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Special operations forces from Iraq, Jordan and the U.S. conduct an exercise last June in Amman, Jordan. Jordan says it is ready to host U.S. training of Iraqi soldiers after al-Qaida militants seized control of two towns in Iraq's contested Anbar province.

## Hagel orders full review of nuclear force

By Chris Carroll  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Cheating, drug-use allegations and reported morale problems in the U.S. nuclear missile force prompted Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel on Thursday to order a review of the management and culture of U.S. strategic deterrence forces.

"Personnel failures within this force threaten to jeopardize the trust the American people have placed in us to keep our nuclear weapons safe and secure," Hagel said in a memo to top Pentagon officials.

Although Hagel does believe the U.S. nuclear arsenal remains safe and effective, recent scandals "raise legitimate concerns about the department's stewardship of one of our most sensitive and important missions," Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby told reporters in Washington.

Hagel wrote in the memo that he and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey would soon meet with key leaders of the nuclear force in Washington. One agenda item will be an order to produce an action plan within 60 days aimed at identifying and fixing personnel problems.

"This particular issue isn't about infrastructure, it's not about modernization of weapons, it's not about the next generation of nuclear submarines," Kirby said. "This is really about the people inside the nuclear deterrent force."

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MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

In the wake of recent scandals, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel plans to meet with key leaders of the U.S. nuclear force to order a plan aimed at identifying and fixing personnel problems.

## US may train Iraqis in Jordan

Developing plans would use special-ops forces as instructors

By Lolita C. Baldor  
and Bradley Klapper  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials are developing plans to use a small number of U.S. special operations forces in Jordan to train Iraqi troops as part of a broader effort to help Iraq fight the growing al-Qaida threat within its borders.

There has been no official request from Iraq yet for the training, but U.S. military

leaders and Iraqi officials have been discussing how it would be done, said a senior U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. A formal request from Baghdad likely will follow once the details are worked out.

Separately, legislative aides said Thursday that Congress cleared the way for the United States to provide Iraq with new military equipment to aid its battle against

al-Qaida. Last week, the Pentagon announced it soon would deliver another installment of small arms and ammunition to the Iraqis, who have been battling militants over the control of Fallujah and Ramadi, the provincial capital of Anbar. The shipment was expected to include tank ammunition and Hellfire air-to-surface missiles, and the relevant congressional committees have approved that sale.

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# QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's a lot to put on a squirrel."

— Historian Etienne Benson discusses the social significance of squirrels and the consequences of introducing them to U.S. cities to transform green spaces into oases of nature

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# MILITARY

# Locklear criticizes Chinese navy

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific said Thursday he was concerned about unprofessional and overly aggressive Chinese naval officers in the wake of the recent Cowspens incident.

The incident occurred Dec. 5 in the South China Sea when a Chinese vessel forced the USS Cowspens guided missile cruiser, which was operating in international waters, to maneuver in order to avoid hitting the Chinese ship, according to U.S. Pacific Fleet.

"I would probably characterize [the Chinese actions] as more as unnecessary and probably more unprofessional," Adm. Samuel Locklear, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, told reporters during a news conference at the Pentagon. "I don't know ... whether it was [due to a] lack of experience."

When the near miss occurred, the Cowspens was sailing in an area where the Chinese navy was exercising its new aircraft carrier when another Chinese vessel aggressively approached the Cowspens. Locklear said that U.S. forces in the region were not properly notified that the exercise was taking place.

"The Chinese were conducting what they claimed to be carrier operations that they believe had been properly notified. Those notification procedures were in question, and ... the people [who] were on Cowspens, in fact, I'm sure were not aware of any notification of that," Locklear said.

Locklear hopes that the Chinese navy will become more professional over time.

"We will interact with each other more in the future. My hope is that we will learn to interact — continue to learn and to progress in the professionalism that we exhibit towards each other. This is the best way forward," he said.

Locklear is worried that similar Chinese behavior in the East China Sea, where tensions are running high, could ignite a conflict between China and Japan.

"I am concerned ... In this case, you just have primarily maritime security forces that are in and around those contested islands. But those are, you know, in many cases, those are young, you know, young [Chinese] naval officers or young civilian mariners who are out there ... making those decisions. So we have to continue to encourage restraint. We have to continue to encourage professionalism," Locklear said.

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Adm. Samuel Locklear  
commander, U.S. Pacific Command

Michael Auslin, an Asia expert at the American Enterprise Institute, said Locklear's right to be concerned about Chinese behavior.

"I think we're lucky we haven't had an accident already. This [Chinese aggressiveness at sea] has been going on for a long time. Sometimes it gets into the press ... but we all know it's been happening much more often. And you'll hear that from (my) friends in the Navy who are talking about it," he said.

Auslin said American restraint, motivated by a desire to avoid provocations, could have the opposite effect and actually embolden Chinese ship captains.

"They have the will to push and probe and test just how far they can take this," Auslin said. "What usually happens is that when we do push back and we do respond — which has been always, I think, very measured — they will step back, and they'll step back fairly quickly. ... The question is whether that is going to continue based on two factors: one, their level of growing confidence that they're getting stronger; and second, their calculation that we really are not going to do anything to actually change that

dynamic, and so they can continue to push. You know, that's when you get an accident. That's when you get a miscalculation."

Ashley Tellis, an Asia expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said China doesn't seem inclined to follow international norms when it comes to behavior at sea.

"When you talk about professionalism ... [and] how willing is the PLA Navy to follow certain rules of the road, I think there are big question marks, partly because there are no clearly understood rules of the road (from China's perspective) and, two, because the PLA navy seems to be increasingly willing to risk incidents in order to make a political point. And I think that is really the dangerous dimension of this whole set of face-offs," Tellis said. "At the very least, the (Chinese) leadership has acquiesced to what is happening in the field because if they didn't, I mean, they would certainly be making efforts to walk with the operators are doing back. And I don't see any such evidence (of them doing that)."

Tellis believes that incidents like the Cowspens encounter will happen again in the years ahead.

"I have absolutely no doubt that that's where the trend lines are going because there has been no agreement (between China and other powers) on managing incidents at sea," he said.

"These are disputed waters in many cases. So it's not clear that the Chinese have standing to do what they're doing, but all the same, I think this is just going to continue. It's going to increase."

Locklear is concerned that there isn't a good mechanism in place for him to talk to his Chinese counterparts to defuse conflicts that might arise from Chinese naval activity.

"I don't have the ability to pick up the phone and talk directly to a ... PLA navy admiral or general at the time of a crisis, and we need to work on that," he said.

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# China president named head of new security body

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN  
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BELJING — Chinese President Xi Jinping was formally named head of a new national security body Friday in a move that further strengthens his status as the most powerful Chinese leader in two decades.

Xi is already leader of the ruling Communist Party and head of dual state and party commissions commanding the armed forces. Last month, he was named head

of a reform commission, giving him overall control over the world's second largest economy and sidelining premier and sometimes rival Li Keqiang.

The new position as chairman of the National Security Commission gives Xi ultimate control over the police and sprawling state security apparatus. That authority used to be held by the party's head of domestic security.

"Xi has undoubtedly emerged as a strongman, with significantly

more power than (predecessors) Hu Jintao and Jiang Zemin," said Willy Lam, a political scientist at the Chinese University of Hong Kong who closely follows the Chinese leadership.

The last leader to wield authority on that level was Deng Xiaoping, who retained major influence into the early 1990s, despite being in retirement.

The head of China's legislature, Zhang Dejiang, and Li, the premier — the party's second- and third-ranking officials — were

named the body's vice chairmen, with other members to be named later, according to a statement from the party's Central Committee.

The commission will be responsible for "decision-making, deliberation and coordination on national security work," and in charge of "making overall plans and coordinating major issues and major work concerning national security," a Central Committee statement said.

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## Mich. unit returns from Afghanistan



**Above:** Scott Dyke, 51, of Hudsonville, Mich., holds a large sign of a dog for his son Keaton Dyke, 24, who is returning home and will meet his 9-month-old niece Kennedy Broersma, front, for the first time as more than 150 Michigan Army National Guard soldiers of the 144th Military Police Company return home from Afghanistan on Thursday at Owosso High School in Owosso, Mich. **Left:** Michigan Army National Guard soldiers fall into formation at the high school.

## Vice presidential candidate escapes assassination attempt

By AMIR SHAH  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An influential former Afghan warlord who served as water and energy minister in a previous administration narrowly escaped an assassination attempt Friday in the country's western Herat province, a police spokesman said.

Ismail Khan — who is also running as a vice presidential candidate in the April 5 presidential election — was attacked after mid-day prayers, said police spokesman Abdul Raouf Ahmadi. Khan was coming out of the mosque in Herat city, the provincial capital, when the bomber set off his explosives. No one except the would-be suicide bomber was killed in the explosion, said Ahmadi. Khan could not be reached for comment.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which underscored some of the challenges Afghanistan faces ahead of the election, a vote that will help shape the country's fu-

ture following the departure of foreign combat troops.

In 2010, President Hamid Karzai had wanted to keep Khan — a Tajik who was a prominent warlord during the civil war of the 1990s and who retains considerable local power among his minority — in his administration, but the nomination was narrowly defeated. Critics said keeping Khan would have proven Karzai remained beholden to regional power brokers at the expense of the country's national interests.

Khan, 67, is now running as vice president on the ticket of presidential contender Abdul Rab Rasul Sayyaf, also a former warlord. Karzai can't run for a third consecutive term and has not yet endorsed anyone. There are no clear favorites in the race.

Both Sayyaf and Khan were known as warlords during Afghanistan's civil war from 1992 until the Taliban takeover in 1996, fighting on the side of the Northern Alliance against the Taliban. Previously, both also actively participated in the war

against the Soviet occupation.

In other violence, a gunman on a motorcycle opened fire at a group of local cricket players, killing five of them during a game in eastern Laghman province before he sped away, provincial spokesman Sarhadji Zhouak said Friday.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which took place on Thursday in Alinghar district, but Zhouak blamed the Taliban. When the Taliban ruled the country, they severely restricted sports and public celebrations.

Karzai on Friday issued a statement condemning the attack and the killing of Afghan sportsmen. Elsewhere, spokesman Omar Zwak in southern Helmand province said police found the body of slain journalist Nor Ahmad Noori late on Thursday night. Noori, 30, who worked for the local Radio Busi, had been abducted earlier in the day and his body was found in a sack, badly burned, said Zwak.

# Justice program draws fire for poor oversight

By CHRIS CARROLL  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The United States has spent hundreds of millions of dollars to shore up the Afghan justice sector, but it's hard to say how much good it's done because of insufficient program management and oversight, according to a new report by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

The report looked at the State Department's Justice Sector Support Program, which aims to train justice officials around the country and to develop a case management system. The department has spent at least \$223 million on such projects since 2005, the report said.

Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction John Sopko found that the State Department had limited ability to assess the performance of the contractor in charge of the program, PAE Incorporated.

Among other issues, he also reported that the department did not define what it meant by a "robust" and "sustainable" case management system for the country.

The State Department did not respond to a request for comment on the report by Stars and Stripes print deadline.

According to Sopko's report, the contractor originally was re-

quired to establish a judicial case management system for the entire country by May 2012. When the system was set up in only 7 of 34 provinces, the contract was modified to require the roll-out in only 7 provinces.

Among his recommendations, Sopko said future Justice Sector Support Program contracts include detailed explanations of requirements that contractors will be held accountable for.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., who asked Sopko to look into the Justice Sector Support Program in early 2013, said the review showed that hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer money were put at risk by unrealistic goals, flawed program implementation and a lack of performance oversight.

"When you have contractors utterly failing to meet goals, and then going back retroactively and changing those goals to make it seem like they succeeded, you've got a major problem," said McCaskill, who heads the Subcommittee on Financial & Contracting Oversight. "Unfortunately, waste, fraud, and abuse has too often been the result when it comes to the billions we've spent in Afghanistan, and the State Department needs to take action immediately to implement safeguards over these contracts."

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## Mine-removal workers kidnapped, later freed

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KABUL — Dozens of land mine-clearing workers were kidnapped and held for seven hours in Afghanistan on Tuesday, the largest mass abduction in the country in years and the latest sign of worsening militant activity.

The 63 men were freed after village elders intervened and security forces flooded the district where they were held, said Farid Homayoun, manager of the Afghanistan program of the British land-mine removal organization Halo Trust, which employs the workers.

"They were released unharmed," Homayoun said. "The Taliban have apparently said they were not behind it, and the identity of the kidnapers is not clear to us."

The workers were seized from their office in the restive Pashtun Zarghun district of western Herat province, Gov. Sayed Fazlullah Wahidi said. Ten armed men came to the site on motorbikes and forced the employees to drive to a nearby village, Homayoun said.

"The gunmen opened fire on our vehicles, causing damage to them, and then took the employees to a mountain," Homayoun said. "Eight of them managed to flee."

Abduction has become a lucrative business for insurgents and criminal groups in Afghanistan, where U.S., NATO and Afghan forces are trying to suppress a resurgent Taliban.

Militants in the past have freed some captives after apparent payment of ransom. But they have also killed captives when their demands were not met.

MILITARY

# Review: Officers retake proficiency tests

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Among the likely topics the group would delve into, Kirby said, are questions about "growth and development of people who work in that force, their opportunities, incentives they do or do not get, morale issues."

In a recent New York Times article, former nuclear launch officers spoke of the pressures of their jobs, including the extreme difficulty of proficiency tests — an incentive to cheating, they said. Moreover, during the wars that followed the 9/11 attacks, many felt sidelined in a military that had refocused from Cold War threats to hunting down terrorists.

Hagel also is ordering an independent review by experienced former nuclear weapons officials to assess the DOD's action plan. The independent review is expected to begin within weeks and be complete 90 days later. Hagel intends to hold accountable leaders who have failed, Kirby said, adding that the investigation must proceed first before any decisions on meting out consequences can be made.

The Air Force announced last week it had suspended 34 nuclear missile launch officers believed to have cheated on proficiency tests. Earlier this month, during a visit by Hagel to Ft. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., the Air Force confirmed several launch officers were being investigated for drugs.

Hagel spoke Thursday morning with Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James and Air Force Chief of Staff Mark Welsh III, who have been touring missile bases, Kirby said.

Of nearly 500 missile crewmembers who have been retested as a result of the cheating scandal, about 95 percent have passed; the rest will follow standard Air Force remedial policies, he said.

Hagel has no question most members of the nuclear force are sound, but investigation is necessary to root out problems, Kirby said.

By and large, "we're confident in the professionalism of the majority of the force," Kirby said. "That said, clearly we've got some issues here, and at the very minimum there are some individuals inside the ICBM force that don't or aren't willing to live up to those standards."

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Russian police officers search a vehicle at an entrance to the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games park in Russia on Thursday

# US, Russia discuss Sochi security

## Military leaders consider using US roadside bomb technologies at Olympics

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top U.S. and Russian military leaders have discussed security at the Sochi Olympics, including the possibility of sharing technologies used by American forces to counter roadside bombs, the Pentagon said Thursday.

Russia has made no formal requests for the technology, and the U.S. has not offered it, Pentagon press secretary Adm. John Kirby said. But the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, had an informal discussion this week with his Russian

counterpart about the possibilities for its use during the Sochi games.

"Security for the games rests with the Russian government. It's their responsibility," said Kirby. "The United States has made clear very early on that we're willing to assist in any way that we can, but there's been no request for such assistance."

The U.S. has used sophisticated technologies in Iraq and Afghanistan to detect and defeat roadside bombs.

Kirby also noted that two American warships will be in the Black Sea during the games as part of normal military planning, in

case they are needed. He said the ships would be capable of many missions, including evacuations, medical support and communications, but that it is far too early to suggest any specific missions.

The warships would likely travel from the Mediterranean Sea, but they have not moved into the Black Sea yet.

Some U.S. lawmakers worry that Russia isn't doing enough to assure that athletes will be protected at the games. The U.S. State Department has advised Americans at the Olympics to keep vigilant about security because of potential terrorist threats, crime and uncertain medical care.

Back-to-back suicide bomb-

ings killed 34 people last month in Volgograd, about 400 miles from Sochi. An Islamic militant group in Russia's North Caucasus claimed responsibility for the bombings and posted a video threatening to strike the Sochi games.

Earlier this week, some Olympic committees from other nations reported receiving threatening emails, but many shrugged it off as a hoax.

Asked if Americans would be safe if they traveled to the Winter Games, Kirby said, "I believe the Russian government is taking this very, very seriously, and I believe they are applying as much energy as possible to providing security for the games."



Russian police officers search drivers and screen vehicles at a park entrance. Pentagon press secretary Adm. John Kirby said Russia is taking security for the games "very, very seriously."

MILITARY

# Army plans to open additional jobs to women

By Drew Brooks

The Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer

Tens of thousands of Army positions that previously were available only to men are scheduled to be opened to women in April.

Army officials announced Thursday that 33,000 positions in 132 Army jobs would be opened as part of the Army's Soldier 2020 initiative, which is meant to ensure the best qualified soldiers are available for each job.

Most of those jobs were closed to women in units below the brigade level.

The new open positions include civil affairs and psychological operations as well as combat engineers, explosive ordnance disposal specialists and chaplains. They do not include those positions within special operations units. A list of jobs is available at [fayobserver.com](http://fayobserver.com).

The announcement came a year after then-Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta announced the end of the direct ground combat exclusion policy, which kept female servicemembers from serving in positions in units below the brigade level with the primary mission of direct ground combat.

Each of the services had been given until 2016 to fully integrate women into the new rules.

Even before last year's decision by the Pentagon, Army leaders said they were re-examining the standards for military jobs, or Military Occupational Specialties (MOS).

In a briefing at the Pentagon, Department of Defense Press Secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said the opening of positions to women, when coupled with other

initiatives, was part of "an honest effort to make sure that Americans of all stripes and sizes are able to serve in the United States military."

"Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel) believes that the — that the opportunity to serve your country in uniform should be as open to as many Americans as possible, obviously, within certain standards, of course," Kirby said. "And he's committed, as was Secretary Panetta before him, to removing as many barriers to that service as possible and to

make the military service a vocation that one wants to pursue and can pursue for a career."

With Thursday's announcement, approximately 55,000 career positions will have been opened to female soldiers since May 2012, according to U.S. Army Forces Command.

A spokesman for the Fort Bragg N.C.-based command said they continue to work closely with Army personnel officials and other Army commands on what they called an "important initiative for our soldiers."

# Report: No one at fault in SEAL's parachute jump death

By Mike Hixenbaugh

The Norfolk, Va. Virginian-Pilot

A dozen men leap from an airplane 12,000 feet above sprawling Arizona desert and move into close formation. Six of them attempt to link arms in a circle; the other six form an outer ring by grabbing the inner jumpers' legs — a tightly choreographed maneuver in the sky.

Most of the SEALs jumping on March 28, 2013, at the Navy's parachute testing and training facility had made hundreds of jumps. One of them, Chief Petty Officer Brett Shadle, had made nearly 1,000.

This one, though, would be his last.

Shadle, 31, a veteran member of Naval Special Warfare Development Group, was killed last spring when he and another SEAL collided in the air. The other operator, an unidentified petty officer first class from the same elite unit that's better known as SEAL Team 6, was badly injured.

A command investigation into the accident found nobody at fault. All of the equipment had been properly maintained, all of the pre-jump safety checks had been performed; all of the jumpers were qualified for the mission.

A series of unrelated and largely unavoidable events — a broken formation, a parachute that opened at an odd angle, decisions

made in fractions of a second with little room for error — placed two highly trained commandos on a collision course.

The investigative report, obtained by The Virginian-Pilot through the Freedom of Information Act, details the moments leading up to the accident — and a group of SEALs' determined effort to save one of their own.

The jump began smoothly, according to statements from several participants and observers. Shadle was among the six who began to link arms. But as the others moved closer to grab onto their legs, something caused the formation to break apart.

In a written statement, the last SEAL out of the plane said his

parachute had just opened when he noticed two jumpers below him. They appeared to be a safe distance apart.

One was Shadle, and the other was a petty officer first class who had done about 150 jumps. The witness saw Shadle's parachute open cleanly. A moment later, the petty officer first class pulled his rip cord. His canopy opened to the side, pulling him hard toward Shadle.

Both men reacted quickly. Shadle seemed to be turning hard right to avoid a collision; the petty officer first class told the investigator he turned the same direction. Then he backed out.

He came to moments later and managed to steer his parachute

to the drop zone before collapsing in the dirt. Shadle was drifting with the wind. The SEAL who had witnessed the collision from above steered his canopy toward Shadle.

"I closed the distance between us and saw that he appeared to be completely unconscious," he said in his statement.

