense, space and security unit, agreed. "We may see some lessening of the pressures of sequestration but we just don't foresee a wholesale change at this point," he told Bloomberg reporters and editors in an interview before the election.

Former House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, one of the authors of the 2011 act, said at a Nov. 15 California conference that only a national security crisis would "shake Congress out of its funk" on the spending caps, according to National Defense, an industry group publication.

The history of sequestration shows how hard it will be for lawmakers to make a deal.

Created by Congress in 2011 as part of an agreement to raise the nation's borrowing limit, it was the product of failed attempts by lawmakers and President Barack Obama to negotiate a grand bargain to rein in the deficit — and was never intended to take effect.

The reductions were designed to be so unpalatable and arbitrary that lawmakers would be compelled to come up with a way to replace them. That didn't happen.

The congressional budget agreement reached in December 2013 eased sequestration cuts for fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2015, the current year. Without further action, the reductions will take full effect again for fiscal 2016.

If that happens, the Pentagon will be

forced to lower its proposed \$535.1 billion request for fiscal 2016 to about \$500 billion. That's on top of the \$37 billion in cuts for fiscal 2013 and \$25 billion for 2014.

The spending battle will pick up next year as lawmakers start deliberations on the fiscal 2016 budget. That's because the budget deal struck last December by Republican Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Senator Patty Murray, a Washington Democrat who heads the budget panel, set spending levels through 2015.

Instead of lifting the spending cap, Republicans may try to negotiate another smaller budget accord to lessen its bite, said Ed Lorenzen, a senior adviser to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, which advocates for fiscal responsibility.

"The sequester has the potential to be the impetus for budget negotiations on a moderate-sized package that replaces part of the cuts with longer-term savings," Lorenzen said.

The funding reductions are at a point where popular military programs would be hit.

The Pentagon says it would have to scale back the number of aircraft carriers to 10 from 11 and adjust the number of helicopters and fighter jets such as F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets made by Chicago-based Boeing and possibly F-35 Joint Strike Fighters made by Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed Martin Corp.

Instead of the planned reduction to about 450,000 troops by 2019, the Army would have to pare its force to 420,000. The Marine Corps would have to be prepared to reduce personnel to 175,000 from an initial reduction to 182,000, the Pentagon says.

Taliban: US to expand mission without adding more troops

FROM FRONT PAGE

The New York Times first reported the new guidelines. Officials confirmed details to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss Obama's decisions by name.

The decision to expand the military's authority does not impact the overall number of U.S. troops that will remain in Afghanistan. Earlier this year, Obama ordered the American force presence to be cut to 9,800 by the end of this year, a figure expected to be cut in half by the end of 2015.

The president wants all U.S. troops to be out of Afghanistan a year later, as his presidency draws to a close.

Some of the Obama administration's planning for the post-2014 mission was slowed by a political stalemate in Afghanistan earlier this year. It took months for the winner of the country's presidential election to be certified, delaying the signing of a bilateral security agreement that was nec-



U.S. soldiers hike past burning rubbish to man a hilltop observation post at Combat Outpost Monti in Kunar province, Afghanistan, in 2011.

essary in order to keep U.S. forces in the country after December.

In Kabul, officials with the Afghan Defense Ministry declined to comment Saturday, while officials with the presidency could not be reached.

However, Afghan military analyst Jawed Kohistani said the move likely would be welcomed as President Ashraf Ghan's new administration upon taking office immediately signed a deal with

the U.S. to allow a residual force of 12,000 foreign troops in the country.

"We have heard from many military officers who are involved in direct fighting with the Taliban and other insurgents that still there is a need for more cooperation, there is need for an ongoing U.S. combat mission and there is need for U.S. air support for the Afghan security forces to help them in their fight against the insurgents," Kohistani said.

Panel: No wrongdoing in Benghazi incident

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An investigation by the Republican-led House Intelligence Committee has concluded that the CIA and U.S. military responded appropriately to the attacks on U.S. facilities in Benghazi, Libya, in 2012, dismissing allegations that the Obama administration blocked rescue attempts during the assault or sought to mislead the public afterward.

After a two-year probe that involved the review of thousands of pages of classified documents, the panel determined that the attack could not be blamed on an intelligence failure, and that CIA security operatives "ably and bravely assisted." State Department officials who were overwhelmed at a nearby but separate diplomatic compound.

The committee also found "no evidence that there was either a stand down order or a denial of available air support," rejecting claims that have fed persistent conspiracy theories that the U.S. military was prevented from rescuing U.S. personnel from a night-time assault that killed U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans.

The House panel faulted pre-

liminary assessments by the CIA and other agencies on what had caused the attacks and motivated militants, leading to erroneous public assertions by then-U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice that the assault had erupted from a spontaneous protest. The White House effort to assemble her talking points was deemed "flawed."

But overall, the panel's findings were broadly consistent with the Obama administration's version of events. Previous investigations have reached similar conclusions, but the House committee's report may be seen as more credible by critics of the administration's handling of Benghazi because the panel is controlled by Republicans.

"We concluded that all the CIA officers in Benghazi were heroes," the ranking Republican of the committee, Rep. Mike Rogers of Michigan and ranking Democrat Rep. C.A. Ruppersberger of Maryland, said in a statement. "Their actions saved lives."

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., a member of the committee, expressed "hope that this report will put to rest many of the questions that have been asked and answered yet again."

MILITARY

Bin Laden shooter's story highlights struggles

Adapting to civilian life a letdown for some former SEALs

By JOBY WARRICK
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For 3½ years after the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, former Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill managed to keep a lid on the last major secret from that historic mission: his own name.

Journalists and producers had chronicled nearly every second of the May 2, 2011, raid in news articles, documentaries and a major Hollywood film. More details were disclosed in books by the men who oversaw the operation from the Pentagon and the CIA.

Yet it was O'Neill who drew fire for adding a single new detail to the story of bin Laden's slaying: his identity as the shooter. After days of frequently harsh criticism, some of his former comrades are pushing back, saying the ex-SEAL is being held to a higher standard than the Pentagon and White House officials he worked for.

"We see senior officials speaking publicly and writing books, some of them while still on the job," said a retired Special Operations veteran, insisting on anonymity because his former unit discourages speaking to the press. "But if an operator tries to speak out, it's like someone opened the gates of hell."

Unique challenges

O'Neill angered many of his former SEAL team members by revealing his role in the bin Laden raid, breaking with tradition of strict secrecy that has long defined the group. But even some who disagreed with O'Neill's decision say they are dismayed by the intensity of the criticism against the Montana native, and also by what some veterans describe as the unfair burdens placed on the country's elite fighters after leaving military service.

At a time when SEAL missions have become standard Hollywood fare, many newly retired operators face unique challenges adjusting to life in a civilian world where job opportunities are decidedly less glamorous, veterans say.

"There are real difficulties," said Scott Taylor, a former SEAL from Virginia Beach, Va., who was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates last year and regularly counsels Special Operations veterans about the struggles of post-



LUKE SHARRETT/Bloomberg News

Former Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill identified himself as the shooter of Osama bin Laden, prompting discussion among some about the unfair burden placed on ex-members of the elite group.

military life. "The fact that it's all over Hollywood now does nothing good, and it may even hurt."

O'Neill has explained his decision to come forward as an attempt to gain control over a story that appeared likely to break regardless of his actions. His identity was known to a number of members of Congress, and O'Neill had been approached multiple times by journalists looking to confirm that he was the shooter.

Harsh criticism

O'Neill was preparing to detail his involvement in the mission in interviews with The Washington Post and Fox News when his name was pre-emptively revealed by a website run by former SEALs. Fox aired extensive interviews with O'Neill recently in a pair of hourlong specials. Yet, after the first segment aired, a retired SEAL appeared on the same network to argue that O'Neill should be "prosecuted and dishonorably discharged."

"I see someone that is seeking to prosper off his knowledge and involvement in a classified operation, and for that, he should be punished," former SEAL Jonathan Gilliam told The Kelly File program. "I see a self-indulging operator that has no regard for the safety of his family or fellow teammates."

O'Neill has even faced criticism

"There are real difficulties. ... If I could go to Syria tomorrow, I'd go — not for a long time, but just to get a little dose."

Scott Taylor
former Navy SEAL who entered Virginia politics

in his hometown of Butte, Mont., where along with effusive praise from former neighbors, he has drawn occasional rebukes.

"Stuff like that needs to be kept to the grave," Barry DeChaine, commander of a local Disabled American Veterans chapter, was quoted as telling the Montana Standard, the town's daily newspaper.

O'Neill did not respond to requests for comment for this story.

The harshness of some of the criticism has triggered a backlash from other veterans as well as some members of Congress. Rep. Duncan D. Hunter, R-Calif., a Marine reservist who has known O'Neill for more than a year, said the former SEAL should not be penalized for talking about events that White House and Pentagon officials have already described in exhaustive detail.

"If the administration and the Defense Department really didn't want people talking, they should

have kept quiet, simple as that," he said.

'Quiet professionals'

The SEALs, along with Special Operations counterparts from other services, are often referred to as "the quiet professionals" because of their tradition of operating in secrecy. But since the raid on bin Laden's compound in Pakistan, SEALs have gained a kind of celebrity unrivaled in the group's 52-year history.

In addition to the bin Laden raid, most famously depicted in the movie "Zero Dark Thirty," SEAL missions have been extensively re-enacted in the films "Captain Phillips," which recounts the rescue of a merchant ship's crew from Somali pirates, and "Lone Survivor," which chronicles a disastrous SEAL reconnaissance mission in Afghanistan in 2005.

Former operators were hired as professional consultants for

each of those films, and others have been sought after by journalists, publishers and film producers interested in dramatizing their personal stories, several retired SEALs said in interviews. But those who participate in such projects often do so at the risk of being ostracized, or worse, veterans said.

"One thing about this community is, these guys aren't very good at sitting their own," said a second former SEAL, who described being approached by multiple authors and literary agents interested in telling his story. "It's a wolf pack, and you don't want to be a lone wolf."

'Moral injury'

The allure of Hollywood employment contrasts sharply with the difficult slog many veterans face after leaving the adrenaline-soaked world of Special Operations, according to veterans and mental health experts who specialize in treating them.

Some veterans struggle financially, faced with steep pay cuts and limited job prospects after leaving active-duty service. Many bear psychological and sometimes physical wounds that require years of treatment and therapy, experts say.

As a group, Special Operations veterans are prone to a kind of "moral injury" in which actions in the heat of battle can weigh on their consciousness for years or even decades, said Jonathan Shay, a clinical psychiatrist and author of studies on combat-related stress. The effects are amplified by a loneliness that comes from leaving the extraordinarily close-knit world of a SEAL team.

"SEAL teams are very cohesive: They are highly trained and then cross-trained in each other's specialties," he said. "Leaving that intensely connected small group is a big deal for many of these men."

Even those who appear outwardly to adjust to civilian life often battle hidden problems, experts say. Divorce is common among retired operators, and a sizable percentage of veterans end up seeking escape, sometimes through alcohol abuse or drugs.

Still others are simply bored.

"When I got out, I spent years going to Iraq and for to Yemen, just as a way to keep a foot in the door," Taylor said. Even years later, after launching a successful political career, Taylor acknowledged the allure of rejoining his old team. "If I could go to Syria tomorrow, I'd go," he said. "Not for a long time, but just to get a little dose."

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MILITARY

Marine: Herrera vows to 'strive for greatness'

FROM FRONT PAGE

Herrera retired from the Marine Corps on Friday afternoon, in a ceremony in which he also received a Bronze Star with V for combat valor and a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

"At some point, you have to take the uniform off. You can't wear it forever," he said, but he assured his fellow Marines that he is not "out of the fight."

"I'm here for you whenever you need me," Herrera said.

After his injury, Herrera threw himself into his rehabilitation and made it back to 1st MSOB as a staff officer by January 2013, Lynch said. Later that year, when 1st MSOB hosted then-Commander of United States Special Forces Command Adm. William McRaven, Herrera showed McRaven the unit's rehabilitation center and told him about his own progress.

When McRaven told Herrera that he had a job in uniform in Special Operations Command for as long as he wanted it, Lynch said he had a job in uniform in Special Operations Command for as long as he wanted it, Lynch said.

His first thought was, "Victory!" because he would be able to keep Herrera in the unit.

So when Herrera told Lynch that he would retire this year, Lynch said he was taken aback. Then, he said he realized that Herrera was thinking much bigger than just one unit or service.

"I think his impact's going to be global," Lynch told Herrera's family, friends and fellow Marines.

"You're truly one of the most remarkable leaders we've ever been associated with, and the truth is, we can't keep up." We've got to get out of the way and let you go," he said.

Despite the accolades, Herrera insisted that the day was not about him. "I'm here today because of all of you," he said to his fellow Marines.

Herrera said he considers himself "completely average," and said that while his wounds are very visible, they are no different than the hidden wounds other Marines deal with every day.

Capt. Matt Lampert, who graduated from the Naval Academy and the Infantry Officer Course with Herrera and was serving in Afghanistan with him when Herrera was injured in 2012, said he was "su-



JENNIFER HLAID/Stars and Stripes

Lt. Col. John Lynch, commander of 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, pins a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on Capt. Derek Herrera Friday at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

perhappy" to see his friend recognized.

"He's a phenomenal individual," said Lampert, who lost both of his legs in a 2010 IED blast in Afghanistan. "He makes you a better human being."

Herrera recently completed the Long Beach, Calif., marathon and a triathlon, is pursuing a master's of business administration degree and is the CEO of RuckPack, Inc.

"Though he will not remain in uniform, he still hopes to have an impact on 1st MSOB and on the Marine Corps. "I will continue to struggle and strive for greatness in all that I do," he said.

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Investigators link fired nuke chief to fake poker chips

BY ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The admiral fired last year as No. 2 commander of U.S. nuclear forces may have made his own counterfeit \$500 poker chips with paint and stickers to feed a gambling habit that eventually saw him banned from an entire network of casinos, according to a criminal investigative report obtained by The Associated Press.

Although Rear Adm. Timothy M. Giardina's removal as deputy head of U.S. Strategic Command was announced earlier this year, evidence of his possible role in manufacturing the counterfeit chips has not previously been revealed. Investigators said they found his DNA on the underside of an adhesive sticker used to alter genuine \$1 poker chips to make them look like \$500 chips.

The case is among numerous embarrassing setbacks for the nuclear force. Disciplinary problems, security flaws, weak morale and leadership lapses documented by The Associated Press over the past two years prompted Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Nov. 14 to announce top-to-bottom changes in how the nuclear force is managed that will cost up to \$10 billion.

The records obtained by the AP under the Freedom of Information Act show Giardina was a habitual poker player, spending a total of 1,096 hours — or an average of 15 hours per week — at the tables at the Horseshoe Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in the 18 months before being caught using three phony chips in June 2013.

He was such a familiar figure at the casino, across the Missouri River from his office near Omaha, Neb., that some there knew him as "Navy Tim."

But they may not have known he was an admiral and second-in-command at Strategic Command, the military's nuclear war-fighting headquarters. Strategic Command also plays key roles in missile defense, cyberdefense and space operations.

A career submarine officer, Giardina is a 1979 graduate of the

U.S. Naval Academy.

Such was Giardina's affection for poker that even after he was caught, he "continued to come in and gamble on a regular basis" at the Harrah's casino in Council Bluffs, according to an account by an Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent that was turned over to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service after NCIS took over the case in August 2013.

On July 18, Giardina was banned from both the Horseshoe and Harrah's casinos for 90 days, but

he returned at least twice to play poker at the Horseshoe before the ban expired. The second time, in October, he was given a lifetime ban from all gambling establishments

run by the Horseshoe's owner, Caesar's Entertainment Corp.

Legal gambling by Strategic Command officers with security clearances is not prohibited or limited by policy, although if they incur excessive debt, they are required to report it, according to the command's chief spokeswoman, Navy Capt. Pamela Kunze.

Six days after he received the lifetime Caesar's ban, Giardina was kicked out of the Hollywood Casino at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., according to the NCIS records, which gave no reason for that expulsion. That casino is not a Caesar's property.

The state investigator's report also said a review of surveillance footage revealed "odd behaviors" by Giardina at the Horseshoe.

"Giardina was observed taking cigarette butts out of public ash trays and smoking them," it said.

Giardina, who remains on the Navy payroll as a staff officer in Washington, was never charged with counterfeiting. Instead, he was found guilty in May 2014 of two counts of conduct unbecoming an officer — lying to an investigator and passing fake gambling chips. He was given a written reprimand and ordered to forfeit \$4,000 in pay.



Giardina

Event aims to re-create moment that's missed

BY MEREDITH TIBBETTS
Stars and Stripes

BETHESDA, Md. — When parents deploy, they miss big events in the lives of their children and spouses. A new campaign, Make a Moment, aims to recapture some of those lost moments.

The campaign by the extended-stay hotel company Homeowed Suites and the USO kicked off Thursday night at the USO Warrior and Family Center in Bethesda, Md.

"We know that for big meals — family Thanksgiving, big birthday parties — that, when you are apart, you can't get together. So tonight, we recreate (those memories)," said Christian Kuhn, vice president of marketing for Homeowed Suites.

The room at the USO center was packed with families as celebrity chef Kelsey Nixon brought pizzazz to the cold night.

Nixon, who has a show called "Kelsey Essentials" on the Food Network, invited people to help with her cooking demonstrations. She showed participants how to easily make sausage-stuffed mushrooms and pumpkin pie in a jar.

In addition to sponsoring the Bethesda event, Homeowed Suites donated \$100,000 to the USO. Smaller donations of \$1,000 each were sent in 10 boxes filled with holiday decorations to USOs around the country to help fund their own parties aimed at recreating missed moments.

"The whole campaign is about making a moment — a moment that is missed. It's our opportunity to say thank you and make some of those moments come back," Kuhn said.



MEREDITH TIBBETTS/Stars and Stripes

Kelsey Nixon, a celebrity food chef, shows two children how to make pumpkin pie in a jar during a cooking demonstration at the launch of the Make a Moment Campaign Thursday at the USO in Bethesda, Md.

The Make a Moment Campaign was inspired by Hilton Worldwide's Operation Opportunity, which aims to hire 10,000 veterans over the next five years. Hilton Worldwide owns Homeowed Suites.

Another reason for the campaign was Kuhn's childhood as a military brat.

"My dad was a Navy captain. From the ages of 2 until 12, we traveled across the country five different times," he said. "And during that time, he went to sea four times, and each time he was gone for six months. So we missed a lot of moments in my family."

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The original courtroom is shown at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

GITMO GRIND

13 years and counting, 148 captives remain at U.S. prison

By CAROL ROSENBERG
Miami Herald

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — The detainee in the cage outside the prison hospital psych ward never broke stride on a treadmill as a knot of reporters went past.

Thank, thank, thank, went his feet as he kept the beat behind green sniper netting that obscured all but his silhouette. A soldier stood watch.

No one would explain who the man was, in keeping with prison camp policy that prohibits discussion of individual patients among the last 148 captives at the war-on-terror prison.

But he was still there an hour later — thank, thank, thank — running at the same pace as the military hustled the media out, past an idling white van with a cell inside for a detainee.

