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Blimplike surveillance craft set to deploy over Maryland heighten privacy concerns

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Raytheon's Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System, which has shown the ability to track fast-moving objects in flight, is seen in Utah.

Military unlikely topic in State of the Union

By LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Military watchers are hoping the president's State of the Union speech Tuesday will feature lengthy passages about the war in Afghanistan, the recent reductions in military retirement pay or the veterans claims backlog.

ANALYSIS

If history is any indication,

they'll be disappointed.

For President Barack Obama, the annual address has primarily focused on the economy and the federal budget, with the wars and veterans policy getting second billing.

Obama has spent less than one-fourth of his five State of the Union speeches discussing national security, military affairs and veterans policy. His predecessor, George W. Bush, spent



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President Barack Obama gives the State of the Union address before Congress in 2012.

almost half his remarks on those topics during the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, spending only slightly more time on domestic priorities.

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Global Hawks will be flying out of Japan by this summer

By SETH ROSSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Global Hawks, America's largest unmanned surveillance aircraft, will fly out of Japan for the first time this summer, the Air Force says.

Interest in the drones — from NASA, NATO and other allies — has been rising due to their versatility and endurance. Two of them, along with 40 personnel, will deploy to Misawa Air Base from May to October, according to 1st Lt. Caitlin Suttie,

a public affairs officer with the 35th Fighter Wing at Misawa.

"The plan to deploy more advanced capabilities in Japan, such as the Global Hawk, has strategic significance and further contributes to the security of Japan and the region," she said in an email Friday.

The aircraft and personnel will travel from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, where Global Hawks — controlled by remote operators in California — have been based for three years.

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Denver's high-octane offense has the ability to grind it out, too

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I mean, what can you say? You go to work to make a dollar and you got some idiot coming in and blowing people away."

— John Feins, grandfather of one of two people shot dead in a mall Saturday in Columbia, Md.

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10 killed in bombings in Afghanistan

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KABUL — A suicide bomb attack on an Afghan military bus killed four people here Sunday as the Taliban appear to be stepping up attacks in the capital as NATO withdraws from Afghanistan and the country readies for a presidential election in April.

The bombing happened just after 7 a.m. and targeted a bus carrying Afghan National Army staff, killing two soldiers and two civilians and wounding 22, Afghan Ministry of Defense spokesman Gen. Zahir Azimi said. Azimi said children were among the wounded in the attack, which happened on a busy road during the morning commute. Nearby shops were also damaged.

"The Ministry of Defense strongly condemns the attack," Azimi said.

The Taliban quickly claimed responsibility, saying the bus was carrying Afghan air force employees and that 27 people on the bus were killed and wounded. The group routinely exaggerates the effects of its attacks.

Sunday's attack is likely to increase jitters in the capital, coming about a week after insurgents killed 21 people at a Lebanese restaurant popular with foreigners and roughly two weeks after a similar bomb attack on another military bus in Kabul.

Also Sunday, The Associated Press reported that a roadside bomb killed six civilians and wounded more than a dozen others in southern



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Workers clean up glass at a store near a bombing that killed four people in Kabul on Sunday.

Afghanistan.

Omar Zwak, a spokesman for the governor of Helmand province, said the bomb Sunday evening hit a taxi.

Violence normally wanes in the winter, when many insurgents take refuge in Pakistan before the traditional summer fighting season. This spate of violence has added to the turbulence already occurring in the country.

All international combat troops are scheduled to leave Afghanistan by Dec. 31, and a disagreement over a proposed security agreement that is key to keeping a residual foreign military presence in the country after that deadline has soured relations between Kabul and Washington.

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Hawks: Air Force sending additional aircraft to Guam this year

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The Global Hawk aircraft played a key role in the disaster relief effort that followed the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that struck Japan in March 2011. More recently, they were flown on missions over the Philippines as part of the Typhoon Haiyan relief effort in November.

Global Hawks are also a key tool in keeping tabs on North Korea's nuclear weapons development and Chinese naval maneuvers. Both are of particular interest to the Japanese government, which recently approved plans to acquire three of its own large unmanned surveillance aircraft.

Global Hawk manufacturer Northrop Grumman appears confident that the Japanese will buy its aircraft.

"We have good reason to be optimistic," Curtis Orchard, Northrop

"The Global Hawks on Guam are achieving more than 80 percent reliability ... (and) we are seeing comparable performance at other locations."

George Guerra
Northrup Grumman

Grumman Corp. regional director and vice president, said in Japan this month.

George Guerra, Northrop Grumman's vice president of strategic high-altitude, long-endurance ventures, said there's also interest from South Korea and Australia, which is negotiating to buy the Triton — a maritime version of the aircraft.

Northrop Grumman is already building five more Global Hawks for a consortium of 13 NATO nations. The NATO aircraft, along

with some of the U.S. Navy's Tritons, will fly out of Sigonella, Sicily, which is already home to Air Force Global Hawks, Guerra said.

The Global Hawks at Misawa would support missions throughout the Pacific, he said.

"They can cover a vast area," he said, noting that missions out of Guam last 30 to 31 hours.

The aircraft, which has logged more than 100,000 flight hours — about 90,000 in support of combat or humanitarian efforts — had the best safety record of any plat-

form in the U.S. Air Force last year, he said.

"The Global Hawks on Guam are achieving more than 80 percent reliability ... (and) we are seeing comparable performance at the other locations," Guerra said.

A NASA Global Hawk will start six to eight weeks of operations out of Guam by the end of the month, gathering atmospheric and storm data for researchers, he said.

Later this year, the Air Force will send two or three "Block 40" models of the Global Hawk to Guam to join the "Block 30" aircraft that are there already. The Block 30s carry radar, infrared sensors and signals intelligence systems, whereas the Block 40s include advanced radar for identifying ground targets, he said.

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Raytheon's aerostat-mounted Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System has the ability to track fast-moving objects in flight and ground objects from miles away.

Army's airborne spying raises privacy fears

By CRAIG TIMBERG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — They will look like two giant white blimps floating high above I-95 in Maryland, perhaps en route to a football game somewhere along the bustling Eastern Seaboard. But their mission will have nothing to do with sports and everything to do with war.

The aerostats — that is the term for lighter-than-air craft that are tethered to the ground — are to be set aloft at Aberdeen Proving Ground, on Army-owned land about 45 miles northeast of Washington, for a three-year test slated to start in October. From a vantage of 10,000 feet, they will cast a vast radar net from Raleigh, N.C., to Boston and out to Lake Erie, with the goal of detecting cruise missiles or enemy aircraft so they could be intercepted before reaching the capital.

Aerostats deployed by the military at U.S. bases in Iraq and Afghanistan typically carried powerful surveillance cameras as well, to track the movements of suspected insurgents and even U.S. soldiers. When Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales murdered 16 civilians in Kandahar in March 2012, an aerostat above his base captured video of him returning from the slaughter in the early morning darkness with a rifle in his hand and a shawl over his shoulders.

Defense contractor Raytheon last year touted an exercise in which it outfitted the aerostats planned for deployment at Aber-

deen with one of the company's most powerful high-altitude surveillance systems, capable of spotting individual people and vehicles from a distance of many miles.

The Army said it has "no current plans" to mount such cameras or infrared sensors on the aerostats or to share information with federal, state or local law enforcement, but it declined to rule out either possibility. The radar system that is planned for the aerostats will be capable of monitoring the movement of trains, boats and cars, the Army said.

Privacy concerns

The prospect of military-grade tracking technology floating above suburban Baltimore — along one of the East Coast's busiest travel corridors — has sparked privacy concerns at a time of rising worry about the growth of government eavesdropping in the dozen years since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"That's the kind of massive persistent surveillance we've always been concerned about with drones," said Jay Stanley, a privacy expert for the American Civil Liberties Union. "It's part of this trend we've seen since 9/11, which is the turning inward of all of these surveillance technologies."

The Army played down such concerns in written responses to questions posed by The Washington Post, saying its goal is to test the ability of the aerostats to bolster the region's missile-defense capability, es-

pecially against low-flying cruise missiles that can be hard for ground-based systems to detect in time to intercept them.

The Army determined it did not need to

conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment, required for some government programs, because it was not going to collect any personally identifiable information, officials said in their written responses to The Washington Post.

"The primary mission... is to track airborne objects," the Army said. "Its secondary mission is to track surface moving objects such as vehicles or boats."

The capability to track surface objects does not extend to individual people."

Even the most powerful overhead surveillance systems, experts say, struggle to make out individual faces or other identifying features such as license plates because of the extreme angles when viewing an area from above.

Privacy advocates say location information can easily lead to the identification of individuals if collected on a mass scale and analyzed over time. Researchers have

found that people vary their movements little day to day, typically traveling from home to work and back while also regularly visiting a small number of other locations, such as stores, gyms or the homes of friends.

The aerostats planned for Aberdeen will have radar capable of detecting airborne objects from up to 340 miles away and vehicles on the surface from up to 140 miles away — as far south as Richmond, Va., as far west as Cumberland, Va., and as far north as Staten Island, N.Y. The Army declined to say what size vehicles can be sensed from those distances.

"If it's able to track vehicles, that is problematic," said Jennifer Lynch, of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group. "You could imagine a scenario in which the location information can reveal where you go to church, what doctor you're going to, whether you're cheating on your wife, all those types of details. ... Once a surveillance technology is put up, it's very tempting for law enforcement or the military to use it for reasons they did not originally disclose."

Technologies developed for battlefields long have flowed homeward as overseas conflicts have ended. The battles that followed the Sept. 11 attacks have produced major advances in surveillance equipment whose manufacturers increasingly are looking to expand their use within the United States.

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Jay Stanley
ACLU privacy expert

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Aerostat: Citizens complain about militarization of airspace

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Aerostats — basically big balloons on strings — grew popular in Iraq and Afghanistan and also are used by Israel to monitor the Gaza Strip and by the United States to eye movement along southern border areas. Even a rifle shot through an aerostat will not bring it down, because the pressure of the helium inside nearly matches the pressure of the air outside, preventing rapid deflation.

TCOM, a Columbia, Md.-based company that Raytheon hired to manufacture the aerostats planned for deployment in Aberdeen, said business is growing for smaller, tactical systems that can be used in sensitive border or harbor areas.

"When you need persistent surveillance in a particular area, there is no better solution than the aerostat because it's there all the time," said Ron Bendlin, TCOM's president.

The Defense Department spent nearly \$7 billion on 15 different lighter-than-air systems between 2007 and 2012, with several suffering from technical problems, delays and unexpectedly high costs, the Government Accountability Office found in an October 2012 report.

Program setbacks

The system planned for Aberdeen is called JLENS, short for Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System. The system has had setbacks, including rising costs and an accident in 2010 that damaged one of the aerostats at a facility in North Carolina.

A GAO report in March put the total development costs for JLENS at \$2.7 billion. Once expected to provide 16 systems, each consisting of two aerostats and accompanying ground controls, only two of the systems have been built, the one scheduled to fly at Aberdeen and a second sitting in storage in Utah.

Raytheon, the prime contractor on the project, declined numerous interview requests about the JLENS system and, after requesting questions in writing, also declined to answer those.

The military has no concrete plans to build more JLENS systems, though supporters of the program have not given up hope of reviving support.

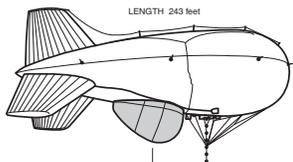
"They are bringing this to the East Coast, close to Washington, to get the Pentagon guys and Congress to say, 'Whoa, we could really use this,'" said Daniel Goure of the Lexington Institute, a military think tank with ties to the defense industry. "This is re-purposing. You've already spent the money."

The JLENS aerostats can stay in the air continuously for up to 30 days and have shown the ability in tests to track fast-moving objects in flight.

The JLENS radar systems also can detect what security experts call "swarming boats," the kind of small, agile watercraft that, with explosives, can threaten ships.

Something in the air

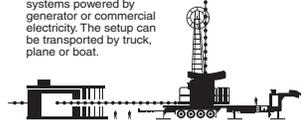
Later this year, a pair of unmanned, blimp-like aircraft carrying military radar equipment will rise above suburban Baltimore to watch a 340-mile radius of the East Coast. The Army plans to test the surveillance system for three years.



Official name: JLENS, short for Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System. A high-powered video and infrared sensor (called an MTS-B) was mounted on the aerostat system for a test in Utah that was announced in 2012. It was able to follow vehicles "dozens of miles away" as well as collect video of a test participant planting a fake roadside bomb. The Army says it has "no current plans" to use this sensor in the Aberdeen, Md., test.