The SEAL followed Shadle as he drifted several hundred yards outside the drop zone. Shadle hit the ground forcefully. The SEAL flagged down a Humvee that was searching for them, then helped care for him until civilian paramedics arrived.

A rescue helicopter took Shadle to a hospital, where he died.

## Guard recruiter charged with theft over bonuses

BRIGHTON, Colo. — An Army National Guard recruiter in Colorado has been charged with fraudulently collecting \$28,000 in referral bonuses for recruits.

District Attorney Dave Young said Tuesday that Christopher Thomas Clark, 25, faces one count of theft.

No phone number could be found for Clark, who is free on a \$10,000 bail. He is scheduled to return to court Feb. 18.

Details of the suspected theft weren't immediately known.

Maj. Gen. H. Michael Edwards, adjutant general of the Colorado National Guard, said the investigation has the full support of the guard.

The charge normally carries a sentence of four to eight years in prison.

## Illinois to send pizzas to troops overseas

CHICAGO — Gov. Pat Quinn says military members deployed overseas will get Chicago-style pizzas in time for Super Bowl Sunday.

The nonprofit group Pizza 4 Patriots has been sending pizzas to servicemembers since 2008. The idea is to send them some of the comforts of home while they're deployed.

Quinn will join officials with the group and DHL Express on Wednesday to pack up pizzas for the trip. They expect to send about 10,000 ready-to-bake pizzas to troops.

Last year, 21,000 pizzas were shipped to Afghanistan and Kuwait. They were frozen and packed with dry ice.

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## MILITARY

By ADAM GOLDMAN  
The Washington Post

On a cold day in early 2003, two senior CIA officers arrived at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw to pick up a pair of large cardboard boxes. Inside were bundles of cash totaling \$15 million that had been flown from Germany via diplomatic pouch.

The men put the boxes in a van and weaved through the Polish capital until coming to the headquarters of Polish intelligence. They were met by Col. Andrzej Derlatka, deputy chief of the intelligence service, and two of his associates.

The Americans and Poles formalized an agreement that over the previous weeks had allowed the CIA the use of a secret prison—a remote villa in the Polish lake district—to interrogate al-Qaida suspects. The Polish intelligence service had some more funds, and the agency had a solid location for its newest covert operation, according to former CIA officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the interrogation program, including previously unreported details about the creation of the agency's black sites.

The CIA prison in Poland was arguably the most important of all the black sites created by the agency in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It was the first of a trio in Europe that housed the initial wave of accused Sept. 11 conspirators, and it was where Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-declared mastermind of the attacks, was waterboarded 183 times after his capture.

Much about the creation and operation of the CIA's prison at a base in one of the young democracies of Central Europe remains cloaked in mystery, matters that are classified as state secrets by the U.S. government. But what happened in Poland more than a decade ago continues to reverberate, and the bitter debate about the CIA's interrogation program is about to be revisited.

The U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is preparing to release at least portions of an exhaustive 6,000-page report on the CIA interrogation program, its value in eliciting critical intelligence and whether Congress was misled about aspects of what the agency was doing.

The treatment of detainees also continues to be a legal issue in the military trials of Mohammed and others at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

And in December, the European Court of Human Rights heard arguments that the Poland-based international law and participated in torture by accommodating its American ally; a decision is expected this year.

"In the face of Polish and United States efforts to draw a veil over these abuses, the Poland-based Court of Human Rights now has an opportunity to break this conspiracy of silence and uphold the rule of law," said Amrit Singh, an Open Society Justice Initiative lawyer who petitioned the court on behalf of a detainee who was held there.



Visitors are not welcome at the villa in northern Poland where the CIA once interrogated al-Qaida suspects. MCT

# A hidden history

## How the CIA's notorious secret prison in Poland came to be — and failed

### A black site is born

The story of a Polish villa that became the site one of the most infamous prisons in American history began in the Pakistani city of Faisalabad with the capture of Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Hussein, better known as Abu Zubaida, in March 2002. The CIA needed a place to stash its first "high-value" detainee, a man who was thought to be closely tied to the al-Qaida leadership and might know of follow-on plots.

The agency flew Abu Zubaida to Thailand, housing him at a remote location at least an hour's drive from Bangkok.

Several months after the detention of Abu Zubaida, the CIA caught Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, another wanted operative who had been tied to an al-Qaida attack on a U.S. warship in Yemen. He, too, was taken to the Thai site.

With the prospect of holding



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more and more captives, the CIA required a better location.

The Polish intelligence service, known as Agencja Wywiadu, had a training base with a villa that the CIA could use in Stare Kiejkuty, a three-hour drive north of Warsaw.

Polish officials asked whether the CIA could make some improvements to the facility. The CIA obliged, paying nearly \$300,000. The accommodations were not spacious. The two-story villa could hold only a handful of detainees.

"It was pretty spartan," the agency official recalled.

On Dec. 5, 2002, al-Nashiri and Abu Zubaida were flown to Poland and taken to the site, which was code-named "Quartz."

Five days later, an email went out to agency employees that the interrogation program was up and running, and under the supervision of the Special Missions Department of the Counterterrorism Center.

Officials then began shutting down the prison in Thailand, eliminating all traces that the CIA had been there.

### Interrogation or torture?

Agency executives tapped Mike Sealy, a senior intelligence officer, to run the Polish black site, according to former CIA officials. He was called a "program manager" and was briefed on an escalating series of "enhanced interrogation techniques" that were formulated at the CIA and approved by Justice Department lawyers. These included slapping, sleep deprivation and waterboarding, a technique that involved pouring water over the shrouded face of the detainee and creating the sensation of drowning.

There would soon be problems in implementation of the interrogation protocols.

A decision was also made to dispatch a CIA linguist who had once worked for the FBI in New York. Albert El Gamil was of Egyptian descent and spoke Arabic fluently, but he was not a trained interrogator.

El Gamil flew to Poland, where he subjected al-Nashiri to a mock execution and put a drill to the head of the blindfolded man, ac-

ording to several former CIA officials. The CIA inspector general also reported on those events.

Top CIA officials learned about the incidents in January 2003 after a security guard at the facility sounded the alarm. Sealy and El Gamil were pulled out of Poland and dismissed from the program, according to several former agency officials. They left the CIA a short time later.

Both Sealy and El Gamil declined to comment.

### Expansion, reduction

In March 2003, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed was captured in the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi and brought to Poland. He proved difficult to break, even when waterboarded, according to several former CIA officials. Mohammed would count off the seconds, between 20 and 40, knowing the simulated drowning always ended within a certain period.

CIA officials assert that while in Poland, Mohammed, who had a sizable ego, began talking. He liked to lecture the CIA officers, who would then steer the conversation in ways that benefited them.

Abu Zubaida also identified people in photographs and provided what one official called "hundreds of data points."

Former agency officials directly involved in the program have said the harsh techniques produced "dramatic positive results."

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence intends to challenge such assertions when its report is made public.

Eventually, the CIA had to leave Poland, fearing that maintaining a covert location for too long risked exposure.

In September 2003, the Polish site was emptied. The CIA scattered detainees to Romania, Morocco, and later, Lithuania. Looking for a long-term solution, the CIA paid the Moroccans \$20 million to build a prison it never used that was code-named "Bombyay."

In 2005, The Washington Post reported that the CIA had operated secret prisons in Eastern Europe. Locations in Poland and Romania were soon identified by Human Rights Watch, and their presence has since been confirmed.

Before Porter Goss stepped down as CIA director in May 2006, the facilities in Romania and Lithuania were closed. Some of the detainees were sent to a Moroccan jail that had been previously used and others to a new CIA prison in Kabul called "Fernando," which had replaced one known as "the Salt Pit."

From those locations, 14 high-value detainees were shipped to the Guantanamo Bay military detention center in September 2006. President Barack Obama ended the interrogation program in 2009.

The previous year, Polish prosecutors opened a criminal investigation into what happened at the training base. They also quietly issued arrest warrants for CIA officials who had visited the black site.

It is not clear whether the warrants are still in effect.

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## NATION

## NSA data gathering likely to go on for now

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WASHINGTON — In the week since President Barack Obama called for ending the National Security Agency's bulk collection of U.S. telephone data "as it currently exists," telephone carriers have uploaded customer calling records to NSA computers just as they have since the program was created after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The daily transfer of Americans' telephone toll records to a government database is likely to continue at least for the next 18 months despite the president's speech last Friday and a growing debate over the legality and effectiveness of the once-secret operation.

Critics got a boost Thursday when a federal privacy watchdog panel pronounced the NSA archiving of telephone metadata — numbers, times and lengths of calls, but not their content — an invasion of privacy that's of "limited value" in counterterrorism cases.

But the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board split, 3-2, on whether the program is illegal and should be shut down, a divide that reflects larger disagreements in Congress and the public. It helps explain why Obama has mixed messages about what he called "the program that has generated the most controversy these past few months."

Obama said he was determined to preserve some form of the vast database, which he said the NSA and FBI used to map communications of terrorists. But Obama also made clear he is uneasy with so much private data in government hands, and sought to tighten access to it.

Obama said that except in a "true emergency," the Justice

Department must ask the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court for approval each time the NSA wants to search the records. NSA analysts used the archive about 280 times last year.

But Obama's second proposal — that telephone companies or another entity hold the records in case the NSA or FBI needs them — appears likely to require legislation by Congress.

"Presumably the government could accomplish much of this through administrative rule making, but the question would be whether they would need an appropriation" of money to make it work, said Stephen Vladeck, a professor at American University Washington College of Law.

As a result, the NSA operation is likely to continue at least until June 1, 2015, when Section 215, the provision in the USA Patriot Act that authorizes the program, expires. Even then, lawmakers could simply extend it more or less as is.

As with most issues in Congress, there is little consensus. But the NSA program has opened fissures between traditional allies, and created partners among politicians who rarely see eye to eye.

The privacy board's 238-page report drew praise from critics of the program, such as Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., who heads the Judiciary Committee, but skepticism from supporters, such as Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who heads the Intelligence Committee. The two usually fight on the same side.

On this issue, and a few others, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., a tea party favorite, and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., the only self-declared socialist in Congress, also are allied in opposition.

## White House health care adviser resigns from post

By AMY GOLDSTEIN

and JULIET EILPERIN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Chris Jennings, the White House's coordinator of health-care reform, has resigned six months after he was recruited to try to iron out the implementation of major aspects of the Affordable Care Act.

Jennings said in an interview Thursday that he decided to leave after he landed in the hospital last month with a health scare after working the long, intense hours typical of senior White House aides.

"I helped change perspective, and so did some other sad family events, and it really focused me on the priority of health and family," he said. "After a lot of contemplation, I decided this was the best thing for me."

Jennings arrived at the White House as deputy assistant to the

president for health policy last summer, when the Obama administration was racing to prepare for the launch of long-awaited health insurance marketplaces — "with a crisis erupting virtually every day," recalled one person familiar with Jennings' decision, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a personnel decision.

Jennings is a veteran of many of Washington's political and policy debates involving health care in the past three decades. And this was his second stint in a Democratic White House; he was President Bill Clinton's senior health policy adviser from the mid-1990s to early 2001. He then became a consultant, forming Jennings Policy Strategies.

The Obama White House approached him last summer because of his far-reaching network in the world of health care and his command of policy intricacies.



THE GUARDIAN/AP

Former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden speaks in June in Hong Kong.

## Background check firm hit with federal complaint

By PETE YOST

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The company that handled a background check on National Security Agency leader Edward Snowden allegedly defrauded the government by submitting at least 665,000 investigations that had not been properly completed, and then tried to cover it up when the government suspected what was going on.

The number of investigations, the Justice Department said Wednesday in a civil complaint, amounts to 40 percent of the cases that the company, U.S. Investigations Services Inc., sent to the government over a four-year span, continuing through at least September 2012.

USIS was involved in a background investigation of Snowden in 2011, but his particular job doesn't figure in the lawsuit.

In a statement, USIS said "these allegations relate to a small group of individuals over a specific time period and are inconsistent with the strong service record we have earned since our inception in 1996."

The statement said the company first learned of the allegations nearly two years ago and that USIS has appointed a new leadership team, enhanced oversight procedures and has fully cooperated with the government's investigation. The company said that "integrity and excellence are core values" at USIS, which has 6,000 employees.

The government said that USIS engaged in a practice known inside the company as "dumping" or "flushing." It involved releasing uncompleted background cases to the government and representing them as complete in order to increase revenue and profit.

The government paid the company \$11.7 million in performance awards from 2008 to 2010, according to the Justice Depart-

## Holden: Plea possible for Snowden, not amnesty

By TIMOTHY M. PHELPS

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. took a strong stand Thursday against granting amnesty to Edward Snowden, but did not rule out the possibility of plea negotiations.

"He broke the law," Holder said in an interview with MSNBC's Ari Melber about Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor charged with espionage for releasing intelligence-gathering secrets.

"In fact, he caused harm to our national security and I think he has to be held accountable for his actions," Holder said. "People have really gotten hung up over whether he is a whistle-blower or something

else. From my perspective, he is a defendant."

MSNBC said Holder rejected any notion of amnesty for Snowden. But Holder did say that the U.S. "would engage in conversation" about a resolution with Snowden if he accepted responsibility for leaking secrets, the network reported.

In an appearance last Thursday in Virginia, Holder made clear that any talks would have to be based on Snowden's returning to the U.S. from Russia, where he is currently living, and pleading guilty to federal charges.

"If Mr. Snowden wanted to come back to the United States and enter a plea, we would engage with his lawyers," Holder said. "We would do the same with any defendant who wanted to enter a plea of guilty."

ment court filing.

USIS senior management "was fully aware of and, in fact, directed the dumping practices," the government complaint said. Beginning in March 2008, USIS' president and CEO established revenue goals for the company. USIS' chief financial officer denied how many cases needed to be reviewed or dumped to meet those goals, the complaint added.

The number of cases that needed to be reviewed or dumped to meet revenue goals was conveyed to the firm's vice president of field operations and to the president of investigative service division, the complaint said.

According to one internal company document, a USIS employee

said, "They will dump cases when word comes from above, such as from" the president of the investigative service division and the president and chief executive.

According to the complaint, USIS would dump reports of investigations knowing that there could potentially be quality issues associated with those reports.

The background investigations that were dumped spanned most government agencies — including the Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security, the Defense Department, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Transportation Department, and the Treasury Department.

## NATION

## Feds in NYC charge 5 in 'Goodfellas' airport heist

By Tom Hays

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than 30 years after Vincent Asaro is believed to have gotten away with helping hatch a \$6 million airport heist dramatized in the Martin Scorsese movie "Goodfellas," prosecutors say the reputed mobster slipped up and complained to the wrong person that he'd been cheated by another gangster, James "Jimmy the Gent" Burke.

"We never got our right money, what we were supposed to get," Asaro, 78, told a cooperator wearing a wire in 2011, according to the court papers, "Jimmy Burke kept everything."

The profanity-laced rant was a break in an investigation that resulted on Thursday in murder, robbery, extortion, arson and other charges against Asaro and four other defendants, including Asaro's son, Jerome. The men were named in a racketeering indictment and other court papers that Asaro's defense attorney, Gerald McMahon, dismissively said at times read like a script.

"Marty needed a sequel and Loretta said she would help out," McMahon told reporters, referring to the famed director and U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch.

The father and son, both identified as captains in the Bonanno organized crime family, pleaded not guilty through their attorneys and were ordered held without bail at a brief appearance in federal court in Brooklyn.

McMahon accused authorities of using shady turnover gangsters to frame his client, including former Bonanno boss Joseph Massino — the highest-ranked member of the city's five organized crime families to break the mob's vow of silence.

Massino "is one of the worst witnesses I've ever seen," McMahon said. He added that Asaro had given him "marching orders" that "there will be no plea and he will walk out the door a free man."

A lawyer for Jerome Asaro declined to comment.

The indictment accused Vincent Asaro of helping to direct the Dec. 11, 1978, Lufthansa Airlines heist at Kennedy airport, one of the largest cash thefts in American history. Hooded gunmen looted a vault in the airline's cargo terminal and stole about \$5 million in untraceable U.S. currency that was being returned to the United States from Germany, along with about \$1 million in jewelry. The cash was never found.

According to court papers, an unidentified mob associate who pleaded guilty and became a cooperator in witness testimony admitted that he participated in the robbery at the direction of Asaro. The theft was orchestrated by Burke, a Lucchese crime family associate who was close to Asaro, who told the bandits that he had a "plan" that would make them rich, the papers say.



INDIANA STATE POLICE/AP

Emergency crews work at the scene of a pileup involving more than 40 vehicles, many of them semitrailers, along Interstate 94 on Thursday afternoon near Michigan City, Ind.

## 3 killed, more than 20 hurt in huge pileup on snowy I-94

The Associated Press

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. — A couple from Michigan and a man from Chicago were killed in a massive pileup on a snowy interstate in northwestern Indiana, authorities said Friday, as crews cleaned up after the 40-plus-vehicle wreck.

More than 20 people were injured, including one critically, in the crush of semitrailers and mangled passenger vehicles Thursday afternoon on the east-bound stretch of Interstate 94 connecting Chicago with Detroit. At least one person was trapped in a vehicle for hours before authorities could come to the rescue, Indiana State Police said.

Snow and whiteout conditions were contributing factors, police said. A band of heavy lake-effect snow was dropping up to 2 inches of snow per hour with visibility at a quarter-mile or less at the time of the wreck, National Weather Service meteorologist Evan Bentley said. The wreck happened near Michigan City, about 60 miles from Chicago.

Thomas Wolmas, 67, and his 65-year-old wife, Marilyn, were killed in the crash, LaPorte County

coroner John Sullivan said Friday. The Wolmas, of Grand Rapids, Mich., were returning home after taking care of a relative in Wisconsin, Sullivan said, citing the couple's son.

Sullivan said Jerry Dalrymple, 65, of Chicago, was killed in his car, along with his dog.

The eastbound lanes of I-94 remained closed Friday morning as crews continued working to clear the scene, state police Cpl. Larry Koebecke said. Cranes and wreckers were brought in to help remove the wreckage, and officials haven't estimated when all the lanes will reopen.

Drivers stuck in the backup could only wait and try to stay warm as temperatures hovered around 10 degrees.

Stacey Johnson, 37, had a family emergency and was traveling from western Michigan to Tennessee with her three sons, ages 3, 9 and 10. She told The Associated Press she'd researched road conditions before leaving because she was worried about the weather. She didn't know about the accident until traffic started crawling and then stopped.



AUDREY McAVOY/AP

A surfer models a shark deterrent device, the Electronic Shark Defense System.

## Anti-shark implements popular after Maui attacks

The Associated Press

KIHEI, Hawaii — A surge in shark attacks on Maui over the past year, including two fatal ones, hasn't stopped people from surfing and swimming in the warm ocean waters that surround the Hawaiian island.

It has spurred sales of devices that claim to keep sharks away by emitting an electric pulse.

"They just cannot make these things fast enough," said Hawaiian Island Surf & Sport owner Dennis O'Donnell, who keeps a waiting list for the products and sells out as soon as he's restocked.

Users strap the devices to their ankles, wetsuits or surfboards. Some are about the size of an oversized watch, others the size of a wallet. They range in price from \$399 to \$649.

Some shark experts say the devices may help in some cases, but it's questionable whether they'll repel large sharks.

With or without the devices, people need to remember they go into waters inhabited by large predators like sharks, said George Burgess, the director of the Florida Program for Shark Research.

"It's not equal to going to the YMCA pool or the pool at the hotel," Burgess said.

The sales spike comes as there have been eight shark attacks in Maui waters last year. Statewide, there were 14 attacks in 2013.

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A late-night Greyhound bus ride through Arizona turned harrowing when witnesses say a man rose from his seat and screamed, "Everyone's going to die!"

Passengers then watched in disbelief as the man began hitting the driver and grabbing the steering wheel. The bus swerved, hurling people from their seats.

"Everybody is jumping and flying and screaming," said passenger Susana Ordinola, 48, of San Bernardino, Calif.

Authorities say several passengers stepped in to subdue the man as the bus ran off Interstate 10 early Thursday, only 50 miles from its next stop in Phoenix. It came to a rest in a median, missing some vehicles speeding down

the highway at 75 mph by 6 feet.

The ordeal ended with more than half of the roughly 40 passengers injured — and some of them angry.

The 25-year-old man, who reportedly was hallucinating, ran off into the desert but returned a half-hour later. Some passengers cursed and threw rocks at him before paramedics intervened.

The bus was traveling from Los Angeles to Dallas when it went off the road shortly before 2 a.m. near the community of Tonopah.

The man "basically went berserk in the bus and grabbed control of vehicle," Harquahala Fire District Chief Dan Caudle told KPHO-TV.