It's the first Tuesday in November, just another day as Guantanamo grinds on toward the detention center's 14th year as the most expensive prison on earth with no end in sight. President Barack Obama ordered it emptied in 2009, on his second day in office, and people here are dubious that it will be done before his last.

It will close "a year from now, six months from now, 10 years from now — I don't know," said Zak, a Pentagon employee who has served as the prison's Muslim cultural adviser since 2005.



Left: Cooperative captives conduct afternoon prayers inside a communal cellblock at Camp 6. Right: Restraints are necessary at the Guantanamo medical facility.

"My focus is to ensure that I have operationally effective and safe facilities for a mission with an indeterminate end date," said Rear Adm. Kyle Cozad, the 14th commander of the prison operation.

Some in the pipeline

Two captives have been let out this month, the seventh and eighth detainees to leave this year. Six more men await the outcome of Uruguayan elections to see if President Jose Mujica's successor will make good on a February offer to resettle them. Another six to eight are in the pipeline for transfers to Afghanistan and Europe, according to administration officials, with security assurances.

In all, 779 foreign men have been held at Guantanamo since the prison opened Jan. 11, 2002. Nine have died here. Those who got out were repatriated or resettled by far-flung American allies such as Palau in the South Pacific and Slovakia in central Europe.

Meantime, Guantanamo grinds on, churning through temporary forces doing mostly nine-month tours managing a largely "compliant" prisoner population — as well as the so-called 10 percenters, who constantly give the guards problems and pass their days mostly in lockdown.

The admiral has a four-year plan to build new barracks for the troops and a new kitchen to feed both guards and guarded. Also,

if Congress funds it, a \$69 million new lockup will be built for Guantanamo's most prized detainees — the 15 former CIA captives, seven awaiting trial, and none approved for transfer, even with security assurances.



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Rear Adm. Kyle Cozad
14th commander of the Guantanamo prison operation

ends in the summer of 2016.

Less distress

But there are signs that life has eased for both captives and captors since the military cracked down on disobedience during the bitter hunger strike in the summer of 2013 and locked nearly every prisoner alone in his cell for long stretches at a time.

Now, according to the guard commanders, more than half of Guantanamo's captives follow the rules — don't spit on the guards, aren't on hunger strike and are allowed time with other captives in communal areas for up to 22 hours a day. Rule-breakers get two to eight hours in outdoor communal recreation yards, according to Heath.

Heath said he has tinkered with the program, in particular offering troublemakers the eight hours in the recreation yard to try to



MARK WILSON, GETTY IMAGES/TNS

Detainees hold onto a fence at Camp 4 of the maximum security prison Camp Delta at Guantanamo Naval Base, Cuba, in 2004.

encourage good behavior, without success.

"We have a handful who continue to be active in the fight," said his boss, Cozad.

The cultural adviser seems to have run out of ideas for incentives. "If we give them 10 CDs, they want 20. If we give them two apples, they want four," said Zak.

What they really want "is to be out of here one day."

Heath has spent much of his career in military policing and doesn't come off as particularly distressed by a phenomenon that obsessed some of his predecessors — the detainees who throw a brew of their blood, feces and other bodily fluids at passing guards.

Earlier in his career, said Heath, he ran a lockup at Fort Lewis, Wash., where U.S. soldiers did the same thing. At Guantanamo, the troops call it "splashing." But from what Heath has seen, "they're splurting."

A captive attempts this about one day, he said, mostly in the disciplinary cellblock for about a dozen of the most uncooperative men.

And, said Heath, his guards don't complain to him about it. They know "it's a hazard of the job" and get special protective gear for their turn on the disciplinary block, another part of the grind at Guantanamo.

Meantime, the military is still shielding basic information it once confidently disclosed.

Less transparency

A Miami Herald photographer who got periods of night and day access to the detention center during Ramadan a few years ago was shoofed from silently documenting detainees at prayer after 90 seconds, appealed and got 150

seconds more — a total of four minutes.

How many detainees are so malnourished that military medical staff list them for a tube feeding? No one will provide it. The prison last disclosed the number on Dec. 2 — 15 prisoners on a list for forced-feeding. The number had flat-lined at 11 from a 2013 high of 46, and was rising when the military abandoned that portion of transparency.

How many people work on the detention center staff? On April 15, the prison had precisely 2,268 troops and civilians on its rolls. Now, the spokesman says, its "approximately 2,000," suggesting that it dropped by approximately 268.

Other portions of the media tour have vanished as well.

The forced-feeding display no longer includes a vial of olive oil, once offered as a culturally sensitive lubricant to snake the feeding tube through a nostril. A doctor decried it as risky, to the disappointment of detainees who got a taste of home as the tube reached the back of a hunger striker's throat, according to one of their lawyers.

At a detention center clinic, a guide to calculating a captive's weight has been torn off a wall, leaving a bit of glue and paper. If he's in hard leg restraints, it advised, subtract 1 pound.

There have been no real recent suicide attempts, Cozad said, just "some vague attempts at self-harm and threats of self-harm, basically a manipulation to go to more comfortable quarters in our Behavioral Health Unit" — the psych ward where the captive was logging miles on the treadmill in the cage.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Extremist advance stalled in Kobani

By ZEINA KARAM
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — More than two months into its assault on Kobani, the Islamic State group is still pouring fighters and resources into trying to capture the besieged Syrian Kurdish town, but the drive has been blunted.

Helped by more than 270 airstrikes from a U.S.-led coalition, the border town's unwavering Kurdish defenders are gaining momentum — a potentially bruising reversal for the extremists who only a few weeks ago appeared to be unstoppable.

The setback in Kobani is “a statement of IS group's vulnerability,” said David L. Phillips, an expert on Kurdish issues.

Retired Marine Gen. John Allen, the U.S. envoy for the international coalition fighting the Islamic State militants, said the group continues to mass around Kobani, creating more targets for the U.S. and its allies.

“ISIL has, in so many ways, impaled itself on Kobani,” he said in an interview Wednesday in Ankara with the Turkish daily Milliyet, using an acronym for the Islamic State group.

An early focus of the U.S. operation against the Islamic State group, the dusty and remote town in northern Syria has emerged as a major test in the propaganda war.

Kobani has been under attack since mid-September, when the Sunni Muslim extremists seized a series of villages and much of the town. Most of Kobani's 60,000 residents fled to neighboring Turkey in the first few days of the offensive, amid expectations that it would fall quickly.

But the fate of Kobani soon became tied to the success of the coalition campaign against the Islamic State group. A combination of concentrated airstrikes and the arrival late last month of a group of 150 Iraqi peshmerga forces with advanced weapons blunted the edge of the Islamic State offensive.

The U.S. also has dropped weapons and other supplies to the Kurdish fighters, the first time it has done so in Syria in the course of the country's four-year conflict.

Kobani-based activists say

Report: US-led strike toll tops 900

BEIRUT — A prominent Syrian activist group monitoring its civil war says U.S.-led airstrikes in the country have killed over 900 people since September, many fighters of the militant Islamic State group, though some civilians as well.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Saturday that the U.S.-led airstrikes have killed 785 militants of the extremist Islamic State group. It said the strikes also have killed 72 militants of Syria's al-Qaida's affiliate, the Nusra Front.

The Observatory, which observers believe provides the conflict's most accurate death tolls, said the U.S.-led strikes also killed 52 civilians, including eight women and five children.

A U.S.-led coalition began striking the Islamic State group in late September in Syria after targeting the group in Iraq.

Activists say Syria's civil war has killed over 200,000 people.

From The Associated Press

Kurdish fighters have made small-but-steady advances in the past two weeks following the arrival of the peshmerga forces. Last week, Kurdish fighters known as the YPG seized a hill that overlooks part of the town. On Tuesday, they captured six Islamic State-controlled buildings and confiscated a large amount of weapons and ammunition.

“The front lines are more defined now. We have a more organized and coherent defense strategy, and Daesh advances have been halted — but the danger remains,” said Kurdish activist Mustafa Bali, referring to the Islamic State group by an Arabic acronym. The Islamic State group however, still controls about a quarter of the heavily damaged town, and the balance of power is still tenuous.



KARIM KADIM/AP

Members of the Iraqi security forces check a truck as followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr attend nearby open-air Friday prayers in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad.

Iraqi forces, Islamic State group battle in Ramadi

By SAMEER N. YACOB
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi soldiers backed by Sunni fighters launched a major operation Saturday to retake a section of the city of Ramadi seized by Islamic State group militants, an official and residents said.

The fighting focused on Ramadi's eastern Sijariya neighborhood, which the extremist group said it captured Friday. An official with the Anbar provincial council described intense fighting there Saturday morning that included both sides firing mortars. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief journalists.

Eyewitnesses there, speaking

on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals, corroborated his account.

The Islamic State group has been trying to seize Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, for months now. Sunni militants, including the group's fighters, seized parts of it last January. The Anbar official also said Islamic State fighters lined up and shot several men Friday from the al-Bu Fahd tribe, which is taking part in the fight against the militant group.

Islamic State group fighters have killed more than 200 men, women and children from Anbar's Sunni Al Bu Nimr tribe in recent weeks, apparently in revenge for the tribe's siding with Iraqi security forces and, in the

past, with U.S. forces.

Earlier this month, an American advisory mission visited Anbar's al-Asad air base, searching for potential training locations for fighters battling the Islamic State group, which holds a third of both Iraq and Syria. The move is part of a U.S. plan to train Iraqi forces and Sunni tribesmen, reminiscent of the Sunni Awakening movement that confronted al-Qaida in Iraq starting in 2006.

Meanwhile Saturday, police said two bombings around Baghdad killed eight people and wounded 21. Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists.

Saudi prisoner released from Gitmo

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A Saudi citizen who has spent the past 12 years detained at Guantanamo Bay has been released, the Pentagon said Saturday, amid a push to whittle down the prison population at the U.S. base in Cuba.

Muhammad al-Zahrani was sent to his homeland based on the conclusion of a U.S. government board that has been re-evaluating the need to continue holding some of the men as prisoners, the Pentagon said in a statement. He will take part in a Saudi program to rehabilitate militants.

Al-Zahrani, who is about 45, had been held at Guantanamo since August 2002, according to military records. A report by the Periodic Review Board said he traveled to Afghanistan in 1999 and “almost certainly” joined al-Qaida, trained in military tactics and fought the Northern Alliance.

His lawyers, in a statement to the board, described him as a “middle-aged, ailing man who desperately wants to return to Saudi Arabia.” They said his father died while he was in U.S. custody and “his only wish is to see his ailing mother before she

passes away.”

The board cleared him for release in October, citing a number of factors including his willingness to participate in the Saudi rehabilitation program. He left Guantanamo on Friday.

Al-Zahrani is the 13th prisoner to leave Guantanamo Bay this year and the seventh in just the past two weeks. Officials have said more prisoners will be released in the coming weeks as part of a renewed effort to close the site where 142 men now are held, including 73 already cleared for release.



RAQQA MEDIA OFFICE/AP

The Islamic State group posted this photo Nov. 4, showing of one of its fighters in Kobani, Syria.

NATION

Worker wins settlement in Big Mac assault case

By JAKE PEARSON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A former McDonald's worker acquitted of charges he placed shards of glass into a police officer's Big Mac nearly a decade ago has won a \$437,000 settlement from the city after arguing the officer fabricated the story to win money by suing the fast food restaurant.

Albert Garcia was 18 in January 2005 when Officer John Florio accused him of spiking his burger with broken glass. He initially confessed after being questioned by four detectives for hours in a small, windowless room in the Bronx restaurant.

But Garcia, who has an IQ of 81, soon recanted, and his lawyer's investigation revealed enough inconsistencies in the officers' testimonies that the state's highest court unexpectedly decided to hear the assault case this year. The case had been dismissed in 2012, a decision upheld by a lower state appeals court.

Last month, the city agreed to a settlement.

"I was thrilled when I found out," said Garcia, a 28-year-old father of two who works as a counselor at a Bronx YMCA and is studying criminal justice. "I really thought this wasn't going to happen."

It might not have if Florio hadn't pursued a \$6 million civil claim against the McDonald's franchise owner about a week after the burger incident. The claim was settled in 2009 for \$15,000, said Garcia's lawyer, Raymond Aab.

"That really opened the door for me," said Aab, noting it allowed him to take Florio's and other detectives' depositions, thus uncovering crucial inconsistencies.

Calls to Florio weren't returned. His former lawyer, Rich-



JAKE PEARSON/VP

Albert Garcia, right, stands with his attorney Raymond Aab, outside court in New York, on Thursday, after the city agreed to pay him \$437,000 in a settlement stemming from dismissed charges that he doctored a police officer's burger with shards of glass.

ard Kenny, said though he hadn't spoken with Florio in some time, he believed in his honesty and his innocence.

On this much everyone agrees: On Jan. 29, 2005, Florio, a now-retired veteran officer assigned to the canine unit, stopped at about 11:30 p.m. at the McDonald's drive-thru window and ordered a No. 1 combo meal: a Big Mac, fries and a Coke.

But just minutes later, Florio testified that about three bites into his hamburger, he felt sharp pain and what he thought might be a cracked tooth. He called a superior and then made his way to a Queens hospital emergency room, court documents show.

But despite what Florio told

few officers, medical records from the ER visit show Florio suffered from no apparent symptoms of swallowing glass, Aab claims in papers. What's more, while Florio said he told his family doctor that he had recovered glass shards in his stools, the doctor testified the conversation never took place, the papers show.

And there were more problems. Restaurant workers testified that Garcia got to work a half hour late the night of the burger affair and thus wasn't even working when Florio was purchasing his meal — a piece of information that never found its way into a crucial police report, according to the papers.

Obama launches sales mission on immigration plan

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Mounting an offensive behind his immigration directives, President Barack Obama on Friday insisted House Republicans must take up a comprehensive immigration overhaul but said the system is so unfair that it needs the type of fixes that he initiated on his own.

"Our immigration system has been broken for a very long time and everybody knows it," he said. "We can't afford it anymore."

Speaking at the Las Vegas high school where he launched his drive for Congress to send him an immigration bill, Obama outlined steps he has taken to help millions of people living in the country illegally. The measures are designed to make nearly 5 million of those immigrants eligible for protection from deportation and for work permits.

But Obama cautioned that his actions are limited and that only broader legislation would permanently change immigration laws and help the more than 11 million immigrants illegally in the United States.

"The actions I've taken are only a temporary first step," he said.

As if to underscore that point, a heckler interrupted Obama, chiding him for not doing enough with his executive actions to help more immigrants in the country.

"Not everyone will qualify," Obama conceded. "That's the truth. Listen, I heard you and what I'm saying is we're still

going to have to pass a bill."

With Republicans accusing him of overstepping his authority, Obama and his allies are seeking to sell the executive actions on immigration as good politics and good policy. But he also sought to use his move to apply pressure on Republicans, who seemed to be casting about for a way to respond without overplaying their hand.

The actions, which Obama laid out in a prime-time television address Thursday, would mainly cover parents of U.S. citizens and of legal residents as long as the parents have been in the U.S. for five years or more. But Obama's actions also would change enforcement priorities by emphasizing the deportation of new illegal arrivals and criminals.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Obama, in sidestepping Congress, had damaged his ability to get things done.

"In the days ahead the people's house will rise to this challenge," Boehner said Friday at the Capitol. "We will not stand idle as the president undermines the rule of law in our country and places lives at risk. ... He's damaging the presidency itself."

But Obama countered that it has been Republicans who have stood in the way, noting that 512 days have passed since the Senate passed a comprehensive bill.

"The fact that a year and a half has gone by means that time has been wasted and during that time families have been separated and during that time businesses have been harmed," he said.

Embattled Cosby gets standing ovation, reprieve from controversy

By MATT SEDENSKY

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Fla. — The protesters didn't show, the would-be hecklers didn't take the bait, the weeks of headlines about sexual assaults disappeared and Bill Cosby, for 90 minutes at least, regained the revered status he long enjoyed.

The show Friday night in Melbourne might have seemed destined for disaster for the comedian, enveloped in growing accusations of rape and sexual assault that have derailed his career comeback and crumbled his tour schedule. What he got, though, was an adoring audience that laughed so hard they slapped their knees, shouted love at the stage and rose to their feet as he came and went. "I think people went there with him as Bill Cosby from the

TV show," said Travis Weberling, 40, of Melbourne, "not the guy they heard about on the news."

The 2,000-seat theater beefed up security and announcements before Cosby took the stage warned a disturbance was possible — radio hosts had even offered cash and prizes to anyone who made it happen. Reporters swarmed the venue. But, in the end, just one protester stood outside, holding a sign that read, "Rape is no joke."

What remained to be seen was whether the evening marked a turning point for a beloved television father, or simply a momentary reprieve. It did nothing to immediately change the fact that Cosby's projects have been nixed and stalled, performances have been canceled across the country and women continue to come forward accusing him of serious crimes.

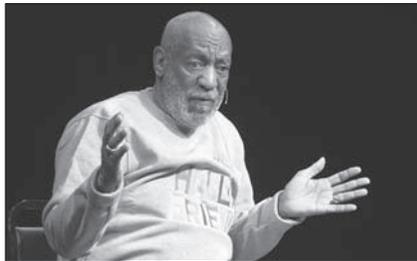
Cosby has never been charged in connection with any of the allegations.

"I know people are tired of me not saying anything, but a guy doesn't have to answer to imputations," Cosby told the Florida Today newspaper after the show. "People should fact check."

And, throughout the audience, his fans agreed. They talked of watching him on TV as a child, and of his albums becoming familiar friends when he moved to unfamiliar, faraway towns. They brushed off the accusations, howling at everything he uttered.

The most impassioned of his fans breathed a sigh of relief. Judith Stone traveled from Madison, W.Va., for the show, deeming it "absolutely fantastic" and grateful no one interrupted.

"I think he will leave with a very positive attitude," she said.



PHILAN M. EBENHACK/AP

Comedian Bill Cosby performs at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, in Melbourne, Fla., on Friday. Performances by Cosby in Nevada, Illinois, Arizona, South Carolina and Washington state have been canceled as more women come forward accusing the entertainer of sexually assaulting them years ago.

NATION

Flooding emerges as threat in snowy Buffalo

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — After a three-day onslaught that dumped a historic 7 feet of snow on the Buffalo area and killed at least 12 people, the sun came out, but so did predictions of flooding caused by rain and temperatures of up to 60 degrees.

Weather Service meteorologist Jon Hitchcock said there might be trouble with drainage as snow and the uncollected autumn leaves underneath blocked catch basins.

"The biggest flood threat would be on Monday, when temperatures are at their warmest,"

he said. "There could be general urban flooding."

"There's roughly the equivalent of six inches of rain in the snowpack that will essentially be released over two days," Tobe said. "If it was released as rain, it would be a monumental storm."

He said flooding likely would affect mostly basements and creeks.

The National Weather Service issued a flood watch for Sunday to Wednesday.

"We are preparing now for more flooding than we've seen in a long, long time," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. Cuomo said the state was sending in pumps, boats, helicopters and high-axle vehicles

that can operate in 4 to 5 feet of water.

"If we're lucky we won't need any of it," he said. "But prepare for the worst and hope for the best."

The snow remained a huge challenge. Officials were still urging people to put off non-essential travel so snow removal efforts could progress. Cuomo reopened a 132-mile stretch of the state Thruway that had been closed since Tuesday, but several exit ramps remained closed along the westernmost 75 miles.