Data is sent through high-speed fiber optic cables in the tethers. Aerostats can also communicate by radio links.

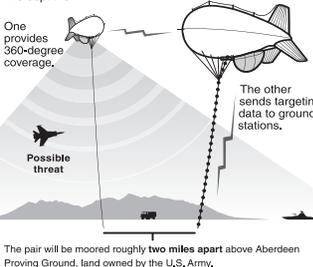
Each aerostat is tethered to a mooring station and structures that contain controls, communication and data-processing systems powered by generator or commercial electricity. The setup can be transported by truck, plane or boat.



SOURCES: Raytheon, U.S. Army

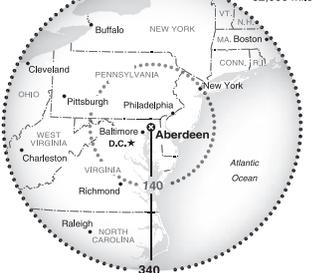
How they work

Two aircraft, or "aerostats," will float at an altitude of about 10,000 feet. The pair, called an "orbit," will work in tandem to detect missiles and other objects within their range. One aerostat detects threats using low-frequency, long-range radar. The other uses higher frequency radar to track threats and provides targeting data that could be used to intercept them.



Surveillance range

Radar can detect aircraft within a 340-mile radius, or an area of about 363,000 miles.



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Residents' complaints

The aerostat system destined for Aberdeen has spent the past few years based at the Utah Test and Training Range, in the vast, parched salt flats west of Salt Lake City.

Residents of the area complained less about privacy issues than the militarization of the airspace. Testing of the JLENS involved small aircraft that raced through the sky, mimicking the flight of missiles. The radar systems were supposed to track them and help firing systems home in on the moving targets. The aerostats themselves were not armed. The Army said similar tests will not be conducted while the aerostats are deployed in suburban Baltimore.

As the aerostats hover above Aberdeen Proving Ground, they will be visible — at least faintly — for dozens of miles in any direction. To fans seated in the stands behind home plate at Baltimore Orioles games in the city's Inner

Harbor, more than 15 miles away, they will probably appear as two white dots hovering in the sky beyond the historic brick warehouse at Camden Yards.

The JLENS system will require pilots to take precautions in flights through the area. The Federal Aviation Administration is creating a "special use airspace" for the three-year test period, the Army said.

There also will be "minor adverse impacts" on the bald eagle population at Aberdeen Proving Ground, which sits among the highest density of nests for the iconic birds in the Chesapeake Bay region, according to an Army environmental assessment.

One of the two base stations for the aerostats will breach a 500-meter perimeter established to protect a nest used by a pair of bald eagles. The environmental assessment says that if those eagles are disturbed or killed because of the proximity of the JLENS base station or related construction, it would qualify as

a legally permissible "incidental take" of the species.

In a bid to demonstrate the long-term utility of JLENS to potential customers, Raytheon organized and paid for an exercise at a Utah test range in which it outfitted an aerostat with a spherical MTS-B sensor, often used by the Air Force and Customs and Border Protection to conduct overhead surveillance from drones. The exact capabilities of the MTS-B are classified, military officials said, but engineers familiar with the technology said its electro-optical and infrared sensors probably can detect individuals from more than 20 miles away.

For the Raytheon test, the MTS-B spotted a person pretending to be a terrorist planting an improvised roadside bomb, even though the view was obscured by smoke from a nearby forest fire, according to a Raytheon news release from January 2013. Operators could see live feeds of "trucks, trains and cars from dozens of miles away."

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Closing the commissaries

The Defense Department is reportedly discussing a \$1 billion cut over the next three years to the commissaries budget, which could lead to a widespread closure of stateside stores. Overseas stores are thought to be safe for now.

Readers respond:

Not acceptable. Period. In high-cost areas, where many bases are located, the commissary ensures families and children have access to affordable food.

— **otismreedman**

I live within 45 minutes drive of three commissaries and within two hours of two more. I am opposed to any plan to eliminate this benefit but would be on board with consolidating operations where it makes good sense to do so.

— **my_two_cents_worth**

I don't recall having stateside commissary privileges in any of my enlisted paperwork. That being said, if the commissary cannot be self sustained, close it. Now if there is a need because of a remote location, and overseas, then sure one is needed.

— **David_Gojira**

I say do not close commissaries. Because some of the retirees live at long distance from a military base and prices are a lot higher than at the commissary, and no sales tax for certain items, like batteries. I can go on base and buy the same batteries without the sale tax added to the item.

— **butchlemmon**

By all means, let's continue to waste a billion dollars a year so you can save a couple dollars on batteries.

— **David_Matthews**

Wow, bold, decisive, and relatively quick action to save significant money! Maybe the culture of savings and restraint is beginning to take hold.

— **ReggieDunlap**

This is long overdue.

— **The Bad Tözl Bully**

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MILITARY

Rubio: US should build up military presence in Asia

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — A possible 2016 Republican presidential candidate said Friday that the U.S. should continue to increase its military presence in Asia despite the costs, citing concerns about a rising China and a repressive, unpredictable North Korea.

"American policymakers must find ways to make sure that our efforts to be fiscally responsible do not undermine our progress," Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., told a forum in Seoul, South Korea, that capped a weeklong trip to the region. "I remain confident that our commitments in Asia can be adequately resourced.

Rubio, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Intelligence committees known for his leadership in the tea party movement, dismissed recent calls by the North to end hostile rhetoric between the two countries and for the U.S. and South Korea to cancel their upcoming annual military exercise, saying it was part of a pattern of conciliatory gestures followed by provocations.

"Ultimately, there's an expression in America that 'talk is cheap' and needs to be followed by something that creates confidence," he said. "I haven't seen

that, and I don't think anybody has."

Rubio said any future U.S. engagement with the North's "rogue and murderous regime" must be carefully coordinated with South Korea, and the U.S. must be careful that its diplomatic initiatives don't encourage further provocations.

Rubio, who made several mentions of his background as a first-generation American born to Cuban immigrants, said he believes the two Koreas will unify under a democratic government.

"I believe and I personally pray that day will happen soon and in our lifetimes," he said.

Rubio's remarks at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies followed stops earlier in the week in Japan and the Philippines, where he toured the typhoon-wrecked city of Tacloban. He met Thursday with U.S. troops stationed along the Demilitarized Zone and had an appointment with South Korea's foreign minister Friday afternoon.

"While saying the U.S. does not seek to contain a rising China, he urged Beijing to "become a responsible stakeholder in the international system," chastising it for its declaration of an air defense identification zone last



Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., speaks in Seoul, South Korea, on Friday about U.S. foreign policy in Asia.

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R-Fla.

November. The U.S., Japan and South Korea have refused to comply with requests to submit flight plans before flying military aircraft through the zone.

Rubio called on South Korea and Japan to jointly address the "deeply painful and sensitive" grievances that threaten the relationship between the two U.S. allies, but said Washington should not become involved in the matter.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's recent visit to the Yasukuni Shrine, which memorializes the nation's war dead, has exacerbated already high

tensions with South Korea and China, which believe Tokyo has not fully apologized for its military past.

Historical issues — including the portrayal of history in Japanese textbooks and sexual slavery during Japan's colonial rule, as well as claims by both countries to islets between them — frequently make headlines in South Korea.

"These are real challenges, and we cannot ignore them," Rubio said, "a closer bond between our allies will deeply improve security in the region."

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2 US airmen in Germany sentenced for stealing

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Two airmen assigned to U.S. Air Force postal centers in the Kaiserslautern area were convicted of stealing earlier this month, one for swiping an iPhone, the other for destroying mail.

Senior Airman Nikeem A. Coleman, of the 86th Communications Squadron, pleaded guilty to opening a fellow airman's mail and stealing an iPhone contained inside. Ramstein Air Base spokesman Juan Melendez said in an email.

Coleman, who worked at the main Post Office at Ramstein, was sentenced Jan. 9 by a panel of officers to hard labor without confinement for three months. He was reduced in rank to airman and received a reprimand. Coleman's punishment included two months of restriction, which means his daily movements will be limited as determined by his unit, Melendez said.

The other case involved a senior airman with the 86th Communications Squadron who worked at the military post office on Kapatan Air Station.

During a special court-martial at Ramstein on Jan. 13, Eddy Escobar Loazia pleaded guilty to stealing and destroying a civilian's letters.

A panel of officers reduced Escobar Loazia to the rank of airman, ordered him to forfeit \$300 a month for six months and sentenced him to hard labor without confinement for three months, according to Melendez.

The cases were unrelated, Melendez said.

Both were reported by coworkers, and leadership immediately removed them from their assigned duties, Melendez said.

Escobar Loazia told fellow airmen that he had destroyed mail, according to Melendez. In the Coleman case, the victim thought she saw him with her stolen property and reported it, he said.

Both airmen have been permanently removed from the postal career field, Melendez said. After the airmen complete their court-martial punishments, "evaluations will be made concerning discharge," Melendez said.

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Birthing center at Caserma Ederle slated to close in June

By KENT HARRIS
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VICENZA, Italy — More than 1,000 women have given birth at the Caserma Ederle military base since a birthing center opened in 2005.

Starting June 1, American newborns will greet the world elsewhere. The Europe Regional Medical Center announced Friday that the center will close and same-day surgical procedures will be handled off base.

Col. Andrew Barr, commander of the U.S. Army Health Clinic on the base, said an evaluation by Army medical and U.S. Army Medical Command announced Friday that patients would be treated well off base and that military assets could be used better elsewhere.

Barr said he's convinced that a network — headed by Vicenza hospital San Bortolo — is more than capable to handle patient care. He said most births that are expected to be difficult are already handled there.

"Our network is well-established and well-equipped," he said in a telephone interview.

Clinic officials are now trying to reinforce that message with

the community.

"I think the biggest thing is fear of the unknown," he said. He added that he believes the Italian hospital has made several key changes in recent years and that previous concerns — lack of private rooms, a language barrier and the absence of epidurals — "have been mitigated."

The center will continue to provide care through the end of May. Staff members will meet with patients under their care soon to answer any questions, Barr said, and there's a community-wide town hall tentatively set for Feb. 6.

Forty staff members — 26 active-duty personnel and 14 civilians — will be directly affected by the move, Barr said. That's about 20 percent of the clinic's total staff. Some may remain at Vicenza in other capacities, but that's yet to be determined. Equipment will go back into the Army medical inventory for use at other facilities.

The clinic hasn't determined what it will do with the extra space in the 141,000-square-foot facility.

The birthing center opened in

2005 to large fanfare, while much of the community's military population was deployed to Afghanistan. Almost 300 babies were born on base in 2007 and 2009, with an average of about 120 during each of the last four years.

While San Bortolo is the centerpiece of the off-base network in Vicenza, there are other options, too, Barr said. Both Padova and Verona boast a university hospital. Those who decide they want American personnel to care for them and their babies can opt for a medical deployment close to their due dates to give birth at the Air Force hospital in Aviano — about 90 minutes away — or

at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

Barr said thousands of Americans have received treatment at San Bortolo or other Italian medical facilities over the years. Though the base opened a large clinic in 2010, it hasn't had the equipment or personnel to handle an array of procedures, including emergency care. The base currently has eight liaisons to help patients at the Italian hospital.

He said about 190 military medical personnel would continue to take care of minor office procedures after the birthing center closes.

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White House refocusing after difficult 2013

By SCOTT WILSON
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An internal White House assessment concludes that President Barack Obama must distance himself from a recalcitrant Congress after being badly damaged last year by legislative failures, a government shutdown and his own missteps.

Obama has said that his fraught relationship with Congress, especially after Republicans won the House in 2010, complicated his ability to promote his agenda. For the first time, following what many allies view as a lost year, the White House is reorganizing itself to support a more executive-fo-

cusied presidency and inviting the rest of the government to help.

The new approach comes after weeks of internal White House debate over a single question: What went wrong in 2013? The answers will help determine the outline of the State of the Union address Obama will deliver Tuesday evening, as well as how he pursues a meaningful legacy in the remainder of his term.

Last year began with the fresh-start ambitions of his second inauguration but ended in a long trail of mistakes, international embarrassments and missed legislative opportunities that sapped Obama's credibility with the public.

Senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer outlined the lessons learned in a three-page memo that Obama discussed with his Cabinet in recent weeks, according to several administration officials who have read the document.

Among its conclusions is that Obama, a former state legislator and U.S. senator, too often governed more like a prime minister than a president. In a parliamentary system, a prime minister is elected by lawmakers and thus beholden to them in ways a president is not.