The Greyhound crossed the highway med-

ian but came to a stop before entering westbound traffic when other passengers restrained the man, the Arizona Department of Public Safety said.

"The passengers descended on him," DPS spokesman Bart Graves told The Associated Press.

The bus remained upright, and none of the 24 people taken to hospitals had life-threatening injuries, the agency said.

Three were airlifted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, but a hospital spokeswoman said one of them was later released. Fifteen people were taken to hospitals in Goodyear and Buckeye, and five were admitted.

DPS identified the attacker as Maquel Donyel Morris, of Los Angeles.

## Passenger describes frightening Ariz. bus ride

## WORLD

# Defense contractors now working for Iraq

By DAN LAMOTHE  
Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon says the last of its defense contractors left Iraq in December, just weeks before portions of the increasingly violent country were conquered by al-Qaida. There's a catch, however: While the number of Iraq contractors on U.S. payrolls has plummeted, some of those same individuals are still there, working directly for the Iraqi government.

The change is part of the United States' evolving relationship with Baghdad. The last Defense Department contract with Iraq was transferred to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's administration in December, said Navy Cmdr. Bill Speaks, a Pentagon spokesman. That leaves the Defense Department's number of contractors in Iraq at 0, down 6,624 in Octo-

ber, according to a quarterly report released at the time. Of those 6,624 contractors, 1,626 were U.S. citizens, 2,807 were civilians of other countries and 2,191 were Iraqi citizens from Iraq, the report said.

Work on the last major Defense Department contract in Iraq ended Dec. 15, when the Iraqi government took over a U.S. facility at Umm Qasr Naval Base, Speaks said. The United States built a ship repair facility there for the Iraqi military, and opened it in 2011.

The change underscores how the U.S. military continues to disentangle itself from Iraq even as a recent surge in sectarian violence threatens to undo years of hard-won gains. There are now just 250 U.S. troops in Iraq, Speaks said, down from 157,800 at the height of the surge. About

half are assigned to the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq, which oversees the U.S. military's interaction with Iraqi forces. The rest are primarily Marine Corps security guards who work at U.S. diplomatic facilities.

One example of a company staying in Iraq despite the change in who pays its bill is Triple Canopy, a behemoth defense firm based in Herndon, Va. It has made a fortune as one of Washington's primary security providers in war zones, and is one of eight companies with a piece of the State Department's five-year, \$10.8 billion Worldwide Protective Services contract, which was signed in 2010 and lays out the terms by which contractors provide security to U.S. diplomatic facilities and personnel across the world. But Triple Canopy also had a vari-

ety of smaller contracts with the Pentagon for other work in Iraq, and intends to continue working there now.

"Recently all U.S. government agencies have reduced their reliance on contractors due to budget cuts and have de-scoped contracts across the board, including in Iraq," the company said in a statement to Foreign Policy. "Contractors will continue to remain engaged in Iraq in the near future. However, the majority of these personnel will likely be working on commercial extractive and construction projects."

The State Department, meanwhile, still has about 5,000 contractors on its books working in Iraq at the embassy in Baghdad and its consulates in Basra and Irbil, a department spokesperson told Foreign Policy. About 2,000 are U.S. citizens. Both numbers

reflect a steep decline from January 2013, when the State Department had 12,500 contractors — including about 4,500 American citizens — working in Iraq.

With virtually no U.S. troops left in Iraq, the remaining contractor force handles a variety of missions that once would have been handled by the military. Dyncorp International, for example, signed a five-year deal with the State Department in 2010 that could be worth up to \$894 million to provide a private air force that includes UH-1 utility helicopters and DHC-8 planes. The company provides not only air transportation, but movement of "quick reaction" forces that might be needed in an emergency, medical evacuation operations, route reconnaissance and aerial convoy escort, a State Department official said.



Gunmen take up combat positions in Fallujah, Iraq, on Thursday. Islamic militants controlling a mainly Sunni area west of Baghdad are so well-armed that they could occupy the capital.

## Politician: Sunnis see opening in Anbar

From wire reports

WASHINGTON — Iraqi Sunnis hope to leverage their cooperation in the fight against a new al-Qaida insurgency in western Iraq to win political space that they say has been denied to them by the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, the country's senior Sunni politician said Thursday.

"The idea is we need to give greater authorities to the Sunni provinces" and make Sunni tribal fighters "an integral part of [Iraq's] military force," said Osama al-Nujaifi, the speaker of parliament.

Nujaifi, on a weeklong visit to Washington, met Wednesday with President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. He

said he and the Obama administration "were in total agreement" about the need to arm Sunni tribal recruits and to permanently integrate them into the Iraqi armed forces.

With al-Maliki's agreement, the administration is also seeking to recreate the Sunni "Awakening" of 2006-07, when Sunni tribesmen in Anbar received arms and money directly from the U.S. military to subdue militants in the province. The new arms are to be funneled through the Iraqi government.

Nujaifi and other Sunni leaders support the plan but reject a repeat of what they say happened shortly after U.S. forces left Iraq in late 2011. They allege that the al-Maliki government abandoned, disarmed, persecuted and,

in some cases, jailed the tribal fighters, ignoring promises to integrate them into the country's security forces.

Now, Nujaifi said in an interview, "these tribes have to become the force that defends Anbar, not just as part of this phase, not on a part-time basis."

The amount of face time that Nujaifi got with top U.S. officials — including Secretary of State John Kerry and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel — suggested that Washington realizes that mobilizing Iraq's beleaguered Sunni community will be key to restoring order in Anbar. A State Department official said Washington is hopeful that the ongoing crisis could deliver a larger breakthrough in Iraq's stagnant politics.

## Jordan: Training of Iraqis may not begin until summer

FROM FRONT PAGE

Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and others had been blocking the long-term transfer of Apache helicopters to Iraq. The concerns centered on the Iraqi government's potential use of them for internal crackdowns instead of national defense, and senators repeatedly had pressed the State Department for answers.

The aides said Thursday the helicopter sale could clear soon. They demanded anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

During the past year, as violence has escalated in Baghdad and in Sunni-dominated areas, Iraq officials have pleaded with Washington to help them fight al-Qaida with weapons and improved intelligence systems — including, potentially, sending U.S. special military forces and CIA advisers to help train and assist counterterrorism troops.

The missiles are expected to be sent soon while delivery of new Apaches will take up to three years. The U.S. plans to lend some of the helicopters to the Iraqis in six months to nine months.

The Iraqi training may not begin until the summer. Jordanian officials said Sunday it would

host the training after al-Qaida militants seized control of the two towns in Anbar province where some of the worst battles of the Iraq war occurred.

Already there are roughly 1,500 U.S. troops in Jordan, including a small number of special operations forces who likely would be used to train the Iraqis. U.S. forces have been in Jordan since last year, when the Obama administration decided to leave many there who were working with Jordanian troops to bolster the country's defenses as the violence in neighboring Syria intensified. The U.S. also left fighter jets and a Patriot anti-missile battery there.

Iraqi leaders have been in Washington this week and met Wednesday with Vice President Joe Biden to discuss the need for political and military efforts to fight terrorism in Iraq. President Barack Obama dropped in on the meeting, which also included discussions about formally integrating local and tribal forces that have been helping the Shiite-led government try to wrest back control of territory taken by members of Iraq's al-Qaida branch.

The training-and-equipping effort is about the most Washington can do since pulling American troops out of Iraq in December 2011.

## US sues KBR over Army contract kickbacks

WASHINGTON — The federal government is suing Kellogg, Brown & Root Services Inc., charging that the defense contractor submitted false claims and took kickbacks in connection with a U.S. Army contract in Iraq.

The government alleges that KBR employees took kickbacks

from two Kuwaiti companies that it hired as subcontractors in 2003 and 2004, then filed claims for reimbursement for inflated costs.

The Justice Department said Thursday that it filed the lawsuit in federal court in Illinois.

Messages left with Houston-based KBR seeking comment were not immediately returned.

From The Associated Press

WORLD

# Cairo hit by deadly string of bombings

By MAGGIE MICHAEL AND SARAH EL DEEB  
The Associated Press

CAIRO — A string of four bombings hit around Cairo on Friday, including a car blast that ripped through the Egyptian capital's main security headquarters and wrecked a nearby museum of Islamic artifacts. Six people were killed in the most significant attack yet in the city at a time of mounting confrontation between Islamists and the military-backed government.

The attacks fueled fears of an increasing militant insurgency in retaliation for the military's July 3 ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi and the subsequent crackdown on his Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamists.

The hours after the bombings saw a public backlash against the Brotherhood, which the government accuses of being behind the monthslong wave of bombings and shootings, though it denies any link. Angry residents joined in with security forces in clashes with Brotherhood supporters holding their daily protests in several districts of the capital and multiple cities across the country in violence that left 10 dead.

In one Cairo neighborhood, pro-Morsi protesters clashing with security forces set fire to a police kiosk, sending a pall of smoke in the air. In the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, residents throwing stones and firing rounds of birdshot killed one Brotherhood supporter when they attacked Islamists marching after the funeral of a student protester killed the day before.

As police drove back from clashes with Brotherhood supporters in the capital's Giza district in the afternoon, they were hit by the day's fourth bombing — a roadside explosive that killed one policeman and wounded four others.



KHALIL HAMRA/AP

Egyptians salvage what they can of documents after an explosion at the Egyptian police headquarters in Cairo on Friday.



PHOTOS BY BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP

Philippine National Police anti-narcotics agents inspect a crate of illegal drug methamphetamine they seized from four men in the latest drug bust near Manila, Philippines, on Friday.

# Philippine police seize drugs worth \$30 million

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine police arrested four men and seized \$30 million worth of methamphetamine on Friday in the second large drug bust in Manila in 10 days.

The men were in a van loaded with six wooden crates containing 598 pounds of crystal methamphetamine when they were intercepted by police, said Senior Superintendent Bartolome Tobias, head of the Philippine National Police anti-drug task force. The arrests followed a tip from an informant.

"Each gram of drug the police are able to remove from our communities is already something because we are able to reduce the amount of drugs poisoning our people," said Arturo Cadac, chief of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

He said one of the four suspects



Arrested men are brought by anti-narcotics agents making an inventory of seized crystal methamphetamine near Manila.

was a bulk supplier of drugs for street dealers and had been under surveillance for two months. The man, however, denied knowing the crates contained drugs and said he was paid \$1,530 to bring the boxes to nearby Cavite province.

Last week, the National Bureau of Investigation arrested four Canadian men suspected of trafficking drugs from Mexico in separate raids on posh condominiums. Agents recovered \$2.2 million pesos worth of cocaine, methamphetamine and MDMA, which is similar to Ecstasy.

Tobias said police are investigating an "unholy alliance" between Mexico's Sinaloa cartel and Chinese drug syndicates operating in the Philippines.

"We have to move fast to nip this partnership in the bud," he said. It was not immediately clear if Friday's seizure was related to last week's arrests.

Last year, Philippine authorities seized a record \$101.5 million worth of crystal methamphetamine, seven times more than the combined amount over the previous four years, according to Cavite.

Canada's prime minister said there was little doubt the death toll would climb in the eastern Quebec town of L'Isle-Verte, where sub-freezing temperatures have hampered the recovery effort. The cause of Thursday's early morning blaze remains unclear.

Witnesses told horrific tales of seeing people die in the blaze. Most of the residents probably never had a chance to escape — many of them were 85 or older, had little or no mobility and were confined to wheelchairs or walkers.

Pascal Fillion said he saw someone use a ladder to attempt to rescue a man cornered on his third-floor balcony. The man was crying out for help before he fell to the ground engulfed in flames.

A Quebec Health Department document indicates the residence had only a partial sprinkler system. The facility expanded around 2002 and the sprinklers in the new part of the building triggered the alarm.

From The Associated Press

# Syria peace talks falter

## Government issues threat to walk from Geneva conference

By ZEINA KARAM AND LORI HINNANT  
The Associated Press

GENEVA — Syria's government handed an ultimatum to a U.N. mediator hoping to broker peace in the country's civil war, vowing to leave if "serious talks" do not begin by Saturday.

The Western-backed opposition, which agreed to the talks only under intense diplomatic pressure, said it was willing to be patient — but not yet willing to sit face-to-face with the government it wants to overthrow.

Both sides appeared to be trying to shift the blame for the faltering peace conference, which aims to stem the violence that has killed more than 130,000 people, destabilized the region and turned Syria into a rallying cry for al-Qaida-inspired militants.

Syrian President Bashar Assad's delegation met for less than 90 minutes Friday in Geneva with U.N. mediator Lakhdar Brahimi, while Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem told him if "serious talks don't begin Saturday, the official Syrian delegation will have to leave because the other party is not serious or ready," according to Syrian state television.

Direct talks planned for Friday between the Syrian government and the Syrian National Coalition were scrapped, and the opposition was to meet separately with Brahimi later.

Direct negotiations are seen by many diplomats as the best hope for an eventual end to the three-year civil war that has killed at least 130,000 people. Both sides have spent their time so far in Switzerland affirming positions hardened after nearly three years of fighting, calling each other terrorists and blaming each other for driving a once-thriving country into ruin.

Haitham al-Maleh, a senior member of the opposition, told "The Associated Press" there was not enough common ground for direct talks on Friday. The opposition has demanded Assad's departure, a position flatly rejected by his government.

As the peace conference faltered, fighting raged in the eastern part of Syria, including near Damascus.

## WORLD

## Ukraine president makes some concessions

By MARIA DANILOVA  
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The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — President Viktor Yanukovich promised Friday to reshuffle his government, free scores of protesters from jail and make other concessions after demonstrations against him spread from Ukraine's besieged capital to nearly half of the country.

At a meeting with religious leaders, Yanukovich vowed that a special parliament meeting next Tuesday will push through changes to his Cabinet, grant amnesty to dozens of jailed activists who are not guilty of serious crimes and will change harsh anti-protest legislation.

The protest law enacted last week appeared to have backfired on Yanukovich, sparking confrontations in which demonstrators threw stones and firebombs at police. The violence was a harsh contrast to the determined peacefulness of the anti-government protests that have gripped the country for two months.

At least two demonstrators were killed this week in clashes with



police, and protesters have seized government offices in cities in western Ukraine, where support for Yanukovich is thin.

Protests began in late November after Yanukovich decided to shelve a long-anticipated economic agreement with the 28-nation European Union and receive a bailout from Russia instead. Rus-

sian President Vladimir Putin had pressed hard to keep Ukraine in his nation's political and economic orbit while many urban Ukrainians had favored closer ties with the EU.

Yanukovich's comments came as a shaky truce held in the center of Kiev, where thousands of protesters behind giant make-



PHOTOS BY SORGI GRIFFS/AP

Left: Orthodox priests pray as they stand between pro-European Union activists and police lines in central Kiev, Ukraine, early Friday.

Above: A protester breaks up a mannequin on the roof of a burned truck during clashes with police on Thursday.

shift barricades kept confronting lines of riot police. Fighting ceased Thursday morning, as opposition leaders entered into face-to-face talks with Yanukovich.

Meanwhile, hundreds of protesters occupied or besieged the offices of regional governors appointed by Yanukovich in western Ukraine, where most people long for closer ties with the EU. At least

two governors were forced to sign resignation letters and another one was chased out of his office by an angry crowd.

Anger spread further in Ukraine after the release of a video where riot police were shown humiliating and abusing a protester who was stripped naked. The Interior Ministry has apologized for the actions of those police.

## Ivory Coast elephants relocated

By ROBBIE COREY-BOULET  
The Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal — Conservationists are capturing and relocating elephants in Ivory Coast forced out of their traditional habitat by encroaching humans; it is the first such operation attempted in Africa's forests.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare this week began tranquilizing elephants outside the western town of Daloa, then locking them in a crate for the 10-hour drive to Assagny National Park on the southern coast.

According to IFAW, the elephants were forced out of their original homes in Marahoue National Park by human migration possibly related to the West African country's 2010-11 post-election violence.

Ivory Coast has not conducted a recent census to determine how many forest elephants are left in the country, but conservationists estimate there are a few hundred. In Central Africa, their populations have been devastated by poaching in recent years.

Forest elephants are smaller than the savannah elephants found in Africa's eastern and southern regions. They have more oval-shaped ears and straighter tusks and occupy dense forests stretching from Central Africa Republic to Liberia.

The dozen or so elephants targeted for relocation were moved into the two years ago and began wreaking havoc, destroy-



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A tranquilized elephant is loaded onto a truck near the town of Daloa in western Ivory Coast.

**“This relocation solves a major conservation problem by contributing to the safety and well-being of both the animals and humans.”**

Celine Sissler-Bienvenu  
International Fund for Animal Welfare

ing crops and killing two people, including a small boy who accidentally stumbled upon elephant calves, prompting their mother to attack, IFAW said.

One calf is among those to be tranquilized and moved, the organization said.

Elephants are widely cherished as Ivory Coast's national animal, and the government contacted the animal welfare organization

for help to solve the problem, said Celine Sissler-Bienvenu, IFAW's director for Francophone Africa. “This relocation solves a major conservation problem by contributing to the safety and well-being of both the animals and humans,” Sissler-Bienvenu said.

Similar projects have been undertaken for savannah elephants in southern Africa, but until this week relocation had not been at-

tempted for the forest elephants of West and Central Africa, the Washington-based organization said. Lack of visibility in the forests increases the risks as elephants become harder to find and approach safely, Sissler-Bienvenu said.

IFAW said relocating the 12 or so elephants around Daloa would take about a week and cost \$250,000.

## Google to appeal ruling on Mosley orgy photo

BERLIN — Google says it will appeal a German court's decision that it must block search results linking to images of an orgy involving ex-Formula One chief Max Mosley.

Google, which is already appealing a similar ruling last year from a French court, said Friday the Hamburg state court verdict would set “a disturbing precedent.”

The court ruled that the pictures of Mosley were damaging to him, regardless of the context in which they were displayed.

Google argues the ruling is overly broad, and ordering the automatic removal of the images could end up having a chilling effect by also censoring legitimate speech. It says it is happy to remove pages from search results that violate the law.

Mosley acknowledges the 2008 orgy, though has successfully won privacy violation suits.

## Rare blue diamond found in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG — A mining company said it has found a rare blue diamond in South Africa.

Petra Diamonds said the 29.6-carat diamond came from the Cullinan mine, source of some of the world's most famous diamonds. Cullinan lies near Pretoria, the South African capital.

Petra Diamonds said in a statement Tuesday that the diamond is a vivid blue with extraordinary tone and clarity and could yield a polished stone of great value.

The Cullinan mine yielded the 530-carat Star of Africa blue diamond that is part of the British crown jewels.

From The Associated Press

## WORLD

# Like 'a jumbo jet crash every week'

## Toll from traffic accidents rising in poor countries

By TOM HUNDLEY  
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Special To The Washington Post

It has a global death toll of 1.24 million per year and is on course to triple to 3.6 million per year by 2030.

In the developing world, it will become the fifth-leading cause of death, leapfrogging past HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other familiar killers, according to the most recent Global Burden of Disease study.

The victims tend to be poor, young and male.

In one country — Indonesia — the toll is now nearly 120 dead per day; in Nigeria, it is claiming 140 lives each day.

This global killer is our most necessary accessory, the essential thing that gets us from here to there: the motorized vehicle.

Poor countries account for 50 percent of the world's road traffic but 90 percent of the traffic fatalities. The costs associated with these deaths are a "poverty-inducing problem," according to Jose Luis Trigoeyn, a traffic safety expert at the World Bank. "It's costing on average between 1 and 3 percent of GDP" in low- and middle-income countries, he said, an amount that can offset the billions of dollars in aid money that these countries currently receive.

In 2010, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for a "Decade of Action for Road Safety." The goal is to stabilize and eventually to reverse the upward trend in road fatalities, saving an estimated 5 million lives during the period. The World Bank and other regional development banks have made road safety a priority, but according to Trigoeyn, donor funding lags "very far below" the \$24 billion that has been pledged to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Here are stories from around the world on this neglected but easily curable public-health crisis.

### 'It's the Nigerian thing'

ABUJA, Nigeria — The green-and-white taxi sped through the intersection, ignoring the traffic policeman and narrowly missing a red Honda Civic coming from the adjacent road.

"We" — the word means "lunatic" in the Yoruba language — is the policeman screams at the offending driver as he steps on the gas and zooms away. She glares at the disappearing vehicle, powerless to do anything else — no ticket, no fine, nothing for Nigeria's reckless drivers who routinely act as though the law does not apply to them.

It's only 11:30 a.m. in Abuja, Nigeria's busy capital, and this policeman is about to witness several more infractions.

In Nigeria, speed limits appear to be viewed as mere suggestions, lanes are flexible, driving against traffic is routine and if you're caught, a little money can make all your troubles go away.