"Assume if you get on headed west, you can't get off until Pennsylvania," the governor said. He said roads remain "very

dangerous."

Local travel bans were beginning to be lifted Friday so delivery trucks can bring in food and other essentials to depleted supermarkets, the governor said.

Two more deaths were announced. A 50-year-old man was found Friday morning in his car, which was buried in snow in Cheektowaga, police said. The cause of death wasn't immediately known.

One elderly resident of a nursing home, also in Cheektowaga, died after it was evacuated amid concerns of a roof collapse, a spokeswoman for the home said. More than 30 major roof collapses, most involving farm and

flat-roofed buildings, were reported overnight, officials said Friday, and warm temperatures could make the snow even heavier.

Friday's improved weather inspired some homeowners to climb onto roofs to shovel off the snow and reduce the danger of collapse.

"Five hours yesterday and that's just the beginning," John Normile of Lake View said as he and his daughter and her boyfriend cleared up to 6 feet of snow from the roof of his ranch-style home.

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

Calm urged as Ferguson panel nears decision

By ALEX SANZ AND JIM SALTER
The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Activists, authorities and the family of Michael Brown called for calm as a grand jury drew closer to an announcement in the Ferguson police shooting. But it was unclear whether the panel was still at work or when it would render a decision.

Earlier on Friday, a spokesman for St. Louis County Prosecutor Bob McCulloch told reporters that the grand jury weighing whether to indict officer Darren Wilson was still in session. Five hours later, Ed Magee declined to say whether the panel was still meeting.

The time, date and place for a news conference announcing the decision has not been decided, Magee said.

Wilson, 28, reportedly told the grand jury that he feared for his life on Aug. 9 as Brown, who was 6-foot-4 and nearly 300 pounds, came at him. Some witnesses said Brown was trying to surrender and had his hands up.

The shooting of an unarmed, black 18-year-old by a white police officer spurred protests, some of which turned violent. Demonstrations have continued for more than three months, though the number of protesters has dwindled and violence has become uncommon.

There were signs of rising tension.

Protesters were arrested Thursday outside Ferguson police headquarters for the second night in a row after about 40 demonstrators blocked South Florissant Road.

Calls for peace and restraint emanated from several quarters, including President Barack Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder and civil-rights leaders and business owners.



Eric Risberg/AP

A pair of police officers look over the scene where a window washer fell 11 stories onto a moving car Friday in San Francisco. Police said the San Francisco window washer has survived the fall.

Window washer falls onto car in San Francisco

By SUDHIN THANAWALA AND KRISTIN J. BENDER
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A worker who fell 11 stories from a San Francisco building onto a moving car, crushing its roof and sending shattered glass flying into the street, survived but was in critical condition.

The man fell screaming from the roof of a downtown building Friday, but was conscious when paramedics reached the area, police said.

He remained in critical condition at a San Francisco Hospital Friday night, officials said.

The car's driver, Mohammad Alcoazi, was not injured. He told KGO-TV that he's happy to be alive especially after his car's roof almost completely collapsed in the accident. He said he is

praying that the worker survives.

"I'm very happy that I didn't get hurt," Alcoazi told the news channel shortly after the accident. "Hopefully he can make it. I pray for him that he can make it."

Alcoazi said he saw something hit his car shortly after making a left turn.

Witnesses described seeing a blue streak and the man's shadow as he fell and then hearing shattering glass as he hit the car and then rolled onto the ground. The roof of the car, a green Toyota Camry, was smashed in, and the rear windshield shattered.

Bianca Bahman, who was on the corner where the man fell, said she looked up to see his shadow and ran for cover.

"As he was coming down, he was definitely screaming," Bahman, 31, a pre-medical student

at San Francisco State University who was on her way to the gym, said. "It all happened so quickly. It was so instantaneous."

The man, identified by police only as window washer, was moving equipment on the roof of a bank building in the heart of San Francisco's financial district and was not on a window-washing platform when he fell, San Francisco police Sgt. Danielle Newman said. The platform was on the ground at the side of the building, and cables were hanging from its sides. It was not clear whether the man was setting the platform up, but he was working with a partner, police said.

Bahman and about 20 other people ran to the man, who was on his back. The man was lucid, though he was bleeding.

The bystanders, who included a

nurse, put clothing on the man as they waited for the ambulance.

The man works for Concord, Calif.-based Century Window Cleaning, said Peter Melton, a spokesman for the California state division of occupational safety and health.

The company was cited for one serious violation and three other violations in 2008, one of them related to instructing window-cleaning employees in the proper use of all equipment provided to them, and supervising the use of the equipment and safety devices to insure that safe working practices are observed, according to federal records. The company was fined more than \$6,500, though the fine was eventually reduced to a little more than \$2,700.

A call to the company was not immediately returned.

NATION

More signs signal woes in FSU shooter's life

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON
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The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A man who shot three people at a Florida State University library complained to police and property managers in New Mexico that cameras were watching him in his apartment and that he heard voices talking about and laughing at him, according to police reports released Friday.

Myron Walk entered into the Las Cruces Police Department in September to report he was almost certain there were cameras installed in his apartment and that he could hear voices commenting on his activities, a police report said. For instance, May told an officer, after a bubble bath he began applying lotion to his body and heard voices that said, "Did you

see that? He never puts lotion on." May, a 2005 Florida State graduate, returned to the school early Thursday and shot two students and a library worker before reloading his semi-automatic pistol. Police responded within two minutes and fired a barrage of bullets that killed him.

Videos and a journal obtained by police indicate he thought he was being watched and targeted by the government.

The first 911 call from the shooting came from one of the victims, according to an initial Tallahassee Police report released Friday.

The victims are student Elijah Velez, 18, who was grazed by a bullet and was treated at the scene; student Farhan Ahmed, 21, who was in critical condition when admitted to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and is still being treated,

and library employee Nathan Scott, 30, who was shot in the leg. Police didn't say which one called 911, but there were several more calls that followed.

In New Mexico, May apparently also suspected neighbors were watching him at his Las Cruces apartment. A woman who shared a wall with him had a football-sized landscaping rock thrown at her window at 2 a.m. Oct. 20. Responding officers talked to a maintenance man, who told them May complained to property managers that neighbors were laughing at him as he watched pornography.

The officers then matched the rock to a gap in landscaping rocks in front of May's apartment. The maintenance man told them he took care of May's dog several times during his stays at a mental hospital, according to the report.

That incident happened less

than three weeks before May returned to Wewahitchka, Fla., where he stayed at a guest cottage owned by friends.

Authorities on Friday were examining packages May sent to friends before the Florida State shooting.

Joe Paul, a Washington, D.C., resident and motivational speaker who knew May from their time in Florida State student government, said postal inspectors intercepted a package May sent to him. The postal inspectors told him that the package contained nothing dangerous and promised they eventually would release it to him.

"We want to know why this happened," Paul said. "The sooner we know why this happened, the sooner we can start to heal."

Paul said May mailed similar packages to about nine people. The FBI in Houston was exami-

ning another package delivered in Texas and others were believed to have been sent to Florida and elsewhere. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service said the packages weren't a threat and said they were flat-rate, priority mail envelopes.

Florida State President John Thrasher greeted about 100 students Friday as Strozler Library reopened with a heavy police presence and the university resumed classes.

"I still don't know there's any real explanation why he picked Strozler, why he picked the time he did," said Thrasher, who has been on the job less than two weeks. "That's beyond, I think, anyone understanding now."

University police participated in active shooter training less than two weeks before the attack, including a scenario with a shooter at the library.

First lady gets snarky 'thanks' on Twitter

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — School kids are giving thanks to first lady Michelle Obama just in time for the holiday — with a sarcastic Twitter hashtag about unappealing school lunches.

Along with photos of unsavory-looking school meals, the hashtag #ThanksMichelleObama was one of the top trends on Twitter within the United States for a time on Friday.

The first lady has become the symbol of healthier school meals as she has pushed standards implemented in 2012 that require more fruits, vegetables and whole grains in the lunch line in an effort to combat childhood obesity. There are also limits on sodium, sugar and fat.

While many schools have put the standards in place successfully, others have said some of the new foods end up in the trash can.

Many of the photos have a Thanksgiving theme — think sad-looking stuffing — while others are everyday meals. The hashtag appears to have started about two years ago, but didn't really catch on until Friday after several websites picked it up.

"Had a very #healthy lunch today," Hunter, Whitney of Wisconsin tweeted. "The apple definitely made up for the 'mystery mush' #ThanksMichelleObama." His photo of a soupy Spanish rice gone wrong and an apple on a school lunch tray was retweeted more than 170 times.

Junter, 17, is a senior at Richland Center High School in Richland Center, Wis. He said in an



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A dish of Spanish rice was part of the lunch served Nov. 13 at Richland Center High School in Richland Center, Wis.

interview with The Associated Press that his school lunches have gone downhill during his four years in high school. Of the Spanish rice, he said "you couldn't feel the individual grains of rice. It was just a solid mush."

Halana Turner, a junior at Fraser High School in Fraser, Mich., posted a photo of a mushy breakfast sandwich Friday morning. She said she used to like the meals at her school.

"I don't blame my school for this because I know that they're just following the rules," she said.

To combat the critics, a handful of kids posted photos of more appetizing lunches. Some people

joked that the students are far from the first generation to complain about their school lunches.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington advocacy group that has lobbied for the healthier lunches, got in on the game as well, tweeting pictures of colorful salad bars and happy kids under the hashtag.

"Even if the lunches were super unhealthy, there would be kids who would complain," said CSPI's Margo Wootan.

The White House didn't have an immediate response, but an Agriculture Department spokesman said most meals aren't as bad as the photos depict. USDA oversees the school meals program.

Report questions role of wealth, race in care of gunman Lanza

BY PAT EATON-ROBB
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The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A new report questions whether the race and affluence of Adam Lanza's family influenced decisions about how to care for his mental health problems in the years before he committed the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre.

Among the findings in the report, which was released Friday by the state office of Child Advocate, is that Lanza's parents and educators contributed to his social isolation by accommodating — and not confronting — his difficulties engaging with the world.

The report said recommendations from Yale psychologists that he be medicated and undergo rigorous treatment as a child for anxiety and other conditions were rejected by his mother, who eventually took him out of school.

"Is the community more reluctant to intervene and more likely to provide deference to the parental judgment and decision-making of white, affluent parents than those caregivers who are poor or minority?" the report asks. "Would (Adam Lanza's) caregivers' reluctance to maintain him in school or a treatment program have gone under the radar if he were a child of color?"

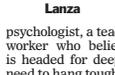
Lanza's father is a financial services executive. The son and his mother lived in an exclusive neighborhood in the wealthy bedroom community, 70 miles north of Manhattan.

Research has found that upper-middle-class parents are far more likely to be resistant, defensive and even litigious when presented with treatment options suggested

by school service providers, said Suniya Luthar, a professor of Psychology at Arizona State University, who has written extensively on the topic of affluence and mental health.

Defering to those parents can have grave consequences, allowing nascent problems to escalate to serious and sometimes dangerous levels, she said.

"Even though some of these parents can be very intimidating, schools need to hang tough," she said. "If there is a



Lanza

psychologist, a teacher or a social worker who believes this child is headed for deep trouble, they need to hang tough."

The report concluded that Lanza's autism spectrum disorder did not cause or lead directly to the massacre.

But it found that his "severe and deteriorating internalized mental health problems" when combined with a preoccupation with violence, and access to deadly weapons, "proved a recipe for mass murder."

Lanza killed his mother, then shot his way into the Newtown school on Dec. 14, 2012, and gunned down 20 children and six educators before committing suicide.

The report's authors said Lanza's parents tried to obtain help for him in variety of ways, but they did not know which path to take and appeared not to grasp the depth and severity of his disabilities.

WORLD

28 killed in attack on bus in Kenya

By TOM ODULA
The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Somalia's Islamic extremist rebels, Al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for a Saturday dawn attack on a bus in which 28 non-Muslims were singled out and killed.

Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack through its radio station in Somalia, saying it was in retaliation for raids by Kenyan security forces carried out earlier this week on four mosques at the Kenyan coast.

Nineteen men and nine women were killed in the bus attack, said Kenyan police chief David Kimaiyo.

The bus traveling to the capital Nairobi with 60 passengers was hijacked about 31 miles from the town of Mandera near Kenya's border with Somalia, said two police officers.

The two officers said the bus was first waved down but it didn't stop, so the gunmen sprayed it with bullets, and when that didn't work they shot a rocket propelled

grenade at it, the officers said. The gunmen commandeered the bus off the road and ordered all the passengers out of the vehicle and separated those who appeared to be non-Muslims from the rest and shot them at close range, the officers said.

The police insisted on anonymity because Kenya's police chief ordered that officers should not speak to the media.

Some of the dead were public servants who were heading to Nairobi for the Christmas vacation, the officers said.

A shortage of personnel and lack of equipment led to a slow response by police when the information was received, the officers said. They said the attackers have more sophisticated weaponry than the police, who waited for military reinforcements before responding.

Kenya has been hit by a series of gun and bomb attacks blamed on al-Shabab, who are linked to al-Qaida, since it sent troops into Somalia in October 2011.



Turkish students demonstrate Saturday against the visit of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden in Istanbul.

Biden calls on nations to focus on energy security

By DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden on Saturday called on Europe to continue diversifying its energy supplies to reduce dependence on Russia, which he said should not be allowed to use its vast gas and oil resources as a geopolitical tool.

"Now, now, now is the time to act," Biden said, speaking at the Atlantic Council's energy security summit in Istanbul. "What's happening in Ukraine only underscores the urgency."

Russia, Ukraine and the European Union last month thrashed out a \$4.6 billion deal that will guarantee Russian gas supplies to Ukraine and further on to the European Union. The deal eased

fears that Europe will end up shivering this winter like it did in 2009, when a spat over Ukraine's gas bill prompted Russia to cut off energy supplies to Europe for nearly two weeks.

Moscow had cut off gas supplies to Ukraine in June over unpaid debts, a move that followed the ouster of Ukraine's Russia-friendly leader and the Kremlin's annexation of Crimea in March. Talks dragged on for five months amid fighting in eastern Ukraine between pro-Russian insurgents and government troops. But the looming onset of winter—a fierce, freezing season in Ukraine—gave the talks increased urgency.

"We have been aware that this single source of energy has been a problem for a long time," Biden said. "But my message is not that

Europe can or should do away with Russian imports."

Biden also announced nearly \$135 million in humanitarian aid to help feed civilians affected by Syria's war.

Biden said the money will raise the amount of aid the U.S. has provided to more than \$3 billion since Syria's crisis began.

The new funding will help feed vulnerable people inside Syria; Syrian refugees in Turkey; and Syrian refugees in other neighboring countries.

Turkey is now hosting an estimated 1.6 million refugees from Syria.

More than 190,000 Syrians from Kobani, a Syrian town near the border, fled to Turkey in recent weeks.

Polish town: Pooh too scantily dressed for kids

By TIM HERRERA
The Washington Post

A small town in Poland is trying to redefine Winnie the Pooh into something the bear's creator, A.A. Milne, wouldn't even recognize: A castrated, nudist bear created by a disturbed old man.

While debating whether the beloved literature icon should be the face of a new local playground, officials in Tuszyn concocted the bizarre history for the bear, adding that his genitals were removed and that his shirtest appearance makes him "inappropriate for children," according to a report in the Croatian Times.

Officials in the small town of Tuszyn, in central Poland, were meeting to decide upon a new patron for a children's playground when Winnie-the-Pooh was brought up.

Later, a town official named Hanna Jachimska added: "This is very disturbing but can you imagine! The author was over 60 and cut his [Pooh's] testicles off with a razor blade because he had a problem with his identity." And yet another pointed out: "It doesn't wear underpants because it doesn't have a sex. It's a hermaphrodite."

So, OK. A few things to note here: ■ In general, bears on this globe do not wear pants. This is a mostly consistent law of nature (with notable exceptions, i.e. the circus etc.); but if one were to take a survey of bears in nature, one would most likely find that the vast majority are not wearing pants. So the fact that Winnie



KOJI SASAHARA/AP

The town of Tuszyn, Poland, has decided that Winnie the Pooh is "inappropriate for children."

wears a shirt actually suggests he's quite conservative in nature.

■ Winnie already has proven he can be trusted with children. In most of their interactions, Winnie and Christopher Robin are without supervision, and this never seems to become a problem.

■ The genital issue is a little murkier. There's really no way to prove one way or the other whether Milne performed said surgical operation on Winnie's nether regions, so we'll call it a wash.

■ Winnie the Pooh is a known honey thief. Just seems like a missed opportunity here. Although UPI seized it, reporting: "Winnie-the-Pooh is being run out of town, and it's not for taking all the honey."

So, overall, this is weird.

Strong quake strikes central city in Japan

The Associated Press

TOKYO — A strong earthquake late Saturday struck a mountainous area of central Japan that hosted the 1998 winter Olympics, knocking down at least 10 homes in a ski resort town and injuring several people, officials said.

The magnitude-6.8 earthquake struck near Nagano city shortly after 10 p.m. at a depth of 6 miles, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. Since the quake occurred inland, there was no possibility of a tsunami.

One of the hardest-hit areas appeared to be Hakuba, a ski

town west of Nagano. Ten homes collapsed there, said Shigeharu Fujimura, a Nagano prefecture disaster management official.

Nine people were trapped underneath the collapsed houses, but they all were rescued, and none had life-threatening injuries, said Hakuba official Tomoyuki Shimokawa.

Many houses also lost water, apparently because of a ruptured pipe, and landslides on two major roads blocked access to some areas. "We are afraid there could be some areas that may have been isolated, so we need to conduct a thorough assessment of damage

after sunrise," Fujimura said.

Ryo Nishino, a restaurant owner in Hakuba, told Japanese broadcaster NHK that he had "never experienced a quake that shook so hard. The sideways shaking was enormous." He said he was in the restaurant's wine cellar when the quake struck, and that nothing broke there.

The earthquake was felt across much of northern Japan and in Tokyo, about 125 miles/southeast of Hakuba.

Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority said no abnormalities were reported at three nuclear power plants in the affected areas.

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Militants with the Islamic State group stand near a hilltop after placing their group's flag there Oct. 6 at the eastern side of the town of Kobani, Syria.

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Islamic State's terrifying strategy

By DAVID IGNATIUS

WASHINGTON
 centerpiece of President Barack Obama's strategy for defeating the Islamic State is mobilizing tribal fighters to join the Iraqi military in retaking Anbar and other Sunni-dominated provinces. But new research shows the jihadis have been working since 2009 to gut the very Sunni tribal leadership on which Obama's rollback depends — making the U.S. campaign much more difficult.

U.S. strategists want to create a "national guard" version of the tribal militia known as the "Awakening" which in 2007 and 2008 crushed al-Qaida in Iraq, the predecessor of the Islamic State. But overlooked evidence shows that the jihadis have worked systematically to destroy the Awakening and to assassinate tribal leaders who might challenge their rule.

The jihadis' long-running intimidation campaign against the Sunni tribes is one more sign that, as Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told me in September, the U.S. "underestimated" the Islamic State. Obama later told CBS' "60 Minutes" that he shared Clapper's critique.