As a result, Washington veterans have been brought into the West Wing to emphasize an execu-

tive style of governing that aims to sidestep Congress more often. A central ambition of Obama's presidency — to change the way Washington works — has effectively been discarded as a distraction in a time of hardening partisanship.

A bid for new restrictions on guns, President Barack Obama's Democratic-controlled Senate Immigration reform, thought to be a priority for Republicans after their poor showing with Latinos in the last election, languished. A late-arriving budget proposal that included cuts to entitlement programs surprised and angered Obama's base.

Even some of Obama's closest advisers acknowledged that he

sometimes appeared distant in meetings before the disastrous health care rollout in the fall. The biggest national security leak in U.S. history, the first successful terrorist bombing in the United States since Sept. 11, 2001, and a worsening war in Syria piled more time-consuming issues onto a cluttered agenda.

By the end of the year, a majority of Americans questioned his administration's basic competence. Now without an election ahead, Obama has fewer opportunities to recover — making this State of the Union address as politically consequential as any speech in his tenure.

Topic: Veterans groups want more than mere mention of military issues

FROM FRONT PAGE

Earlier this month, in response to criticism from congressional leaders that the president has ignored the Afghanistan War in his public remarks, National Security Staff spokeswoman Laura Lucas said Obama will discuss his foreign policy priorities in the State of the Union, but she would not provide specifics.

On Thursday, White House spokesman Jay Carney said the speech will cover "a range of issues" including job creation and economic opportunity, but did not mention any military topics.

Veterans groups said they want more than just a mention. At the top of their list is the recent budget deal that included a 1 percent reduction in annual military retirement cost-of-living adjustments for working-age veterans, a move that will cost some career service-members tens of thousands of dollars in future income.

The White House does not address the issue, offering only support for the overall budget deal and the fiscal stability it provides to all military programs.

"This would be a great opportunity for their perspective on the issue," said Alexander Nicholson, legislative director for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "It's the perfect platform to draw attention to the problem."

He noted that in 2010, the president made just a brief mention of repealing the "don't ask, don't tell" law in the annual address, but the prominence of the speech instantly elevated the importance of the issue. Congress voted to abolish the law 11 months later.

"Even just a mention in the State of the Union can shift priorities," he said.

IAVA leaders also hope the pres-



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President Barack Obama gives his State of the Union address last year during a joint session of Congress.

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ident will address advance funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs, the veterans claims backlog, improvements to the GI Bill and military suicide prevention.

None of those issues have grabbed national headlines recently, and it would be surprising for them to get more than a brief mention in the speech. One military area that could be a speech focus is military sexual assault prevention, a hotly debated topic for Congress much of last year.

On Wednesday, Obama announced a new task force to end sexual assaults on college campuses, part of a broader effort to combat the crime. A newly released White House report on the issue also discussed military rape and assault, and officials have

said they want to use the military as a model for how to combat the problem.

The president will most likely talk about the war in Afghanistan. The military is entering the final months of the mission in that country, with an unclear vision of how the Afghan military will fare in its absence.

Military guests at the event have been a norm, for the president and members of Congress. Their appearances — such as Medal of Honor recipient Sal Guinta's in 2011 — are typically orchestrated for public recognition and not major policy announcements.

Nicholson said he is optimistic that type of one-off appearance won't be the most memorable military moment of the event.

"The president always addresses the military and veterans issues in some form in the speech," he said. "But I think the bar is higher for us than just getting a mention. We want to see him go further and expand on many of these issues."

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Economic opportunity to be major topic in Obama speech

By JULIE PACE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Struggling to generate second-term momentum, President Barack Obama will confront a politically divided Congress with a demand to expand economic mobility in America, asserting in his State of the Union address Tuesday that he will take action on his own if lawmakers fail to help shrink the income gap between the rich and the poor.

Obama's broad themes — described by the White House as opportunity, action and optimism — may find some support among Republicans, who also have picked up the inequality mantle in recent months. But as Congress barrels toward the midterm elections, there's little indication the president will win over the GOP with his policy prescriptions, including a renewed push to increase the minimum wage and expand access to early childhood education.

The president has cast 2014 as a "year of action" but has yet to show the public how he'll ensure that's more than an empty promise. Obama has been tinkering with the speech in his typical fashion, writing out notes longhand on yellow legal pads and scribbling edits on drafts typed out by his speechwriting team.

The White House has heavily promoted the address on social media sites like Instagram, posting photos of Obama working in the Oval Office with lead speechwriter Cody Keenan. Aides are also working on an interactive version of the speech that will run online and feature charts and statistics about the president's proposals as he's speaking.

While each of Obama's speeches to Congress has centered on the economy, the challenges have changed as the nation has moved away from the deep recession. Corporate profits and the financial markets have reached record highs, but many Americans are struggling with long-term unemployment and stagnant salaries.

Increasing the minimum wage and expanding early childhood education programs are both seen by the White House as ways to increase economic opportunity for low- and middle-income Americans.

The initiatives stalled after Obama first announced them in last year's State of the Union address, but aides say they see glimmers of hope for progress this year, particularly on minimum wage. Obama has previously backed raising the federal minimum wage to its current \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10.

"These economic issues are breaking out," said Neera Tanden, president of the Center for American Progress, a Washington think tank with close ties to the White House. "Popeye are very focused on more support for workers in this tight economy."

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NATION



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Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee since 2009, has opposed recent plans by President Barack Obama to restrict or alter U.S. intelligence operations.

Democratic senator fights Obama intelligence plans

BY GREG MILLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Twice in the past year, President Barack Obama has set plans to get U.S. spy agencies out of secret missions that had come under harsh public scrutiny: killing militants with drone strikes and stockpiling the phone records of U.S. citizens.

And twice, those plans have run into opposition from a seemingly unlikely source: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a former Senate colleague of the president, a California Democrat and, as chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, increasingly an obstacle to Obama's push to revamp intelligence programs.

Within hours of Obama's Jan. 17 speech declaring his intention to "end" government collection of Americans' phone records because of the potential for abuse, Feinstein issued a statement that ignored the overall thrust of the president's remarks. Instead, she and her GOP counterpart in the House described the speech as an endorsement of "the importance of using telephone metadata to rapidly identify possible terrorist plots."

Feinstein is also an ardent opponent of Obama's plan to shift control of lethal drone operations from the CIA to the Defense Department. This month, Congress inserted a secret provision into a massive funding bill, designed to delay — if not derail — that transfer.

Feinstein's willingness to oppose Obama is seen by some as evidence of a laudable independence from political considerations. To others, her positions are regarded as troubling indications that a committee created to serve as skeptical overseer of spy agencies has instead become their most reliable ally.

The issue "is not the daylight

between the president and Senator Feinstein," said Stephen Vladeck, a professor of terrorism and surveillance law at American University. "It's the lack of apparent daylight between Senator Feinstein and the intelligence community."

Amid an ongoing deluge of disclosures about U.S. surveillance programs, Vladeck said, "To my mind, the larger concern over the last six months is a lack of any evidence that there's ever been a significant pushback from either of the intelligence committees on any of the more controversial initiatives."

Feinstein declined requests for an interview. In a written statement to *The Washington Post*, she said, "I am enormously supportive of the administration's major foreign and national security policies." She also expressed support for some of Obama's more modest intelligence proposals, including limiting the National Security Agency's authority to search its phone database.

Feinstein has often indicated that her views are shaped by her access to classified information about how programs are run, as well as secret intelligence on terrorist threats.

"I think a lot of the private people don't understand that we still occupy the role of Great Satan," she said in a recent television interview, referring to hostility toward the United States among Islamist extremists.

Feinstein, 80, has served as chairwoman of the intelligence committee since the start of Obama's presidency. She has defended the administration on some politically charged issues, including the 2012 attacks by militants on U.S. government compounds in Benghazi, Libya.

She also has launched investigations of intelligence programs she opposed. Her largest undertaking

as chairwoman was a multiyear investigation of the CIA's first term to shutter the CIA's prisons and his pledge to close the detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. But Feinstein more often has been at odds with Obama in his second term, opposing him on the only two intelligence-related issues he has considered important enough to address in a major public speech.

After Obama announced plans in May to impose new restrictions on drone strikes, Feinstein came out against a White House plan to shift such operations to the Pentagon, saying she was skeptical that the military could conduct strikes with the same level of precision as the CIA.

Her effort to head off major changes to the NSA's collection of billions of Americans' phone records has been more aggressive and open. After the disclosures by former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden triggered a public outcry, Feinstein introduced a bill that proposed minor changes, including requiring more detailed reporting to Congress, but that would leave the bulk collection of U.S. phone records in place.

The leaders of U.S. spy agencies have come to see Feinstein "as an unlikely bedfellow sent from heaven," said a former senior Obama administration official involved in deliberations on the drone program who spoke on the condition of anonymity. Feinstein is "a hawk who is asserted to be a liberal. She covers their left flank."

Navy cryptologist picked to head embattled NSA

BY ELLEN NAKASHIMA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has signed off on the nomination of Vice Adm. Michael Rogers to lead the embattled National Security Agency and the Pentagon's cyberwarfare organization, according to sources familiar with the decision.

In an unusual move, Obama himself interviewed Rogers last week, in a reflection of the job's high profile as the NSA has drawn fire for the scope of its surveillance practices.

White House spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden declined to comment, but people familiar with the matter said an announcement is expected soon.

Rogers, a Navy cryptologist, has long been seen as the frontrunner to succeed Gen. Keith Alexander, who has been NSA director since 2005. Alexander, who will retire March 14, is the longest-serving NSA head. He is also the first commander of U.S. Cyber Command, which launched in 2009.

Rogers, whose Navy career spans more than 30 years, is "uniquely qualified" to take on the job, said Terry Roberts, a former naval intelligence official who worked with Rogers when he served as a special assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff and JCS director of intelligence. She cited his background in intelligence and his experience heading Fleet Cyber Command, the Navy unit that works for U.S. Cyber Command.

Rogers understands signals intelligence and cyberattack operations, as well as the intelligence needs for the military and civilian agencies, Roberts said. He "is the kind of leader who will embrace the challenge of defining the optimal balance for the NSA between security, privacy and freedom in the digital age," she said.

The Senate Armed Services Committee is expected to question him on issues related to cyberoperations and the NSA.

Rogers regularly has briefed top military and civilian leaders at the Pentagon. He has been involved in cyberdefense and -offense policy issues as head of Fleet Cyber Command.

He has not had to defend the nation's largest intelligence agency against charges of violating surveillance and privacy laws and the Constitution.

Last month, Obama decided not to split the leadership of the NSA and Cyber Command, which a number of administration officials have advocated, including Director of National Intelligence James Clapper Jr.

Michaels Stores tells of possible data breach

IRVING, Texas — Michaels Stores says it is investigating a possible company data security breach that may have affected its customers' payment card information.

The Irving, Texas, company said Saturday that it launched the probe after learning of possible fraudulent activity on some U.S. payment cards used at the home decor and crafts retailer.

Michaels Stores Inc. is working with federal law enforcement and

data security experts, but has yet to confirm that its systems were compromised.

CEO Chuck Rubin suggests Michaels' customers take steps to protect themselves, such as reviewing their account statements for unauthorized charges.

Neiman Marcus Group Ltd. recently said a security breach last year may have affected about 1.1 million customer cards.

Target Corp. has said hackers stole about 40 million debit and credit card numbers during the holiday season.

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Police identify gunman in Md. mall shooting

By BEN NUCKOLS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Md. — Police have identified the gunman in the Maryland mall shooting that killed two people as a 19-year-old from suburban Washington.

Howard County Police Chief William McMahon said Darion Marcus Aguilar, of College Park, Md., arrived at the mall shortly after 10 a.m. on Saturday armed with a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and used it to kill two workers at a store on the upper level of the Mall of Columbia before killing himself.

McMahon said police are trying to determine whether Aguilar knew either of the victims.

Police identified the victims as Brianna Benolo, 21, of College Park, and Tyler Johnson, 25, of Elliott City, Md. Both worked at a skateboard shop called Zumiez.

It took hours to identify the shooter because he was carrying ammunition and a backpack and police thought he may have had explosives, McMahon said. When the body was searched, police found crude homemade explosives in the backpack.

"When we originally found

the shooter, he still had a lot of ammunition on his person," McMahon said at a news conference Sunday morning.

McMahon said he didn't know whether Aguilar had a criminal record. No motive has been given for the shooting.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions," McMahon said. Very few details were released about Aguilar. He apparently lived with his mother in the suburb of College Park, where the University of Maryland is located. McMahon didn't know whether Aguilar was a student there.