Nigeria has the worst driving record in Africa: nearly 34 deaths for every 100,000 residents, according to a 2013 World Health Organization report. The Federal Road Safety Commission, the agency responsible for road safety in the country, blames most of these accidents on



KRISTANTO PURNOMO, COURTESY OF THE PULITZER CENTER/The Washington Post

Vehicles are stuck in traffic in Jakarta, Indonesia, in May. Each day, an average of 120 people die in accidents on Indonesia's roads.

speeding. The country's notoriously poorly maintained roads, riddled with potholes, help ensure that Nigeria is among the most dangerous places in the world to drive.

"It is not just about drivers here not regarding the rules," said Afolabi Bakare, a taxi driver. "The truth is most of them do not even know the rules. How many people go to driving school before they get their driving licenses? To tell the truth, even me — I did not know how to drive very well when I got my driver's license."

"All you need to do is go to the office and 'settle' someone with about [31 dollars], and they do the license for you," he said. "You do not even have to be there for data capture. It's the Nigerian thing."

— Ameto Akpe

### 'These people die in silence'

JAKARTA, Indonesia — "We're talking about the equivalent of a jumbo jet crash every week," said Mustapha Benmaamar, a transport specialist with the World Bank whose office in a sleek office tower floats high above the din and clamor of one of Asia's fastest-growing cities.

"When a jumbo jet crashes, it's big news," he continued. "But here, these people die in silence."

Each day, an average of 120 people die in accidents on Indonesia's roads — more like two jumbo jet crashes per week.

It's the word "accident" that bothers Benmaamar and other road safety professionals.

"You reach a tipping point when these deaths are perceived not as something accidental, but as a result of a problem that has to be tackled. Only then will you see the fatalities start to drop," he said. "Indonesia has not reached that point."

The first thing a visitor notices about traffic in Indonesia — and in other developing countries in Asia — is the sheer number of small motorcycles. There are now more than 60 million motorcycles on Indonesia's roads, compared with 8 million cars.

In Jakarta, the crowded capital, swarms



YOCHI DREAZEN, COURTESY OF THE PULITZER CENTER/The Washington Post

A man drives a scooter through Bamako, Mali. Scooters are the most popular form of transportation in Mali, because they are small, cheap and fast.

of buzzing motorcycles dart in and out and around the semi-permanent gridlock of cars and trucks and buses. They pop up on sidewalks and zoom insanely down one-way streets in the wrong direction. In a region prone to sudden downpours, they form flash mobs beneath overpasses, blocking traffic on main thoroughfares until the rain passes. Stop signs and red lights are not for them. Pedestrians get no respect.

This has produced an equally spectacular surge in the number of road deaths — from just more than 8,000 in 2002 to more than 16,500 five years later and doubling again three years after that. Sixty percent of the fatalities were riders of two- or three-wheelers.

— Tom Hundley

### 'I was hit by a bus'

BAMAOKO, Mali — I've gotten used to watching the city's scooters carry strange things as they weave between the cars and buses that clog the dusty, sun-baked streets.

I've seen a father driving with his daughter perched on the handlebars of his

scooter while his wife clutched his waist, a sleeping baby strapped to her back. I've seen a teenage girl in a tank top drain a can of beer while she drove and then toss the empty container at a police officer. What I hadn't seen, until recently, was a scooter with an upside-down sheep, legs bound by twine, stuffed awkwardly into a large box on the moped's back rack. I did a double-take when the sheep baa-ed as it went by. My driver didn't seem to notice.

Bamako is a city of scooters, for better and often for worse. The motorbikes are cheap, fast and staggeringly fuel-efficient.

The primary appeal of a scooter, though, is its small size. Bamako's traffic is horrendous, and drivers can easily spend an hour or longer sitting uncomfortably in their cars as they slowly inch their way from one side of the city to the other. Scooters are different. Drivers — depending on their skill, bravery or stupidity — can try to maneuver the little bikes through the impossibly narrow gaps separating one honking car from another. When they succeed, Bamako's scooter drivers slash their travel time significantly. When they fail, bad things happen.

"I was hit by a bus," a businessman named Traore Sebou Tidiane said matter-of-factly. "I wasn't going very fast, thankfully, so all I got were some cuts and a broken arm. I've seen worse."

Many Malians have.

It's easy to see why Mali's roads are so dangerous, especially for scooter drivers. Malian drivers are incredibly patient and courteous — cars and buses routinely stop to allow other vehicles to cut in front of them — but accidents are inevitable when so many cars are jammed onto the same narrow roads, particularly ones that don't have working traffic lights or street lights. Scooter drivers make things even riskier for themselves by rarely wearing helmets.

"I know I should wear one, but it's just too hot," Awa Traore said as she loaded an impressively large stack of groceries onto the back of her scooter.

— Yochi Drazzen

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# FDA eyes nutrition facts label overhaul

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After 20 years, the nutrition facts label on the back of food packages is getting a makeover.

Knowledge about nutrition has evolved since the early 1990s, and the Food and Drug Administration says the labels need to reflect that.

Nutritionists and other health experts have their own wish list for label changes.

The number of calories should be more prominent, they said, and the amount of added sugar and percentage of whole wheat in the food should be included. They also want more clarity on serving sizes.

“There’s a feeling that nutrition labels haven’t been as effective as they should be,” says Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. “When you look at the label, there are roughly two dozen numbers of substances that people aren’t intuitively familiar with.”

For example, he says, most of

## Other suggestions for nutrition facts labels from health experts:

- **Add the percentage of whole wheat to the label.** Many manufacturers will label products “whole wheat” when there is only a small percentage of it in the food.
- **Clearer measurements.** Michael Jacobson, of the CSPI, and others have suggested that the FDA use teaspoons for added sugars.
- **Serving sizes that make sense.** There’s no easy answer, but health experts say that single-size servings that are clearly meant to be eaten in one sitting will often list two or three servings on the label, making the calorie and other nutrient information deceptive.
- **Package-front labeling.** Beyond the panel on the back, nutrition experts have pushed for labels on the package front for certain nutrients so consumers can see them more easily.

— Mary Clare Jalonick

the nutrients are listed in grams, a basic unit of the metric system. Jacobson says people don’t really understand what a gram is.

Michael Taylor, the FDA’s deputy commissioner for foods, says 20 years ago “there was a big focus on fat, and fat undifferentiated.” Since then, health providers have focused more on calories and warned people away from saturated and trans fats rather than all fats. Trans fats were separated out on the label in 2006.

The FDA has sent guidelines for the new labels to the White House, but Taylor would not estimate when they might be released. The

FDA has been working on the issue for a decade, he said.

The revised label is expected to make the calorie listing more prominent, and Regina Hildwine of the Grocery Manufacturers Association said that could be useful to consumers.

Hildwine said the FDA also has suggested that it may be appropriate to remove the “calories from fat” declaration on the label.

It’s not yet clear what other changes the FDA could decide on. Nutrition advocates are hoping the agency adds a line for sugars and syrups that are not naturally occurring in foods and drinks

and are added when they are processed or prepared.

## MARKET WATCH

Jan. 23, 2014

**Dow Jones Industrials** -175.99  
16,197.35

**Nasdaq composite** -24.13  
4,218.87

**Standard & Poor’s 500** -16.40  
1,828.46

**Russell 2000** -8.90  
1,172.40

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 24)	\$1.0099
Dollar buys (Jan. 24)	€0.7133
British pound (Jan. 24)	\$1.70
Japanese yen (Jan. 24)	102.00
South Korean won (Jan. 24)	1,045.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6499
Canada (Dollar)	1.1076
China (Yuan)	6.0490
Denmark (Krone)	6.4531
Egypt (Pound)	6.9656
Euro	\$1.3684 / 0.7308
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.6231
Hungary (Forint)	223.54
Israel (Sheqel)	3.4922
Japan (Yen)	102.29
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2825
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.0805
Philippines (Peso)	45.31
Poland (Zloty)	3.07
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2795
South Korea (Won)	1,045.00
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8949
Thailand (Baht)	32.86
Turkey (Lira)	2.2328

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

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	3.75
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.10
30-year bond	3.68

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

## Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	43	20	Cldy	Fort Wayne	24	2	Snow	Louisville	34	15	Snow	Pocatello	39	17	PCldy	Shrewport	59	35	Cir
Ablene, Texas	68	43	PCldy	Cheyenne	52	31	Cir	Fresno	41	37	Cir	Lubbock	65	30	PCldy	Portland, Maine	34	13	Snow	Sioux City	34	29	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	22	0	Snow	Chicago	18	00	Snow	Goodland	58	28	Snow	Macon	54	28	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	47	34	Cldy	Sioux Falls	27	25	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	26	5	Snow	Cincinnati	31	20	Snow	Grand Junction	21	13	Snow	Madison	12	9	Snow	Providence	38	15	Snow	South Bend	23	2	Snow
Albuquerque	54	27	Cir	Cleveland	21	2	Snow	Grand Rapids	23	1	Snow	Medford	50	29	Cldy	Pueblo	62	22	Cir	Spokane	30	26	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	28	9	Snow	Colorado Springs	57	29	Cir	Great Falls	52	27	PCldy	Memphis	49	31	PCldy	Raleigh-Durham	45	21	Cldy	Springfield, Ill.	27	13	PCldy
Anaheim	60	29	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	50	25	PCldy	Green Bay	3	-8	Snow	Miami Beach	74	56	Cldy	Reno	52	23	Cldy	Springfield, Mo.	43	30	PCldy
Anchorage	42	30	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	54	28	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	42	20	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	64	37	Cldy	Reno	52	23	Cldy	Syracuse	25	4	Snow
Ashville	39	18	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	28	4	Snow	Harrisburg	28	11	Snow	Milwaukee	15	1	Snow	Richmond	38	18	Cldy	Tallahassee	44	17	Snow
Atlanta	46	26	Snow	Concord, N.H.	31	8	Snow	Hartford Springfield	29	12	Snow	Mpls-St Paul	8	4	Snow	Roanoke	41	16	Cldy	Tampa	66	53	PCldy
Atlantic City	36	14	Cir	Corpus Christi	59	44	PCldy	Helena	47	24	Cir	Missoula	40	20	Cldy	Rochester	26	5	Snow	Toledo	21	1	Snow
Bismarck	61	41	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	65	36	Cir	Honolulu	79	56	Cir	Mobile	81	34	Cir	Rockford	17	0	Cldy	Topeka	51	31	Cldy
Baltimore	32	13	Snow	Dallas-Ft. Worth	65	36	Cir	Houston	59	42	Cir	Montgomery	56	26	PCldy	Sacramento	70	37	Cir	Tucson	73	40	Cldy
Baton Rouge	69	37	Cir	Daytona Beach	66	47	PCldy	Huntsville	45	23	PCldy	Nashville	42	22	PCldy	St. Louis	35	23	Snow	Tulsa	56	33	Cir
Bilings	31	12	Snow	Elkins	28	4	Snow	Key West	69	61	Cir	Oklahoma City	50	34	Cir	San Antonio	66	44	PCldy	Tupelo	49	26	PCldy
Birmingham	50	24	PCldy	Des Moines	22	18	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	53	30	Cir	New York City	29	13	Snow	St. Thomas	75	77	Cir	Waco	67	36	Cir
Bismarck	31	24	Snow	Detroit	24	3	Snow	Jacksonville	69	39	PCldy	Newark	30	13	Snow	Salem, Ore.	44	32	Cldy	Washington, D.C.	36	17	Snow
Boise	29	24	Cldy	Duluth	3	-11	Cir	Juneau	42	33	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	41	24	Cldy	Salt Lake City	39	21	Cir	W. Palm Beach	73	53	Cir
Boston	37	15	Snow	El Paso	60	38	Cldy	Kansas City	41	31	Cldy	North Platte	53	26	PCldy	San Angelo	70	36	PCldy	Wichita	54	32	PCldy
Bridgport	31	12	Snow	Elkins	28	4	Snow	Key West	69	61	Cir	Oklahoma City	50	34	Cir	San Antonio	66	44	PCldy	Wichita Falls	65	35	Cir
Brownsville	64	49	Cldy	Erie	22	4	Snow	Knoxville	36	17	Cldy	Omaha	37	29	PCldy	San Diego	73	51	Cir	Wilkes-Barre	26	6	Snow
Buffalo	25	3	Snow	Eugene	43	34	Cldy	Lake Charles	56	39	Cir	Orlando	67	48	PCldy	San Francisco	67	46	Cir	Wilmington, Del.	33	15	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	27	5	Snow	Evansville	33	18	Cldy	Lansing	33	19	PCldy	Pasadena	58	23	Cldy	San Jose	70	40	Cir	Yonkers	31	22	Snow
Caribou, Maine	26	10	Snow	Fairbanks	32	18	Cldy	Las Vegas	65	42	PCldy	Pendleton	31	24	Cldy	San Juan, P.R.	84	74	PCldy	Youngstown	22	2	Snow
Casper, Wyo.	32	11	Snow	Fargo	9	9	Snow	Lexington	32	11	Snow	Peoria	22	11	Snow	Santa Fe	52	22	PCldy	National temperature extremes			
Charleston, S.C.	52	29	Cir	Flagstaff	54	20	Cldy	Lincoln	44	32	Cldy	Philadelphia	32	15	Snow	St. Marie	2	-11	Snow	Hi: Thurs., '31, Ohio, Calif., McAllen, Cir			
Charleston, W.Va.	32	11	Snow	Flint	22	-3	Snow	Little Rock	54	32	Cir	Phoenix	76	49	PCldy	St. Valentine	57	30	Cir	Texas, and Corona, Calif.			
Charlotte, N.C.	44	22	Cldy	Fort Smith	54	30	Cir	Los Angeles	78	50	PCldy	Pittsburgh	23	3	Snow	Seattle	49	38	PCldy	Lo: Thurs., '39, Embarrass, Minn.			

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Window-shooting spree puzzles police

**FL** ORMOND BEACH — Authorities want to know who is shooting out windows in Ormond Beach.

Police on Wednesday said they've received complaints from 38 victims who've found that their windows have been cracked or shattered by a BB gun or similar weapon.

The shootings began in November and have included businesses, residences in various neighborhoods and vehicles.

"You can drive along Granada Boulevard and see some businesses that have sheets of wood on their windows," said Ormond Beach police Lt. Jesse Godfrey.

One of the latest targets is Rod's Carpet Tile and Wood. Owner Rod Gammon said he spent much of last Sunday boarding up his windows. It's the second time they've shot out his windows and he wants answers.

"They've hit me really hard," he said, noting it's going to cost him about \$4,000 for repairs. His insurance deductible is \$5,000.

## 150 in Biloxi Beach Bull Run; no injuries

**MS** BILOXI — Rodeo cowboys got to watch as about 150 runners, from a high-school teacher to a coliseum official, dashed to stay ahead of 10 bulls for quarter-mile around the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

Both groups enjoyed some trash talking before the race — that's what they were saying. Turns out they owe 'the adrenaline vixens' some money."

"They were giving us 20-to-1 odds the bulls would get us," runner Crystal Peterson said after her successful run. "We look like cheerleaders and we should never have been running with the bulls — that's what they were saying. Turns out they owe 'the adrenaline vixens' some money."

Nobody was hurt, said Harrison County Fire Marshal Pat Sullivan. He said about 12 medical personnel were spaced throughout the course in case of an emergency but no one reported an injury.

He said he joined the run so he'd be right there if anyone was injured.

"I can add it to a long list of things I've done," he said.

## Police to collect racial data during stops

**CA** SAN DIEGO — San Diego police are reviving a department policy to collect racial data during traffic stops.

San Diego voluntarily instituted the practice in 2000 to combat a perception that some officers made stops based solely on race, ethnicity, age or gender of people in the car.

Chief Bill Lansdowne said that in recent years, enforcement of the collection slipped as the department received no requests for the data.

On Tuesday, the chief said controversy over New York's "stop and frisk" program led him to reinforce his department's policy to collect traffic stop information.

Lansdowne said instituting the



JOHN BADMAN, THE (ALTON, ILL.) TELEGRAPH/AP

## Sticky situation

Illinois North Elementary School Principal Tiana Montgomery, right, and third-grade teacher Natalie Lewis face another student preparing to tape them to a wall Wednesday in the gymnasium at Horace Mann School in Alton, Ill. The taping, part of "Stuck for a Buck" week, raises money for the fight against blood cancers, such as leukemia. Students and faculty paid a dollar for each strip of tape they used and a different teacher underwent the ordeal of being taped up each morning this week. The school raised \$133 Wednesday.

policy will be made easier in February with a new data collection system.

The data the department collects will be made public.

## Serviceman thwarts smash-and-grab heist

**NJ** EVESHAM — Authorities say a member of the Air Force thwarted a nearly \$26,000 smash-and-grab robbery at a store in southern New Jersey.

Police said a man wearing a ski mask walked into the T.J. Maxx store in Evesham on Sunday and smashed a jewelry case with a rock.

Police said the suspect tossed \$25,797 worth of watches into a bag before he was tackled by the serviceman.

The suspect lost his mask during the struggle and fled the store without the loot.

Police have not released the name of the serviceman.

## Elderly patrons end fight with McDonald's

**NY** NEW YORK — A group of patrons has reached agreement with a McDonald's in Queens to avoid the restaurant during busy lunch hours.

The owner of the McDonald's in Flushing had complained that the elderly Koreans spent all day nursing single cups of coffee. The owner said the restaurant was losing business because customers couldn't find seats.

The group met with the owner

## THE CENSUS

# 50

The age of Panya, an Asian elephant at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans. Panya and the zoo's other Asian elephant, Jean, 41, each received one complete chocolate cake and wore giant party hats as part of the celebration. Other presents included pumpkins and melons. Panya, who weighs 9,500 pounds, came to the zoo in 1980. Jean, a 7,500-pounder, has been there since 1978. Asian elephants have been listed as endangered since 1976. The International Union for Conservation of Nature says they can live 60 years or more.



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Panya the elephant celebrates her 50th birthday Jan. 16 at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans.

on Sunday in the office of Assemblyman Ron Kim. They agreed that the group could sit at the restaurant for as long as they wanted except between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Kim said on Monday that the patrons would visit community senior centers during those hours.

## Supermarket wine-sales bill up for key votes

**TN** NASHVILLE — The full Senate is scheduled to vote next week on a proposal to allow wine to be sold in Tennessee supermarkets, while a House committee that killed last year's version is set to consider reviving the measure.

Republican Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey of Blountville says the upper chamber has scheduled a Jan. 30 vote on the bill seeking to authorize cities to hold referendums on whether to allow wine to be sold outside of liquor stores.

Liquor industry lobbyists have been negotiating over the House version of the bill, seeking to cut big box retailers and convenience stores from the measure.

## Judge faces sanctions in gun-waving incident

**PA** HARRISBURG — A district judge from Erie faces a sanctions hearing ordered by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court for waving a handgun at

another motorist in what the court calls a case of road rage.

Judge Thomas Carney is to appear before the state Court of Judicial Discipline on Thursday in Harrisburg.

The court acquitted Carney of misconduct in connection with the January 2009 incident, in which he held his gun outside his car window after exchanging obscene gestures with another motorist while on Interstate 79.

The Supreme Court overturned the ruling in October, saying Carney's behavior brought his office into disrepute, and remanded the case to the disciplinary court to impose sanctions that range from a reprimand to removal from office.

## Sign warns of wind gusts of 355+ mph

**WY** CASPER — It's windy in Wyoming, but still. Gusts of 355 mph and more?

That's what one electronic road sign said in Casper on Saturday. The Wyoming Department of Transportation said a sign operator working from Cheyenne meant to type "35+" but mistakenly added another 5.

The inflated wind gust message was posted for 17 minutes before the department noticed the mistake and corrected it.

The whirlwind on social media lasted longer: One person posted a photo of the sign with the comment "CASPER WY. WHERE TORNADO ALLEY SEEMS PLEASANTLY BREEZY."

From wire reports

## LIFESTYLE

# Not too nuts about squirrels

## Once a novelty, the critters are now too familiar in cities like Philadelphia

By SANDY BAUERS  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

As far as historian Etienne Benson can determine, America's great squirrel experiment began in 1847 in Philadelphia, when three of the plucky little rodents — a wildlife novelty at the time — were released into Franklin Square.

At the time, trees — nut trees in particular — were scarce, so keeping them in the city took some effort. Officials actually provided nest boxes and food.

Urban reformers thought the tiny beasts were beautifying the city and elevating the moral character of the citizenry. A child who was kind to a squirrel learned charity.

But eventually, as any city dweller knows, the squirrels took over. Now, Americans can't get rid of them, try as we might.

We hate them and love them. Some of us feed them; others eat them.

Impossibly cute and incredibly wily, they can warm your heart — and chew up your attic. Squirrels are one of the nation's top wildlife pest-control problems.