But despite these mea culpas, U.S. planners may be making a similar mistake in assuming that the tribal networks can be rebuilt quickly. American officials believe Sunni support has been galvanized by the removal of polarizing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite. That's true, but fighting the jihadis will be a long, uphill road.

Research documenting the Islamic State's onslaught was compiled by Craig Whiteside, a former Army officer who fought in Iraq and now teaches at the Naval

War College. By his count, at least 1,345 Awakening members have been killed in Iraq since 2009 by the Islamic State or its predecessor organizations. "In the Sunni areas where the Iraqi government had little control, it did not take long for the Islamic State to slowly and methodically eliminate resistance one person at a time," he writes in a military blog called "War on the Rocks."

Whiteside cites the example of the strategic town of Jurf al-Sakhar, south of Baghdad. Between 2009 and 2013, 46 Awakening members were killed in 27 different incidents there. The dead included four sheiks from the local Janabi tribe. Similar killings across Sunni areas of Iraq "were barely noticed by the Iraqi government or in the media."

The jihadis documented their assassination campaign in a grisly video called "The Clanging of the Swords," which Whiteside cites in his report. Watching the video, you see a series of drive-by assassinations, accompanied by heroic Islamic music, as Islamic State fighters gun down selected vehicles on the road or pedestrians on the streets. "The hungry lions chase their prey," says an Arabic narrator, whose words are translated into English. It's clear that the assassins' intelligence is precise.

The Islamic fighters also targeted Iraqi police and army units in Sunni areas and Baghdad, itself, starting more than two years ago. Islamic State communiques released in February 2013 claimed that in the second half of 2012, the group conducted 37 attacks in Baghdad and 43 assassinations in other areas of Iraq. U.S. analysts failed to see this gathering storm.

As its campaign against the Sunni tribal

forces gained momentum in 2012 and 2013, the Islamic State began offering amnesty to Sunnis who had been part of the Awakening militia or the Iraqi security forces. The jihadi video shows scores of Sunnis experiencing "the joy of repentance" in an auditorium in Anbar. They recite a pledge of penitence together and then embrace masked jihadis on stage, one by one.

To swell its ranks further, the Islamic State staged a series of daring prison raids they called "Breaking the Walls." Whiteside counts seven prison assaults between July 2012 and July 2013, culminating in a raid on Abu Ghraib prison that freed more than 500 senior Islamic State fighters, including one named Abu Wahib, who later became the group's leader in Anbar. The importance of this prison-break campaign in the rapid build-out of Islamic State forces wasn't understood by U.S. analysts.

U.S. officials argue that Sunni tribal leaders still want to work with American military advisers — all the more so after the jihadis' brutal campaign of intimidation. As Sheik Zaydan al-Jibouri told me in Amman last month, "We want to create a strategic relationship with the Americans."

But this time around, the tribal leaders must combat a deeply entrenched enemy. The Islamic State controls the ground; it has the intelligence; it has fierce, combat-hardened fighters. Obama is right to seek Sunni "boots on the ground" for the campaign against the jihadis, but he needs to explain better to the American public the roots of this conflict, and how difficult and protracted it will be.

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OPINION

Immigration woes Obama likely won't fix

BY JUSTINE DRENNAN, ELLIAS GROLL
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Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON

President Barack Obama went before the nation on Thursday night to lay out executive orders, by-passing Congress and massively overhauling the nation's immigration laws. Through a combination of reforms, Obama's plan is to keep up to 5 million undocumented immigrants with long-standing ties to the United States from being deported.

Republican lawmakers are apoplectic about the initiatives, which they say should be made through legislation rather than by White House fiat. "If he acts by executive diktat, President Obama will not be acting as a president, he will be acting as a monarch," Sen. Ted Cruz, the Texas Republican, wrote in Politico. Administration officials say the president had no choice but to act because such legislation has been stalled in Congress for years.

Under Obama's reforms, some 4 million undocumented immigrants who have lived in the United States for more than five years will be granted work permits and exempted from deportation. The president is also expected to raise the age limit on a program that allows children who came to the United States illegally as children to stay in the country.

But these are stopgap measures that are likely to come under scrutiny when Republicans take control of Congress next year. Some Republicans are already considering legislation to defund Obama's proposed immigration reforms.

In bypassing Capitol Hill to grant what will undoubtedly be described by his Republican critics as mass amnesty, Obama is making sure that immigration, always a hot-button issue politically, will play an even more outsized role in the 2016 presidential election.

Rhetoric aside, though, Obama's reforms won't fix everything that's wrong with America's broken immigration system. From the future of the parents of children who entered the country illegally to what to do about the nation's overcrowded detention centers, this is what Obama won't solve.

DREAMers' parents

Among those who will be able to apply for temporary protection from deportation under Obama's executive orders are the "DREAMers," undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children. Named after the DREAM Act, a long-



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Miriam Lopez, left, Fabry Jacome and Dulce Saavedra console each other Thursday as they are brought to tears while watching President Barack Obama's speech on executive action on immigration outside the Los Angeles Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles. Saavedra said "it's just unfair."

stalled bill designed to shield those individuals from being returned to their home countries, many DREAMers are already protected by an Obama executive order from 2012. That order, however, is limited to people who entered the country younger than 16 and applied for protection by age 30. Obama's Thursday announcement was expected to raise or erase these age limits.

The undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents will also be able to apply for deportation reprieves under Obama's plan. But the order will do nothing to protect DREAMers' parents, who face the same daily fears as other undocumented immigrants: that they will be discovered, deported, and forced to leave behind their closest family members.

Obamacare and other government benefits

The government has long provided "emergency Medicaid" to hospitalized undocumented immigrants who lack the means to pay for their most urgent health care costs, allowing them to receive care for urgent procedures. This, along with some states making undocumented immigrants eligible for driver's licenses, has been among the few legal concessions to the needs of undocumented immigrants.

But at this point, the Obama administration isn't offering much more in the way of health coverage. The president's 2012 ex-

ecutive order protecting DREAMers from deportation doesn't allow them to receive coverage under the Affordable Care Act. And none of the other groups to be shielded from deportation under Obama's new order will be able to enroll in Obamacare, either.

Unaccompanied minors

When children traveling alone began arriving en masse at the U.S.-Mexico border this summer, critics of Obama's immigration policy seized on the crisis as evidence that the president's allegedly lax enforcement policies have brought youngsters to the border. But there was never really any hard evidence to support that conclusion. Rather, the sudden influx of unaccompanied minors was the result of a combination of factors that had mostly to do with intense gang violence in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. With violence spiking and cynical traffickers telling parents that their children would find a home in the United States, many Central American parents decided that now was the time to secure a safer future for their children, even if it involved a harrowing journey north.

For now, the flood of unaccompanied minors has at least been slowed, with the rate of children arriving in October 40 percent lower than the rate in the same period last year. But that doesn't mean the crisis is over: In October, more than 2,000 unaccompanied children arrived at the south-

ern U.S. border.

The United States has taken some steps to abate the crisis, including launching a campaign aimed at dispelling rumors in Central America about U.S. immigration laws. Washington has also announced in-country refugee programs in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, but the number of refugee slots allocated for the region for 2015 — more than 4,000 — is unlikely to address the desires of all those parents who wish to send their children to the United States.

The root cause of the flow of unaccompanied minors — immense drug-related violence in Central America — is not something that Obama or Congress could possibly solve. The way to solve reforming U.S. drug laws and gun regulations and supporting efforts to reform corrupt institutions in the Central American countries from which these children hail. Executive orders wouldn't be enough, and neither would be legislation.

Overcrowded detention centers

This past summer, when that same surge of Central American children and families crossing the U.S.-Mexico border into the Rio Grande Valley left detention centers dangerously overcrowded, Obama called the emergency need for space in those facilities an "urgent humanitarian situation."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials needed beds, and needed them faster than they could find them. Many women and children were held in crowded facilities without bond until their trials, and due to lack of space, thousands of others were released with court summons at bus stations across the United States' southwest border. Those who were held in detention centers reported filthy living conditions, including lack of access to private bathrooms, outbreaks of chicken pox, and children sleeping on top of each other in human cages and on concrete floors. The government even had to resort to using three military bases as holding cells to address the overflow.

Calls for reforms to holding procedures after reports of sexual assaults and overcrowding in family detention centers led ICE to mandate the shutting down of a controversial family detention center in New Mexico. But it didn't stop ICE from launching the practice elsewhere, as it will open a 2,400-bed family detention center, the country's largest, in Dilley, Texas, next month.

Among the proposals in Obama's executive action on immigration, there has been no mention of reforms to detention centers.

Executive action on immigrants will be welcome

BY JOSE MIGUEL LEVYA

President Barack Obama should go ahead and issue executive orders providing protection to millions of undocumented individuals by year's end, as he was expected to do.

First, the moral case for doing so is exceptionally strong.

This protection would not be granted to people who just jumped over the border fence. It would apply to people who have been in this country for years and years: They are our friends and neighbors, who have worked beside us and for us, and whose children go to school alongside ours.

These people are, in some real sense, no longer undocumented immigrants; they are undocumented Americans.

They do not deserve to live in constant fear that their lives will be uprooted and their families torn apart.

And second, the political case for protecting immigrants is also powerful, since Republicans in Congress time and time again have refused to take action on this issue.

This lack of action on the part of Congress has been disturbing and disappointing. It has forced millions of people to continue to live in fear and in the shadows. Obama's own record on immigration has been spotty, at best. In fact, he has deport-

ed more immigrants than any president before him.

But he began to see the light two years ago when he granted protection to the "Dreamers," the children who came over here when they were very young.

Now he wants to expend on that, and conservatives are attacking him on two grounds.

They constantly cite the need to "secure the border" before they will consider enacting reforms to benefit those already here. But Congress has already poured billions into securing the border since 9/11, and those measures, along with the Secure Fence Act of 2006, have greatly reduced the number of people caught crossing into

this country.

The other criticism that conservatives make is the charge that Obama is acting illegally. They are focusing on his past opinions about the feasibility and constitutionality of reform and his prior hesitation to grant protection to millions of immigrants.

Rather than viewing this as sinister, a more generous explanation is that it shows he has an open mind and an open heart.

Those are good qualities to have in a president — and in any moral human being.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Customer shot in store robbery awarded \$2M

PA PITTSBURGH — A customer shot during a convenience store robbery in Pittsburgh seven years ago has won a \$2 million verdict against Giant Eagle Inc., the grocery chain that owned the store.

Giant Eagle's attorney didn't comment on the verdict returned Monday in Allegheny County. It was first reported by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

John Stapas lived near the GetGo store in the city's South Side and often went there after work. He was 17 when he was shot five times in the neck and stomach by a man who robbed the store.

Stapas' lawsuit claimed the chain didn't provide enough security. His attorney said Stapas was defending customers and employees when he was shot.

Man sues cemetery over burial plot mix-up

NH LACONIA — A man has sued a New Hampshire cemetery after discovering that someone else is buried in his plot.

Kenneth Dame bought the plot for himself and his wife at Bayside Cemetery in Laconia in 1987.

Due to an administrative error, Michael Girardi, who died last year, is buried next to 11 members of the Dame family.

Girardi's family has not given permission to have him reburied at a different plot.

Dame's lawsuit says he was offered another double plot, but it's 60 feet away. The Laconia Daily Sun reported that his lawyer said the proposed solution "is much too far for him to agree to."

A lawyer for the cemetery said it could take several months before a judge comes to a decision.

Parent scales school fence, lockdown beaches

FL PANAMA CITY BEACH — An elementary school in Panama City Beach spent time on lockdown after a parent scaled a fence to eat Thanksgiving lunch with his child.

Police said the man was asked to leave the parent-student Thanksgiving luncheon at Hutchison Beach Elementary on Thursday because school officials noticed that he appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic.

The News Herald of Panama City reported that the man was escorted off the school property without incident. But moments later, he climbed a fence near the cafeteria.

Officials called police and the school was placed on lockdown as officers searched for the man. He fled before the police arrived, but they found him a short time later and arrested him on trespassing charges.

School officials described the man's behavior as "incoherent."

Family gets \$6.75M in son's Botox case

VT MONTPELIER — A New York couple who said Botox treatment of their



AARON PIPER, THE SEYMOUR (IND.) TRIBUNE/AP

Battling a big blaze

A firefighter uses an aerial hose to spray water on a blaze on North Fifth Street Friday in North Vernon, Ind. The fire in the downtown area sent flames shooting from the roof of the building, with a plume of smoke that could be seen several miles away. Officials say five firefighters were taken to a hospital with minor injuries, but no one who lived or worked in the building was hurt.

THE CENSUS

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The number of years Frances Moore, 93, has worked at an Alabama jewelry store, and she's still there. Moore, of Birmingham, has worked at family-owned Bromberg & Co. since 1939. The store has been in operation since 1836. She was hired to polish silver at Bromberg when Franklin D. Roosevelt was president and before the United States entered World War II. She made \$8 a week initially, but Moore said she was happy because the trolley ride to work cost only 7 cents. Moore soon transferred to gift wrap. By around 1970, she was managing the company's multimillion-dollar jewelry inventory. Moore said she plans to keep working as long as she can.



son's cerebral palsy left him with life-threatening complications and sued its manufacturer won a \$6.75 million verdict from a federal jury on Thursday.

The verdict in U.S. District Court in Vermont came three days after the announcement that New Jersey drugmaker Actavis would acquire Botox maker Allergan for \$66 billion, one of the biggest acquisitions announced this year.

A lawyer for New York state residents Lori and Kevin Drake said Joshua Drake, now 7, suffered calf spasms due to mild cerebral palsy until he got Botox injections to treat them at a Vermont hospital in 2012.

The lawyer, Ray Chester, said Joshua has since developed epilepsy and must have an aide with him at all times in case he needs life-saving medications during a seizure.

6 arrested, school closed after 2 fights

CA SANTA MARIA — Lunchtime fights at a Central California high school Wednesday ended with police swarming onto campus, school closed and six students under arrest, authorities said.

No major injuries were reported, however.

The trouble began when two girls began fighting at Righetti High School and two boys got into a second fight, said Kenny Klein, spokesman for the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District.

Police, Santa Barbara County sheriff's deputies, county firefighters and California Highway Patrol officers were called at about 12:30 p.m. after a deputy who was serving as campus security called for backup after having food thrown at him while trying to stop the fight, authorities said. A helicopter also was sent to the school.

A video on the website of the Santa Maria Times appeared to show a deputy striking a girl during a struggle with a group of girls. A photo showed a deputy, his back smeared with cheese sauce, kneeling over a boy on the ground.

Man confesses to TV crew he set house fire

MD ROCKVILLE — A Montgomery County man has been arrested after confessing to a TV news crew that he set a house fire the station was covering.

WJLA-TV was at the scene of an active Rockville house fire on Wednesday when a man who identified himself as Carlos walked up and said: "Me. Me. I set it on fire."

The man said he wanted to bring attention to deplorable living conditions inside the home. He said he had complained about the conditions to police, but that they didn't take them seriously.

The man then walked up to two Rockville police officers and told them he set the fire. They arrested him.

Police say the man was among six people living in the home. No one was injured.

Teen fakes abduction, sentenced to probation

MI MONROE — A teenager from Michigan who faked her own disappearance and even put an ad on Craigslist to find an abductor has been placed on probation for three years.

Hayley Turner, 18, of Temperance, didn't speak in Monroe County Circuit Court on Thursday. She must perform 29 days of community service and pay \$15,200 to the sheriff's office for the 17-hour search.

Turner pleaded guilty to causing a false police report to be filed.

She claimed to have been abducted at gunpoint on Aug. 7 in Bedford Township, just north of the Ohio-Michigan border. She was found safe with a puppy 16 hours later in Ecorse, near Detroit.

Awkward moment in porn case investigation

PA HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office found itself in the awkward position Thursday of having to acknowledge that it had misspoken about a pornographic email scandal.

In a statement, Renee Martin, spokeswoman for Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane, said she "misspoke" Wednesday when she said Kane would not bring criminal charges related to the pornographic images her office discovered when reviewing emails of state employees.

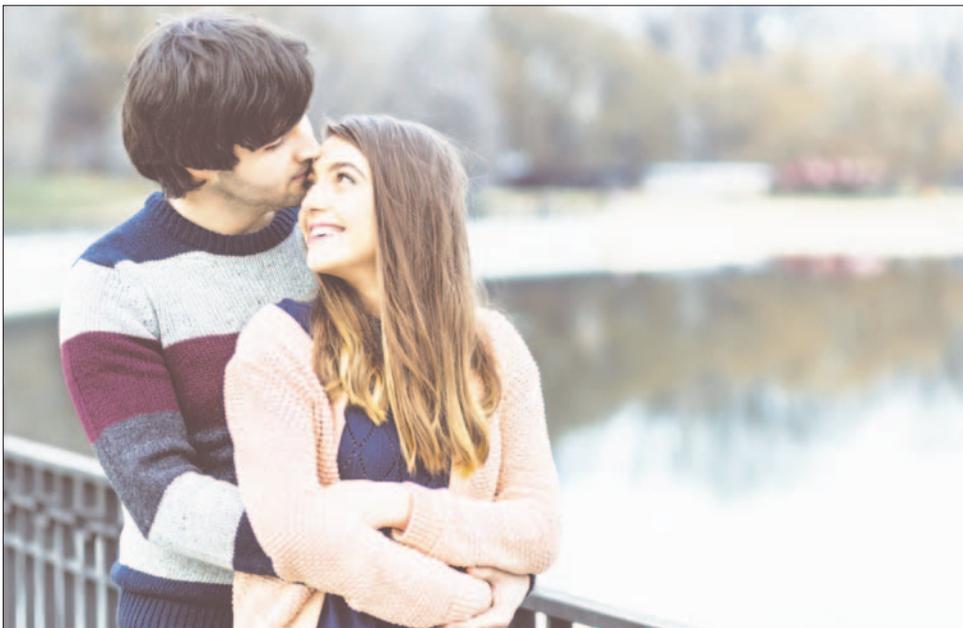
The scandal has led to resignations, suspensions and discipline for dozens of state officials and employees.

"I misspoke," Martin said in her Thursday statement.

"In fact," she said, "the attorney general has not made a decision one way or the other."

From wire reports

LIFESTYLE



FOTOLIA/TNS

According to a new study, marital happiness could be compromised by many prior failed relationships.

The 'I don't's' before 'I do'

New study says prior failed relationships can hurt marriage

By LESLIE MANN
Chicago Tribune

Now 31, Rodney Jordan said his brief marriage at age 22 was doomed before it started. When he wed, he said, he had had many failed relationships.

Jordan, a sixth-grade teacher in Manassas, Va., and author of "From the Heart of a Teacher," said he was "insecure and running from (a) bad situation."

His experience might not be so unusual. Findings from a new study point to having multiple relationships before you marry as a predictor of marital unhappiness.

"What happens in Vegas does not stay in Vegas," said Galena K. Rhoades, University of Denver associate psychology professor and co-author of the study "Before 'I Do': What Do Premarital Experiences Have To Do With Marital Quality Among Today's Young Adults?" "These relationships do matter — maybe because you compare your spouse to the others, you're difficult to get along with, or you're a risk-taker."