According to McMahon, Aguilar purchased the shotgun last month at a shop in neighboring Montgomery County.

Aguilar took a taxi to the mall and roamed its halls before shots rang out within an hour. Police arrived at the scene just 2 minutes after an emergency call came into authorities at 11:15 a.m. When they arrived, they found three bodies at the Zumiez skateboard shop on the upper level.

Five others were injured in the midmorning shooting and its aftermath. All had been released from hospitals by Saturday evening. Only one person was injured



EVAN VUCICI/AP

Shoppers are evacuated by police after a shooting at The Mall in Columbia on Saturday in Columbia, Md.

by gunfire.

"This was a very scary incident," Howard County Executive Ken Ulman said. "There were a lot of people very close to where this happened."

Earlier, McMahon praised mall patrons for doing the right thing by sheltering in place and not stampeding toward the exits.

"We actually have drilled on this in the past and that experience has been very beneficial to us," McMahon said Saturday. A news release Saturday night said police found and disabled "two crude devices that appeared to be an attempt at making explosives using fireworks." Police were searching the mall with dogs overnight, which is standard procedure, and the mall was to remain closed through Tuesday.

Zumiez's chief executive, Rick Brooks, said the company was making counseling available for employees in the area.

Benolo's grandfather, John Peins, said in a telephone interview from Florida that his granddaughter had a 2-year-old son and

that the job at Zumiez was her first since she went back to work after her son's birth.

"She was all excited because she was the manager there," he said.

He said he had spoken with his daughter, Brianna's mother, earlier in the day, but didn't know who the gunman was or whether the person knew his granddaughter.

"It's senseless. It's totally, totally senseless," he said.

He described his daughter's family as a military family that had moved frequently and had been in Colorado before moving to Maryland about two years ago. He said his granddaughter was on good terms with her son's father, and they shared custody.

"I mean, what can you say? You go to work and make a dollar and you get some idiot coming in and blowing people away," he said.

The mall is at the center of the town that's a suburb of both Baltimore and Washington, and it typically opens at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. It was filled with shoppers and employees when the shots rang out before noon.

Man charged with murder in campus shooting

The Associated Press

ORANGETHURB, S.C. — A 20-year-old South Carolina State University student shot to death outside a dormitory was an engineering technology student who also played on the college's football team, the school said Saturday.

Brandon Robinson was a junior who played football as an outside linebacker and defensive end, the university said in a statement. He attended high school in Orangeburg and appeared in four games last season for SC State, according to the team's online roster.

Robinson was shot to death Friday afternoon outside Hugine Suites after arguing with Justin Bernard Singleton, 19, of Charleston.



Singleton

the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division said. Singleton was arrested early Saturday at an Orangeburg apartment complex and was charged with murder.

Hospital to end care for brain-dead woman

DALLAS — A Texas hospital said it will follow a judge's order to remove life support from a pregnant, brain-dead woman.

J.R. Labbe, a spokeswoman for John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, issued a statement Sunday that said the hospital "will follow the court order" issued Friday in the case of Marliese Munoz.

Judge R.H. Wallace gave the Fort Worth hospital until Monday at 5 p.m. to comply with his ruling to remove Munoz from life support, which her husband Erick Munoz says she would have wanted.

She was 14 weeks pregnant when her husband found her unconscious Nov. 26, possibly due to a blood clot.

The hospital said in the statement that it saw its role as "not to make nor contest law but to follow it."

From The Associated Press

Inmate's family alleges execution unconstitutional, sues

By ANDREW WELSH-HUGHES
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The prolonged execution of an inmate in Ohio during which he repeatedly gasped and snorted amounted to cruel and unusual punishment which should not be allowed to happen again, the inmate's family said in a federal lawsuit.

The lawsuit, filed late Friday, also alleges the drug maker that produced the medications used in the lethal injection illegally allowed them to be used for an execution and should be prohibited from making them available for capital punishment.

Dennis McGuire "repeated cycles of snorting, gurgling and arching his back, appearing to writhe in pain," the lawsuit said. "It looked and sounded as though he was suffocating."

McGuire's execution on Jan. 16 lasted 26 minutes, the longest since the state resumed putting inmates to death in 1999, according to an Associated Press analysis of all 53 execution logs maintained by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

It remains unclear what McGuire experienced. The AP observed him appearing to fall unconscious and remaining so while he snorted, gasped

and opened and shut his mouth repeatedly.

McGuire's execution, during which his adult children sobbed in dismay, has led to several calls for a moratorium on capital punishment in the state.

In addition, a separate federal lawsuit filed Thursday seeks to stop the March execution of a killer in Ohio on the grounds that condemned inmates could be clinically alive for as long as 45 minutes after a time of death is announced in the state death chamber.

Attorneys for Gregory Lott, who is scheduled to die March 19 for setting an East Cleveland man

on fire in 1986 and leaving him to die, also say Ohio is breaking state and federal law by using the drugs without a prescription.

The lawsuit by McGuire's family targets Lake Forest, Ill.-based Hospira Inc., the manufacturer of the drugs used in McGuire's execution.

The company knew its drugs were being used for executions but continued to sell them to Ohio, according to the lawsuit, which seeks damages above \$75,000.

Hospira should have known that the drugs "would cause unnecessary and extreme pain and suffering during the execution process," the lawsuit said.



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WORLD

Mideast allies worry over US commitment

As Afghan War closes, Arab world fears region no longer a priority for Obama administration

By PAUL RICHTER

Tribune Washington Bureau

Five years after President Barack Obama vowed to expand U.S. relations with the Arab world and the broader Middle East, his administration is under fire from allies worried that the United States is scaling back its historic role as a power broker and peacemaker despite growing turmoil across the region.

With a bitter power struggle intensifying between Iran and Saudi Arabia and widening crises in Syria, Iraq, Libya and Egypt, Washington's relative lack of influence and involvement has become a diplomatic problem and may be contributing to a growing threat from Islamic extremists, diplomats say.

Senior officials in Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Israel all have complained about what they view as an American retrenchment after the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan,

with some leaders already beginning to chart policies more independent of Washington than in the past.

Secretary of State John F. Kerry sought to ease those concerns Friday, insisting in a foreign policy address during the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, that "it is a myth that we are pulling back or giving up or standing down. ... Nothing could be further from the truth."

Disputing charges that the Obama administration is shedding commitments, Kerry said that misperceptions may be based "on the simplistic assumption that our only tool of influence is our military and that if we don't have a huge troop presence somewhere or we aren't brandishing an immediate threat of force, we are somehow absent from the arena," he said.

Allies' worries have grown as the White House has struggled with the messy aftermath of the so-called Arab Spring uprisings in 2011, a period that saw autocrats toppled

but led to the nearly 3-year-old civil war in Syria, mounting strife in Egypt, a war in Libya and other problems. More recently, al-Qaida-linked fighters have seized territory and cities in Iraq.

Middle Eastern leaders are unsettled as well by Obama's promise to "rebalance" U.S. foreign policy to put more emphasis on East Asia and the Pacific. Despite White House denials, they believe Washington is pulling back from the Middle East.

Kerry said U.S. priorities in the region are to curb Iran's nuclear development, to break the bitter stalemate in Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, and to help end the Syrian war through negotiations. Clear progress has been made so far with Iran, which agreed Jan. 20 to a six-month interim deal that called for a partial lifting of Western sanctions in exchange for a partial freeze on most of its nuclear enrichment work.

Turkey, Saudi Arabia and other Persian Gulf states have urged Washington to

do more to help rebel militias fighting to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad, and they were alarmed in September when the White House backed off its threat to use airstrikes to punish Assad's government for using chemical weapons.

Although Syria agreed to surrender its chemical arms arsenal and production facilities to United Nations-backed inspectors, Obama's refusal to use military force was seen by some Israeli officials as undermining U.S. credibility.

Robert M. Danin, a former senior U.S. diplomat in the Middle East, said the administration had narrowed its interests in the region. It continues to focus on international terrorism and arms proliferation, he said, but is less willing than before to intervene in domestic crises, such as the recent crackdown on antigovernment protesters in Egypt.

"Now they say, 'We won't get involved in this or that,'" said Danin. "That's a major shift."



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Egyptian relatives gather around the coffin of a man killed during Saturday's clashes between protesters and security forces at the Zeinhor morgue in Cairo on Sunday. Egyptian officials said the death toll from the clashes has risen to at least 49.

Egypt to proceed with presidential vote

By SARAH EL DEEB

The Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's interim president announced Sunday that the country will hold presidential elections before parliamentary polls, promising that a rise in "dark terrorism" won't derail a transition to democracy following a July 3 popularly backed military coup.

The announcement, expected after weeks of speculation, comes as many think army chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi will run for president after leading the coup that toppled Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

Egypt remains dangerously divided, as seen in clashes Saturday that pitted security forces and civilians who back the interim government against Morsi supporters, killing 49 people. There has also been a rise in militant attacks, in-

cluding one on Sunday that killed three soldiers in the country's lawless Sinai Peninsula.

In a brief nationally televised speech, Interim President Adly Mansour said he will ask Egypt's election commission to open the door for presidential candidates to register. Egypt's newly adopted constitution calls for the first election to be held within 90 days of its passage, or before the end of April, with the parliamentary polls held before the end of July.

There has been growing calls for el-Sissi to run, with many among Egypt's turmoil-exhausted public saying only a strongman can deal with the country's myriad problems, like restoring stability and legitimizing the interim government installed after Morsi's ouster.

"The country needs a strong president, more than it needs a

parliament or elected lawmakers," said Omar Gamaledin, a Cairo resident. "This is a good decision."

The head of Al-Nour, the ultra-conservative Islamist Salafist party, said putting the presidential election first is the consensus among political groups in Egypt. Younes Makhyoun told The Associated Press that his party had campaigned for keeping parliamentary elections first, but has accepted the majority decision.

"We would have preferred a parliament first so that the coming president doesn't combine legislative and executive powers at the same time," Makhyoun said. "We must now think of the future. ... The declared goal is that the people now need a president more than a parliament to have the leadership necessary to achieve stability."

No agreement on aid, prisoners in Syria talks

By ZEINA KARAM

The Associated Press

GENEVA — Syrians on opposite sides of their country's civil war tried again Sunday to find common ground, but a morning session focusing on the release of prisoners and an aid convoy to a besieged central city failed to produce an agreement, delegates said.

The delegation for President Bashar Assad complained that the talks are avoiding the main issues and questioned their usefulness, while the opposition said the government negotiating team wanted to "lecture" instead of make decisions.

Underscoring the immense hurdles facing the peace talks now in their third day, officials said Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N. mediator, would hold separate meetings with the two delegates in the afternoon to try to resolve differences.

The proposed convoy of aid to Homs, Syria, which has been under government attack for more than a year, would provide a tangible success for a peace conference beset from the start by low expectations.

But the opposition accused the government of "stalling" and said no progress had been made yet. Homs also once more came under mortar attacks from the government.

Brahimi said the thorniest topic — a possible transitional government of "stall" — was not on the agenda until at least Monday. He said late Saturday that the two sides would first try to come together over humanitarian aid and a possible prisoner exchange, describing a process of "half-steps."

"I think this belittles the importance of this conference and the goal that was drawn for it,"

said Bouthaina Shaaban, an adviser to Assad.

Syrian state-run news agency SANA said that while the government delegation underscored the need for humanitarian aid to reach all areas in Syria, "the delegation of the so-called 'opposition' continued to be obstinate and refused to talk about anything other than delivering aid to a small area in Homs city."



Brahimi

The Western-backed opposition made up largely of exiled Syrians, says Assad has lost legitimacy and can no longer lead a country after unleashing

the military on largely peaceful protests nearly three years ago.

The government says the rebellion is rife with terrorists and that Assad is the only person able to end the fighting that has killed more than 130,000 people.

In the meantime, the home-grown rebellion has become a regional proxy war between Iran and Saudi Arabia, with foreign fighters flooding in from both sides.

Obaida Nahas, a member of the opposition coalition's negotiating team, said that a convoy of 12 trucks trying to get the humanitarian aid into Homs has not been allowed in yet. He added the opposition submitted to Brahimi a list with the names of more than 1,000 women and 1,300 children detainees, demanding their immediate release by the government.

The Syrian government delegation asked to refer back to Damascus before giving its final answer on a Homs truce later Sunday, he said.