For Benson, a University of Pennsylvania assistant professor who studies the history and sociology of science, the urbanization of the eastern gray squirrel is a case study of our evolving view of nature: something we have fought, fostered and simply lived with.

"You can learn a lot about people's ideas, and how they've changed over time, because of squirrels," he said.

They are so ubiquitous that it's hard to imagine cities without them. But in researching a vast array of old records for an article published last month in the *Journal of American History*, Benson found that by the mid-19th century, cities no longer had squirrels, partly because they offered no

habitat.

In the surrounding countryside, squirrels were so numerous they were viewed as agricultural pests. In Pennsylvania, bounties were paid on 640,000 squirrels in 1749 alone, according to the state Game Commission.

The few urban gray squirrels were kept as pets, which is illegal now. Consider Mungo, a girl's pet that Benjamin Franklin eulogized in 1772. The little guy had survived a transatlantic journey to England, but later escaped from its cage and was killed by a dog.

Lamenting Mungo's fate, Franklin wrote, "Learn hence, ye who blindly wish more Liberty, Whether Subjects, Sons, Squirrels or Daughters ..."

"I read it as a warning," said Benson. A caution that freedom also brings more risks.

"It's a lot to put on a squirrel," Benson added, but he's convinced that was Franklin's intent.

So Franklin might have appreciated the fact that Philadelphia is where the nation's urbanization of squirrels began. Other cities soon followed, from New York to Boston.

Introducing squirrels to cities was meant to transform green spaces from musty grounds or cow pastures to oases of nature. Squirrels were seen as exotic creatures of the deep woods. Soon, they were so tame that they were eating out of children's hands.

As squirrels proliferated, however, people began to wonder about the consequences. In the 1860s, a Pennsylvania Horticultural Society committee concluded that squirrels were a threat to birds, valued because they ate insects.

Bye-bye, squirrels.

But not for long. They were just too popular.



Tom Grahslin/Philadelphia Inquirer

**A squirrel approaches a child in Franklin Square Park in Philadelphia. America's experiment with squirrels in cities began in the park in 1847 when squirrels were released there. Now squirrels have taken over urban green spaces across the country.**

Later introductions were tied to the notion that nature in the city was essential for people's health and sanity.

Squirrels also became an ethics lesson. The tiny creatures' "readiness to trust" and ability to flourish "seemed to make them living proof of the reward of extending charity and community beyond the bounds of humanity," Benson wrote in the study.

The fact that they sat on their haunches and held their forepaws in front of them like little beseeching hands didn't hurt, either.

The co-founder of the Boy Scouts even talked of introducing "missionary squirrels" to cities to curb boys of a tendency toward cruelty, Benson found.

But squirrels will be squirrels. Eventually, people didn't like them destroying flower beds and scratching in the eaves. Coincidentally, by the 1920s and 1930s, ecologists argued for a more natural view of nature. That meant no feeding. The squirrels were on their own.

They're seen by some as a way to inter-

est youths in hunting. Unlike deer, "where you could go out and sit forever and just get cold, with squirrel hunting you can take a young hunter to any game lands and sit down for 15 minutes and have action," said Pennsylvania Game Commission spokesman Travis Lau.

Back in the cities, squirrels continue to adapt. And cause problems.

Next to bats, squirrels are the leading wildlife pest in the Philadelphia region, said Terri Seitz, co-owner of Seitz Wildlife Services.

They destroy insulation, chew wires and fall down fireplaces. Getting them out of a house can cost \$350 to \$500, she said.

Benson never found details about that 1847 release of squirrels in Franklin Square. But today, their kin sit on the benches, scamper through the miniature golf course and scrounge in the trash cans.

"They're residents of the park," said park director John Wilson. "They live here." And whatever's going on, "they're involved."



A squirrel dines alongside a picnic table in Philadelphia.

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## MUSIC

# Late bloomer

Soul-jazz singer Gregory Porter enjoying latest Grammy nods

By CHARLES J. GANS  
The Associated Press

**G**regory Porter's music doesn't fit neatly into any one category, but that hasn't stopped the soul-jazz singer from picking up Grammy nominations for his first three albums.

Porter didn't record his first album as a leader until age 39, but his 2010 debut "Water" was nominated for best jazz vocal album. His original ballad "Real Good Hands" off his 2012 album "Be Good" got a nod for best traditional R&B performance. And his new album "Liquid Spirit" has garnered nominations for both jazz vocal album and traditional R&B performance for the soulful ballad "Hey Laura," about a man Porter says "really hasn't quite figured out that the relationship is over."

"They accidentally got it right," Porter laughs about the nominations. "I'm not strategically trying to be in between soul, jazz and gospel. ... The people that I've been moved by are singers who have a soulful expression no matter what the genre — Nat King Cole, Marvin Gaye, Donny Hathaway, Leon Thomas and Andy Bey," a fellow jazz vocal album Grammy nominee.

Porter cuts a distinctive figure on stage with his trademark "jazz hat," a black Kangol hat and balaclava, and his imposing 6-foot-4, 255-pound build. His performances also are distinctive because unlike other chart-topping male jazz singers he doesn't rely on Great American Songbook standards but mostly performs his own songs inspired by personal experiences.

"Gregory is most impressive as a songwriter to me," his producer Brian Michel Bacchus said. "What's unique about his approach is that he's writing out of the best of a '70s soul bag but presenting it in a straight jazz platform, albeit overly soulful." "Liquid Spirit," his Blue Note label debut, includes original songs about the bright and dark sides of romance, from the upbeat "Wind Song" to the heartache-filled "Water Under Bridges." As on his other

albums, Porter offers socio-political commentary with the song "Musical Genocide," which protests the suppression of authentic blues, soul and gospel music by an industry that forces artists to perform a more homogenized, commercial style.

A Bakersfield, Calif., native, Porter was encouraged to sing in churches by his mother, a minister who introduced him to her Nat King Cole record collection. Porter found himself imagining Cole as a surrogate for his absent father, a theme he later explored in a musical play he titled "Nat King Cole and Me."

He entered San Diego State University on a football scholarship, pursuing a degree in city planning. A severe shoulder injury sidelined him during his freshman year at the same time his mother was dying of cancer. He turned to music for solace, joining a campus musical theater group and singing at local jam sessions.

While auditing a jazz class at University of California, San Diego, he found a mentor in faculty member Kamau Kenyatta, who was impressed by his polished

sound and encouraged him to pursue a musical career. "When I think about Gregory's strengths as a vocalist, the first thing that comes to mind is the richness and beauty of his sound," said Kenyatta, who produced or co-produced Porter's three albums. "He can be romantic, subtle and sensitive or virile, powerful, and commanding."

Kenyatta invited Porter to a Los Angeles studio to watch Hubert Laws record his 1998 Nat King Cole tribute, and the flutist unexpectedly invited him to sing the Charlie Chaplin tune "Smile" on the album. A chance encounter with Laws' sister, Eloise, who was performing in the Broadway-bound revue "It Ain't Nothing But the Blues," led to a role in the cast.

Around 2005, Porter decided to switch his focus from theater to singing. Porter considers himself a jazz singer, but is inspired by the 1970s soul music "that always seemed to be uplifting in a way ... like we can go higher, better."

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## MOVIES

# Pine offers different kind of patriot-hero

By CHRIS LEE  
Los Angeles Times

Chris Pine was well aware of his action-hero options. Accepting the lead role in the \$60 million thriller “Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit,” the actor became the fourth man to portray novelist Tom Clancy’s iconic CIA super-spy character over the course of a five-film franchise that has spanned nearly a quarter of a century and generated more than \$787 million at the box office.

As such, Pine’s performance could have paid implicit homage to those who came before him. He might have channeled the brisk efficiency of Alec Baldwin’s submarine-bound Ryan in “The Hunt for Red October,” Harrison Ford’s reluctant (and frequently grimacing) hero in “Clear and Present Danger” and “Patriot Games,” or Ben Affleck’s rookie Langley dispatch from “The Sum of All Fears.”

Instead, in “Shadow Recruit,” Pine seized on the character’s academic pedigree and Wall Street earning potential—which he shelves to serve his country, enlisting in the Marine Corps after the 9/11 attacks—to conjure an altogether different kind of patriot-hero.

“He’s an American capitalist who was getting his Ph.D. at the London School of Economics and was probably going to make a fortune in the private sector,” Pine noted. “In a moment, he chose to do away with all that and do something entirely different. That spoke to me.”

And it reminded Pine of another American hero: “Look at Pat Tillman, who gave up a huge football contract—what many people would characterize as the American dream—to fight in Afghanistan after 9/11. I talked about him all the time.”

Not just any Hollywood hunk would have done that kind of moral calculus to portray an international man of intrigue. Or would have bothered trying to update the psychological profile of American spy fiction’s foremost Cold Warrior for a new generation raised on WikiLeaks and NSA spying revelations. But then, Pine is not just any Hollywood hunk.

Now, after inhabiting the iconic role of Captain Kirk in two blockbuster install-

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Chris Pine

ments of J.J. Abrams’ “Star Trek” reboot, Pine, 33, is balancing two studio franchises. With furrowed brow, and exuding a kind of unbearable heaviness of being fundamentally at odds with his lot as a marquee movie star, he acknowledged the push-pull of his enviable status.

“I get tired of myself talking about how reluctant I am to take on roles like this,” Pine said. “I must sound like, ‘Boo-hoo, poor actor.’ That being said, I never had any clarity about this path. By which I mean, I never wanted this, never strove for it consciously. So to be here sometimes feels like some kind of bizarre cosmic accident. Like, where? Why? How?”

“Shadow Recruit” provides a kind of creation myth for the character, detailing Ryan’s conscription as a CIA analyst-turned-operative (under the tutelage of a veteran agency handler, played by Kevin Costner) leading up to the first major test of Ryan’s mettle. After uncovering evidence of an impending terrorist attack, the agent travels to Moscow, where he must face off against a mysterious Russian oligarch (Kenneth Branagh) with

plans to cripple the American economy.

For Mace Neufeld, 85, the producer behind all the Jack Ryan movies dating to 1990’s “Hunt for Red October,” Pine’s casting was something of a no-brainer.

“He’s about the right age and he’s an extremely attractive young man,” Neufeld said. “I saw him in ‘Star Trek’ and was extremely blown away. Then I happened to see him on stage. I saw him do ‘Farrago North’ and then I saw him do a very bloody show called ‘The Lieutenant of Inishmore,’ which he did with an Irish brogue. Then I found out that his mother and father were working actors. I said, ‘This is the guy. He knows how to act. And he’s serious about acting.’”

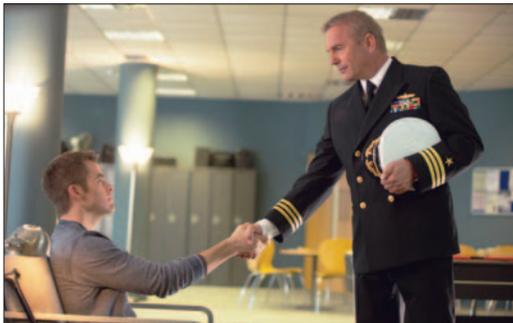
Pine is a third-generation actor whose father, Robert Pine, famously portrayed Sgt. Getraer on the ‘70s TV police procedural “CHiPs”; he grew up in Los Angeles, attending private school in the San Fernando Valley.

But even with all the institutional goodwill toward Pine—he earned a reported \$4-million payday for “Shadow Recruit” with back-end profit participation built into his contract, which extends to at least two more sequels—the future of the franchise is far from certain.

In Los Angeles these days to film “Horrible Bosses 2,” having recently wrapped a small part in director Rob Marshall’s star-studded adaptation of the musical “Into the Woods” in London, and with a third “Star Trek” installment already in the works, however, Pine shows no sign of falling off the A-list anytime soon.

And in describing his secret agent character’s hesitant conversion from introspection to action, the actor might as well have been talking about his self-acceptance as a movie star.

“His journey is coming to terms with the kind of fateful responsibility it is to serve on the frontlines,” Pine said. “He better get comfortable with it because that’s where he is.”



LARRY HORRICKS, PARAMOUNT PICTURES/AP

Chris Pine, left, and Kevin Costner star in “Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit,” an action thriller about a covert CIA analyst who uncovers a Russian plot to crash the U.S. economy with a terrorist attack. Kenneth Branagh directs and co-stars in the film.



INVISION/AP

HEALTH & FITNESS

# Steps to fend off the lure of sugar

Skip processed foods and try healthy fats and carbs like nuts and fruit

By JEN MULSON

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

**M**y name is Jennifer, and I'm a sugarholic.

As of this writing, I have four days clean and sober from the white stuff. However, I probably should admit that there are three Brach's Peppermint Christmas Nougats lurking in my pocket that I'm dying to have with a hot cup of coffee.

I turned to an expert for help. Cassandra Green is a certified holistic health counselor who just happens to co-own and teach at

Cambio Yoga in Colorado Springs, Colo. She's teaching a four-part "Kick Sugar to the Curb" workshop, starting at the best time of year — after our post-holiday feasting extravaganza.

Letting go of the white stuff can be a challenge, my fellow sweet-toothed friends, but it's a worthy battle.

"Every time you spike your blood sugar, it creates inflammation in the body, and that's the root of all disease," Green said. "It's closely linked to cancer, heart disease and all degenerative diseases."

I always observe that sugar operates as crack in my body — the more I eat, the more I want. Your body gets accustomed to having it, Green said, which instigates a large re-

lease of insulin to deal with it.

"What goes up must come down," she said. "You go through a cycle of high blood sugar and insulin is released, then blood sugar plummets and you crave sugar again. And sugar releases dopamine. People can be addicted to it just like drugs."

She's not lying. Here are her recommendations:

**Eat five mini meals a day to keep the blood sugar level steady.** Make sure to consume whole foods and not processed foods, as those tend to unwind as sugar in the body, Green said. Try almonds and a piece of fruit as a midmorning snack. A healthy fat and carbohydrate, such as an apple, can help keep you from feeling hungry.

Once the blood sugar is stabilized, the body is less likely to crave sugar.

"The body

is mourning that sugar," she said. "But once it's stabilized, the body can react more diplomatically. You can have huge change in personality due to blood sugar. You can manage stuff in life a lot better (when blood sugar stabilizes)."

**Take a multi-vitamin and a fish oil pill, which contain microelements and healthy fat.** Due to the Standard American Diet (appropriately called SAD), many folks don't get the proper nutrition their bodies require, which can lead to sugar cravings.

**Fats can help combat cravings, so have some nuts or a piece of cheese.** One also can mistake hunger for thirst, so stay hydrated. Cinnamon is also a handy spice to have as it can help control blood sugar. Green recommends a baked apple with walnuts for dessert.

**Stick with it.** By Day 5 of a sugar cleanse, the cravings will dissipate. Be wary of that cup of coffee, too, she said. Caffeine can trigger sugar cravings.

"It's psychological. We're used to having cheesecake and a cup of coffee," she said. "For a lot of us, the caffeine is a natural metabolism speeder, and it prompts you to have more sweets than you normally would. Caffeine and sugar go hand in hand."

Of course, moderation in all things, right? Eat well 80 percent to 90 percent of the time, depending on your activity level, and treat yourself every once in a while, according to an article on livestrong.com.

So maybe I'll have one of those tempting treats in my pocket, after a nice big bowl of kale. And then I'll brush my teeth, which my mama advised me to do long ago. She also fought the sugar demons, mostly over a carton of ice cream after dinner every night. She was right, though — a minty mouth does help stop a sugar binge in its tracks.

"If we look back before processed food was readily available, we see that people died over time, from infectious disease," Green said. "They didn't have a lot of degenerative diseases. Now we see we're dying of degenerative diseases. They're starting out on a cellular level."



Fats can help combat sugar cravings. Replace candy and cookies with a piece of cheese or nuts between meals.

# Racism might make black men age faster, study finds

By CARRIE WELLS  
The Baltimore Sun

**B**lack men who experience "high levels" of racism and internalize it might age more quickly, according to a new University of Maryland, College Park study.

Though it is well known that African-Americans suffer disproportionately from illness compared to other races, the university said the study is the first to link racism to accelerated aging and age-related disease.

racial discrimination the men experienced and the more they reported a "stronger bias against their own racial group," the greater their signs of accelerated aging, according to the university.

Led by David H. Chae, a professor of epidemiology at the university's School of Public Health, researchers studied 92 participants, all black men between the ages of 30 and 50.

They asked them to report their experiences with discrimination, including at restaurants and stores, with police and with work and housing.

Researchers also measured their racial biases using the Black-White Implicit Association Test, which is designed to give insight into racial attitudes that people might not be aware of or are unwilling to admit.

"Our findings suggest that racism literally makes people old," Chae said in a statement.

According to the study, black men who reported more serious or frequent racial discrimination and who had an implicit bias against their own race had far shorter telomeres, which cap the ends of DNA chromosomes and naturally

shrink over time.

Telomeres are used by scientists to measure cell age and are known to shorten more rapidly when people experience stress.

The study also found that black men who experienced racism but had stronger positive feelings about their racial group did not have the same shrunken telomeres.

"Those who have internalized an anti-black bias may be less able to cope with racist experiences, which may result in greater stress and shorter telomeres," Chae

said.

Shorter telomeres are linked to an increased risk of early death and diseases like diabetes, dementia, stroke and heart disease.

The university said researchers controlled for the participants' chronological age, socioeconomic status and existing health issues.

Chae said more study is needed into the link between racism and aging.

He also criticized police tactics like "stop and frisk," saying participants reported feeling discriminated against by police most often, followed by job discrimina-

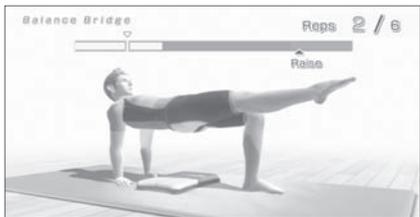
VIDEO GAMES

# Feel the burn!

Get fit in the comfort of your own home with these 4 titles

By DERRIK J. LANG ■ *The Associated Press*

While video game consoles can't help users save money or stop smoking — yet, anyway — there are a few recently released games that can help with the most popular of New Year's resolutions: exercise. Here's a look at four titles that offer an alternative to working out at the gym or with a personal trainer.



NINTENDO/AP

"Wii Fit U" offers something for everyone, with 19 new activities, including a whole new dance mode, and more than 70 activities.

### Wii Fit U

(Nintendo, for Wii U, \$49.99)

Nintendo essentially launched the fitness game genre in 2008 with "Wii Fit" and now there's an updated edition for the Wii U system that works in tandem with the old Wii Balance Board and the new Fit Meter, a round doodad that measures real-world activity like steps taken and changes in elevation.

The portable Wii U GamePad removes the burden of having to look up at the TV screen. However, other than a few games that utilize the controller and a new dance mode, the content is mostly the same as the previous "Wii Fit" edition. Still, the new accessories alone make "Wii Fit U" a fine alternative to other expensive fitness gadgets.

Three stars out of four.  
Online: wiifitu.nintendo.com



MICROSOFT/AP

Experience the world's best, most popular workouts with instant, personalized feedback from famous trainers with "Xbox Fitness."

### Xbox Fitness

(Microsoft, for Xbox One, price varies)

Despite advancements in motion tracking with the Xbox One's new Kinect sensor, "Xbox Fitness" feels like a lunge backward from last year's "Nike+ Kinect Training" (worked as part of the Nike+ system and utilized the Xbox 360's version of Kinect.

"Xbox Fitness" is mostly a series of workout videos hosted by celebrity trainers like Jillian Michaels and Tracy Anderson that incorporate scoring and Kinect functionality.

The wonky interface, paywall and interactivity make "Xbox Fitness" feel out of step.

One-and-a-half stars.  
Online: xbox.com/xboxfitness



MAJESCO/AP

Move to more than 30 dance styles from around the world including salsa, hip-hop, calypso, reggaeton and Irish step, plus new additions like capoeira and girly funk, with "Zumba Fitness: World Party."

### Zumba Fitness: World Party

(Majesco, for Wii, Wii U, Xbox 360, Xbox One, \$49.99)

The latest entry in the hip-shaking empire's interactive catalog goes global with a diverse lineup of Zumba routines led by real-world instructors in colorful renditions of such locales as Puerto Rico, Los Angeles, India and Hawaii — all with accompanying tunes.

The vast array of modes — from the ridiculously fun world-tour campaign to the full-blown simulated workout classes — make "World Party" the most comprehensive Zumba game to date.

The game's biggest downfall is a truly cheeseball collectible system.

Who wants to be rewarded for smooth moves with a picture of a headress?!