The five-year study, which Rhoades co-authored with psychology professor Scott Stanley, co-director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver, was commissioned by the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia. It included 1,294 unmarried Americans nationwide, ages 18 to 34. During the

study, 418 of them married.

Prateek Mehrotra, 48, an Appleton, Wis., owner of a financial growth-management firm, believes that avoiding serious relationships before he married resulted in a happy marriage with Richa, his wife of 23 years.

"In my culture, you save your first, big date for your future spouse," said Mehrotra, whose family is from India. "In college, I went out with groups of boys and girls but didn't have serious girlfriends."

The study also noted that having multiple premarital partners adversely affects women's marital happiness more than men's.

"We still have a double standard," Rhoades said. "Casual relationships before marriage are almost expected now. But with women, there's still a stigma."

"But the study doesn't speak for everyone, said Laurel Wiers, 40, a marriage and family therapist in Ledyard, Conn. In her own personal and professional experience, Wiers said, previous relationships can make for a better marriage.

"Dating helped me figure out who was my 'type,'" said Wiers, who has been married for 18 years. "When I met my husband, I knew he was the keeper. He wasn't controlling or possessive; he was confident."

Professionally, Wiers said she has seen clients "settle with the wrong people because of their lack of dating experience." What's more, she added, too many of these

marriages last well past their expiration dates "because they say it's better than being alone."

The study also found that couples who make mindful decisions about milestones in a relationship — such as having sex, moving in together and getting engaged (not necessarily in that order) — have happier marriages than those who "slide" into those situations.

"This says rituals are important," said Rhoades, who would encourage couples to spend their time discussing and weighing options. "These decisions used to be automatic, but couples have more choices now."

Regardless of why a marriage fails, though, staying together because of "inertia" can be a serious problem, Rhoades said — which is why she is not in favor of "testing" your relationship by living together too soon. This can create a situation that makes it difficult to move on.

"You sign a lease together; buy furniture, adopt a dog," she said. "All these things make it harder to break up with the person you really don't want to be with."

Try taking a long vacation together instead, she suggested. Meet each other's parents, too. Then, she said, couples can "make the right decision without getting locked into a relationship that isn't right."

"Take your time," added Wiers. "There will still be plenty of people out there to choose from."

RELATIONSHIP RED FLAGS

The study "Before 'I Do'" also cited these marital happiness predictors:

- Physical aggression is a red flag for marital discord.
- Children from previous relationships add stress to marriages, but more so for women (possibly because they're more likely to have custody).
- Having a baby before marriage triggers marital stress, but mostly among people with college degrees. (They have different cultural norms than those without degrees, the authors suggest.)
- Having a larger wedding party predicts marital happiness — but the amount spent on the wedding does not. The large number of guests implies a larger support group — helpful when you face marital challenges, explained study co-author Galena K. Rhoades.

—Read the full study on the National Marriage Project website: nationalmarriageproject.org

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Bob Dylan

The Basement Tapes Complete: The Bootleg Series Vol. 11 (Columbia)

"The Basement Tapes Complete" arrives as an outlier in Bob Dylan's "Basement Tapes" series.

It deconstructs the 1975 album and, in six discs of material, presents us with a chronological trip through all the recordings they could salvage made by Dylan and the Band at Big Pink.



The album is sequenced according to Garth Hudson's documentation of the order of recordings, and it feels like we're finally being let in on a process, a moment where we get to see Dylan working out his relationship with music.

"The Basement Tapes Complete" is more historical document than album, one more interested in being comprehensive than being moment-to-moment marvelous. In that way, this box set rewards immersive listening.

— Matthew Fiander/PopMatters

'New Basement Tapes' band takes on Dylan

BY DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

The unexpected package from Bob Dylan's song publisher promised an adventure for music producer T Bone Burnett.

It was a collection of typed lyrics written — and forgotten — by Dylan during his fertile "Basement Tapes" period in the late 1960s. The instructions were minimal: do with this what you will. Now everyone can hear what Burnett did.

He booked a studio for two weeks and invited an insta-band of talented friends to transform the words into music. Elvis Costello, Marcus Mumford (Mumford & Sons), Jim James (My Morning Jacket) and Rhiannon Giddens (Carolina Chocolate Drops) answered the call and, at Mumford's suggestion, Taylor Goldsmith (Dawes) was invited, too.

Nobody involved — even Burnett, an old friend — has spoken to Dylan about what they've done with his songs.

"We aren't looking for any kind of

blessing," Mumford said. "It would be cool if he likes it, but in a way, he's like everybody else now. He'll hear it in the same light as everyone else."

Burnett purposely gave the participants about as much instruction as he'd gotten, sending them the lyrics and a start date. Most arrived with several written arrangements, with the exception of Mumford, who thought collaborating would be done on the spot.

It was an intimidating assignment. Giddens, for one, wondered if she'd pull her weight with more famous colleagues.

"You'd be a fool or an arrogant person if you don't say initially, of course it's daunting," Costello said. "But then were you daunted in the sense that you were frozen? No. How did we cut 44 songs in 12 days? In order to do that, you need the skill to prepare and the ability to recognize the moment."

Burnett sought to keep people comfortable. In a film about the project that debuted Nov. 21 stateside on Showtime, he's depicted as offering quiet advice and a smile.

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Above: from left, Jim James, Rhiannon Giddens, Marcus Mumford, Taylor Goldsmith and Elvis Costello collaborated on "Lost on the River: The New Basement Tapes," an album produced by T Bone Burnett and created by the musicians using lyrics written by Bob Dylan for the legendary "Basement Tapes" recordings.

Various Artists

Lost on the River: The New Basement Tapes (Electromagnetic Recordings/Harvest Records)

The bottomless well of material from Bob Dylan just got deeper with the release of "Lost on the River: The New Basement Tapes."

The 20 songs are taken from lyrics Dylan wrote in 1967, during the period that produced the so-called Basement Tapes recordings.



Elvis Costello, Jim James from My Morning Jacket, and Marcus Mumford worked out musical arrangements from the lyrics. Former Dylan band member and producer T Bone Burnett oversaw the work and makes it all flow seamlessly.

The artists create something entirely new with lyrics written nearly 45 years ago that sound like they could just as easily have come from the Civil War, Dust Bowl or yesterday.

In other words, it's timeless.

— Scott Bauer/AP

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Photos courtesy of Big Hassle Media

T Bone Burnett produced "Lost on the River: The New Basement Tapes." The album consists of a series of tracks based on recently uncovered lyrics handwritten by Bob Dylan in 1967.

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He kept everyone moving: one or two takes, and it was time to try something new.

Chosen in part for their versatility, the musicians shuffled from instrument to instrument. Drumsticks for one song, guitar for another. Lead vocal on the music they composed, backup on others. Who has time to learn an arrangement? Just keep going.

"I'd never felt more creative," Goldsmith said, "and I've never felt less comfortable."

The musicians tried to be inspired by the spirit of the original Basement Tapes, when Dylan woodshedded in upstate New York with The Band, making music with no expectations people would hear it. A six-disc box of those old sessions is on sale this fall.

The big difference is they knew, this time, that many fans would be keenly interested in what they were doing.

"We were trying to make a great noise together," Mumford said. "We weren't worried about how people would respond to it, how people would like it. There were enough of us in the room

and we trusted each others' tastes enough to know, well, if we all like it, somebody else in the world is going to like it."

The sessions were, as Giddens put it, a master class in song-writing and illustration of the malleability of songs. The group recorded four different versions of "Hidee Hidee Ho" and the title cut, "Lost on the River." Two of each are on the new 20-song disc.

"What is a song?" James said. "Why does one person's brain see one set of lyrics and it's a bashing rocker, and another person sees the same lyrics and it's calm and tranquil?"

It's not like no one has ever tried to replicate the atmosphere of the Basement Tapes. The veteran Costello knows that it doesn't always work, and credits Burnett for fostering a sense that the musicians couldn't fail if they let themselves go.

They're already anticipating another project.

"I like Jim's idea," Costello joked. "Write new music for 'Blowin' in the Wind' and songs like that."



From left: Jim James, Elvis Costello, Marcus Mumford, Taylor Goldsmith and Rhiannon Giddens recording "Lost on the River."



EVAN AGOSTINI, HENSOBY/AP

LORDE OF DARKNESS

Singer curates sinister 'Mockingjay' soundtrack

Various artists

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1, Original Motion Picture Soundtrack (Republic Records)

It was only a matter of time before Lorde graduated from contributing a song for "Catching Fire" to taking over the soundtrack for the latest "Hunger Games" soundtrack in which the 18-year-old chanteuse curates a concoction of dark magic, enchanting tunes and revolutionary feelings. As the world of Katniss Everdeen gets darker with sacrifice, violence and revolt, in "Mockingjay — Part 1," the soundtrack follows suit with a medley of offbeat and oddly appealing synths, pianos and guitars.

Lorde's own vocal touch appears in "Yellow Flicker Beat" as she growls her way through introspective chants. The eerie remix by Kanye West takes the original's chorus and slows it

down to an ultrasound heartbeat. "Dead Air" by Chvrches speeds it up with Blade Runner-esque synths.

For the rest of the 14-track album, she enlists an unlikely collection of stars — Grace Jones, Simon LeBon, Chemical Brothers, Bat for Lashes, Pusha T and Diplo among others.

Whether it's a '70s sampler mixed with dissonant drums like Grace Jones' "Original Beast," Chemical Brothers' catchy pop descent into madness in "This is Not a Game," or Major Lazer's dance beat "All My Love," there's always a unique hint of sinister bubbling underneath.



Tinashe's melodious "The Leap" and the playful piano of Charli XCX's "Kingdom" offer a short but needed respite in all the darkness. And when you manage to come up for air to get away from it, you feel the itch to go back under again for more sorcery.

— Cristina Jaleru
The Associated Press

BOOKS

Writer offers healing words in 'Small Victories'

By BROOKE LEFFERTS
The Associated Press

Fans of author Anne Lamott know reading her work is like finding a favorite sweater from the depths of the closet on the first crisp fall day: warm, comforting, familiar and easy. Her new book, "Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace," is a collection of beautifully written essays, filled with nuggets of wisdom gathered over years of mindful living.

The stories tackle some heavy topics, from Lamott's alcoholic, dysfunctional family to mourning the illness and death of friends. But Lamott's candor and sarcastic, self-deprecating humor lighten the content and engage readers.

The author's faith is a strong part of her foundation and informs her views of the world. She infuses her storytelling with Christian principles and Zen insight, and manages all this without sounding preachy.

It's this spirituality that helps keep her

mind open to moments of grace in unexpected places, like finding common ground with strangers during a long flight delay, or appreciating warm gloves and shelter after a hard fall on the ski slopes.

Her tone is intimate and the pace slow, allowing readers to linger over each essay, like a great meal with friends you never want to end. She boils complicated matters down to basics, and stretches the limits of emotional depth in simple stories with larger lessons.

Now 60, Lamott's conversational and confessional style — sprinkled with pop culture references — feels modern and cool, like her trademark deadlocks. A sensitive and thoughtful soul, she's also a feisty liberal — and doesn't pull political punches, taking several opportunities to bash President

George W. Bush and conservatives.

In separate essays about her father and mother, Lamott shares intimate details of growing up in a family that suffered from "spiritual anorexia." Her vulnerability is tangible, even years later.

Forgiveness is a recurring theme as Lamott strives to let go of anger and resentment and concentrate on the present.

"You sacrifice the need to be right, because you have been wronged, and you put down the abacus that helped you keep track of things," she writes.

Lamott acknowledges many character flaws that ring true for anyone. In one story, she decides a fellow mom at school is her "Enemy Lite." She's certain this hateful woman — who's either exercising or baking cupcakes — is judging her, and perpetually trying to show her up.

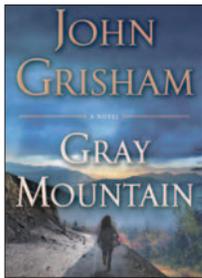
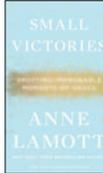
But as the relationship evolves, she realizes she was projecting all her fears of failure and maternal insecurities onto this woman. Once she sees the situation clearly, she's able to accept the woman's kindness

and forgive herself for not being perfect.

Lamott's subtle humor is at its best when she describes her foray into Internet dating. Her Goldlocks parade of prospects included men who were anti-religion, self-involved, apolitical and hated her politics. One wore an unbuttoned tropical shirt, another had an unbearable laugh. Alas, no love connection, but she finds satisfaction in conquering the awkwardness and fear of dating.

In several essays on dying with dignity and the mourning process, Lamott suggests grief is an individual experience with no set timetable or behavior rules. She says it's not only OK to yell, scream and cry, it's probably necessary to receive the best gifts of grief: "softness and illumination."

Lamott often seeks solace in nature and uses hikes in the woods or a walk on the beach as a peace tonic, and a reminder to stay in the now. She says you can reach your dreams if you're willing to "fall in love with your own crazy, ruined self." That love takes time to grow. By sharing her journey, her words heal us all.



Gray Mountain

John Grisham

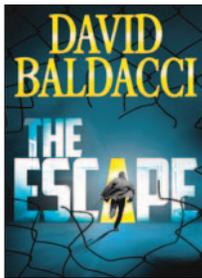
John Grisham has been writing legal thrillers and dramas that resonate with readers for almost 25 years, and his latest continues the theme of ordinary people who work in the law profession experiencing a crisis of conscience.

"Gray Mountain" introduces readers to Samantha Kofler, Grisham's latest character to tackle walking the line between right and wrong. Kofler is working for a giant Wall Street law firm when the financial world collapses in 2008. She soon finds herself leaving her office and going to work in a legal clinic in rural Virginia without pay, with the possibility of returning to her old firm in a year when money woes should have eased.

In the small town of Brady, Va., Kofler becomes involved in the intricacies of helping those who can't afford legal help find justice. She also learns some big secrets involving the people she has grown to care about and what companies will do for profit.

Grisham has written one of his best legal dramas in quite some time with this dive into small-town politics. There's a mystery, but that's a minor portion of the story. The main thrust that will engage readers is Kofler and the cast of characters that help her discover her passion.

— Jeff Ayers/AP



The Escape

David Baldacci

One of the most compelling characters in David Baldacci's thrillers is John Puller, a crack-jerker investigator of military crimes. In "The Forgotten" and "Zero Day," readers learned that Puller has an older brother, Robert, who is serving a life sentence for treason. In "The Escape," Baldacci reveals the reason for Robert's imprisonment.

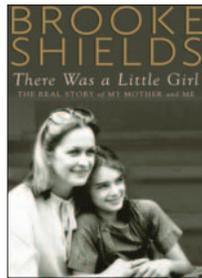
The story begins on a stormy night in Kansas. There's a major power failure at Robert's maximum security prison. The computer-controlled cell doors unlock, and inmates come pouring out into the darkness. Robert escapes, leaving an unidentified dead man in his cell.

Robert's disappearance unnerves authorities because he's an expert in nuclear weaponry and cybersecurity. They ask Puller to find his brother and return him to prison.

As he works to accomplish this mission, Puller discovers the U.S. intelligence community is full of its own spies — and those working for its enemies.

"The Escape" is much more than a thriller. It's a moving tale of two military brothers and their father, a retired Army general and fighting legend now suffering from dementia.

Emotionally intense, "The Escape" is Baldacci's best to date. — Waka Tsunoda/AP



There Was a Little Girl

Brooke Shields

It would be a shame to dismiss "There Was a Little Girl" by Brooke Shields as a celebrity tell-all. Instead, it's a thoughtful, poignant story about a girl and her mom prompted by a New York Times obituary written after Teri Shields' death in 2012.

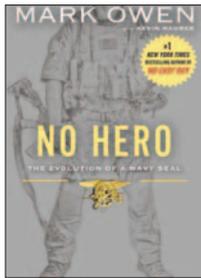
"If this dead 79-year-old woman could elicit such a vehement response and vicious reaction so many years after her prominence in the public eye," Shields writes in the prologue, "there was something there that needed to be explored."

What follows is a remarkably clear-eyed examination of a mother crippled by alcoholism and a daughter torn by taking care of herself, her prolific and profitable career and her mom.

The chapters in which Shields describes Teri's death in vivid detail is particularly heartbreaking as we watch her experience a full range of emotion, including anger, sadness and regret.

Yes, as a teenager, she met Andy Warhol at Studio 54, and, yes, she befriended Michael Jackson, dated John Travolta and fell in love with George Michael. But she never succumbs her mother's behavior, nor hers.

She delves into her own failed relationships as well as her insecurities, and, in the end, we see her simply as one of us. — Kim Curtis/AP



No Hero

Mark Owen and Kevin Maurer

Mark Owen, a pseudonym for former U.S. Navy SEAL team member Matt Bissonette, caused a stir with "No Easy Day," his firsthand account of a mission in Pakistan in 2011 that resulted in Osama bin Laden's death because he didn't get the book cleared by the Defense Department before publication.

In his follow-up, "No Hero: The Evolution of a Navy SEAL," Owen goes through the proper channels, detailing his journey as a member of SEAL Team 6 (minus the Osama bin Laden mission). A few sections of the book were redacted.

"No Hero" is filled with stories from Owen's various missions. Some are unique and provide useful lessons, while others seem redundant. He offers only a few pages about his post-military life, skimming over important issues like combat stress and his re-entry into civilian life. These omissions make the book seem unbalanced.

Owen's writing is genuine and insightful. He's blunt, even crude at times, but he doesn't brag or preach. He recounts his experiences and explains the lessons he learned from them.

"No Hero" might have been intended for the next generation of SEALs, but the book's lessons can also be useful to civilians. — Carolyn Lessard/AP



Revival

Stephen King

A page-turning tug-of-war between reformer rocker Jamie Morton and man of faith Charles Jacobs, Steven King's "Revival" fuses human drama with supernatural horror. Much of the tale wrestles with the idea of mortality.

Morton first crosses paths with Jacobs in the former's youth during the early '60s, and after a gruesome turn of events leaves Jacobs' faith shattered, the men's lives weave themselves together in unexpected ways over the ensuing decades. "Revival" realizes Morton more fully than Jacobs, somewhat robbing the nightmarish climax of emotional power.

But along the way, King ponders some profound questions, such as the role fate plays in each of our lives.

If we could change the most awful things we experience in a lifetime, would we? Should we, a spiritual sequel of sorts to 2011's unwieldy "11/22/63."

Wondering what lies beyond death is a tantalizing — and in King's capable hands, terrifying — proposition.

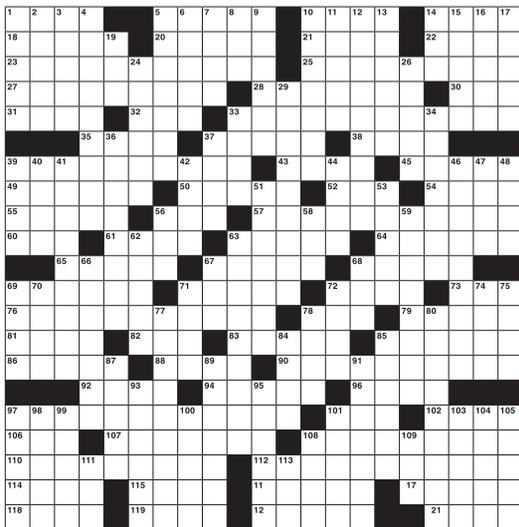
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GADGETS & CHARTS

Company RE-invents camera

By BRIER DUDLEY
The Seattle Times

This is shaping up to be a fun holiday season, at least from the gadget perspective.