WORLD

US probes Caribbean cruise ship illnesses

By DAVID McFADDEN
The Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica — U.S. health officials will board a cruise ship docked in the U.S. Virgin Islands to investigate an illness outbreak that has stricken at least 300 people with gastrointestinal symptoms including vomiting and diarrhea, a cruise company spokeswoman said Sunday.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that 281, or nearly 10 percent, of the 3,050 passengers aboard Royal Caribbean International's Explorer of the Seas have reported getting sick. Twenty-two crew members also have reported feeling ill.

In a statement Sunday morning, company spokeswoman Janet Diaz said CDC officials are expected soon to board the towering, 15-deck ship making a port call in St. Thomas, the main island of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

At least two CDC officials — an epidemiologist and an environmental health officer — are expected to conduct an investigation and evaluate the outbreak response on the cruise liner. The U.S. health agency did not immediately respond to a Sunday email and a call seeking comment about the work aboard the ship.

During the previous port call in Puerto Rico, the ship underwent "extensive" and "thorough sanitizing" to help prevent more people from getting sick, the spokeswoman said. It bypassed a scheduled stop to the company's fenced-in beach destination in northern Haiti to sail directly to Puerto Rico's capital.

"This was a difficult decision to make; however, we feel it is best to make this itinerary medication to help prevent any more guests from becoming ill," Diaz said.

Meanwhile, the passengers and crew who fell ill have "responded well to over-the-counter medication being administered onboard the ship," she said.

Symptoms of norovirus include vomiting and diarrhea, which is what the cruise ship passengers have reported. It spreads quickly in close quarters and is known for afflicting schools and cruise ships. Diaz said special cleaning products and disinfectants that are proven to kill norovirus are being used to clean the Explorer of the Seas.



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Protesters carry the coffin of Mikhail Zhiznevsky, 25, a demonstrator who died of gunshot wounds Wednesday, after a memorial service Sunday in Kiev, Ukraine.

Slain protester is mourned publicly amid Ukraine crisis

By MARIA DANILOVA
AND YURAS KARMANOV
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Thousands of Ukrainians chanted "Hero!" and sang the national anthem as a coffin bearing a protester who was killed in last week's clashes with police was carried through the streets of the capital, underscoring the rising tensions in the country's two-month political crisis.

Mikhail Zhiznevsky, 25, was one of three protesters who died in clashes Wednesday. "He could have been my fiancé, but he died defending my future so that I will live in a different Ukraine," said Nina Uvarov, 25, a student from Kiev who wept as Zhiznevsky's body was carried out of St. Michael's Cathedral.

The opposition contends that Zhiznevsky and another activist were shot by police in an area where demonstrators had been throwing rocks and firebombs at riot police for several days. The government claims the two demonstrators were killed with hunting rifles, which they say police do not carry. The authorities would not say how the three pro-

tester died.

Meanwhile, protests against President Viktor Yanukovich continued to engulf the country, spreading to central and eastern Ukraine, the leader's support base.

The protests began in late November after Yanukovich shelved a long-awaited agreement to deepen ties with the European Union, but they have been increasingly gripped by people seeking more radical action, even as moderate opposition leaders have pleaded for the violence to end.

Zhiznevsky's body was carried to Independence Square in central Kiev, where protesters have established a large tent camp and held demonstrations around the clock since early December. Crowds shouted "Yanukovich is a murderer" and "Down with the criminal!," a reference to Yanukovich's run-ins with the law during his youth.

The coffin then was carried to the site of Zhiznevsky's death at barricades near the Ukrainian parliament.

A crowd late Saturday besieged a building, throwing firebombs, firebombs and rocks, near the protest tent camp where about

200 police were sheltering. By early Sunday morning, a corridor was created, allowing police to leave.

On Sunday, activists were cleaning up the devastated Ukrainian House building, sweeping broken glass and furniture, and the trash left there by police.

The overnight outburst came soon after opposition leaders issued a defiant response to Yanukovich's offer to make Arseniy Yatsenyuk, one of their top figures, the country's prime minister. While not rejecting the offer outright, Yatsenyuk said more of the opposition's demands must be met, including Yanukovich's resignation. He vowed protests will continue.

About half of Ukraine's people favored deeper integration with the EU, according to polls, and many Ukrainians widely resent Russia's long influence over the country.

In the past week, demonstrators have seized government administration buildings in a score of cities in western Ukraine, where Yanukovich's support is weak and desire for European ties is strong.

Philippines to grant amnesty to guerrillas

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine government will grant amnesty to Muslim guerrillas who are facing or have been convicted on rebellion-related charges under a newly signed peace pact, which calls for the 11,000-strong rebel force to be deactivated, an official said Sunday.

Presidential peace adviser Teresita Deles said the amnesty, which still needs congressional approval, would cover only fighters of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and exclude guerrillas who broke off from the group and continue to endanger peace.

According to the pact that was signed by Philippine government and rebel negotiators Saturday, the granting of the amnesty was aimed at facilitating "the healing of the wounds of conflict and the return to normal life."

Car bombs, shootings leave 6 dead in Iraq

BAGHDAD — Car bombs and shootings killed six people across Iraq on Sunday, authorities said, as clashes between security forces and al-Qaida-linked militants continued west of the capital.

In the ethnically divided city of Kirkuk, three car bombs exploded simultaneously in separate residential neighborhoods, deputy police chief Maj. Gen. Torhan Abdul-Rahman Youssef said. Youssef said four people were killed and 14 wounded.

Near the capital, police and medical officials said gunmen killed a former army officer and his wife in a drive-by shooting in Baghdad's northeastern suburbs.

French president, first lady to end relationship

PARIS — French President Francois Hollande on Saturday ended weeks of speculation about his personal life, announcing that he and his partner, Valerie Trierweiler, were splitting after many years together.

Hollande, 59, is "at the end of his joint life with Valerie Trierweiler," the Agence France Presse news agency quoted the French head of state as saying.

Trierweiler, 48, was discharged from a Paris hospital a week ago, after spending eight days in treatment for depression over revelations of Hollande's alleged affair with actress Julie Gayet.

Australian police say crocodile tooth boy

DARWIN, Australia — A crocodile is suspected to have taken a 12-year-old boy after attacking his friend as they swam in a water hole on Sunday in a popular Outback tourist destination in northern Australia.

Police believed the missing boy was taken by a crocodile as he and a number of other boys swam at Mudginberri Billabong in Kakadu National Park, southeast of Darwin, Acting Police Commander Michael White said.

One other boy, also aged 12, was bitten on the arm by the crocodile and has received medical treatment," White said.

From wire reports

Germany wants more engagement in missions abroad

The Associated Press

BERLIN — The German government wants to broaden its military engagement in international missions abroad.

German news weekly Spiegel reported Sunday that Defense

Minister Ursula von der Leyen is in favor of sending more German soldiers to crisis regions for humanitarian reasons.

Von der Leyen told Spiegel the country could not "look the other way when murder and rape are part of the daily routine."

The defense minister mentioned the conflict in the Central African Republic and said she could imagine the Bundeswehr helping evacuate wounded soldiers with its medical airplanes. She said the government is also considering sending more sol-

diers to Mali.

Germans are generally wary of military action, and the country has been criticized abroad for not joining military missions like the international military intervention in Libya in 2011.

NATION

Picturing perpetrators

A sketch artist creates a drawing of a suspect at the Prince George's County Police Department in Landover, Md., in November.

PHOTOS BY KATHERINE FREY/The Washington Post

Amid technology, police still drawn to sketches

By LYNH BUI
The Washington Post

As two women walked into a wooded area in late October, a man followed them. He sexually assaulted one and robbed them both at gunpoint. Minutes later and yards away, he did it again, robbing a group of three teenagers near Northwestern High School in Prince George's County, Md., and sexually assaulting a teenage girl.

With no cameras to record the crime in Chillum and few leads, police turned to a seemingly anachronistic investigative tool — the composite sketch.

Police crime analyst and forensic artist Joyce Bare Conlon spent nearly four hours with each of the assault victims, piecing together their memories to produce a picture of a suspect. The result: a black-and-white sketch of a man with a square head, long ears and a gaunt face. Two months later, a suspect was caught in Montgomery County, thanks in part to Conlon's sketch.

"There's not always going to be a camera," Conlon said. "Until we start getting to [an] age where computers are everywhere and Big Brother is watching you, for now, the sketch artist is watching you."

In a world saturated with surveillance videos, cellphone cameras and other recording devices that can capture crimes in real time, many police departments across the country still rely on the composite sketch to help solve crimes. While many police de-

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Joyce Bare Conlon
police crime analyst and forensic artist

partments have cut back on traditional paper-and-pencil sketches as newer technologies emerge, local forensic artists and police detectives are fighting to make sure hand-drawn sketches don't die out as an investigative tool.

Indeed, many local police officials insist composite sketches are still important to the crime-fighting process when newer technologies can't help. They offer their services to neighboring law enforcement agencies that can't afford police artists. They invest in training with agencies such as the FBI to improve their skills. They give regular presentations to detectives within their own departments, pitching composites as an option when they're stumped on certain cases.

"They're keeping the practice alive because, they say, the sketches still pay off."

For sure, surveillance video

and cameras become even more powerful when combined with the skills of a police artist, said Sgt. Jerry Manley, of Prince George's police.

In one recent case, officers had video of a man suspected of beating and robbing a 71-year-old man who ended up in a coma. Conlon produced a sketch with the victim when he awoke, and detectives peppered the area where the crime occurred, looking for leads.

Investigators received several calls saying the person in the sketch looked like an employee of a local Taco Bell. When police investigated, the Taco Bell employee's face was similar, but the body type was nothing like the 220-pound person they caught on camera. Combining the two investigative tools allowed detectives to eliminate a suspect and to redirect their resources.

Detectives kept the composites up and got more calls that eventually turned into a solid lead.

"That picture isn't why we locked the guy up, but it generated the phone calls," Manley said.

Suzanne Lowe Birdwell, chair of the Forensic Art Subcommittee for the International Association for Identification, said although cameras often capture grainy or blurry images, they provide details on a suspect's clothing and body frame. Camera images matched with facial features offered up in composites make the two investigative tools even more powerful.

"The videos help prove up the crime, but they don't identify,"



Joyce Bare Conlon, a sketch artist with the Prince George's County Police Department, demonstrates the process of coming up with a drawing based on the memory of a witness.

said Birdwell, a forensic artist for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Other local police detectives say composite artists' familiarity with the anatomy of a face and their gentle interviewing touch make them invaluable.

"Technology and machinery is cold," said Wayne Promisel, a detective at the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and former Fairfax County police detective. "It is also missing the ability to ask the questions in a certain way in an interview while having a sense of compassion" for victims.

Montgomery County detective Sgt. Robert Grims, who investigates aggravated assaults, robberies and other violent crimes, said he will keep using composites. Not only does he believe they help, but he also doesn't want the

resource to disappear.

"I don't envision it scaled back," said Grims, who has become a "bigger believer" in composites during his 17 years as a criminal investigator.

But forensic artist Michael Streed thinks more departments will follow the lead of the District, whose agency doesn't have a sketch artist at all, instead training officers to use software. Streed works for Baltimore city police and is a full-time forensic artist, one of only about 100 in the nation.

"The role of the police sketch artist will be greatly diminished over time through the use of an effective software solution and the proliferation of surveillance videos," said Streed, who also has developed the composite-generating software Sketch Cop.

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Butter campaign affects DOD

I am appalled at the Jan. 13 article "Butter is looking better to some as margarine loses favor." The headline suggests the damage has already been done, and the story is not a reprint from the 1990s. It is true that transfat as used to be found in margarine is apparently a greater risk factor for "heart attacks and strokes" than saturated fat as found in butter, but the manufacturers of margarine started taking the transfat out of margarine as soon as it was found to be harmful.

In the meantime, saturated fat was not found to be less harmful than previously thought. So why are people switching back to butter? A good question. I don't know but it seems likely to be found in butter, but the manufacturers of margarine started taking the transfat out of margarine as soon as it was found to be harmful.

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heart attacks and strokes, and there are margarines available with no saturated fat and no transfat.

This shift in public thinking to a seductive but false ideology has adversely affected what is available in the commissaries. Several varieties of no-fat cheese — including cottage cheese, shredded mozzarella, shredded cheddar and three flavors of fat-free cheese slices — used to

be stocked but no longer. There are still skim milk, fat-free fruit yogurt and two flavors of fat-free ice cream.

But for how long? Already a reduction in the number of yogurt flavors is apparent. At one time, fat-free ice cream with no added sugar was also available, and more flavors were offered. Previously, margarine containing plant sterol — Benecol and Take Control-Promise — were also stocked. The plant sterol made the product harder — more like butter — and reduced the absorption of cholesterol. This had apparent health benefits, but they are no longer stocked.