Two-and-a-half stars.  
Online: zumbafitnessgame.com



UBISOFT/AP

"Just Dance 2014" offers the series' first-ever online multiplayer mode, where users can dance with anyone anywhere in the world.

### Just Dance 2014

(Ubisoft, for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Wii, Wii U, Xbox 360, Xbox One, \$49.99)

The fifth installment in Ubisoft's hyper-colored choreography franchise is more of a dance game than an actual fitness title, though "Just Dance 2014" features the return of the series' "just sweat" mode, which counts calories as players shake their groove thangs.

The new edition ditched past "just sweat" features like transitional routines in favor of unlockable "sweat" versions of songs like Katy Perry's "I Kissed a Girl." Routines can be combined for 10-, 20- and 30-minute pop-flavored workouts. It's certainly not a full-fledged fitness regimen, just a really fun way to do some cardio.

Two-and-a-half stars.  
Online: just-dance-thegame.ubi.com



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abortion politics fails black women

By Kelli Goff  
 The Root

Wednesday marked the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion. The decision is rightly credited with saving the lives of thousands of women: According to the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, prior to Roe, 5,000 women died annually from illegal abortions.

So while many women are alive thanks to Roe, a strong argument can be made that in terms of quality of life, the ruling left much to be desired, particularly for black women.

Black women have the highest abortion rates of any group. According to the Guttmacher Institute, abortion rates for black teens ages 15 to 19 are more than twice the national average, while black women as a whole, regardless of age, are four times more likely to have an abortion.

One thing those who oppose abortion rights and those who support them all seem to agree on is that, if nothing else, we should aim for fewer abortions. In that regard, both the pro-choice and pro-life movements have failed black women. I don't know of a single person who grows up thinking, "I really want to have an abortion someday." But the numbers make it clear that plenty of black women find themselves in a situation in which they believe that this is either the only choice or the most viable of a number of terrible choices.

It doesn't have to be this way.

Data is clear that when young people have greater access to comprehensive sex education, their pregnancy rates go down. During the years of President George W. Bush's abstinence-only sex education push, teen pregnancy, as well as rates of sexually transmitted diseases, increased. Those states in which abstinence-only education remains the norm continue to struggle with higher-than-average teen pregnancy rates.

Religious parents are less likely to discuss comprehensive sexual education than other groups, and African-Americans are more likely to identify as religious than other groups. Despite studies showing an increase in pregnancy among teens during the years abstinence-only education was the norm, black parents are less likely than other groups to have the tough conversations that are necessary to lead to responsible family planning.

Further, a 2011 Essence magazine survey of 1,500 teens found that "half of African-Americans ages 13 to 15 did not discuss sex with their parents." It suggests that too many well-meaning black parents are not passing on the education necessary



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Anti-abortion demonstrators gather on the snow covered National Mall in Washington on Wednesday for the annual March for Life.

to help their children avoid unplanned pregnancies that might ultimately lead them to consider getting an abortion.

Political conservatives, though, also bear some responsibility for the problem. They not only have been the primary architects of abstinence-only programs but have also been the biggest opponents of making contraception access easy and affordable. One of the Affordable Care Act's most significant policy legacies is its requirement that contraception be covered as preventive care, meaning that insurers must cover it with no copay.

Though this seems like a no-brainer (after all, it does prevent something: pregnancy), conservatives have opposed this mandate — on religious grounds — and the dispute between opponents and the Obama administration will soon head to the Supreme Court.

In addition, the president has found himself facing off with conservatives over access to Plan B for teen girls. The emergency contraception can be used after intercourse, and immediate access to the drug can be the difference between a teen girl finding herself considering an abortion and not.

The bottom line is that if a woman doesn't have adequate contraceptive coverage, family planning guidance or access to a safe and legal abortion — and, in some cases, access to safety-net assistance programs and Medicaid because they've been reduced by budgetary cutbacks — what exactly is she supposed to do?

There's a disconnect, politically and in terms of policy, when opponents of abortion are also +opponents of greater access to contraceptive care.

In an ideal world, no woman would need to seek an abortion. But we don't live in an ideal world. Until we do, safe and legal abortion is preferable to seeing thousands of women die from unsafe and illegal abortions, or to seeing more children die from abuse and neglect because they were born to someone who was ill-equipped to care for them.

But an even more ideal solution is for pro-choice and pro-life activists, as well as policymakers, to start treating comprehensive sex education and access to contraception as what they are: America's most important human rights issues.

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First task: End the atrocities in Syria

By Newsday

As international talks in search of a cease-fire and regime change in Syria get under way this week in Switzerland, there is a humanitarian disaster unfolding that must be top priority.

Photos of the corpses of more than 11,000 people reportedly starved, tortured and executed in jails controlled by President Bashar Assad have been smuggled out of Syria by a police photographer. And fighting in the civil war has trapped tens of thousands of civilians without food, water and medicine now that Assad has unconditionally embraced starvation as a weapon of war.

Achieving the ultimate goal of the Unit-

ed Nations diplomatic summit in Geneva — easing Assad from power — is a long shot.

So as direct talks begin Friday, the United States and its allies should demand a verifiable end to the systematic killing and press the Assad regime for a show of good faith: an agreement to allow convoys carrying humanitarian aid to reach suffering civilians.

About 250,000 civilians are isolated in rebel-held areas besieged by government forces, out of reach of aid deliveries, according to the United Nations. Millions more are in areas that are barely accessible. Aid workers have had little success negotiating access to the sick and starving in a country where about 9 million people

— nearly half the population — have been driven from their homes since the civil war began in 2011.

Standing by as preventable tragedy claims innocent lives offends the conscience and could erode U.S. influence as the world's lone superpower. But military intervention is out of the question. The United States has no compelling national interest in this war, is repulsed by the bloodthirsty Assad regime and is sensibly unwilling to aid an opposition dominated by radical Islamists.

But now that both sides in the conflict have joined the United States and others in negotiations, the immediate priority must be ending the atrocities.

OPINION

# What Americans should fear in cyberspace

By P.W. SINGER  
Los Angeles Times

A recent Pew poll found that Americans are more afraid of a cyberattack than they are of Iranian nuclear weapons, the rise of China or climate change. Such fears are not only out of proportion to risk; if they take hold, they could threaten the positive gains of the digital age.

Certainly there are growing threats in the cyberworld, and the stakes are high. But there is also a high level of misinformation and plain, old ignorance driving the fear. Despite the Internet now enabling us to run down the answers to almost any question, a number of myths have emerged about online security and what it means for us offline. The result is that some threats are overblown and overreacted to, while other quite legitimate ones are ignored.

Every computer user has had to make cybersecurity decisions: whether to trust online vendors with credit card information and how often to change an email password, to name two. But these decisions are too often based on scant understanding.

The problem is even more acute in business and government. Some 70 percent of executives have made a cybersecurity decision of some sort for their firms. Yet MBA programs still aren't routinely teaching cy-

bersecurity as part of normal management responsibility, nor do the schools that train diplomats, lawyers, generals, journalists and others who have to make important decisions in this regard every day. Whether in the boardroom or the White House situation room, crucial matters are often handed off to so-called experts, which is a good way to be taken advantage of — and to feel more secure than you actually are.

Instead of focusing on what we need to learn, we've instead fed on hype that fuels fears but doesn't solve problems. For instance, Americans have repeatedly been told by government leaders and media pundits that cyberattacks are like weapons of mass destruction and that we are in a sort of "the War on cyberspace."

That's not a science text, folks. There are no physics of nuclear weapons, nor are the political dynamics they fuel. Moreover, the globalized network in which the NSA, Chinese hackers, Anonymous, Google, Target and you and I all play is hardly the kind of bipolar world that spawned the Cold War.

Despite its central position in both congressional testimony and Hollywood movies, no person has actually been hurt or killed by an act of cyberterrorism. Indeed, squirrels have taken down power grids, but hackers never have. But that is not to say there's no threat. Indeed, our own creation,



PATRICK SENANSKI/AP

**The National Security Agency operates in a world that has changed much since the Cold War.**

the Stuxnet worm, which attacked Iran's nuclear infrastructure, demonstrated that cyberweapons can cause damage.

But the fiction of a "cyber-Pearl Harbor" gets far more attention than the real, and arguably far greater, impact of the massive campaign of intellectual property theft emanating from China. As with 9/11, the way that we react (or overreact) to an attack, terrorist or otherwise, is what truly determines the impact of it. Understanding the difference between hackers doing something annoying and doing something with the capacity to cause serious harm will better direct our fears and resources.

Cybersecurity has to be seen as a management problem that will never go away. As long as we use the Internet, there will be risks. The key is to move away from a mentality of seeking silver bullets and ever-higher walls and instead to focus on the most important feature of true cybersecurity: resilience. In both the real and online worlds, we can't stop or deter all bad things, but we can plan for and deal with them.

In treating cybersecurity as a matter only for IT experts, computer users often neglect the most basic precautions that go a long way toward protecting both the Internet's users and the network, itself. Indeed, one study found that as much as 94 percent of attacks could be stopped with basic "cyberhygiene." Perhaps the best example is that the most popular password in use today is "123456," with "password" No. 2.

The 19th century poet Ralph Waldo Emerson never could have conceived of the Internet. But it is what allowed me recently to look up a quote by him that is perhaps the best guide for our age of cyberinsecurity: "Knowledge is the antidote for fear."

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# Creationism finds its way into school workbook

By PHIL PLATT  
Slate

As usual, when I write about this topic, let me start off being very clear: Young Earth creationism — the idea that God created the Earth six to ten thousand years ago, borne of a literal interpretation of the Bible — is wrong. It is provably wrong, and in fact it is a violation of the United States Constitution's First Amendment to teach it in public school.

So why is Texas (and with new schools opening, also Arkansas and Indiana) spending a whopping \$82 million of taxpayers' money every year to teach it? This revelation comes from Zack Kopplin, who wrote a devastating article in Slate about his investigation of Responsive Education Solutions, a group of publicly supported charter schools that currently have over 65 campuses with 17,000 students enrolled. Kopplin obtained a copy of Responsive Ed's workbook for biology that is used throughout their charter system, and what's inside is disturbing, to say the very least.

The workbook, called a "Knowledge Unit," is loaded with creationist propaganda, both subtle and overt. A large fraction of the curriculum in it is devoted to creating doubt about evolution (and other scientific fields), and to promote a completely false view about the scientific facts of biological evolution.

The entire workbook has been scanned and is available online. If you want your head to explode, then by all means go read it. I did, page by page, and it is a textbook of creationist tactics. What follows are just a few examples:

“Over the years, the theory of evolution has been through an evolutionary struggle of its own. The original theories have been explored, modified, rejected, confirmed, or replaced with new ideas. Still the basic theory of evolution has survived in the decades. In fact, evolution — which is, after all, an unproved theory — has been

treated as fact. It has reached the level of dogma, widely accepted, but unproven and changing school of thought that is treated as though it were fact.”

First, evolution is a fact. It has been observed directly, and is actually the very basis of modern biology. It's not just a guess or some made-up wacky idea. Also, note the "unproved theory" line: that's a standard creationist line meant to sow doubt about evolution. It relies on the common use of the word "theory" as a guess — the opposite of how scientists use it — what most people would call a fact.

And don't even get me started about the slap-in-the-face irony of creationists saying that scientists are dogmatic about evolution.

The workbook then tries to equate creationism and evolution, and also attempts to shift the blame for any "controversy" to science, not religion. On Page 3, there's this:

“In recent years, these two schools of thought — creationism and evolution — have been at conflict in school, universities and educators have attempted to bridge them through ideas such as intelligent design and theistic evolution. However, none of these theories is accepted by every scientist, natural philosopher, or educator.”

It's fascinating to see the how they phrase all this. First, note the false equivalency being set up by calling both creationism and evolution "schools of thought." Evolution has a deep and broad basis of support, whereas creationism is based solely on the Bible (if that's the flavor of creationism to which you adhere, I'll note).

Also, the conflict is entirely one-sided. Sure, there are some scientists who disagree about evolution, but the vast, overwhelming majority of scientists do. The naysayers are a tiny, tiny minority, and religiously motivated.

I could go on and on annihilating these arguments; hardly a page goes by in this workbook without someone or some set of false and long-debunked sideswipe against

science. Page 6 attacks geological measurements of the age of the Earth, Page 9 casts doubt about the fossil record, and Page 15 tries to tie the social Darwinism and eugenics (yes, seriously) to evolution in a disgusting, sinister tactic. After several pages of talking about how complex the origin of life on Earth was according to science, on Page 29 they say, "Still, for many, supernatural creation (either by God or some other supernatural power) of the first cell is a more plausible explanation."

They then spend four pages — as much as they do on any of the science — promoting the false "controversy" of evolution. Those pages are loaded with misinformation, even bizarrely using a section to discuss vaccines and autism (and even getting that wrong as well; saying we don't know if vaccines cause autism, and more research is needed. Nope: We know vaccines don't cause autism).

This entire workbook is nothing but an exercise in trying to make evolution look bad, and creationism look like a reasonable alternative by comparison. The entire thing can be boiled down to a simple statement: "I don't understand it, therefore it's impossible."

Creationists have been trying for years to teach their particular flavor of religious fundamentalism in public schools. And time and again, it's been ruled not just illegal, but unconstitutional. Whether it's straight up creationism, or the poorly disguised cousin, intelligent design, judges have shown that teaching it with public taxpayer funds violated the First Amendment. In the famous Dover case, this ruling was brought by a conservative judge, so it's hardly a liberal conspiracy, either. It's just a fact: Trying to teach a religion as truth in a public school is illegal.

So how does Responsive Education Solutions get away with it? They have what Kopplin calls a "secular veneer," what looks like a non-religious coating on their writing, but even a cursory glance at the workbook shows that for what it truly is, and perhaps doing this through charter schools

makes it somewhat easier than if it were in the public schools. Louisiana has been doing something similar, by using public funding to create vouchers to get kids out of public schools and into private schools where creationism is taught. This action is illegal, but is endorsed by Louisiana's governor, Bobby Jindal.

Responsive Education's CEO, Chuck Cook, has responded to Kopplin's article in Slate, but as you'd expect, what he says is just as bad as what's written in the workbook. The Texas Freedom Network takes down his response, as does the Arkansas Times.

Oh, and it should be noted that on top of being unconstitutional and hugely draining on taxpayer money, Responsive Ed's system had "less favorable" results than other charter schools as determined by Stanford's Center for Research on Education Outcomes.

So what can be done about this? Well, for one, spread the word. The more people who know about this, the better.

Also, if you live in Texas, Arkansas, or Indiana, talk to your local representatives (and your state ones as well). They're easy enough to find online, so send them a note letting them know what you think about this. Be polite, but be firm. You can also get involved in your local school board, where a lot of the decisions to use various curricula are made.

In this country, we have freedom from religion just as much as we have freedom of religion. The latter depends on the former. No matter what people tell you, we are not a Christian nation, we are a secular one, and the country's founding document, the Constitution, was specifically drafted to make sure it stays that way.

But that depends on us. Get vocal, and get active. Protect our Constitution, and protect the science education of an entire generation of Americans.

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Pearls Before Swine



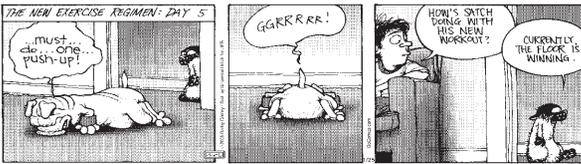
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- 12 Strengthen
- 14 Football conference?
- 15 Hold affectionately
- 16 Single
- 17 Pub pastime
- 19 "— got it!"
- 20 On the rocks
- 22 Old French coin
- 23 "And giving —, up the chimney ..."
- 24 Adjust a corsage
- 26 Solicit votes
- 28 Energy
- 30 Island chain?
- 31 Colored rings
- 35 Book-jacket writeup

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- 1 Swoop down and seize
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- 3 "Acid"
- 4 "— Lang Syne"
- 5 Dog bane
- 6 True
- 7 Responsibility
- 8 Moreover
- 9 Saudi Arabian city
- 10 Military blasts
- 11 Hymn group
- 13 Yorkshire port
- 18 Sinbad's bird
- 21 Fairway spoiler
- 23 St. Teresa's place
- 25 Zero
- 27 Kan. neighbor
- 29 "X-Men" villain
- 31 "Sailor Moon" genre
- 32 "I Love Lucy" episodes, e.g.
- 33 Ancient parlor
- 34 Junior
- 36 Did, but not anymore
- 37 Knee jerk, e.g.
- 38 With — breath
- 41 DEA target
- 44 Matherhorn, Jungfrau, etc.
- 45 Christmas
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE SERVANTS ORDERED THEIR SPECIAL UNIFORMS BY MAIL, THEY HOPED FOR A LIVERY DELIVERY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals N



# Independent News for the U.S. Military the Community

*Whenever They Fight  
and Wherever They Live*



The first Stars and Stripes was produced by Union soldiers during the Civil War. In 1861, using the facilities of a captured newspaper office in Bloomfield, Mo., they ran off a one-page paper.

Stars and Stripes was revived during World War I. Our first edition appeared in Paris on February 8, 1918. Produced weekly by an all-military staff, the paper served the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), under General of the Armies John J. Pershing.

The newspaper ceased printing at the war's end, only to enjoy a second renaissance. Starting on April 18, 1942, a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (two English pence or about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

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

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

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published as many as 32 separate editions, with page counts running up to 24 pages per issue.

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

In the years that followed World War II, Stripes reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field. Throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, Stars and Stripes published the news. The paper was there in the 1990s during Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Provide Comfort and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

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

As the "hometown newspaper" for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific, Stars and Stripes offers the same types of national and world news, sports and opinion columns found in newspapers in the United States.

Stripes.com coverage ranges from breaking military news reported from bases around the world to local DODDS high school sports. The paper is also available online in PDF format.

Stars and Stripes is available for iPhone and Android smartphones and a Tablet Edition is available for the Apple iPad.

Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where the editions are transmitted to printing facilities in Spain, Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, South Korea, Guam, Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, and Djibouti.

Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (in Okinawa, Guam, Kanto Plain and Korea) designed to serve the needs of their respective military communities.

A U.S. edition comprised exclusively of Stars and Stripes reports from around the world launched in 2008 to serve servicemembers who have returned from overseas tours. The U.S. edition is published in partnership with commercial newspaper publishers who serve communities with large military populations.



## RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

**2013 National Headline Awards** –  
Second Place: News Series  
(Forever After: A Warrior Wounded;  
A Family Challenged)

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

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

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

**2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary  
Award for Excellence in Journalism** –  
Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

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

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

**2009 George Polk Awards in Journalism** –  
George Polk Award for Military Reporting  
Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III  
and Kevin Baron

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

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

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

**2006 NAA ACME Award of Excellence** –  
Youth Oriented Ad Series/Campaign:  
Stripes GAMER;  
Entertainment Promotions: Tales from the Crib

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

**2004 American Legion Excellence  
in Journalism Award** –  
Ground Truth Series

**2003 Scripps Howard Foundation  
National Journalism Award** –  
First Amendment, Finalist





# SPORTS BRIEFS/GOLF



LM OTERO/AP

**Former Dallas defensive tackle Josh Brent was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 10 years of probation Friday after being convicted of intoxication manslaughter in the death of teammate Jerry Brown.**

## Briefly

# Former Cowboy Brent gets 180 days in jail, probation

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Former Dallas Cowboys player Josh Brent was sentenced Friday to 180 days in jail and 10 years of probation for a drunken car crash that killed his friend and teammate, Jerry Brown.

Brent was convicted Wednesday of intoxication manslaughter for the December 2012 crash on a suburban Dallas highway that killed Brown, who was a passenger in Brent's car. Brent could have been sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

Brent, a Cowboys defensive tackle, and Brown, a linebacker on the practice squad, also played together at the University of Illinois and were close friends. They were headed home from a night of partying with Dallas teammates when Brent lost control of his Mercedes and crashed. Officers who arrived on scene saw Brent trying to pull Brown's body from the wreckage.

Blood tests pegged Brent's blood alcohol content at 0.18 percent, which is more than twice the state's legal limit to drive of 0.08 percent. Prosecutors told jurors that the burly, 320-pound lineman had as many as 17 drinks on the night of the crash.

## Neureuther wins men's slalom

KITZBUHEL, Austria — Felix Neureuther of Germany won the slalom of the classic Hahnenkamm event in heavy snow on Friday after first-run leader Marcel Hirscher failed to finish.

Neureuther, who trailed Hirscher by 0.38 seconds, avoided mistakes in his second run and finished in 1 minute, 53.23 seconds.

As the final racer on the course, Hirscher initially extended his lead over the German to 0.40 before straddling a gate.

Henrik Kristoffersen of Norway was 0.57 back in second, and Patrick Thaler of Italy finished third, 0.82 behind Neureuther.