In addition to the usual phones, computers and games, we have an armful of smartwatches, Amazon.com's talking speaker tube and a quirky L-shaped camera from HTC.

I'm guessing that the camera, called the RE, will be a surprise hit.

I say surprise for several reasons. First, people don't really use other camera since most are carrying phones that take pretty nice pictures nowadays. But the RE's unusual design stands out. It also does surprising tricks while extending the photographic capability of a smartphone.

The RE — the name is supposed to suggest "re-imagining" your camera — can be used as a handheld camera. It turns on when you grip it, and has buttons to capture 16-megapixel stills or 1080p video with its ultra wide-angle, 146-degree lens.

It gets more fun when you use the RE as a sort of remote, wireless lens for your phone. You can put the RE across the room or on stage during a recital and use the companion phone app as a viewfinder and shutter button.

Or you can put the camera on a shelf and have it take time-lapse photos throughout an event. The pictures can be stored on the RE's memory card or the camera, and then synced with cloud storage services.

"We like to think this is a natural progression for HTC," said Nigel Newby-House, HTC's executive director of product planning. "We've always been doing innovation on cameras."

GoPro makes cameras with similar capabilities, but they're designed for "adrenaline junkies," said Nigel Newby-House, HTC's executive director of product planning, while the RE is lighter and more accessible to



HTC/TNS

RE's unusual design stands out among lookalike electronics.

average users.

Newby-House said part of the inspiration was to let people capture events without being glued to their phones, the way he was during the crucial moments of his daughter's ninth birthday party.

"I realized I was the idiot standing at the back desperately trying to frame this with my cellphone," he said. "We want to get people away from that and back into the moment again."

In a few days of casual testing with iOS and Android phones, the RE app was easier to set up and more responsive on a new Android phone than my iPhone 5. The controls were intuitive, but sometimes there was a lag between the app and the RE.

"The design, which makes it look like an inhaler or a pipe, feels just right in the hand when you're pivoting it around to aim or get the right angle. It was a little tricky to hold steady enough and worked best when the camera was stationary."

A software update in the works will enable the RE to broadcast live events on YouTube. For instance, you could put the camera on stage during a child's recital then send links to the grandparents so they could view the event live on YouTube.

I'm looking forward to using the RE during a party or an interview to see how it works autonomously, taking time-lapse photos.

The software may also be updated to allow remote control via the internet, so you could use the RE as a security camera or to check in on a pet or a pot of soup simmering on the stove.

HTC claims about 1.5 hours of battery life when continuously filming, but it's offering an accessory dock to keep it plugged in.

GADGET WATCH

Garmin products loaded with features

By GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

If Garmin could, the company would control the gas and brake pedals in addition to doing an amazing job of getting you where you want to go.

I tried out the company's latest GPS unit, the Nuvi 2689-LMT, and again I wondered how Garmin is could possibly make a better GPS unit than the previous — but the company always seems to.

Front and center is a 6-inch pinch-to-zoom high-resolution display on a matte black body. This allows you to get a zoomed-in look at a specific area, just as you do with most smartphones.

Without the boring specifics of the resolutions or how many pixels it has, rest assured that the clarity is amazing.

It's also built with dual orientation so it can be positioned in portrait or landscape positions.

The unit contains seemingly endless features. Among those catching my attention was the Garmin POI database, which is integrated

with the Foursquare app. Right out of the box, it's loaded with North America maps, including free lifetime updates.

Other features include voice commands, on-screen speed limit indicator, smartphone link and Bluetooth technology to use the GPS for handsfree calling with its built-in speaker and microphone.

Route avoidance is always great if you'd like to skip specific routes such as those with toll roads.

It has an internal battery good for about an hour, but most people will use it with the included car adapter.

The Garmin Nuvi 2689 weighs 9.5 ounces and measures 3.7 by 6.6 by 0.76 inches.

Online: Garmin.com; \$269

Kwikset Kevo is a great-looking deadbolt door lock, and comes with a set of standard keys to unlock it.

That might not sound exciting, but consider that you can unlock the door without ever using the keys whether you're right in front of it or on the other side of the country.

I'm a big fan of electronic gadgets that



TNS photos

The Kwikset Kevo deadbolt allows you to lock or unlock a door with Kwikset's iPhone app, whether you're right in front of it or miles away.

require very little setup and little or no written instructions. The Kwikset doesn't fall into that category since it does require installing the lock, loading an app and testing everything, but it's still a great device.

Since the safety of my home being locked or unlocked was in stake, I did read the instructions ahead of time and kept a key in my pocket from the start.

The lock installation seemed to be like the few others I've installed, but what you don't have to mess with is the Bluetooth technology built into the lock.

Once installed along with four AA batteries and the Kwikset's iPhone app, you're ready to go keyless.

You'll also have to calibrate and sync it so it recognizes your device when you're nearby. This part is pretty critical, but the instructions are easy to follow.

Once everything is hooked up, a small LED surrounds the lock and lights up different colors for different features.

For example, green means the lock has been opened, and red means it didn't lock.

The eKey feature allows you to send a key to a friend, repairman or even the in-laws at an unexpected visit.

Kwikset eKeys can be programmed for one-time use or even daily use with specific days and times.

Hardware included the deadbolt lock, a pair of standard keys, a single FOB and AA batteries. The app is free along with two anytime eKeys and unlimited guest eKeys.

A recent software and firmware update has brought in many new features, including an Android Lollipop version.

For iOS devices, users of the iPhone 4S and higher, including the new iPhone 6 and 6Plus, will work with the Kevo lock system.

Online: kwikset.com; \$199.99, available in brass, nickel and venetian bronze



Garmin's Nuvi 2689-LMT GPS offers dual orientation, voice commands and on-screen speed limit indicator.



ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 albums on the iTunes Store for Nov. 19:

- "1989," Taylor Swift
- "FOUR," One Direction
- "Sonic Highways," Foo Fighters
- "The Endless River," Pink Floyd
- "That's Christmas to Me," Pentatonix
- "Caddisella," Big K.R.I.T.
- "In the Lonely Hour," Sam Smith
- "Nick Jonas," Nick Jonas
- "Montevallo," Sam Hunt
- "Hooper," Hozier

— Compiled by Tribune News Service

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most streamed tracks on Spotify for Nov. 10-16:

- "Take Me To Church," Hozier
- "Animals," Maroon 5
- "I'm Not the Only One," Sam Smith
- "Love Me Harder," Ariana Grande
- "Habits (Stay High)," Tove Lo
- "Jealous," Nick Jonas
- "Stay With Me," Sam Smith
- "I Don't F--- With You," Big Sean
- "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
- "Cool Kids," Echosmith

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for November 19:

- "22 Jump Street"
- "Tammy"
- "Let's Be Cops"
- "Maleficent"
- "Hi Stey"
- "Palo Alto"
- "How to Train Your Dragon 2"
- "Down of the Planet of the Apes"
- "A Most Wanted Man"
- "Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame to Kill For"

— Compiled by Tribune News Service

VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer rank the Top 10 handheld games for November:

- "Super Smash Bros.," Nintendo 3DS
- "Velocity 2X," PlayStation Vita
- "Danganronpa 2: Goodbye Despair," PlayStation Vita
- "Professor Layton vs. Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney," Nintendo 3DS
- "Azure Striker GUNNOV!" Nintendo 3DS
- "Theatrion Final Fantasy Curtain Call," Nintendo 3DS
- "Metrico," PlayStation Vita
- "MouseCraft," PlayStation Vita
- "Tales of Hearts R," PlayStation Vita
- "Shantae and the Pirate's Curse," Nintendo 3DS

— Compiled by Tribune News Service

APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for Nov. 19:

- ANDROID
- Five Nights at Freddy's 2
 - Dirt Trackin'
 - Rooster Teeth vs. Zombies
 - Pulling USA
 - Civilization Revolution 2

Top 5 paid apps for Nov. 19:

- APPLE
- Five Nights at Freddy's
 - Minicraft — Pocket Edition
 - Heads Up!
 - Afterlight
 - Geometry Dash

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MLB/SPORTS BRIEFS

Ex-coach's lawyer seeks records in drug case

By CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

MIAMI — A lawyer for a former University of Miami pitching coach is seeking a wide range of Major League Baseball records for the coach's upcoming trial on illegal performance-enhancing drug distribution charges, including details of an immunity deal given to the New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez.

Frank Quintero Jr. wants a federal judge to order MLB and the Miami U.S. attorney's office to turn over the records for the defense of the ex-coach, Lazaro "Laser" Collazo, in the case centered on the now-closed Biogenesis of America clinic. Quintero claims in a motion filed Thursday that his previous requests for the documents have been refused.

The documents, Quintero said in court papers, "go directly to the heart of the charges against Mr. Collazo" and could show how much MLB has influenced his prosecution — allegedly by paying wit-

nesses, buying stolen documents and influencing witness testimony.

"The full extent of MLB's involvement in the present investigation and the prosecution of Mr. Collazo is yet unknown," Quintero said.

MLB said in a statement Friday: "We have no comment beyond that there is absolutely no truth to these claims."

A three-time AL MVP, Rodriguez served a season-long suspension this year for violating MLB's drug agreement and labor contract. He has admitted to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration he used steroids provided by Biogenesis and its former owner, Anthony Bosch, according to court documents.

Rodriguez is expected to testify against Collazo and others if the trial goes forward as scheduled Feb. 9. Quintero said details about A-Rod's immunity deal with prosecutors are important to the defense.

Eight other current or former players, including Manny Ramirez, Ryan Braun, Nelson Cruz and Melky Cabrera also have

been given immunity.

Bosch, who pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing, was given a number of benefits by MLB in exchange for his cooperation. Court documents show these include paying his attorneys' fees, protecting him from any player lawsuits and paying for bodyguards at up to \$2,400 a day.

In his motion, Quintero said evidence has surfaced through discovery provided so far that MLB provided Bosch with other benefits, such as more than \$30,500 in child support payments and an undefined consulting job.

Also facing trial in February with Collazo is Yuri Sucart, a cousin of Rodriguez's, and others accused of supplying testosterone and human growth hormone to MLB players and other athletes, including minors. The defendants have pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors have said Rodriguez "has prominent role in the government's proof" against Sucart.

AP Sports Writer Ronald Blum in New York contributed to this report.



DAVID BERGMAN, THE MIAMI HERALD/AP

Former Miami pitching coach Lazaro Collazo is facing a trial on charges of illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

Briefly

Rays whittle manager's list to three finalists

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Raul Ibanez, Kevin Cash and Don Wakamatsu are the finalists to replace Joe Maddon as manager of the Tampa Bay Rays.

Dave Martinez, the Rays' bench coach for the past seven seasons, was among seven candidates dropped Friday. Also cut were Barry Larkin, Doug Glanville, Manny Acta, Craig Counsell, Charlie Montoyo and Ron Wotus. Tampa Bay said interviews with the finalists will be scheduled for the week of Dec. 1. Maddon left the Rays after nine seasons to manage the Chicago Cubs.

"The decision on Dave Martinez was especially difficult," Rays President of Baseball Operations Matt Silverman said in a statement. "He's played a key role in our organization's evolution, and he's done all he can to put himself in position to be a manager. In the end, we determined that our clubhouse would best benefit from a new voice that will add to our already strong and cohesive culture."

Ibanez, 42, has spent 19 seasons in the major leagues with Seattle, Kansas City, Philadelphia, the Yankees and the Los Angeles Angels and has 305 homers and 2,034 hits. He helped the Royals win this year's AL pennant.

The 36-year-old Cash played for Tampa Northside in the 1989 Little League World Series and was a big league catcher for eight seasons with Toronto, Tampa Bay, Boston, the New York Yankees and Houston from 2002-10. He was a major league advance scout for Toronto in 2012 and Cleveland's bullpen coach in 2013-14.

Wakamatsu, 51, was the first Asian-American manager in major league history and led Seattle to a 127-147 record in



LUCA BRUNO/AP

Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg waves to spectators Saturday after earning the pole position for the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

2009-10. He played in the minor leagues from 1985-96, reaching the major leagues for 18 games with the Chicago White Sox in 1991. Wakamatsu has been bench coach of Texas (2003-06), Oakland (2008), Toronto (2011-12) and Kansas City (2014), and was the Rangers' third-base coach in 2007.

In other baseball news: The Chicago White Sox had one of the majors' most powerful right-handed bats last season in Jose Abreu. Now they are hoping Adam LaRoche can help balance their lineup.

LaRoche has agreed to a contract with the White Sox, a person familiar with the situation said Friday night. The person spoke to The Associated Press on

condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the deal with the free-agent first baseman.

Stars sign Spezza to \$30M, 4-year deal

FRISCO, Texas — Two-time NHL All-Star center Jason Spezza signed a \$30 million, four-year contract extension Friday with the Dallas Stars.

The deal came nearly five months after the Stars acquired Spezza from Ottawa just before the start of free agency, and keeps the 31-year-old center from becoming an unrestricted free agent next summer.

Spezza has 18 points in his first 20 games in Dallas, with his 14

assists tops among the Stars and ninth in the NHL. He has 705 points (255 goals, 450 assists) in 706 career games since being the second overall pick in the 2001 NHL draft by Ottawa.

In other NHL news: The San Jose Sharks have traded defenseman Jason Demers and a future draft pick to the Dallas Stars for defenseman Brendan Dillon.

The Stars will get a third-round pick in the 2016 draft in Friday's deal.

The 24-year-old Dillon has nine goals and 17 assists in 149 career games with Dallas. He had one assist in 20 games this season, along with 26 penalty minutes, 27 hits and 29 blocked shots.

The 26-year-old Demers has 16 goals and 82 assists in 200 career games. He has three assists in 20 games this season.

Giganda, Granada tied for lead at PGA finale

NAPLES, Fla. — Michelle Wie suddenly is in a position to consider a million ways how a great year can get even better.

On a tough day that only rewarded the best shots, Wie holed out for eagle with a pitching wedge on her way to a 5-under 67 that moved her up high enough on the leaderboard Friday at the CME Golf Tour Championship to get into position for a \$1 million bonus.

Carlota Giganda of Spain took advantage of a putting lesson from Spanish great Jose Maria Olazaball to make five birdies for a 67 that gave her a share of the lead with Julieta Granada of Paraguay, who scrambled for a 71. They were at 7-under 137 going into the weekend at the Tiburón Golf Club.

Morgan Pressel, who rallied on

the back nine Thursday to overcome a rugged start, shot a 66 and was one shot out of the lead.

All of them would love to win the PGA Tour season finale because it's a big title with a \$500,000 check for first place. None has a mathematical chance at the \$1 million bonus for winning the points-based Race to CME Globe.

And that's where Wie comes in.

Wie, who captured her first major this year at Pinehurst No. 2 in the U.S. Women's Open, is No. 4 in the Race to CME Globe. Only the top three players — Stacy Lewis, Inbee Park and 17-year-old Lydia Ko — can win the \$1 million bonus simply by winning the tournament.

Rosberg wins pole in Abu Dhabi Grand Prix

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Nico Rosberg has pole position for the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Now he just needs someone to get in the way of title rival Lewis Hamilton.

The Formula One world championship will go to one of the two Mercedes rivals on Sunday, and Rosberg put himself in a competitive position by edging a nervy-looking Hamilton in Saturday's qualifying to secure a third straight pole and fourth in the past five races.

Hamilton, however, still holds the advantage.

He has a 17-point lead and only needs to finish second to guarantee a second F1 title. But with double points on offer — 50 for the winner — Rosberg can clinch his first title if he wins and Hamilton crosses the line in third place under floodlights at the Yas Marina circuit.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL/NHL

Pumphrey leads Aztecs past Falcons

Four turnovers hurt Air Force

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Donnel Pumphrey ran for 131 yards and a touchdown, and San Diego State forced four turnovers to beat Air Force 30-14 on Friday night.

Pumphrey's 12-yard scoring run capped an 11-play, 84-yard drive to give the Aztecs a 23-14 lead with 2:05 remaining in the third quarter. Calvin Munson had a 56-yard interception return for a touchdown to stretch the Aztecs' lead to 30-14 with 2:44 to play.

Quinn Kaehler was 17-for-30 for 326 yards, and threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Adam Roberts in the first quarter for San Diego State, which forced three fumbles.

Kale Pearson threw a 74-yard scoring strike to Garrett Griffin, and D.J. Johnson bullied in from the 1 to give the Falcons a 14-13 halftime lead.

San Diego State (6-5, 4-3 Mountain West Conference) has a seven-game home winning streak, and has defeated Air Force (8-3, 4-3) in five straight.



Air Force quarterback Kale Pearsonson, left, avoids a sack by San Diego State linebacker Josh Gavert during Friday's game in San Diego.

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Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

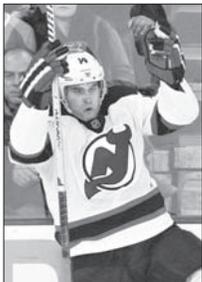
Atlantic Division									
Club	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Montreal	15	11	0	6	26	25			
Tampa Bay	21	13	6	4	26	25			
Boston	19	16	0	4	25	24			
Detroit	11	10	4	2	25	24			
Florida	17	9	4	2	25	24			
Toronto	20	10	8	2	23	23			
Washington	17	10	4	2	19	24			
Buffalo	20	5	13	2	12	34			
Pittsburgh	19	9	5	2	28	68			
N.Y. Islanders	13	13	6	5	21	52			
Washington	10	13	3	3	20	52			
N.Y. Rangers	10	9	9	2	20	49			
New Jersey	10	8	9	2	20	49			
Philadelphia	18	7	9	2	16	53			
Carolina	19	6	11	2	19	38			
Columbus	19	6	11	2	14	47			

Western Conference

Central Division									
Club	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Nashville	19	12	7	1	25	30			
St. Louis	19	12	7	1	25	30			
Chicago	17	11	6	1	20	32			
Winnipeg	21	10	8	3	23	43			
Minnesota	18	11	7	2	22	53			
Dallas	20	7	9	4	18	56			
Colorado	20	9	5	5	17	49			
Anaheim	19	12	4	5	20	58			
Vancouver	20	13	6	1	27	61			
Los Angeles	13	12	7	2	26	66			
San Jose	21	12	7	2	27	66			
Arizona	20	10	7	2	23	49			
San Jose	20	6	12	2	14	48			
Colorado	19	9	5	5	17	49			

OT = Overtime; PTS = Points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's games
 N.Y. Islanders 5, Pittsburgh 4, SO
 N.Y. Rangers 2, Edmonton 0
 N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo (rod., snow)
Saturday's games
 St. Louis at Ottawa
 Montreal at Boston
 Detroit at Toronto
 Minnesota at Tampa Bay
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders
 Carolina at Philadelphia
 Buffalo at Washington
 Nashville at Nashville
 Los Angeles at Dallas
 Colorado at Colorado
 New Jersey at Calgary
 Chicago at San Jose
 Arizona at San Jose
Sunday's games
 St. Louis at Winnipeg
 Montreal at N.Y. Rangers
 Toronto at Anaheim
 Chicago at Vancouver
 Carolina at Pittsburgh
 Pittsburgh at Boston
 Chicago at N.Y. Islanders
 Ottawa at Detroit
 Minnesota at Florida



JASON FRASER, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

New Jersey's Adam Henrique celebrates a goal Friday against Edmonton in Edmonton, Alberta.