Obviously, the reason these healthier items were dropped was because they weren't being bought. What's wrong with this picture? Is the Defense Department saving pennies in the cost of commissary items not being bought and spending dollars on medical costs, to say nothing of death and disability? Does anybody else care?

Col. Frank Leitmaker (retired)
 Miesau, Germany

France realistic about war on terrorism

Washington Post editorial

When France dispatched troops to the West African nation of Mali a year ago, senior officials said they anticipated an operation of a few weeks — a temporary diversion from a policy of disengaging from "francAfrique," the zone of former African colonies that France informally managed for decades through financial, arms and business deals as well as military interventions. After French forces drove an al-Qaida-linked militia out of Timbuktu, French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian rashly declared that "the mission has been fulfilled."

A year later, more than 1,000 French soldiers are still fighting Islamic militants in Mali. Another French intervention force has been dispatched to restore order in the Central African Republic. And Le Drian is telling a very different story about his country's role in Africa. In a visit to Washington on Friday, he said France had "assumed the responsibility" of filling a "security vacuum" in the continent that "could otherwise become a crossroads of trafficking and terrorism."

For the government of Francois Hollande, this is a costly and risky initiative, and it deserves strong support from the United States. While the Obama administration retreats from areas where al-Qaida is operating, Paris is reinforcing and reorganizing its military presence across the Sahel region. By the end of this year, it expects to have 3,000 troops permanently deployed in four West African countries. That doesn't count the 1,600 troops in the Central African Republic who, in theory, are engaged in an emergency mission but — as in Mali — likely will find it difficult to depart.

France is undertaking this duty despite growing fiscal pressures for the simple reason that its security and that of Europe face a serious threat from this part of Africa. Le Drian brought with him maps showing what he called a "corridor of trafficking" across Africa, from Guinea-Bissau in the west to the Horn of Africa in the east. The smuggling of drugs, weapons and humans is financing extremist groups, which are already concentrated in northern Mali and southern Libya and could spread to failed states such as the Central African Republic.

Combating these problems is a complex task. In addition to counterterrorism operations, African governments must be rebuilt and local armies trained to the point at which they can maintain security.



CLAUDE PARIS/AP

French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, center, meets with French soldiers at the Miramas military base in southern France before their departure to Mali.

To its credit, the Hollande government accepts that these are long-term challenges; unlike the Obama administration, it has not set artificial deadlines for removing its forces (from Mali).

France, in essence, is attempting to do in Mali and the Central African Republic what the United States and NATO tried to do in Afghanistan, albeit on a much smaller scale. It has made considerable progress in Mali, which now has a democratically elected president and an army in training, but it is only beginning in the Central African Republic, where a new president took over Thursday.

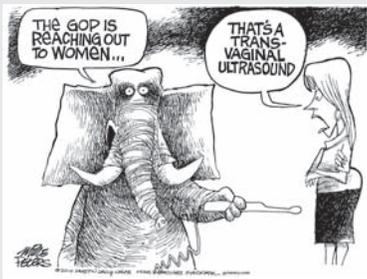
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accepts that these are long-term challenges; unlike the Obama administration, it has not set artificial deadlines for removing its forces. Le Drian says 1,000 French counterterrorism troops will remain in Mali indefinitely. There, as in much of the rest of northern Africa and the Middle East, the "tide of war" against al-Qaida and its allies is not, as President Barack Obama would have it, "receding"; in Africa, it is still coming in.

OPINION

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



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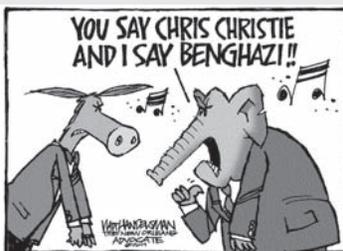
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BUSINESS/WEATHER

COLA cap relief faces uncertain fate

Senate Democrats have tied repeal of the COLA cap for working-age military retirees to a mammoth veterans' health and benefits bill that they aren't sure yet how to pay for or whether Republicans will support it.

In earlier war years, a maneuver like that might have enhanced prospects for repeal of the COLA cap, which Congress enacted only last month to save \$6 billion over 10 years as part of a bipartisan budget deal.

This year, however, there's a whiff of desperation about the surprise legislative pairing. COLA cap repeal is a matter that normally falls under the jurisdiction of the armed services committee. Indeed, the Senate Armed Services Committee plans to hold a hearing on it Tuesday.

But Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, has made COLA cap repeal a feature of his bill, S. 1950, which he calls "one of the most comprehensive pieces

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

of legislation ... in decades." Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., backs the move, he said.

Is it a clever step toward restoring full inflation protection to current and future military retirees' cost-of-living adjustments while bolstering prospects for a multibillion-dollar overhaul of veterans' benefits?

Or will it amount to a showy gesture that, for a time, eases the ire of current and future retirees but, intentionally or not, serves as a poison pill for a vast expansion of veterans' benefits that Republicans can't support.

Even as Congress continues to fumble over a debt crisis and years more of budget sequestra-

tion, Sander's Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014 offers more than 130 initiatives to strengthen veterans' programs of every stripe. A summary of them runs 222 pages. The bill is more than 400 pages.

Here's an online link to descriptions of each provision: <http://www.sanders.senate.gov/download/s-1950?inline=file>.

Last month, Sanders tried to have the Senate support some of them by unanimous consent in a smaller omnibus bill, S. 944. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., placed a hold it, saying the bill wasn't fully paid for with identified offsets of other veterans programs or federal entitlements.

Coburn also argued that, with Department of Veterans Affairs spending up 58 percent since 2009, adding a flood of new health and education benefits can't be justified, particularly as VA shows signs it can't administer

effectively the benefits it already is obligated to provide.

Sanders' new bill is more than double the size of the one Coburn blocked. It has every initiative cleared by his committee during the past year and some the committee never considered. Among them is the provision to fully repeal the COLA cap on current and future military retirees under 62. Sure to draw fire is Sanders' tentative plan to cover up to \$30 billion of the bill's cost over the next decade by tapping into the Defense Department's Overseas Contingency Operations Fund, which pays for the war in Afghanistan. Sanders said there's more money in the OCO fund, set at \$92 billion for 2014, to allow for expansion of veteran benefits.

He can expect stiff resistance from military leaders who view OCO as holding critical defense dollars even as training, readiness and force strength continue to fall as overall defense spending gets squeezed.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 27)	\$1.4071
Dollar buys (Jan. 27)	€0.7107
British pound (Jan. 27)	\$1.6169
Japanese yen (Jan. 27)	¥102.00
South Korean won (Jan. 27)	₩1,048.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6169
Canada (dollar)	1.1076
China (Yuan)	6.0490
Denmark (Krone)	5.4531
Egypt (Pound)	6.8656
Euro	\$1.3684/0.7308
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7631
Hungary (Forint)	232.54
Israel (Shekel)	3.4922
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	102.29
Kuwait (Dinar)	6.2825
Norway (Krone)	6.1415
Philippines (Peso)	45.31
Poland (Zloty)	4.5073
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7205
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2795
South Korea (Won)	1,080.55
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8299
Thailand (Baht)	32.86
Turkey (Lira)	0.2388

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies one year, 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	7.00
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.64

WEATHER OUTLOOK

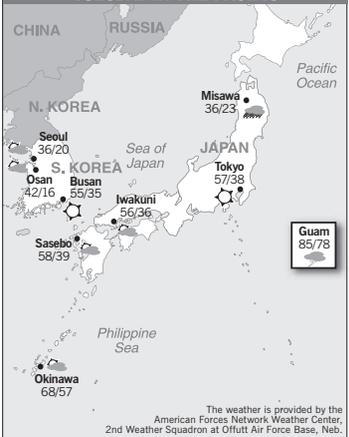
MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



MONDAY IN EUROPE



TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlington, Va.	41	29	Cir	Chicago	38	32	Cir	Fort Wayne	6	2	Snow	Louisville	21	19	Snow
Ashville	43	29	Cir	Cincinnati	38	32	Cir	Fresno	69	39	Snow	Los Angeles	72	51	PCLdy
Baltimore	51	30	Cir	Cleveland	16	15	Snow	Goodland	20	6	Cir	Madison	6	8	Snow
Baton Rouge	58	50	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	58	40	Snow	Grand Rapids	8	4	Snow	Memphis	29	29	PCLdy
Birmingham	45	40	PCLdy	Columbus, Ohio	51	11	Snow	Greensboro, N.C.	48	32	Cir	Miami Beach	81	52	Cir
Bismarck	6	15	Cir	Concord, N.H.	34	9	Cir	Hartford	37	17	Cir	Midland-Odesa	37	31	PCLdy
Boston	40	19	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	61	27	Cir	Helena	21	6	PCLdy	Milwaukee	4	17	Cir
Brownsville	74	60	PCLdy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	36	32	Cir	Honolulu	78	66	Cir	Missoula	25	18	Snow
Buffalo	15	13	Snow	Dayton	3	3	Snow	Houston	59	52	PCLdy	Montgomery	55	43	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	24	7	Cir	Denver	76	54	Cir	Huntsville	36	35	Snow	Nashville	27	26	Cir
Caribou, Maine	20	8	Snow	Des Moines	1	1	Snow	Indianapolis	3	2	Cir	New Orleans	61	52	Cir
Casper, Wyo.	18	1	Cir	Detroit	12	7	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	46	40	Cir	New York City	35	21	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	63	39	Cir	Dubuque	13	21	Cir	Jacksonville	41	31	Cir	Newark	38	20	Cir
Charleston, W.Va.	27	27	Snow	El Paso	61	41	PCLdy	Janeau	14	6	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	47	31	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	53	32	Cir	Fort Smith	31	25	Cir	Kansas City	14	6	Cir	North Platte	17	2	PCLdy
							Knoxville	36	29	Cir	Omaha	6	4	Cir	
							Lake Charles	57	51	Cir	Orlando	77	55	Cir	
							Lansing	7	2	Cir	Padsuah	21	17	PCLdy	
							Las Vegas	68	43	PCLdy	Pendleton	32	25	PCLdy	
							Lexington	22	21	Snow	Peoria	11	3	Snow	
							Lincoln	11	1	Cir	Philadelphia	35	20	Cir	
							Little Rock	37	30	PCLdy	Phoenix	75	52	PCLdy	
							Los Angeles	72	51	PCLdy	Pittsburgh	20	18	Snow	

National temperature extremes
 Hi: 84, St. Santa Maria, Calif.
 Lo: sat., -16, Mount Washington, N.H.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

from fins to limbs



Neil Shubin, left and below, a paleontologist and an associate dean of organismal and evolutionary biology at the University of Chicago, holds a model of Tiktaalik roseae and part of the fossil.

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Recently discovered fossil yields important clues to evolutionary transition

By MEERI KIM
Special To The Washington Post

All animals with four limbs — reptiles, birds, amphibians and even humans — descended from common ancestors that made that initial transition from fins to feet. But how and why this evolutionary leap occurred has long been a scientific puzzle.

Now, the partial remains of a 375-million-year-old fish have emerged to help fill in some of the blanks. Paleontologists have uncovered new fossils from Tiktaalik roseae, which, while still a fish, is considered a transitional fossil that also has traits common to the first four-footed animals.

This more complete picture of Tiktaalik suggests that the creature had strong, mobile hind fins. That challenges the view that such enhanced rear appendages arose much later, perhaps even after animals had made the transition to land. Known as the “front-wheel-drive” hypothesis, that view held that front fins evolved into limbs first, while back fins stayed small and unimportant.

“These are four-wheel-drive animals, not just front-wheel-drive only,” said study author and paleontologist Ted Daeschler, of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. The results were published online Jan. 20 in the Proceedings of the Natural Academy of Sciences.

The back half

Stretching up to 9 feet long, the original Tiktaalik discovered in the Canadian Arctic included fossils from its front half only — skull, shoulders and front fins. The initial excavation was made by Daeschler and study co-authors Neil Shubin, of the University of Chicago, and Farish A. Jenkins Jr., of Harvard University. Jenkins died in 2012.

The ancient fish caused a stir in the scientific community due to its hodgepodge of features. It had scales and gills like a fish, strong limblike front fins, a flexible neck and a flat alligatorlike head with eyes on top.

The latter characteristics are reminiscent of amphibians or, more generally, tetrapods. Those are animals that have (or whose ancestors had) four legs and include all land-living vertebrates such as

frogs, tigers and seals.

Tiktaalik’s incomplete remains forced scientists to only guess what its rear portion was like. A few years after the original discovery, Daeschler and his team finally excavated the remaining pizza box-sized blocks grain by grain to reveal the surprisingly robust back portion of the same animal.