On their skiing news:

■ Overall World Cup leader Maria Hoefl-Riesch won a shortened downhill Friday at Cortina D'Ampezzo and established herself as the favorite to take away two of Lindsey Vonn's titles.  
Hoefl-Riesch took full command of the downhill

standings that the injured Vonn dominated for the past six years and improved her status as the favorite for the women's downhill at the Sochi Olympics on Feb. 12 — the race Vonn won at the 2010 Vancouver Games.

With her parents and husband in attendance, Hoefl-Riesch won in 1 minute, 17.84 seconds on the Olympia delle Tofane course for the 27th World Cup victory of her career.  
Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein finished second, 0.31 seconds behind, and Nicole Schmidhofer of Austria was third with the No. 39 bib, 0.75 behind.

Lara Gut of Switzerland was fourth and Stacey Cook of the United States was fifth as the pair missed out on the podium by 0.01 and 0.03 seconds, respectively.

## Spurs' Leonard out 3-4 weeks

SAN ANTONIO — Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard will miss 3-4 weeks with a broken bone in his right hand.

The team said Leonard underwent a CAT scan Thursday and the results confirmed a non-displaced fracture of the fourth metacarpal.

The 6-foot-7 Leonard is one of the team's top defensive players. He was injured Wednesday night in the first half of a game against Oklahoma City.

## Cubs, Wood avoid arbitration

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs have agreed to a one-year contract with All-Star pitcher Travis Wood, avoiding arbitration.

A person familiar with the situation said Friday that the deal is for \$3.9 million. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the terms were not announced by the team.

Wood was the Cubs' most consistent starter last year and made the All-Star team, going 9-12 with a 3.11 ERA. Wood had filed at \$4.25 million with the team counteracting at \$3.5 million.

The Cubs' remaining arbitration-eligible players are pitcher Jeff Samardzija, second baseman Darwin Barney and outfielder Justin Ruggiano.

## Golf roundup

# Cink up 1 stroke; Tiger cards a 72

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — He has a long history with Torrey Pines, including a win he calls "the best day of my life." He opened the Farmers Insurance Open with a 5-under 67 on the beastly South Course, a clean card with no bogeys and no complaints.  
That would be Pat Perez, of course.

Tiger Woods, the defending champion whose eight professional wins at Torrey Pines include a U.S. Open, didn't fare too badly in his 2014 debut Thursday, though he didn't make a single birdie on the par 5s, and it's hard to find birdies anywhere else. Woods had to settle for a 72, the first time in his career he did not break par in the opening round of this tournament.

The leaderboard shows Stewart Cink at the top with an 8-under 64 on the North Course, but there might as well be an asterisk attached. The South Course, which hosted the 2008 U.S. Open, played nearly four strokes harder than the North.

"You want to really take advantage of the North Course because it will yield to you a little bit, and the South Course will not," Cink said.

Gary Woodland was in second place with a 65. He played the North. The four players at 66 played the North. It's a long list. Of the 62 players who broke par in the opening round, only 12 of them were on the South, which is more than 600 yards longer.

That's what made the 67 by Perez so remarkable. Plus, it was two shots lower than anyone else on the South.

LPGA Tour: Lydia Ko took a share of the lead in her first start as an LPGA Tour member, matching Meena Lee with a 5-under 68 on Thursday in the season-open-

ing Bahamas LPGA Classic at Paradise Island, Bahamas.

The 16-year-old Ko turned pro late last year. She won the Canadian Women's Open the last two years as an amateur and closed last season with a victory in a non-tour event in Taiwan in her second pro start.

Ranked No. 4 in the world, the South Korean-born New Zealand-er had six birdies and a bogey on Atlantis Resort's Ocean Club course.

Lee, from South Korea, eagled the par-4 13th and had four birdies and a bogey.

Third-ranked Stacy Lewis was a stroke back at 69 along with Jessica Korda, Brittany Lang, Mirim Lee, Austin Ernst, Danah Bordner, Amelia Lewis, P.K. Kongkrakhan and Canie Kung.  
Michelle Wie shot 72.

PGA European Tour: Rafa Cabrera-Bello of Spain squandered a two-shot lead in finishing tied with Steve Webster of England on top of the leaderboard heading to the final round of the Qatar Masters on Friday at Doha, Qatar.

Cabrera-Bello shot a 1-over-par 73 and was caught by Webster, who carded 70 at Doha Golf Club for three-round totals of 12-under 204.

They were only one stroke ahead of Adrien Saddier of France, the biggest mover with six birdies in his opening seven holes in a round of 64, South African Thomas Aiken (70) and Denmark's Thorbjorn Olesen (68) on a packed leaderboard.

Just four shots separated the top 19 players, among them Paul Lawrie (69) at 10 under and looking to become the first three-time Qatar champion, and Sergio Garcia (69) at 9 under. Garcia was runner-up last year with George Coetzee of South Africa (73), who was at 10 under.

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# AUSTRALIAN OPEN

# Nadal tops Federer, advances to final

By JOHN PYE  
The Associated Press

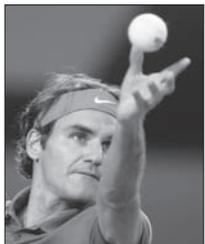
MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal continued his dominant streak over Roger Federer to reach the Australian Open final for the third time, beating the 17-time major winner 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-3 Friday night to set up a championship decider against No. 8-seeded Stan Wawrinka.

With his 23rd win in 33 matches against Federer, the 27-year-old Spaniard set up an ideal chance to win a 14th Grand Slam title and to become the first man to win all four majors at least twice in the Open era.

Nadal missed the 2013 Australian Open during a seven-month layoff for illness and a knee injury, but returned to win the French and U.S. Opens among his 10 titles for the season and finished the year at No. 1. He won the Australian Open in 2009, beating Federer in the final, and lost in a five-set, 5-hour, 53-minute 2012 final to Novak Djokovic after ousting Federer in the semis. In other years, he's struggled with injuries — it's the only Grand Slam tournament he hasn't won at least twice.

"It's really, really emotional for me to be back on this court, Rod Laver Arena, and to be able to play another final," Nadal said. "I think tonight I played the best match of the tournament. I go on court (against Federer) knowing that is a really tough match and if I am not playing my best, I will not have the chance to win."

At the end of the night, Federer knew he wouldn't even be the No. 1-ranked player in Switzerland next week. By reaching his first major final, Wawrinka ensured he'd replace Federer as their country's highest-ranked player for the first time.



Rick Rycroft/AP

### Moving up

Rafael Nadal qualified for his 19th Grand Slam final on Friday, moving ahead of Pete Sampras and into a tie for second place. Here's a look at the list of the players who have appeared in the most Grand Slam finals and their record in the finals:

	No	W-L
Roger Federer ▲	24	17-7
Rafael Nadal	19	13-5
Ivan Lendl	19	8-11
Pete Sampras	18	14-4
Rod Laver	17	11-6
Bjorn Borg	16	11-5
Ken Rosewall	16	8-8
Ray Emmons	15	12-3
Bill Tilden	15	10-5
Andre Agassi	15	8-7
Jimmy Connors	15	8-7

— The Associated Press



AARON FAVILA/AP

### Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates Friday after defeating Switzerland's Roger Federer in the semifinals of the Australian Open.

But the 32-year-old Federer is confident of winning more majors, expecting some coaching from Stefan Edberg and continued improvement in his fitness to help after a slump in 2013, when he didn't reach any of the major finals for the first time in 11 years.

"I still think my best tennis is only ahead of me now," said Federer, who reached the Australian Open semifinals for 11 consecutive years.

Nadal is now second on the list of players reaching Grand Slam finals, joining Ivan Lendl at 19 — Federer leads the list with 24. Another Grand Slam title would lift Nadal to a tie for second on the all-time list with Pete Sampras, who was in the crowd for the match.

Nadal resisted just about everything Federer threw at him, scrambling to keep balls in play that usually would be winners.

Federer served and volleyed, he played with good touch, he played drop shots, he tried everything but his 50 resulting unforced errors doubled the number by his rival.

Left-handed Nadal hit 13 of his 28 winners on his powerful forehand, attacking Federer's one-handed backhand yet again.

"I tried a few things ... then again, Rafa does a good job of neutralizing you," Federer said.

"So I guess at times I couldn't quite do what I wanted to do, but that's because of Rafa."

Wawrinka beat Tomas Berdych on Thursday night, getting an extra day off ahead of Sunday's championship match. Li Na will be

hoping the third time's the charm in the women's final on Saturday against Dominika Cibulkova. She has reached the finals in three of the past four years, but has yet to win the Australian title.

Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci

rallied to win the last five games and successfully defended their Australian Open women's doubles title on Friday with a 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 victory over Russian pair Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina.



ANDREW BROWN/ILL/AP

Italy's Sara Errani, right, and Roberta Vinci celebrate Friday after defeating Russia's Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina to win the women's doubles championship in Melbourne, Australia.

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Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	49	31	15	3	65	141	109	
Tampa Bay	51	30	16	5	65	150	126	
Florida	50	27	18	5	64	141	129	
Toronto	53	27	21	5	59	151	163	
Detroit	50	22	18	10	54	127	138	
Ottawa	50	22	20	8	54	144	159	
Washington	50	23	27	4	47	120	151	
Buffalo	49	13	29	7	33	122	144	

Metropolitan Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	53	27	23	3	67	168	125	
N.Y. Rangers	53	27	23	3	57	132	135	
Columbus	50	26	20	4	56	148	140	
Philadelphia	52	21	21	9	61	140	152	
Carolina	50	22	19	9	53	125	142	
New Jersey	51	21	21	9	53	122	144	
Washington	50	22	20	8	52	142	152	
N.Y. Islanders	53	21	25	7	49	151	175	

Western Conference

Central Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	53	32	9	12	7	69	189	146
St. Louis	49	34	11	3	73	173	119	
Colorado	49	31	13	5	67	144	127	
Minnesota	53	28	20	5	61	127	130	
Nashville	52	23	20	9	54	148	153	
Nashville	52	23	22	7	53	127	153	
Winnipeg	52	24	24	4	55	144	153	

Pacific Division		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	53	28	10	12	61	189	130	
San Jose	52	29	18	6	72	162	123	
Los Angeles	52	29	17	6	64	132	110	
Vancouver	52	23	17	6	51	130	110	
Phoenix	50	23	18	9	55	143	152	
San Jose	52	21	21	10	53	122	144	
Edmonton	52	15	31	6	36	132	183	

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

**Wednesday's games**  
 Detroit, Chicago 4, SO  
 Carolina 3, Philadelphia 2  
 San Jose 5, Montreal 1  
 Calgary 3, Phoenix 2

**Thursday's games**  
 Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 3  
 Carolina 5, Buffalo 3  
 St. Louis 4, N.Y. Rangers 1  
 Columbus 5, Philadelphia 2  
 Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Islanders 4  
 Minnesota 2, Chicago 1  
 Dallas 7, Toronto 1

**Friday's games**  
 Washington at New Jersey  
 Ottawa, Carolina, p.p.d., schedule conflict

**Saturday's games**  
 Phoenix at Carolina  
 St. Louis at N.Y. Islanders  
 Philadelphia at Philadelphia  
 Washington at Montreal  
 Columbus at Tampa Bay  
 Buffalo at Columbus  
 Toronto at Winnipeg  
 Pittsburgh at Dallas  
 Anaheim vs. Los Angeles at Los Angeles  
 Minnesota at San Jose

Hurricanes 5, Sabres 3

Carolina	1	1	3	5
Buffalo	1	1	1	3

**First Period**—1, Buffalo, Hodgson 3 (10:20), 10:15, 2, Carolina, Skinner 22, 12:22.

**Second Period**—3, Buffalo, Flynn 4 (Varone, Foligno), 3:20, 2:0, Carolina (Stefan Livak, Andrew Borzese), 3:09 (2:29).

**Third Period**—5, Buffalo, Ennis 11 (Simon, Fournier), 1:11, Carroll 1 (Stefan Livak, E. Stuart, Tiusti), 7:25, 7, Carolina, Sekera 8 (Kushnir, Komisarovich), 8:58, 8, Carolina 8 (Kushnir, Komisarovich), 19:59 (enr.).

**Shots on Goal**—Carolina 13-8-12-33 (29 shots-26 saves), Buffalo, Enroth 1-1-0-4 (2-2-2-6).

**A**—18,465 (19,070), T—2:24.

Blues 2, Rangers 1

St. Louis	1	1	0	1	2
N.Y. Rangers	1	1	0	1	2

**First Period**—1, St. Louis, Steen 26 (Schwartz, Backes), 8:38.

**Second Period**—1, N.Y. Rangers, Nash 17 (Stepan, McDonagh), 18:17.

**Third Period**—3, St. Louis, Shattenkirk 8 (Perry, Bonino), 12:31 (pp.), 25-25, N.Y. Rangers.

**Shots on Goal**—St. Louis 31-17-25-75, N.Y. Rangers 12-16-17-35.

**Power-play opportunities**—St. Louis 1 of 3 (Kushnir), 1, N.Y. Rangers, Lindqvist 1 of 3 (Stepan).

**A**—18,006 (18,006), T—2:28.

Sharks 1, Jets 0

San Jose	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg	0	0	0	0	0

**First Period**—1, San Jose, Pavelski 28 (Braun), 6:48.

**Second Period**—1, Winnipeg, 11-4-5-20.

**San Jose 11-10-12-33.**

**Power-play opportunities**—Winnipeg 0 of 3; San Jose 0 of 2.

**Goals**—Winnipeg, Pawelec, 15-20-4 (22 shots-19 saves), San Jose, Pavelski, 7-10-20 (20-20).

**A**—17,562 (17,562), T—2:29.



Columbus' Derek MacKenzie, left, celebrates his goal against Philadelphia's Ray Emery during the second period of Thursday's game in Columbus, Ohio. Columbus won the game 5-2.

Blue Jackets 5, Flyers 2

Philadelphia	1	2	2	5
Columbus <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td>	0	2	0	2

**First Period**—1, Columbus, Johnson 3, 8:20.

**Second Period**—2, Philadelphia, B.Schenn 14, 1:56, 3, Philadelphia, Lecavalier 11 (Streit, Meszaros), 7:21 (pp.), 2, Columbus, MacKenzie 3 (Anisimov, Tropp), 11:24, 5, Columbus, Calvert 6 (Wisniewski, Dubinsky), 16:13 (pp.).

**Third Period**—5, Columbus, Subinsky 11 (Calvert, Tyutin), 3:29, 7, Columbus, Horton 4 (Marroy), 5:55.

**Shots on Goal**—Philadelphia 9-15-4-28, Columbus 14-17-8-39.

**Power-play opportunities**—Philadelphia 1 of 6; Columbus 1 of 7.

**Goals**—Philadelphia, Emery 6-9-1 (39 shots-34 saves), Columbus, Bobrovsky 17-11-2 (28-26).

**A**—15,571 (18,144), T—2:26.

Lightning 4, Senators 3 (SO)

Ottawa	1	1	1	0	4
Tampa Bay <th>1</th> <th>1</th> <th>1</th> <th>0</th> <th>4</th>	1	1	1	0	4

**First Period**—1, Tampa Bay, Johnson 13 (Hedman), 14:32 (sh), 2, Ottawa, E.Karlsson 12 (MacArthur, Spezza), 15:12 (pp.).

**Second Period**—3, Tampa Bay, Combsen 2 (Hedman, Filappula), 3:30, 4, Ottawa, MacArthur 18 (Spezza, Ryan), 11:27 (sh), 7, Tampa Bay, Palat 11 (St. Louis, Hedman), 5:31, 5, Ottawa, Neill 6 (Smith, E.Karlsson), 17:42.

**Shootout**—Ottawa, Zibanejad NG, Spezza NG, Turris NG, Tampa Bay 1 (Kucherov G, Filappula NG, St. Louis NG).

**Shots on Goal**—Ottawa 12-6-16-36, Tampa Bay 17-9-57-78.

Penguins 6, Islanders 4

Pittsburgh	2	2	2	6
N.Y. Islanders <th>2</th> <th>2</th> <th>0</th> <th>4</th>	2	2	0	4

**First Period**—1, N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 8 (Kroos, Di Cesare, Donovan), 1:52, 10, Pittsburgh, (Seaver), 10:56 (enr.).

**Second Period**—4, Pittsburgh, Crosby 27 (Kunitz, Niskanen), 11:24.

**Second Period**—5, Pittsburgh, Maatta 5 (Kunitz, Crosby), 17:44 (pp.).

**Third Period**—2, Pittsburgh, Bailey 5 (Repin, Nielsen), 3:10, 8, Pittsburgh, Malkin 14 (Neal), 5:59, 9, N.Y. Islanders, Orosco 21 (Evers, Donovan), 1:52, 10, Pittsburgh, (Seaver), 10:56 (enr.).

**Shots on Goal**—Pittsburgh 39-11-29-78, N.Y. Islanders 9-18-34-61.

**Power-play opportunities**—Pittsburgh 1 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3.

**Goals**—Pittsburgh, Zatkoff 8-21 (34 shots-19 saves), Anaheim, Poulin 11-15-0 (28-23).

**A**—15,012 (16,170), T—2:39.

Wild 2, Blackhawks 1

Chicago	0	0	1	1
Minnesota	2	0	0	2

**First Period**—1, Minnesota, Pominville 20 (Grandieth, Heatley), 8:06, 2, Blackhawks, Cooke 7 (Fontaine, Brodzki), 15:31.

**Second Period**—3, Chicago, Kane 24 (Leddy, Sharp), 19:28.

**Shots on Goal**—Chicago 6-11-17-34, Minnesota 10-6-3-19.

**Goals**—Chicago, Raanta 12-2-3 (19 shots-17 saves), Minnesota, Kuemper 5, 3-0 (34-33).

**A**—15,226 (17,954), T—2:18.

Stars 7, Maple Leafs 1

Toronto	1	0	0	1
Dallas	7	0	0	7

**First Period**—1, Dallas, Ja.Benn 18 (Sequin, Nichushkin), 7:09, 2, Toronto, Kulemin 7 (Gunnarsson, Kadri), 7:39, 3, Dallas, Eakin 12 (Goligoski), 15:47.

**Second Period**—4, Dallas, Nichushkin 10 (Ja.Benn, Gonchar), 6:36, 5, Dallas, Herdoff 6 (Gonchar, Lehtonen), 8:33 (pp.), 6, Dallas, Peverley 6 (Ja.Benn, Jo.Benn), 11:37 (sh), 7, Dallas, Daley 3 (Goligoski, Eakin), 15:23.

**Goals**—Toronto, Bernier 17-15-4 (13 shots-10 saves), Reimer 6-6-2 (25-21).

**Shots on Goal**—Dallas 14-8 (29-24), Toronto 1-1-0-2.

**A**—13,678 (18,532), T—2:33.

Predators 2, Canucks 1

Nashville	0	0	2	2
Vancouver <th>2</th> <th>0</th> <th>0</th> <th>2</th>	2	0	0	2

**First Period**—1, Vancouver, Higgins 13 (Weise, Taylor), 9:09.

**Second Period**—2, Nashville, Smith 16 (Spaling), 3:28, 3, Nashville, Spaling 9 (Jones, Cullen), 12:28 (pp.).

**Shots on Goal**—Nashville 7-8-11-26, Vancouver 13-10-11-34.

Ducks 2, Kings 1

Los Angeles	1	0	0	1
Anaheim <th>0</th> <th>2</th> <th>0</th> <th>2</th>	0	2	0	2

**First Period**—1, Los Angeles, Kopitar 14 (Lewis, King), 31:3.

**Second Period**—2, Anaheim, Penner 10 (Perry, Bonino), 12:31 (pp.), 3, Anaheim, Maroon 4 (Fischer), 17:52.

**Shots on Goal**—Los Angeles 13-8-10-31, Anaheim 4-9-8-21.

**Power-play opportunities**—Los Angeles 1 of 4, Anaheim 0 of 5.

**Goals**—Los Angeles, Quick 14-8-2 (21 shots-19 saves), Anaheim, Anderson 13-2-0 (31-30).

**A**—17,503 (17,174), T—2:31.

Roundup

# Columbus wins eighth straight

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Relentless is the word Columbus forward Brandon Dubinsky chose to describe the surging Blue Jackets' style of play.

Dubinsky and Matt Calvert each had a goal and assist to lead Columbus to a team-record eighth-straight win — the longest active streak in the league — with a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night in the franchise's 400th game.

Jack Johnson, Derek MacKenzie and Nathan Horton also scored for Columbus. The Blue Jackets played their inaugural season in 2000 and have only made the playoffs once, but are finally showing real signs of promise.