Friday Islanders 5, Penguins 4 (SO)

N.Y. Islanders 5, Pittsburgh 4 (SO) — **First Period**—1, Pittsburgh, 8.Sutter 6 (P.Martin, Downie), 1:13. 2, N.Y. Islanders, M.Martin 1 (Hornqvist, Strome), 8:18. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Kulemin 4, 8:47. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Strome 4 (Hickey, Bailey), 9:53. 5, Pittsburgh, Comeau 5 (Kuntz, Maatta), 16:24.
Second Period—6, N.Y. Islanders, Leddy 5 (Strome, Lee), 5:42. 7, Pittsburgh, Sealing 3 (Hornqvist, Malkin), 8:50.
Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Hornqvist 10 (Malkin, Elertoff), 1:30.
Shootout—N.Y. Islanders 2 (Tavares) NG, Nielsen G, Okposo G, Pittsburgh 1 (Malkin) NG, Crosby G, Sutter NG.
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 13-6-14-2-35, Pittsburgh 5-17-7-1-30.
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 0 of 1; Pittsburgh 0 of 0.
Goalsies—N.Y. Islanders, Johnson 5-2 (0 shots-26 saves), Pittsburgh, Hickey 11-3-1 (35-31).
 A—18,653 (18,387). T—2:34.

Bruins 4, Blue Jackets 3 (SO)

Boston 4, Columbus 3 (SO) — **First Period**—1, Columbus, Johansen 7, 5:52. 2, Columbus, Foligno 19 (Lopold, Johansen), 11:30.
Third Period—3, Boston, Seidenberg 3 (Bartkowski, Kelly), 1:28. 4, Boston, Fraser 3 (Bartkowski, Bergeron), 5:33. 5, Boston, Paille 1 (Soderberg), 11:32. 6, Columbus, Johnson 1 (Johansen, Foligno), 12:47.
Shootout—Boston, 1, R.Smith NG, Griffith NG, Bergeron NG, Soderberg NG, Krug NG, Erickson NG, Khokhlayev G, Columbus 0 (Johansen NG, Atkinson NG, Anisimov NG, Jenner NG, Foligno NG, Wennberg NG, Calvert NG).
Shots on Goal—Boston 9-12-13-7-41, Columbus 11-7-9-1-28.
Power-play opportunities—Boston 0 of 1; Columbus 0 of 2.
Goalsies—Boston, Svedberg 3-3-0 (28 shots-25 saves), Columbus, Bobrovsky 5-5-1 (41-38).
 A—15,030 (18,144). T—2:42.

Devils 2, Oilers 0

New Jersey 2, Edmonton 0 — **First Period**—1, Pittsburgh, 8.Sutter 6 (P.Martin, Downie), 1:13. 2, N.Y. Islanders, M.Martin 1 (Hornqvist, Strome), 8:18. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Kulemin 4, 8:47. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Strome 4 (Hickey, Bailey), 9:53. 5, Pittsburgh, Comeau 5 (Kuntz, Maatta), 16:24.
Second Period—1, New Jersey, Henrique 5 (Berner, Gelinas), 10:59. 2, New Jersey, Ruitu 4 (Gelinas), 15:07.
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 4-19-3-26, Edmonton 8-13-29-4.
Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 2 of 2; Edmonton 0 of 4.
Goalsies—New Jersey, Schneider 9-9-2 (29 shots-29 saves), Edmonton, Fasth 2-4-1 (26-24).
 A—16,839 (16,839). T—2:22.

Scoring leaders Through Nov. 21

Club	GP	G	A	PTS
Jakub Voracek, Phi	18	7	20	27
Sidney Crosby, Pit	18	8	18	26
Tyler Seguin, Dal	20	14	24	24
Steven Stamkos, TB	21	10	23	23
Phil Kessel, Tor	20	12	23	23
Ryan Hornqvist, Cts	19	7	16	23
Vladimir Tarasenko, StL	19	11	22	22
Patrick Marleau, Pit	18	10	22	22
Phil Forsberg, Nsh	19	13	22	22
Edgen Malkin, Pit	18	7	15	22
Claude Giroux, Phi	18	6	16	22
Mark Giordano, Coy	21	6	16	22
Tyler Johnson, TB	16	6	15	21

Calendar

Jan. 1 — Winter Classic: Chicago at Washington.
 Jan. 22-26 — All-Star break.

Roundup

Islanders edge Penguins in SO

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Kyle Okposo scored in the third round of the shootout, sending the New York Islanders to a 5-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Friday night.

Sidney Crosby and New York's Frans Nielsen scored in the second round and Islanders goaltender Chad Johnson stopped Brandon Sutter. Okposo deked in his forehead, slipping a shot that hit off Marc-Andre Fleury's pad and into the net for the win.

Fleury, who was seeking his 300th career win, had 29 saves.

Matt Martin, Nikolay Kulemin and Ryan Strome scored in an impressive flurry in the first, helping the Islanders to the early lead. Strome also had two assists.

The Islanders have won seven of eight.

Patrick Hornqvist forced overtime with his 10th goal of the year for the Penguins, who had won three in a row. Brandon Sutter, Blake Comeau and Nick Spaling also scored.

Bruins 4, Blue Jackets 3 (SO): Alex Khokhlayev scored the winner in the seventh shootout round in his second NHL game,

leading Boston to the road win.

Khokhlayev was called up from the minors on Thursday for insurance up the middle. His forehead goal came after Niklas Svedberg stopped all seven Columbus shooters, including the final one, Matt Calvert.

The Bruins got three goals in the third period to overcome a 2-0 deficit, and then got the win after Columbus pulled even on Jack Johnson's goal with 7:13 left in regulation.

Dennis Seidenberg scored on a 78-foot shot from the neutral zone, and Matt Fraser and Daniel Paille also scored for Boston.

Devils 2, Oilers 0: Cory Schneider made 29 saves in his second shutout of the season to lead visiting New Jersey past Edmonton.

Adam Henrique and Tuomo Ruutu scored for the Devils (9-2-2), who won for the third time in their last nine games. Eric Gelinas had two assists, and Schneider recorded his 14th career shutout.

The Oilers (6-12-2) have lost five in a row for the second time this season.

Viktor Fasth had 24 stops for Edmonton.

NBA



WASHINGTON — LeBron James lost his third consecutive game and one that stewed in frustration while everyone else ran downcourt, leaving his Cleveland Cavaliers teammates to defend 4-on-5 at the other end while the game was still in the balance in the fourth quarter.

The Cavaliers went the final 9 minutes without scoring a field goal on Friday night's 91-78 loss to the Washington Wizards, a game in which James lost one of his 30 points under .500 more than 10 games into a season for the first time in six years.

Looking for reasons? Start with lack of hustle, lack of teamwork. James was slow to get back more than once in that fourth quarter, something he conceded is "never a good example" for a team leader. Asked

Surgings' w'z' team leads

Cleveland coach Blatt: 'We're a little bit in the dark'

By JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

about his team's body language, he said flatly: "It's not good."

Coach David Blatt was just as blunt. He cited "irresponsible play" and "bad decisions" for some of his team's 19 turnovers. "We're a little bit in the dark," Blatt said, "and we've got to find our way out."

John Wall took over in the third quarter and finished with 28 points, seven assists and six rebounds for the hustling Wizards, who have won four of five.

"I feel like it's a statement," Wall said, "because we lost to Toronto pretty badly, Dallas we feel like we let that game go away, and we haven't had a big-name player (as) everybody says, so this game is pretty big."

James scored 22 points on 8-for-21 shooting, but the Cavaliers shot 36 percent, scored a season-low in points and looked flat-footed as they fell to 5-6.

Washington Wizards guard John Wall celebrates after a dunk in the first half of Friday's 91-78 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers in Washington. Wall had 28 points.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference		Friday		Nets 94, Thunder 92		Raptors 124, Bucks 83		Hawks 99, Pistons 89	
Atlantic Division									
Toronto	5	2	833						
Brooklyn	10	7	417						
Boston	4	7	364						
New York	10	3	231						
Philadelphia	12	2	000						
Southeast Division									
Washington	8	3	727						
Atlanta	5	6	545						
Miami	6	6	500						
Orlando	6	6	429						
Charlotte	4	9	308						
Central Division									
Chicago	5	6	615						
Milwaukee	7	6	538						
Cleveland	6	6	455						
Indiana	5	7	417						
Detroit	10	3	231						

Western Conference		Friday		Nets 94, Thunder 92		Raptors 124, Bucks 83		Hawks 99, Pistons 89	
Southwest Division									
Mempis	10	3	769						
Dallas	9	3	750						
San Antonio	8	4	667						
Portland	8	4	545						
Northwest Division									
Oklahoma City	3	11	274						
Golden State	7	4	818						
L.A. Clippers	7	4	636						
Phoenix	8	5	615						
Sacramento	7	5	583						
L.A. Lakers	3	10	231						

Friday's games		Saturday's games		Sunday's games	
Atlanta 122, Philadelphia 96	Phoenix at Indiana	Miami at Orlando	Phoenix at Cleveland	Philadelphia at New York	2:30 at Houston
Phoenix 99, Detroit 89	Toronto 124, Milwaukee 83	Sacramento 103, Chicago 88	Philadelphia at New York	7:00 at Sacramento	7:00 at Minnesota
Brooklyn 94, Oklahoma City 82	Memphis 117, Boston 100	Portland 105, Chicago 87	Brooklyn at San Antonio	7:00 at New Orleans 97	Golden State 101, Utah 88
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NBA

Nowitzki, Mavs roll over Lakers

By SCHUYLER DIXON
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki and the rest of the Dallas starters left it to the reserves to finish off the highest point total for the Mavericks in more than five years.

Nowitzki scored 23 points before sitting the entire fourth quarter, and the Mavericks used the NBA's highest-scoring offense to roll to a 140-106 victory against the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday night.

The Mavericks won their sixth straight game overall and fourth in a row against the Lakers, who were swept by Dallas in the regular season for the first time in 2013-14.

Nowitzki, Monta Ellis and Chandler Parsons were a combined 23-for-33 from the field as the Mavericks set season highs in points, shooting percentage (62 percent) and assists (37). Parsons had 21 points and Ellis scored 20 to go with 10 assists.

"We just moved the ball," Parsons said after the Mavericks scored their most points since beating Phoenix 140-116 on April 5, 2009. "People had good shots. If someone had a better shot, we moved the ball."

Kobe Bryant wasn't playing last season when the Lakers went up more than 140 points three times in a month. Now he's part of a defense allowing a league-high 112.5 points per game.

"Man, they've got a lot of shooters," said Bryant, who missed his

first eight shots and was 6-for-22 for 17 points. "They blitzkrieged us there."

Jeremy Lin had 18 points for the Lakers, who came in with their first two-game winning streak.

The starters for both teams sat out the final quarter in Dallas' most lopsided win over the Lakers' since a 122-86 victory finished off a second-round sweep when the Mavericks won their only title in 2011.

The Mavericks were playing the first of a back-to-back before heading to Houston for Parsons' first game in the city since signing an offer sheet with Dallas that the Rockets declined to match.

"We've just got to get to the plane quick, get there, get some rest and get ready," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "They're sitting there with two days' rest. There's an advantage for them, but I like how our team played tonight."

The Mavericks, who came in averaging a league-high 108.9 points per game, scored seven points in the final 5.9 seconds of the first quarter and put the game away with a 42-point third period, which ended with Dallas in front 110-83.

"Maybe in that locker room, guys are satisfied with the last two wins and just took this one for granted and just started to look forward to going home," Lakers coach Byron Scott said. "You can't do that if you want to be competitive in this league."



LAURENCE KESTERSON/AP

Phoenix guard Isaiah Thomas, left, and Philadelphia center Henry Sims scramble for a loose ball during the first half of Friday's game in Philadelphia. Phoenix won 122-96 to drop Philadelphia to 0-12.

Roundup

Thomas, Suns keep Philadelphia winless

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Isaiah Thomas scored 23 points and Markieff Morris had 18 to lead the Phoenix Suns past the winless Philadelphia 76ers 122-96 on Friday night.

The Sixers have lost their first 12 games and are just six losses shy of matching the 2009-10 New Jersey Nets for worst start in NBA history. Philadelphia is also three away from matching the 1972-73 team for worst start (0-15) in franchise history and could challenge that squad for the worst 82-game season (9-73) in NBA history.

The Sixers actually led 27-26 at the end of the first quarter until the Suns rolled toward the rout.

The Suns shot 69 percent in the first half and easily shook off the early challenge to win their third straight game.

Michael Carter-Williams led the Sixers with 18 points.

Magic 105, Hornets 100: Evan Fournier scored 21 points, Tobias Harris had 17 points and 16 rebounds as visiting Orlando rallied from 23 points down at halftime to hand Charlotte its fourth straight loss.

The Magic trailed by 15 entering the fourth quarter, but Willie Green sparked a comeback by scoring all nine of his points in the final period.

Hawks 99, Pistons 89: Jeff Teague scored a season-high 28 points and host Atlanta recovered after blowing a 19-point lead.

Paul Millsap had 15 points and 12 rebounds for Atlanta, which snapped a two-game skid.

Raptors 124, Bucks 83: Lou Williams scored a season-high 22 points. Jonas Valanciunas added 18 points and 12 rebounds, and host Toronto narrowly missed matching its largest margin of victory in franchise history.

Kyle Lowry scored 20 points and Terrence Ross had 13 as the Raptors wrapped up a franchise-record seven-game homestand at 6-1 and became the first Eastern Conference team to reach 10 wins.

Suns 121, Timberwolves 92: Tony Parker scored 23 points in 25 minutes and visiting San Antonio cruised past short-handed Minnesota.

Parker made 12 of 18 shots, including all three of his three-pointers, and Danny Green scored 18 points for the Spurs, who got an easy night with a game against the Brooklyn Nets at home on Saturday.

Grizzlies 117, Celtics 100: Marc Gasol matched his career high with 32 points and Zach Randolph added 16 points and 16 rebounds to lead host Memphis.

Jon Leuer had a season-high 19 points, and Mike Conley finished with 15 points and eight assists for the Grizzlies, who shot 53 percent from the field. Gasol led the way, going 13-for-22.

Nets 94, Thunder 92: Jarrett Jack scored 23 points to help visiting Brooklyn snap a five-game losing streak.

Reggie Jackson, who led the Thunder with 21 points, missed what would have been a game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer. The Thunder lost their fifth straight and have the league's second-longest losing streak.

Nuggets 117, Pelicans 97: Kenneth Faried and Arron Afflalo scored 19 points each, Wilson Chandler had 18 and host Denver won for the fourth time in five games.

Danilo Gallinari had 17 points and JaVale McGee 14 for the Nuggets, who started the season 1-6. They took two of three on the road last weekend and have won two straight at Pepsi Center to even their home record at 3-3.

Warriors 101, Jazz 88: Andre Iguodala scored 17 points, Harrison Barnes had 14 points and 11 rebounds and host Golden State used a blistering start to beat Utah for its fourth straight win.

After a four-day layoff, the Warriors showed no signs of rust. They led 28-13 at the end of the first quarter, 54-32 at the half and 85-57 entering the fourth.

Trail Blazers 105, Bulls 87: Damian Lillard had 21 points and nine assists before sitting out the fourth quarter as host Portland built a big lead and cruised to its sixth straight win.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Blazers, who led by as many as 28 points.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Dallas' Jameer Nelson, left, looks to pass as Los Angeles' Jeremy Lin defends during the second half of Friday's game in Dallas.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Scoreboard

Friday's men's scores

EAST
 American U. 63, Presbyterian 38
 CCNY 84, St. Joseph's (LI) 72, CT 0
 E. Monmouth 65, DeSales 64
 Hofstra 66, Stony Brook 65
 Monmouth (NJ) 73, Bethune-Cookman 50
 Montana St. at Buffalo, p.p.s.
 Richard Stockton 73, Stevens Tech 49
 Rider 78, Lehigh 74
 S. Connecticut 123, Felician 81
 Sam Houston St. 93, South Dakota 85, 30T

Towson 58, CCSU 49
 UIC 84, New Pratt 72
 Wofford 54, Fairleigh 36

SOUTH
 Auburn 105, Louisiana-Lafayette 80
 Augustaana (Ill.) 91, Thomas More 61
 Averett 70, Emory & Henry 43
 Barton 101, Bluefield 51
 Berea 52, Kentucky Christian 44
 Brescia 75, Rust 76
 FIU 74, Florida Memorial 48
 Florida 61, Louisiana-Monroe 56, OT
 Georgia 82, Troy 60
 Georgia Tech 78, IPFW 69
 Hampden-Sydney 59, NC Wesleyan 56

Hampton 82, Alcorn St. 69
 Iona 85, Wake Forest 81
 Kentucky 89, Boston U. 65
 Louisiana Tech 73, Morehead St. 64
 Louisiana 85, Marshall 67
 McNeese St. 85, Jarvis Christian 40
 Milligan 74, Alice Lloyd 70
 Mount Olive 74, Virginia St. 69
 Rhodes 64, Texas-Tyler 46
 Union (Ky.) 95, Ashby 72
 Virginia 59, George Washington 42
 W. Carolina 72, Hiwassee 53

MIDWEST
 Bemidji St. 77, Mayville St. 66
 Calvin 89, Waynesburg 71
 Duquesne 68, North Central (Minn.) 57

Michigan 71, Youngstown St. 62
 Illinois 107, Austin Peay 66
 Indiana 80, Clarke 68
 Kent St. 74, Illinois State 61
 Longwood 81, UNC Greensboro 79, 0

Michigan St. 67, Loyola of Chicago 52
 Minn. St.-Mankato 82, Northland 43
 N. Dakota 51, Kansas 57
 Ohio Wesleyan 82, Alma 55
 S. Dakota St. 74, North Dakota 72
 SW Minnesota St. 100, Jamestown 71
 Simpson (Iowa) 71, Northwestern (Minn.) 56

Valparaiso 59, Ark.-Pine Bluff 46
 Wartburg 72, St. Scholastica 43
 Wis.-Oshkosh 76, Blackburn 48
 Wis.-Parkside 76, St. Cloud St. 65
 Wis.-Platteville 73, Principia 42
 Xavier 81, Stephen F. Austin 63
 Yale 70, Ill.-Chicago 58

SOUTHWEST
 Arkansas 99, Delaware St. 71
 Baylor 60, Prairie View 45
 Oklahoma St. 82, Milwaukee 68

FAR WEST
 Cal Poly 78, Delaware 59
 Colorado St. 80, Georgia St. 70
 Grand Canyon 64, Florida A&M 49
 Hawaii 74, Pittsburgh 70
 Lewis & Clark 64, Warner Pacific 60
 Long Beach St. 69, Kansas St. 61
 Oregon 78, Toledo 80
 Oregon St. 55, Oral Roberts 42
 Oregon Tech 88, UC Merced 65
 S. Oregon 62, William Jessup 56
 Simpson (Cal.) 75, Corban 64
 UC 88, UC Riverside 68
 Washington 63, Seattle 48
 Washington St. 80, Idaho St. 68
 Westminster (Utah) 61, Coll. of Idaho 46

TOURNAMENT
2K Sports Classic
Championship
 Texas 71, California 55
Third Place
 Syracuse 66, Iowa 63
Carthage Tournament
First Round
 Aurora 70, Wis.-La Crosse 68
 St. Francis (Ill.) 70, Carthage 57
Coaches vs. Cancer Classic
First Round
 Duke 74, Temple 87
 Stanford 89, UNLV 60
Gilman Chariferson Classic
Semifinals
 Charlotte 65, South Carolina 63
 Miami 79, Akron 51
Consolation Bracket
 Penn. St. 75, Cornell 71
 Southern Cal 72, Drexel 70
Puerto Rico Tipoff
Semifinals
 UConn 75, Dayton 64
 West Virginia 70, Boston College 66
Consolation Bracket
 New Mexico 69, George Mason 58
 Texas A&M 59, Coll. of Charleston 50
USVI Paradise Jam
First Round
 Gardner-Webb 72, Clifton 70
 Illinois St. 73, Weber St. 64
 Seton Hall 68, Nevada 60
EXHIBITION
 Northwest U. 73, Walla Walla 70

Frazier, No. 8 Florida rally in OT

Hobbled Gators overcome ULM

By MARK LONG
 The Associated Press

GALENSVILLE, Fla. — Florida's short-handed situation might be a long-term problem.