The pelvic girdle

Earlier evidence suggested that the rudderlike hind fins remained small while front fins evolved into strong limbs that could propel the fish along the ground; hind limbs emerged afterward. Tiktaalik’s enlarged pelvis points to the possibility that hind limbs started to evolve simultaneously and were being used for propulsion.

“The size of the pelvic girdle, the region that holds the fins, was as big as the region that holds the front fin,” Daeschler said. “That was not what we have predicted.”

That means the uppermost part of the pelvis, the ilium, is big enough to have contact with the vertebral column — crucial for walking on all fours. Also, the hip socket of Tiktaalik is strikingly different from that of a typical fish. Although the researchers didn’t find a femur bone, the socket shape and size means Tiktaalik likely had a larger rear fin range of motion than traditional fish.

“For you and I, we have this nice ball-and-socket arrangement, but for more finlike fishes, that is not a deep rounded socket — it’s flatter,” Daeschler said. “For Tiktaalik, it was a really deep, round socket.”

Some of the bones that made up the pelvis remained fishlike and primitive in a piecemeal fashion as seen in the front half of the fossil — an example of what scientists call mosaic evolution. It means that different parts of the body change at different rates through many years.

“Tiktaalik is like a poster child of an animal that has mosaic features,” Daeschler said.

“It’s the parts nearest the body that get modified first, both in terms of embryo development and evolution,” said paleontologist Jennifer Clack, of



the University of Cambridge, who was not involved in the study. Extremities like fins and distinct digits are last in line to develop.

Out of the water

Ten million years after Tiktaalik, what could truly be called four-limbed animals finally emerged in the form of clunky, salamanderlike creatures. They were still tied to the water but could also handle the gravitational force and dryness of land.

The exact reasons why the move to land happened remains a mystery, but the environment of the time provides some clues. Tiktaalik and other transitional species lived in the Late Devonian period about 395 million to 362 million years ago.

A few million years earlier, plants had started growing on dry ground, not just in water, and land-based ecosystems slowly began to form, said Daeschler. Before that, he said, land was barren and provided no incentive for vertebrates to pop out of the water.

Being able to move around and push off the ground in shallow waters became an evolutionary advantage. Clack said she believes fish had a number of different motives to venture into shallow waters and, subsequently, land: to escape predators, catch land-dwelling insects or bask in the sun.



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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Reward doubles in shooting of cranes

KY ANTON — The reward being offered for information in the shooting and death of a mated pair of whooping cranes in western Kentucky has more than doubled with contributions from conservation and animal protection groups.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service initially announced a \$7,200 reward for information in the case but said Friday the reward has grown to \$15,250.

A wounded crane found injured in November in Hopkins County eventually had to be euthanized. The bird and its mate had been fitted with radio transmitters, and investigators found the remains of the mate 5 miles away in Muhlenberg County a couple of weeks later. Investigators believe both cranes were shot in the same incident.

Whooping cranes are protected under federal law. Fish and Wildlife says they are the most endangered of all crane species, with fewer than 500 living in the wild in the U.S.

Packy the elephant has active tuberculosis

OR PORTLAND — Oregon Zoo officials say their most famous elephant, Packy, has a case of active tuberculosis and is not reacting well to his treatment drug.

Zoo staffers have been treating another elephant, named Rama, for active TB. A blood test last summer indicated Packy had a latent case. A recent nasal culture showed Packy's TB is now active.

While Rama, 30, has tolerated his medications well, Packy, 51, has not. Blood tests show the drug isoniazid reacts poorly with his liver. He stopped eating several times.

Chief zoo veterinarian Mitch Finnegan is waiting for the elephant's liver function to normalize before trying more gradual doses.

In elephants as in people, tuberculosis attacks the respiratory system and if left untreated can be fatal. Health officials say zoo visitors are not at risk of catching it from the animals.

Snowplow helps stop wrong-way driver

IL CHICAGO — Illinois State Police are crediting a snowplow driver with helping stop a drunken driver who was traveling the wrong way along a downtown Chicago interstate.

Authorities said a man was driving north in a van in southbound lanes on the Kennedy Expressway just before 3 a.m. Saturday.

An Illinois Department of Transportation snowplow driver was plowing the reversible express lanes when he got in front of the oncoming van, slowed down and helped bring it to a stop.

Investigators said the van's driver took out six gates when he entered the express lanes. He was charged with driving under the influence.

No one was injured, but the van was damaged.

THE CENSUS

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The number of light keepers whose names are engraved on the massive stones that were left behind when the famed Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was moved to its current position 15 years ago. The site of the stones is now a popular spot for weddings and other events, but erosion threatens the area. Hatteras Island residents want to preserve the stones, the lightest of which weighs 3,000 pounds, by moving them to the lighthouse.



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Off to see the blizzard

A couple looks at characters from "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday at a snow-sculpture exhibition in Driggs, Idaho. Sculptors, led by Doug Cassidy, called their creation "There's Snow Place Like Home."

Public comment sought on captive orca Lolita

WA SEATTLE — Federal officials are seeking public comment on a proposal to have captive killer whale Lolita included in the endangered species listing for Puget Sound orcas.

Activists consider the announcement Friday by the National Marine Fisheries Service another step toward releasing the whale that was captured in 1970 and is now at the Miami Seaquarium.

The federal government notes in the proposed amendment to the Endangered Species Act listing that releasing Lolita to the wild is not a guaranteed result of that change, because in some cases it's safer to keep the endangered animal in captivity.

The Miami Seaquarium agrees with that assessment. General Manager Andrew Hertz noted that the fisheries statement says release of a captive animal into the wild may injure or kill that animal as well as pose a danger for wild populations of the same species.

Fishermen sue city over sewage during Sandy

NY NEW YORK — A group of fishermen are suing New York City over shellfish bed

pollution they believe was caused by massive releases of raw sewage during Superstorm Sandy.

The Baymen's Protective Association represents about 76 people who harvest clams from the Raritan and Sandy Hook bays in New Jersey.

In a lawsuit filed Friday, the group said that sewage outflows from wastewater plants crippled by storm contaminated those fishing grounds.

Environmental authorities closed the shellfish beds for two months because of the pollution.

Man accused of smuggling migrants

FL WEST PALM BEACH — A judge on Friday denied bail to a South Florida man accused of bringing two Colombians to the United States illegally and dropping them by luxury sailboat at Palm Beach area dinner spot.

Michael Kazmer initially told federal agents he had been sailing with friends last Saturday when he docked at the popular stretch of Intracoastal Waterway. His two passengers later told Department of Homeland Security agents they paid \$18,000 to be smuggled. Prosecutors on Friday told a federal judge it likely wasn't Kazmer's first smuggling trip.

Kazmer is also awaiting trial in Collier County on charges including identity theft. His attorney asked the judge for leniency, noting Kazmer has an otherwise clean record and has willingly cooperated with the government.

Fraternity to apologize over MLK Day party

AZ TEMPE — Only 16 of 125 members of an Arizona State University fraternity chapter attended a distasteful party in commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day that had racist stereotypes and offensive costumes, the national fraternity organization said Friday, a day after the university cut ties with the chapter.

Alex Baker, a spokesman for Tau Kappa Epsilon International Fraternity, also said that those 16 face suspension or expulsion from the fraternity and the ASU chapter plans to issue a public apology to the university and community.

The national fraternity is putting the ASU chapter on probation for at least a year but is not yanking the group's charter.

However, university officials notified Tau Kappa Epsilon on Thursday that its recognition as a fraternity chapter at ASU was being permanently revoked for

violating the school's student code of conduct.

Rare dust storm closes stretch of highway

IL CARLINVILLE — A rare dust storm forced state transportation authorities to shut down a 5-mile stretch of a central Illinois highway because of low visibility and a series of crashes.

Friday's dust storm near Carlinville caused several car crashes on Illinois 108, with drivers saying they couldn't see beyond the hoods of their cars.

The road was closed for about four hours.

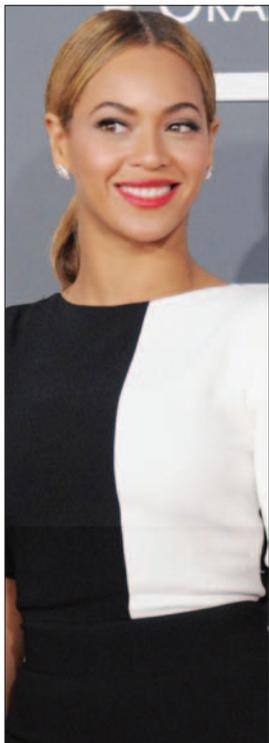
Authorities said the dust storm was caused by strong southerly winds and dirt from dry farm fields that have little snow cover. Wind gusts in the area reached 37 mph.

"It's disconcerting when you see a great, big, brown cloud of dust coming at you," said Paula Iden, who drove through the blowing, swirling clouds of dust.

Illinois State Police said a trooper was injured in a crash caused by the dust storm when he was rear-ended by another driver. A Secretary of State police officer was involved in another collision. None of the injuries was serious.

From wire reports

FACES



Beyoncé, Jay Z top Billboard power list

The Associated Press

Beyoncé and Jay Z share the top spot on Billboard's Power 100 list.

Universal Music Group CEO Lucian Grainge and Red Light Management founder Coran Capshaw follow the performers on the annual list of most influential people in the music industry.

Grainge and Capshaw placed first and second last year, respectively.

Billboard editors compiled the list after analyzing market share, revenue and other data.

Jay Z and Beyoncé — each founded their own companies, Roc Nation and Parkwood Entertainment.

Justin Bieber's manager, Scooter Braun; music producer Dr. Luke; Spotify CEO Daniel Ek; recording executive Jimmy Iovine; and Ryan Seacrest also made the list.

Beyoncé, left, and Jay Z tied for No. 1 place on Billboard's annual power list.



Cobain

Other news

■ Captain and Tennille, the popular 1970s married pop duo that sang of sharing forever and of love keeping them together, are splitting. Cathryn Antoniette Tennille, better known as Toni, has filed in an Arizona court to end her 38-year marriage to Darryl Dragon, The Captain. The two already are listed as ex-husband and ex-wife on their website, which says while their marriage appeared to be rock solid, "almost all people naturally evolve over time, (and) sometimes hidden feelings start to be uncovered."

■ The Weinstein Co. says "Grace of Monaco," a biopic starring Nicole Kidman, won't be released March 14 as planned. But the Weinstein Co. said Jan. 23 "Grace of Monaco" is off the release calendar and a new date has yet to be set.



Cobain

■ Twenty years after his death, Kurt Cobain is getting more recognition in his Washington state hometown. Aberdeen Mayor Bill Simpson says the Nirvana frontman's birthday on Feb. 20 will be proclaimed Kurt Cobain Day in the city. Cobain, born in 1967, gained fame as part of grunge rock group Nirvana and died by suicide in 1994 in Seattle.



Carey and Cannon

■ Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon are working on a children's book. Scholastic announced Jan. 24 that it has acquired the couple's "Roc and Roe's Twelve Days of Christmas," a picture story scheduled for release this fall. Illustrated by A.G. Ford, the book is a holiday tale featuring the couple's twins Moroccan and Monroe.

■ Tori Spelling's husband, Dean McDermott, has entered rehab, his publicist, Jill Fritzo, confirmed Jan. 23. The 47-year-old actor said he's being treated for "some health and personal issues." He said in a statement to People magazine that he's "truly sorry for the mistakes I have made and for the pain I've caused my family."

■ "Saturday Night Live" says Colin Jost will be the new man at the "Weekend Update" anchor desk. Jost, the NBC comedy show's head writer, succeeds outgoing "Update" anchor Seth Meyers, who soon takes over as host of the network's "Late Night."

From wire reports

ABC News' Elizabeth Vargas: 'I am an alcoholic'

The Associated Press

ABC News reporter Elizabeth Vargas has publicly acknowledged that she's an alcoholic, and said it took her years to admit it.

In an interview aired Jan. 24 on "Good Morning America," Vargas said hiding her problem from others was exhausting.

"Even to admit it to myself was admitting, I thought, that I was a failure," said Vargas, who noted that she had reported several "20/20" specials on drinking yet couldn't acknowledge her own alcohol dependency.

She said she had suffered panic attacks since she was a child. "I dealt with that anxiety, and with the stress that the anxiety brought, by starting to drink," she said.

Her go-to drink was wine which, increasingly during her adulthood, she used to manage her anxiety and stress. Her drinking "slowly escalated and got worse and worse," she said.