The offense has come on of late, but the backbone has been Sergei Bobrovsky, last season's winner of the Vezina Trophy, which goes to the league's top goalie. Bobrovsky finished with 26 saves in his first game against his former club to earn his seventh win in a row since returning from a groin injury.

"It's everybody from Bob all the way out that are contributing," Dubinsky said.

The Blue Jackets closed out the Flyers with four straight goals to improve to a league-best 9-0-1 record in January. They are currently holding an Eastern Conference playoff spot.

"If you look at the standings we are still right there," Dubinsky said. "By no means can we be satisfied. Obviously it's a big accomplishment. We are happy, we are going to enjoy it tonight. We are going to come to work tomorrow and not ready for a tough game."

**Ducks 2, Kings 1** Patrick Maroon scored the tiebreaking goal on a wraparound late in the second period, and host Anaheim beat Los Angeles in the prelude to the clubs' landmark outdoor game this weekend.

Frederik Andersen made 30 saves for Anaheim as the Southern California rivals warmed up for their meeting at Dodger Stadium on Saturday with a physical, hard-hitting meeting dominated by the Ducks' defense.

**Blues 2, Rangers 1** St. Louis defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk scored the tiebreaking power-play goal early in the third period, and visiting St. Louis got its first win of the New York.

Alexander Steen also had a goal for the Blues before leaving late in the second period with a lower-body injury. David Backes had two assists, and Jaroslav Halak made 34 saves in beating New York's Henrik Lundqvist 7-1 in a matchup of Olympic goalies.

**Hurricanes 5, Sabres 3** Alexander Semin had two goals and defenseman Andrej Sekera added a score at 9:50 of the third to lift visiting Carolina over Buffalo.

Jeff Skinner also scored for the Hurricanes, who overcame three one-goal deficits. Jiri Tlustý sealed the win by scoring into an empty net with one second remaining.

**Penguins 6, Islanders 4** Rookie defenseman Olli Maatta scored the go-ahead goal early in the second period and Evgeni Malkin added an insurance score at the third as visiting Pittsburgh held on for a wild win over New York.

The Islanders had a 5-on-3 power play for 50 seconds late in the third, but couldn't score against backup Jeff Zatkoff, who made 30 saves for the Eastern Conference-leading Penguins (36-13-2).

**Wild 2, Blackhawks 1** Jason Pominville and Matt Cooke scored first-period goals, Darcy Kuemper made 33 saves and host Minnesota beat Chicago.

The Wild, who lost to Chicago in five games in the first round of the playoffs last season, have won three of four against the Blackhawks this season.

**Lightning 4, Senators 3 (SO)** Nikita Kucherov scored the lone shootout goal and host Tampa Bay beat Ottawa.

Kucherov beat Craig Anderson on the first shot during the shootout. Lightning goalie Ben Bishop stopped all three shots he faced.

**Stars 7, Maple Leafs 1** Valeri Nichushkin scored two goals to lead host Dallas to a rout of Toronto.

Jamie Benn had his 100th career goal and three assists for Dallas, which broke open a 2-1 lead with four second-period goals and ended Toronto's six-game winning streak.

**Predators 2, Canucks 1** Nick Spaling scored the go-ahead goal on the power play in the third period and visiting Nashville defeated Vancouver for its fourth win in five games.

Craig Smith also scored for Nashville, and Carter Hutton made 33 saves.

**Sharks 1, Jets 0** Joe Pavelski scored his 19th goal in the past 21 games and Alex Stalock made 20 saves in his second straight shut-out to help host San Jose hand Paul Maurice his first loss in five games as coach of Winnipeg.

Pavelski snapped a scoreless tie with 13:12 remaining when he scored his 28th of the season and seventh in the past four games to lead the Sharks to their fifth straight win with the help of another strong performance from their backup goalie.



## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Top 25 roundup

# No. 1 Wildcats extend best start in school history

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Nick Johnson scored 18 points, Brandon Ashley added 15 and top-ranked Arizona remained unbeaten with a 69-57 win over Colorado on Thursday night.

Arizona (19-0, 6-0 Pac-12) had a week off after blowing out rival Arizona State and raced out to an early 14-point lead.

Aaron Gordon added 12 points for Arizona, which overcame a 3-for-15 night from three-point range and some missed free throws down the stretch to extend the best start in school history.

A year after nearly pulling off an upset in the desert, Colorado (15-5, 4-3) had no chance for late-game heroics in its third game without injured leading scorer Spencer Dinwiddie.

The Buffaloes struggled to slow Arizona's bevy of scorers and couldn't overcome the big early hole, falling to 0-16 against No. 1 teams. Xavier Johnson led Colorado with 21 points and Josh Scott added 15.

**No. 6 Florida 68, Alabama 62:** Michael Frazier II scored 18 points and made five three-pointers to lead the Gators over the host Crimson Tide.

It was the 10th consecutive win for Florida (16-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference), matching last season's longest streak.

Alabama (8-10, 2-3) had its league-best 14-game SEC home winning streak snapped.

Florida went 8-for-10 from the

free-throw line over the final 47 seconds to halt any Alabama threat.

Frazier shot 5-for-13, all from three-point range. Casey Prather scored 14 points on 6-for-16 shooting for the Gators. Scottie Wilbekin had 10 points and four assists.

Trevor Releford led Alabama with 14 points and Nick Jacobs had 12. The Tide were without No. 2 scorer Retin Obasohan, who strained his left hip flexor in Tuesday's practice.

The Gators, who earned win No. 100 for the four-man senior class, have won the last eight meetings and 10 of 11. Alabama has lost three of its last four overall.

**No. 15 Cincinnati 69, Central Florida 51:** Justin Jackson matched his career high by blocking seven shots and Sean Kilpatrick scored 19 points with a strong second half that carried the Bearcats past the visiting Knights for their 11th straight win.

Cincinnati (19-2, 7-0 American Athletic) is off to its best start since 2001-02, when it was in Conference USA. The Bearcats' winning streak is their longest since they opened last season with 12 wins.

Central Florida (9-8, 1-5) has lost four in a row. The Knights were only 5-for-16 from the free-throw line, had 14 turnovers and shot 34 percent from the field.

**No. 17 Ohio State 62, Illinois 55:** LaQuinton Ross scored 18



JOHN MILLER/AP

Arizona's Aaron Gordon, right, and Colorado's Jaron Hopkins, left, scramble for control of a loose ball during the second half of Thursday's game in Tucson, Ariz. Arizona won 69-57.

points and Lenzelle Smith Jr. had 16 — including a critical three-pointer in the waning moments — to help the Buckeyes end a four-game skid with a win over the visiting Illini.

Aaron Craft added 11 points, six rebounds and five assists for the Buckeyes (16-4, 3-4 Big Ten), who had lost four in a row for the first time since 2007-08.

Joseph Bertrand had 19 points for the Illini (13-7, 2-5), who lost their fifth straight. They haven't won since Jan. 4 and play three

of their next four games against ranked opponents.

Rayvonte Rice, averaging 17.4 points a game, was 0-for-8 from the field and went scoreless. The Illini have lost their last six Big Ten road games.

**No. 23 Memphis 82, Houston 59:** Shaq Goodwin had 20 points, Joe Jackson added 18 points and seven assists, and the host Tigers jumped out to a big lead early against the Cougars.

The Tigers (14-4, 4-2 American Athletic Conference) never trailed

and led by 17 in the first half of their fourth win in five games.

Meanwhile, the Cougars (11-8, 3-3) have lost three of four.

TaShawn Thomas led Houston with 14 points and Brandon Morris added 13.

L.J. Rose had 10 assists for the Cougars, who shot 42.6 percent and committed 18 turnovers.

Memphis had 15 turnovers but overcame them with 59 percent shooting. The Tigers held a 48-36 advantage in the paint and out-rebounded Houston 33-28.

## Ennis: Freshman point guard shows maturity, leadership beyond his years

### FROM BACK PAGE

"It's really just the perfect situation," said Ennis, another of those rising stars from Canada. "I have a lot of teammates who have a lot of confidence and can make plays, and they make me look really good."

The low-key Ennis hasn't attracted the attention usually associated with such a key player — heck, he doesn't even have a tattoo — but he's easily one of the best freshmen in the country.

Entering this week, his assist-to-turnover ratio of 4.13 (99 assists with 24 turnovers) ranked fourth nationally, and only two other freshmen were in the top 50. Virginia's London Perrantes was 33rd at 2.77 (61 assists, 22 turnovers), while UCLA's Bryce Alford was 48th at 2.57 (54 assists, 21 turnovers).

"I've used the word comical a lot this year. His assist-to-turn-

### By the numbers

# 4.13 33.6 48

Ennis's assist-to-turnover ratio, fourth-best in the nation. Only two other freshmen are ranked in the top 50.

Ennis plays the second-most minutes per game of all his teammates, averaging 11.9 points per game.

Steals by Ennis this season. Ennis is a threat to eclipse Michael Carter-Williams' school record of 111.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

over ratio is almost comical," said McNamara, who coaches the Orange guards. "His feel is as good as I've ever watched. I said that

about Michael (Carter-Williams) last year. Tyler's in that same realm. It's difficult to speed him up. He plays at the pace that he

wants to play at."

Even Ennis' dad, Tony McIntyre, can't explain his son's emotional maturity.

"He has always been that way. He doesn't show much emotion," said McIntyre, co-founder of the AAU basketball program CIA Bounce in the Toronto suburb of Brampton, Ontario. "Early on, I had to ask him, 'Do you even like basketball?' It seems like you're bored.' He said, 'I get excited when my players do well.'"

Despite the departure of last season's backcourt — Brandon Triche graduated after four years and Carter-Williams was an NBA lottery pick after his stellar sophomore season — the Orange are riding high with the 6-foot-2 Ennis running the offense. He also ranks third on the team in scoring (11.9), second in minutes (33.6), and tops in steals (48), a threat to eclipse the school record of 111 set last

season by Carter-Williams.

"He's making everybody else scared. He's Orange guard Trevor Cooney, who's averaging nearly 14 points with Ennis at his side.

"He's always going to make the right play, and that makes us so much better."

His dad said it all started 19 years ago.

"Within four days after he was born, we brought the stroller into the gym with him in it," McIntyre said. "From that day, he never spent a day without basketball. He didn't have a choice."

However, he played lacrosse and spent time on Canada's national game as a youngster. That helped hone Ennis' basketball skills because he learned the nuances of the screen and roll.

"He really excelled at it," McIntyre said. "At that time, he was way better in lacrosse."

Not anymore.

## SUPER BOWL

# Something's gotta give

## Top offense vs. top defense gives fans classic matchup

By BARRY WILNER  
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NEW YORK

Peyton Manning, unstoppable.  
Seattle Seahawks, immovable.  
A classic.

At least that's how the first outdoor Super Bowl in a cold-weather city shapes up. The NFL and its followers — those frozen fans in the Meadowlands next Sunday, and more than \$110 million watching on TV — couldn't have asked for a juicier matchup.

Manning's Denver Broncos went 13-3 to earn the top seed in the AFC, scoring more points (606) than any team in league history, with 55 of their touchdowns coming on his passes, shattering Tom Brady's record. They used home-field advantage to beat San Diego and New England for their first appearance in the Super Bowl since John Elway had the Manning role in the 1999 game.

The Seahawks had the same record to rule the NFC before downing New Orleans and San Francisco, using a relentless defense reminiscent of the 2000 Ravens. They allowed only 231 points — the Broncos scored 230 in their first five games.

Something has to give in MetLife Stadium.

"You would want that challenge," says Seahawks All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman, who already grabbed the lime-

light for a postgame diatribe on national TV following the win over San Francisco. "We really embrace that. As a defense, we respect the heck out of Peyton Manning, but as a true competitor, as competitive as our team is, you wouldn't want to have it any other way. You want the best of the best; otherwise you don't feel like you're getting the biggest challenge of your life."

Seattle will be challenged, make no mistake about that.

"Just still trying to get to know them, but from what I've seen so far, it's certainly an excellent defense," Manning said, and that was before he saw everything the Seahawks can do to stop opponents.

"It's the Super Bowl, so it's going to be tough," adds Pro Bowl tight end Julius Thomas. "Nothing is going to come easy. I'm pretty sure you're going to see two teams playing as physical as possible. This is for all the marbles, so I'm pretty sure it will be a tough game all around."

This is the sixth time the NFL's top offense in points faces the top defense in the Super Bowl. Who has had the edge?

The defense, winning four of those five games: Green Bay over Kansas City in the very first one; Pittsburgh over Dallas in 1979; San Francisco over Miami in 1985; and the New York Giants over Buffalo in 1991. The one exception came in 1990, when the Broncos had no chance against Joe Montana, Jerry Rice and company, losing 55-10 in the biggest romp in Super



PAUL KITAGAKI JR., THE SACRAMENTO BEE/AP

**Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman, right, tips the ball away from San Francisco wide receiver Michael Crabtree during the final minutes of the NFC championship game.**

Bowl history.

Only once have the teams ranked first in yards gained and allowed met in the Super Bowl. That was 11 years ago when defense-minded Tampa Bay routed Oakland 48-21. The Buccaneers had five interceptions, scoring on two, and yielded 11 first downs.

But this is the first time the leader in yards gained and points scored faced the team that was most miserly in both categories.

Denver averaged 37.9 points and 457.3 yards per game, and in the postseason is gaining 435, scoring 25 points. That decline in lighting up the scoreboard hasn't mattered because the Broncos' defense has played so well.

Seattle gave up 14.4 points and 273.6 yards a game in 2013. For the playoffs, the numbers are 16 points and 365 yards. Don't fret, Seahawks fans, about the yardage allowed in the last two weeks: a bunch of those came as New Orleans was playing catchup in the divisional round.

What adds so much spice to this offense-defense confrontation is Manning's brilliant adaptability.

"He understands that defenses see looks and they see similarities and recognize formations and recognize personnel," says Sherman, who led the NFL in interceptions with eight and clinched the win over the 49ers by tipping a pass that teammate Malcolm Smith picked off. "And he keeps it mixed up. If you have a quarterback like that, it's hard to catch a break with him, catch a tendency or something that you can jump."

"He finds so many different ways to attack you, so once he finds a crack in the armor, he continues to nick at it until he makes it a hole."

On the other hand, Denver hasn't faced anything close to the physicality Seattle will bring. It begins with a deep rotation up front, flows back to a somewhat overlooked linebacking group — Bobby Wagner will be the best player at that position in this game, and he got no Pro Bowl love

— and ends with the best secondary on the planet. That defensive backfield led by Sherman

and fellow All-Pro Earl Thomas at safety will be tested, naturally, by what got Denver all those fancy stats: Manning throwing to Demaryius Thomas, Eric Decker, Wes Welker and Julius Thomas. Because the Seahawks prefer man coverage, the essence of this matchup will be in those clashes.

Or will it? All of this talk about Broncos running wild with the ball and Seahawks swooping in to make tackles for losses ignores the existence of a Seattle offense and a Denver defense.

Who knows? Maybe one of those units will steal the show.

"We have the No. 1 offense, they have the No. 1 defense," Broncos defensive end Shaun Phillips says. "But we're looking at it as a challenge for us. Just like they're looking at it as a challenge for them. They want to outplay our offense and we want to outplay their defense."

Talk about tough chores.

AP Pro Football Writers Arnie Stapleton and Howard Fendrich, and Sports Writer Tim Booth contributed to this story.



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The primary focus of Super Bowl XLVIII will be Seattle's stingy defense, left, against Denver's prolific offense, right, which scored the most points in league history.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

**Peyton Manning, right, guided the Broncos to their first appearance in the Super Bowl since 1999.**

## NFL

# Sound investment

In age of streaming video and HD displays, league's focus on audio paying dividends

By RACHEL COHEN  
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**NEW YORK** — The sound of Peyton Manning barking "Omaha! Omaha!" is picked up by a tiny microphone in an offensive lineman's pads so it can be broadcast to the world.

In an age of enormous high-definition televisions and games streamed to tablets and smartphones, audio seems almost quaint. Yet TV executives have made it a major focus in recent years, for the exact reason so many people are fascinated by the Broncos quarterback's audibles.

"It makes you feel like you're right there," said John Entz, Fox Sports' executive vice president for production. "That's what fans crave these days."

NFL Films pioneered the use of in-game audio, and the league had long clipped a microphone to the umpire's cap to capture the snap count. Before the 2010 season, though, the ump's position on most plays shifted from the middle of the defense to well behind the offense for safety reasons.

After much experimentation during exhibition games, NFL officials decided to put a microphone in the back of the pads of two players for each team: either the first- and second-string centers or both starting guards.

NFL Films engineers at the game turn on one mic when the offense breaks the huddle, then shut it off after the ball is snapped. The audio is transmitted to the TV truck, where the networks mix it with crowd noise.

Technology has gradually improved over the years to make the calls sharper — and not only in microphones. Just as the spread of HD sets left fans entranced by the crisp pictures, more and more viewers enjoy state-of-the-art surround sound in their living rooms.

Meanwhile, TV executives have embraced the value of audio in hooking the audience, seeking more and better ways to use it. Video used to be the "fair-haired child," said CBS Sports executive vice president Ken Aagaard.

Not anymore.

"It's gotten to the point now that the audio experience on an NFL game, and even a college football game, is just as important as the video," said Aagaard, who oversees operations, engineering and production services.

Manning has been a snap count virtuoso



JOE MANNONE/AP

The sound of Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning barking "Omaha! Omaha!" is picked up by a tiny microphone in an offensive lineman's pads so it can be broadcast to the world. In an age of enormous high-definition televisions and games streamed to tablets and smartphones, audio seems almost quaint. Yet TV executives have made it a major focus in recent years, with some impressive results.

dating to his Indianapolis days, his calls unusually loud, clear and long. Aagaard credited producer Lance Barrow and announcers Jim Nantz and Phil Simms for the silence in the booth during Manning's calls Sunday, letting the "Omaha"s speak for themselves. Asked last week what the word meant, Manning gave a playful answer, not really revealing whether it referred to a pass, a run or a snap count.

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Entz said Fox would "have some fun" with Manning's audibles in pregame features on Super Bowl Sunday, then talk about it during the game as is relevant.

The QB's voice isn't the only reason the snap count comes across fuzzy or crisp. Stadium and weather conditions and crowd noise can interfere. On a cool night in an outdoor stadium, the sound travels better, said Howard Katz,

the NFL's senior vice president of broadcasting and media operations.

"We really don't want to take a viewer out of the stadium and put them right next to Peyton Manning — we want to make sure they stay in the stadium and keep the flavor in there," he said.

NFL Films also records plenty of additional audio during games, through microphones on other players and on the sidelines, which is repackaged for various shows that air later. The networks are always hoping for more sound, especially during games. Teams are always worried about giving away secrets.

There was some angst from clubs when the microphones were put on offensive linemen, said Katz, who is also chief operating officer for NFL Films. That surprised him because they were capturing the same audio the umpires' caps previously did. He notes that since defensive players can hear the snap count on the field, the offense isn't hurt by broadcasting it.

Aagaard would love to someday get sound on the defense's play calls, too. On all audio, the NFL must weigh the value to viewers against concerns over competitive advantages.

But the value is immense. Katz recalled the mantra of NFL Films' former president, the late Steve Sabol: "You feel with your ears."

Start with a close-up of a quarterback then add the sound of him hollering out calls, Aldous said, "and that takes it from good to awesome."

A sound technician, left, holds up a parabolic microphone.

Above, a gate banner in the Denver International Airport displays a flight to Omaha Neb., "Omaha", a popular call shouted by Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, was heard repeatedly during the AFC championship.

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# NEW Guard

Syracuse PG Ennis has emerged as one of the country's best freshmen

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. Syracuse was teetering on the brink, trailing nemesis Pittsburgh by a point with less than two minutes to play and the home crowd doing its best to rattle the Panthers.

Amid all that late-game drama on Saturday stood Orange freshman point guard Tyler Ennis, an island of serenity inside the raucous Carrier Dome, and he simply did what he does best — he took control.

Ennis converted two layups — one with each hand through the

middle of the Pitt defense — and swished two free throws to complete a 16-point afternoon for the No. 2 Orange, who won 59-54 and improved to 18-0 and 5-0 atop the Atlantic Coast Conference.

“He made some of the best plays that I’ve seen in a long time,” Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said, comparing Ennis with Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara, who as freshmen led the Orange to the 2003 national championship. “You don’t get to the basket against Pittsburgh.”

Ennis shrugged, happy that his team had won again.

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**‘His assist-to-turnover ratio is almost comical. His feel is as good as I’ve ever watched. ... It’s difficult to speed him up. He plays at the pace that he wants to play at.’**

**Gerry McNamara**  
Former Syracuse point guard; assistant coach

Syracuse point guard Tyler Ennis  
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