Michael Frazier II scored 16 of his 21 points after halftime, and the eighth-ranked Gators rallied to beat Louisiana-Monroe 61-56 in overtime Friday night.

Florida (2-1) played without two starters — guard Eli Carter and forward Dorian Finney-Smith — and coach Billy Donovan offered little positive news on either player after the game.

Carter sprained his left foot in practice Thursday and will have tests Saturday to determine whether it's a Lisfranc injury that could sideline him for the rest of the season. The best-case scenario is Carter could miss eight to 10 days, Donovan said.

Finney-Smith missed his second consecutive game with hairline fractures in the index and middle fingers on his left (non-shooting) hand. Finney-Smith wasn't even on the bench Friday because Donovan said he needs



PHIL SANDLIN/AP

Florida guard Michael Frazier II, right, scored 16 of his 21 points after halftime to help the Gators rally past Louisiana-Monroe 61-56 in overtime.

to get his academics in order. "This will probably look like our team going to the Bahamas," Donovan said, looking ahead to next week's Battle 4 Atlantics.

That could be a big problem. Florida struggled to score against the Warhawks (2-1), shooting 32.7 percent from the floor.

The Gators trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half and squandered an eight-point lead in the final 2:31 of regulation before prevailing in OT.

Roundup



JAMES CRISP/AP

Kentucky's Dominique Hawkins dunks over Boston University's Nick Havener on Friday in Lexington, Ky. The Wildcats won 89-65.

No. 1 Wildcats top Terriers

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Aaron Harrison scored 19 points, Devin Booker added 15, and top-ranked Kentucky shot 59 percent from the field to pull away from Boston University for an 89-65 victory on Friday night.

Three days after holding No. 5 Kansas to 20 percent shooting, the Wildcats (4-0) followed up with their best offensive game to put away the determined Terriers (1-2). But things were tight for more than a half as BU guard Cedric Hankerson (24 points) kept his team close with five of its nine three-pointers.

Willie Cauley-Stein had 12 points before fouling out late and Dakari Johnson added 11 for Kentucky, which played without junior forward Alex Poythress because of illness.

No. 4 Duke 74, Temple 54: Freshman center Jahlii Okafor had 16 points and eight rebounds as the Blue Devils overcame an off night from the field in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in New York.

Duke (4-0) advanced to a championship game against Stanford (3-0), a contest which will match long-time coach Mike Krzyzewski against one of his first big-time guards — Johnny Dawkins. It will be the first coaching contest between the two.

No. 7 Louisville 85, Marshall 67: Chris Jones scored 18 points and backcourt mate Terry Rozier added 17 to lead the host Cardinals.

Forward Wayne Blackshear had 16 points, 12 in the first half, for the Cardinals (3-0).

No. 10 Texas 71, California 55: In New York, Jonathan Holmes had 21 points and 13 rebounds as the Longhorns shook off the absence of leading scorer Isaiah Taylor in the championship game of the 2K Classic.

A night after their starting point guard was lost to a left wrist injury, the Longhorns

jumped to an early lead and relied on their smothering defense to keep the Golden Bears from cutting too far into it.

No. 9 Virginia 59, George Washington 42: Justin Anderson scored 18 points, Malcolm Brogdon had 15, and the host Cavaliers put the defensive clamps on the Colonials in the second half.

The Cavaliers (4-0) limited George Washington to three field goals in the first 17 minutes of the second half as they turned a 26-22 halftime deficit into a 53-37 lead.

No. 17 Connecticut 75, Dayton 64: At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Ryan Boatright had 20 points and Rodney Purvis added 19 as the Huskies rallied from five points down in the second half.

No. 19 Michigan State 87, Loyola of Chicago 52: Matt Costello had 13 points and 11 rebounds as the Spartans overpowered the visiting Ramblers.

No. 23 Syracuse 66, Iowa 63: In New York, Chris McCullough had 20 points, nine rebounds and a key steal with 8.4 seconds left for the Orange in the 2K Classic consolation game.

Rakeem Christmas bounced back from his foul-plagued performance Thursday with 18 points for the Orange (3-1), who led by 15 in the second half but needed some key plays from McCullough, a freshman from the Bronx who had 13 after halftime.

No. 25 Utah 88, UC Riverside 42: Freshman Kyle Kumza scored 19 points and Delon Wright had 13 to lead the host Utes.

Kumza, a highly recruited forward from Michigan who redshirted last season, scored just one point in Utah's first two games. He got his first extended playing time and went 3-for-4 from three-point range.



GAMEDAY

WEEK 12

TELEVISED GAMES

Marquee matchup

Detroit Lions (7-3) at New England Patriots (8-2)

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. Sunday Central European Time



Cincinnati Bengals (6-3-1) at Houston Texans (5-5)

AFN-Xtra
7 p.m. Sunday CET
Series: Tied 3-3.

Last meeting: Houston defeated host Cincinnati 20-19 on Dec. 11, 2011.

Notes: Last week, Bengals QB Andy Dalton completed 16 of 22 (72.7 pct.) for 220 yards and 3 TDs vs. 0 INTs for a career-high 143.9 rating. ... Texans DE J.J. Watt is one of two players in history with 2 TD receptions, an interception TD and a fumble-recovery TD in a season (Jay Alunre, 1938).



Cleveland Browns (6-4) at Atlanta Falcons (4-6)

AFN-Atlantic
7 p.m. Sunday CET
Series: Browns lead 10-3.

Last meeting: Atlanta beat host Cleveland 20-10 on Oct. 10, 2010.

Notes: The Browns have won two of their past three on road ... In 13 starts with Cleveland, QB Brian Hoyer is 9-4 with 3,157 passing yards and 16 TDs with 8 INTs. ... Falcons WR Julio Jones has 35 catches for 466 yards and a TD in just his past five games vs. the AFC ... WR Roddy White has a TD in three of his past four games.

Also on AFN:
St. Louis Rams (0-0) at San Diego Chargers (0-0), AFN-Sports, 10 p.m. Sunday CET

American Conference												
	W	L	T	Pct	East			AFC	NFC	Div	Opp	Dif
					PA	HA	AWay					
New England	8	2	0	.800	323	218	5-0	3-2-0	6-2-0	2-0-0	2-1-0	
Miami	6	4	0	.600	249	180	3-2-0	3-2-0	5-2-0	1-2-0	2-1-0	
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	200	204	2-3-0	3-2-0	2-5-0	3-0-0	2-2-0	
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200	174	265	2-4-0	0-4-0	2-5-0	0-3-0	0-2-0	
South												
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	310	253	3-2-0	3-2-0	5-3-0	1-1-0	3-0-0	
Houston	5	5	0	.500	229	204	2-2-0	3-3-0	4-2-0	1-3-0	1-1-0	
Tennessee	2	8	0	.200	168	250	1-4-0	1-4-0	2-6-0	2-2-0	1-2-0	
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	158	282	1-4-0	0-5-0	1-6-0	0-3-0	0-2-0	
North												
Cincinnati	6	3	1	.650	224	221	4-1-1	2-2-0	4-3-0	2-0-1	2-1-0	
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	288	263	4-1-1	3-3-0	6-3-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	261	181	4-1-1	2-3-0	3-4-0	3-0-0	2-3-0	
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600	216	195	4-2-0	2-2-0	4-4-0	2-0-0	2-2-0	
West												
Denver	7	3	0	.700	293	224	5-0-0	2-3-0	5-1-0	2-2-0	3-0-0	
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	261	195	4-1-1	3-3-0	5-3-0	2-1-0	1-2-0	
San Diego	6	4	0	.600	218	192	4-1-0	2-3-0	5-3-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	
Oakland	1	10	0	.091	176	285	1-5-0	0-5-0	1-8-0	0-2-0	1-3-0	



Game capsules compiled from nflmedia.com

New England Patriots running back Jonas Gray tied a team record with four TDs in last week's victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

AJ MAST/AP

EXPANDED STANDINGS

National Conference												
	W	L	T	Pct	East			AFC	NFC	Div	Opp	Dif
					PA	HA	AWay					
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	299	251	5-0-0	2-3-0	4-3-0	3-0-0	2-3-0	
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	261	212	3-3-0	4-4-0	4-3-0	3-0-0	1-1-0	
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	205	263	2-3-0	3-3-0	2-6-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	
Washington	3	7	0	.300	204	256	2-3-0	1-4-0	1-6-0	2-1-0	1-2-0	
South												
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	238	255	3-2-0	2-4-0	4-4-0	0-2-0	4-0-0	
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	261	252	3-2-0	1-4-0	4-4-0	0-2-0	2-1-0	
Carolina	3	7	1	.318	215	300	2-4-0	1-3-1	3-5-0	0-2-1	1-2-0	
Tampa Bay	2	8	0	.200	194	279	0-5-0	2-3-0	1-6-0	1-2-0	0-4-0	
North												
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	188	156	4-1-1	3-2-0	5-2-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	330	225	5-0-0	2-3-0	5-3-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	215	290	1-3-0	3-3-0	3-3-0	1-3-0	1-2-0	
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	181	220	2-2-0	2-4-0	4-4-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	
West												
Arizona	9	1	0	.900	237	176	6-0-0	3-1-0	7-0-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	211	212	2-2-0	4-2-0	5-3-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	260	215	4-1-0	2-3-0	4-2-0	2-2-0	0-1-0	
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	185	258	2-3-0	2-3-0	3-5-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	



Miami Dolphins (6-4) at Denver Broncos (7-4)

AFN-Atlantic
10:25 p.m. Sunday CET
Series: Dolphins lead 11-4-1, including eight of the past 10.

Last meeting: Denver beat host Miami 18-15 in OT on Oct. 23, 2011.

Notes: Dolphins have won four of their past five ... In the past seven, QB Ryan Tannehill has completed more than 70 percent of his passes with 13 TDs. ... Broncos TE Julius Thomas leads the NFL with 12 TD catches. He's the first TE in history with back-to-back 12-TD seasons.



Dallas Cowboys (7-3) at New York Giants (3-7)

AFN-Sports
2:20 a.m. Monday CET
Series: Cowboys lead 60-42-2, including the past three.

Last meeting: Dallas beat visiting New York 31-21 on Nov. 24, 2013.

Notes: Cowboys RB DeMarco Murray is the first ever with 100-plus rushing yards in nine of a team's first 10 games. ... Giants QB Eli Manning has started 161 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the league.

REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Sunday
Green Bay at Minnesota
Tampa Bay at Chicago
Tennessee at Philadelphia
Jacksonville at Indianapolis
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo
Arizona at Seattle
Washington at San Francisco
Monday, Nov. 24
Baltimore at New Orleans

NEXT WEEK

Thursday, Nov. 27
Chicago at Detroit
Philadelphia at Dallas
Seattle at San Francisco
Sunday, Nov. 30
Oakland at Houston
Tennessee at Houston
Washington at Indianapolis
Buffalo at Baltimore
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay
New Orleans at Pittsburgh
Denver at Atlanta
New England at Green Bay
Denver at Kansas City
Monday, Dec. 1
Miami at N.Y. Jets

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Peterson's appeal will be heard Dec. 2

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Adrian Peterson's hearing for the appeal of his suspension will be held on Dec. 2. And it will not be in front of NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

The NFL announced Friday that long-time hearing officer Harold Henderson will preside over the proceedings involving the Minnesota Vikings star running back. Goodell has the authority to decide whether to hear the appeal himself or appoint someone else.

Peterson has not played since the opening week of the season while dealing with child abuse allegations in Texas. He was placed on paid leave while the legal process played out, and he pleaded no contest on Nov. 4 to misdemeanor reckless assault for injuring his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch.

Goodell suspended Peterson earlier this week for the rest of the season and told Peterson that he will not be considered for reinstatement before April 15 for his violation of the NFL's personal conduct policy. Peterson is appealing the punishment, which the NFL Players Association called "unprecedented, arbitrary, and unlawful."

The union had been seeking a neutral arbitrator to oversee the appeal, saying the league "is making up the process and punishment as it goes."

Chairman worked for the league as head of a powerful Management Council, the executive committee for 16 years. He also was a league vice president of labor relations.

He led the league's negotiation team, which settled several lawsuits by NFL

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NFL Players Association in a statement regarding the decision to have Peterson's appeal of his season-ending suspension be heard by long-time hearing officer, and former chairman of the NFL Management Council executive committee, Harold Henderson

players and ultimately entered into a new collective bargaining agreement which included expanded free agency and a salary cap. That agreement has been extended several times, most recently through 2021. He regularly deals with NFL team owners, team executives, players, players' union, player agents and attorneys on a variety of matters.

Henderson's long history of working for the league did little to assuage the union's concerns about the process.

"The NFL should stop attempting to position a former NFL executive as neutral and independent," the union said. "It is disappointing the league office made a



PAT SULLIVAN/AP

In this Nov. 4, 2014, file photo, Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson speaks to the media after pleading no contest to an assault charge in Conroe, Texas. The NFL suspended Adrian Peterson without pay for at least the remainder of the season. The league will hear Peterson's appeal of the suspension on Dec. 2.

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The NFL argued that Goodell's right to preside over appeals or choose an official has been part of the collective bargaining agreement since 1993. NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said criticism of Henderson is unwarranted given his current position as president of the NFL Player Care Foundation, which is funded jointly by the union and the league; and his experience in hearing 87 appeals, including one from receiver Brandon Marshall that ended with his three-game suspension for a domestic violence incident being reduced to

one game.

Goodell's punishment of Peterson comes under the new player conduct policy he unveiled in August. That came in the wake of criticism he received for his initial light treatment of Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice, who was caught on camera punching his then-fiancee in the face in an Atlantic City casino elevator. Rice was later suspended indefinitely, cut by the Ravens, and recently had his appeal heard by an arbitrator.

The new, tougher guidelines call for a six-game suspension for the first assault, battery or domestic violence offense.

Best: Cardinals can grow division lead with win Sunday

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They are already three games up on both the 49ers and Seahawks in the division and hold a two-game lead over everyone else in the NFC in the race for home-field advantage.

And a win for the second straight year at CenturyLink Field would give further validity that the Cardinals' best start since 1948 isn't a fluke.

If Seattle has any hopes of getting back in the division race a victory over Arizona is a must. The Seahawks (6-4) will have their chances to get back into the division race with five of their final six games against NFC West foes. Or the defending champs could get quickly swept out of the playoff conversation.

After last week's 24-20 loss at Kansas City, the Seahawks margin for error is almost zero.

"We have six games left and I believe we can still win the division," Seattle linebacker K.J. Wright said. "But it all starts with this week and we've got to have this. This is a must-have for us."

Stanton will make his second start at quarterback since Carson Palmer went down with



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Arizona head coach Bruce Arians raises his arms in celebration after last Sunday's 14-6 win over the Detroit Lions in Glendale, Ariz. A win over the Seattle Seahawks would put Arians' Cardinals in the driver's seat in the race for the NFC West division title.

a season-ending knee injury. He threw for a career-high 306 yards last week against Detroit and completed passes to 10 different receivers. But he also threw two interceptions and will be challenged by Seattle's unfriendly confines and its stellar secondary.

"You look at everything that's transpired and we dealt with a lot of stuff, but we've been successful," Stanton said. "We can't start listening to outside critics because early on in the year, people tried to write us off when Carson was out and we had a lot of question marks — people wanted to sit here and doubt us. So we've done a good job of blocking that out."

Here's what else to watch as Arizona and Seattle meet for the first of two games in less than a month:

Run loudly, speak barely: Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch is coming off his two best games of the season and his first time topping 100 yards in consecutive games since Weeks 9 and 10 of last season. He's also heading into Sunday \$100,000 lighter in the wallet after getting fined by the league for violations of its media policy. Lynch rushed for 140 yards against the Giants and followed up with 124 against Kan-

sas City.

If he can reach the century mark against Arizona he would break the Cardinals' streak of 20 straight games without allowing a 100-yard rusher and post three-straight 100-yard games for the first time since the end of the 2012 season.

Bring the heat: Seattle knows it's about to face an assortment of blitzes from Arizona's defense. The Cardinals have 10 sacks in their past two games. Alex Okafor has three of his team-high-five sacks in the past two games.

In four games against Russell Wilson, Arizona has 11 sacks.

Stout second half: In the past three games, Arizona is allowing nearly nothing in the second half. Opponents have had 18 second-half possessions during those three games and Arizona has allowed only seven points and forced six turnovers.

Quick turnaround: If facing the team with the best record in the NFL wasn't difficult enough, the Seahawks don't get much recovery time. They'll have just three days of rest after Sunday's game before a Thanksgiving night showdown with rival San Francisco.

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West's best?

Arizona looks to tighten grip on division with win over Seattle

By TIM BOOTH
The Associated Press

THAT trip to Seattle two Decembers ago when the Arizona Cardinals were handed a 58-0 embarrassment doesn't even register.

The game that means more, and to some degree is responsible for Arizona's league-best 9-1 record this season, came last December.

The Cardinals came to Seattle, did not play well and still ended the Seahawks' 14-game home win streak with a 17-10 victory.

It didn't get the Cardinals to the playoffs. But nearly a year later, with the Cardinals visiting Seattle this Sunday, it was the game where everything Arizona coach Bruce Arians was trying to sell paid off.

"It was very critical. I can't deny that. It was probably the cement," Arians said. "We had played real hard and gave a game away down in San Francisco and to win that one, especially because we had four turnovers and we didn't really play great, but we played hard and hung in there so that was really the cement and that's been the building block that we've used since."

If Arizona can match what it did a year ago in Seattle, the Cardinals may put the final stake in claiming the NFC West title.

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Arizona wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald reacts after making a catch for a first down against the Detroit Lions last week in Glendale, Ariz. The Cardinals can go a long way toward securing the NFC West division title with a victory over the rival Seahawks in Seattle this Sunday.

MATT YORK/AP

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