Meanwhile, she tried to bargain with herself.

"I started thinking, 'Well, you know, I'll only drink, you know, on weekends,'" she recalled. "I'll only drink, you know, two glasses of wine a night. I won't drink on nights before I have



CHARLES SYKES, INVISION/AP

In an interview on Jan. 24, Elizabeth Vargas admitted she is an alcoholic.

to get up and do "Good Morning America." But those deals never work."

She said her husband, singer-songwriter Marc Cohn, wasn't fooled. "You have a problem. You're an alcoholic," she said he told her, adding that his words "made me really angry, really angry. But he was right."

Last fall, Vargas spent time in a treatment facility and is now in Alcoholics Anonymous. She told "GMA's" co-anchor George Stephanopoulos in the interview taped Thursday that she's proud

of confronting her problem.

She said she's "learning to accept that I'm human, that there's nothing wrong with failing, that there's nothing wrong with feeling anxiety."

Lance Bass forgives 'Bachelor' star

If Juan Pablo Galavis is looking for forgiveness after his anti-gay comments, he need look no further than Lance Bass.

"I don't hate him at all," Bass said. "I still think he's cute."

Galavis, star of ABC's "The Bachelor," apologized after telling a journalist that he didn't think a gay or bisexual bachelor would set a good example for kids. He also said gays were more "pervert, in a sense."

Galavis, who grew up in Venezuela, later said he respects gay people and blamed a language barrier for his use of the word "pervert."

Bass, who is gay, says he has a massive crush on Galavis. "Of course it's disappointing, because you don't want someone who (you) actually love to have those thoughts," said the former "NSYNC" singer.

However, he blamed Galavis'

attitude on the culture in which he grew up. "When you grow up in a place like that, you get brainwashed into thinking that way, you know, you can't help what you grow up with.

"I mean, I grew up in Mississippi, so I know how people can get brainwashed into thinking really, really awful things," the 34-year-old singer said in an interview with The Associated Press last week. "So hopefully, he will learn from this and get educated."

Bass said this is the first "Bachelor" season he's watched — because of Galavis. But he's committed to one man — his fiancée, Michael Turchin, whom he calls "the love of my life."

Bieber exits jail after DUI arrest

Justin Bieber was released from jail Jan. 23 following his arrest on charges of driving under the influence, driving with an expired license and resisting arrest. Police say they stopped the 19-year-old pop star while he was drag-racing down a Miami Beach, Fla., street before dawn.

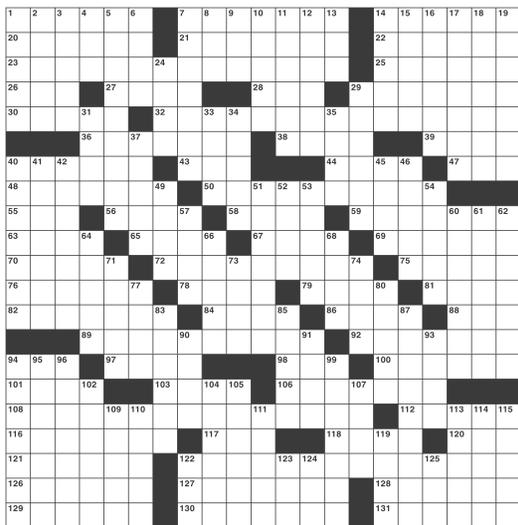
Bieber's bond was set at \$2,500.

CROSSWORD AND COMICS

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- ACROSS
1 Egyptian resurrection symbol
7 Ought to have, informally
14 "Come on, help me out!"
20 Tropical juice type
21 Weapon for 27-Across
22 Total
23 Traffic cop's answer upon being asked "Describe your job?" [1975]
25 Certify
26 Fraternity letter
27 Fictional user of a 21-Across
28 Follower of A, B or AB, informally
29 Positions in old monasteries
30 Like some rollers after use
32 Post-tornado highway detritus, perhaps? [1974]
36 Scarlet's sister-in-law and best friend in "Gone With the Wind"
38 Brand
39 Inter-
40 Chilling
43 Big inits. in health products
44 Hub
47 Speck
48 Chemical compounds in tea
50 Remark about a female stoner? [1980]
55 Epitome of simplicity
56 Cracker brand
58 Lose it
59 DNA structure
63 British heads
65 Jour's opposite
67 Family members
69 Get closer
70 Repeated cry accompanying a gavel hit
72 Roast pig after a pig roast? [1956]
75 Stressed
76 Fume
78 Close
79 Base figs.
81 - Pea
82 Attempts
84 "It I ..."
86 Moolah
88 See 9-Down
89 Napa Valley excursion, maybe? [1963]
92 Sundry
94 R&B's ___ Hill
97 Pulitzer-winning novelist Jennifer
98 Java
100 Displayed for scoring, as in gin rummy
101 Santa ___ Calif.
103 Ghana neighbor
106 Yes-men
108 Data request from a good of furnace repairman? [1953]
112 Regatta racer
116 Believer in a strong centralized government
117 Roulette, e.g.
118 On the job
120 "Yoo-_"
121 Not bankrupt
122 Frontiersman awakening in a foul mood? [1969]
126 About whom Nabokov said "She was like the composition of a beautiful puzzle — its composition and its solution at the same time"
127 Teed off
128 Marcus who collected shoes
129 Rendezvous
130 Lawn care tools
131 Some Civil War shots
DOWN
1 Long pitch
2 Dragon fruit plants
3 Generating some buzz?
4 Templeton, e.g., in "Charlotte's Web"
5 Words stated with a salute
6 Setting for David's "The Death of Marat"
7 Everything being considered
8 Bray part
9 Hockey great whose name is a homophone of 88-Across and 123- and 124-Down
10 Barely ahead
11 Recluses
12 Pup
13 True or false: Abbr.
14 Sun spot
15 ___ nous
16 Supposed ancestor of Dracula
17 Spotted horse
18 Big name in TV talk
19 "Dig in!"
24 ___kiri
29 Old "From one beer lover to another" sloganer
31 Fed
33 Dive shop rentals
34 PC whizzes
35 Pod model
37 Name that starts a well-known "ism"
40 Speechless
41 Backless seat for one
42 Secret language device
45 Spa cadet
46 Marsh hunter
49 Bit of jewelry
51 Input
52 Stated
53 Warren ___, baseball's winningest lefty
54 Flock /sheep :: dove : ___
57 Jerusalem's Mount ___
60 "Truthiness," e.g., before Stephen Colbert
61 Etiologist's study
62 Had a haughty reaction
64 Line in writing
66 Shopper in the juniors section, maybe
68 What may not come out in the wash?
71 "Side by Side by Sondheim," e.g.
73 Mass gathering site
74 Push
77 Leader after Mao
80 Guck
83 Try to hit, as a fly
85 Indian head
87 Like clockwork
90 Trying to break a tie, say
91 Spa class
93 "Lohegrin" lass
94 Cure, in a way
95 Support
96 As a rule
99 To-dos
102 Stella ___ (beer)
104 1997 Demi Moore title role
105 Jittery
107 Cigar butt?
109 Singer John with the 1988 title track "Slow Turning"
110 "Como ___"
111 Like beef for fondue
113 Dish in a bowl
114 Odyssey maker
115 Features of much Roman statuary
119 Georgia O'Keeffe subject
122 Gullet
123 See 9-Down
124 See 9-Down
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ACROSS

- 1 Martian carrier?
- 4 Piercing tool
- 7 Understands
- 11 Boxing venue
- 13 Flowery neckwear
- 14 Harvest
- 15 Insult
- 16 The whole thing
- 17 Gumbo base
- 18 Man of morals?
- 20 Verboten (Var.)
- 22 Abbr. on an old TV
- 24 Agree
- 28 Four-up
- 32 Worship
- 33 Fat
- 34 Pooch
- 36 Faction
- 37 "— and the Night Visitors"
- 39 Full of gusto
- 41 Wisconsin city
- 43 Scratch
- 44 Mentor
- 46 Does the job
- 50 Still hadn't paid
- 53 Finish
- 55 Retain
- 56 Volcanic outflow
- 57 Knight's address
- 58 Always
- 59 Horse-drawn wagon
- 60 Piggien
- 61 Crafty

DOWN

- 1 — Major
- 2 Dossier
- 3 Burden
- 4 — carte
- 5 Mark left by a whip
- 6 Purplish flower
- 7 Tennis shot after a bounce
- 8 "A mouse!"
- 9 Pitch
- 10 Hot tub
- 12 February 2
- 19 Third degree? (Abbr.)
- 21 Feathery accessory
- 23 Nourished
- 25 Hairco
- 26 Language of
- Pakistan
- 27 Stagger
- 28 Spill the beans
- 29 Weak, as an excuse
- 30 Russian river
- 31 Cartoonist Chast
- 35 Jewel
- 38 Lucy of "Elementary"
- 40 Logger's tool
- 42 Lock
- 45 One
- 47 Guns the engine
- 48 Boat's backbone
- 49 Agile
- 50 Antiquated
- 51 Sherman called it hell
- 52 Actress Mendes
- 54 Parched

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals O

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Deals

Saturday's transactions
BASKETBALL
NBA Development League
NO GRANDE VALLEY VIPERS - Signed F-C Kenny Kadu

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS - Assistant defensive line coach Michael Sinclair will not return for the 2014 season. Name Clint Hurdle assistant defensive line coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBIUS BLUE JACKETS - Recalled D Colby Golube from Springfield (AHL).
DALLAS STARS - Assigned F Dustin Jeffrey to Texas (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS - Assigned LW John Whitney to Albany (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS - Recalled C Casey Wellman from Hershey (AHL). Reassigned D Nate Schmidt to Hershey.

COLLEGE
MICHIGAN - Granted transfer releases to junior D Jontae Harrison and junior J Josh Furman and junior DT Richard Ash.
PURDUE - Announced the resignation of assistant football coach Jon Hisecock to become defensive coordinator at Toledo.

College hockey

Saturday's scores
EAST
Castleton 3, St. Anselm 2
Vermont 5, Boston U. 1
Clarkson 3, New England 1
Merrimack 3, Massachusetts 2
Maine 4, New Hampshire 2
Mass.-Lowell 3, Providence 1
Boston College at Penn St., 7 p.m.
Colgate 5, Holy Cross 3
Canisius 7, Mercyhurst 4
Clarkson 3, Penn St. 2
Union College 7, St. Lawrence 3
Cornell 5, Cornell 2
Cornell 5, Cornell 2
Cornell 2, American International 1

MIDWEST
St. Cloud St. 3, Michigan Tech 2
Bowling Green 6, Lake Superior St. 2
Michigan 3, Michigan 0
Ohio St. 3, Wisconsin 1
Miami-Duluth 4, Michigan State 4, OT

FAR WEST
Minn. (Dhio) 6, Colorado College 1
Denver 3, North Dakota 0
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Army 5, Royal Military 2

Bobsleds

World Cup
Satellite
At Koenigssee, Germany
two-man
1. Justin Krupke and Bryan Barnett, Canada, 1:39:61 (49.91-49.80).
2. Marco Schwarz and Kurt Martin, Switzerland, 1:39:26 (50.02-49.84).
3. Lyndon Rush and Lucinda Rhodes, Canada, 1:40:05 (50.09-49.80).
4. Cory Butner and Chris Langton, Canada, 1:40:09 (50.09-49.80).
5. Rico Peter and Thomas Lamparter, Switzerland, 1:40:10 (50.09-49.80).
6. Steve Cunningham and Andreas Drbal, U.S., 1:40:18 (50.11-50.07).
7. Thomas Florschuetz and Kurt Martin, Switzerland, 1:40:24 (50.12).
8. Francesco Friedrich, Germany, Canada, 1:40:31 (50.20-50.07).
9. Oskars Melbardis and Daumantas Dreins, Latvia, 1:40:36 (50.20-50.12).
10. Thomas Florschuetz and Kevin Krause, Switzerland, 1:40:42 (50.24-50.12).

Final World Cup Standings
1. Steve Nicholson, Switzerland, Military 57
2. Beat Hefti, Switzerland, 1,610
3. Alexander Zubkov, Russia, 1,442
4. Francesco Friedrich, Germany, Canada, 1,403 (51.00-50.07).
5. Oskars Melbardis and Daumantas Dreins, Latvia, 1,396 (50.09-49.80).
6. Nico Kunz, United States, 1,384
7. Nick Cunningham, U.S., 1,324
8. Lyndon Rush, Canada, 1,304
9. Thomas Florschuetz, Germany, 1,280
10. Justin Krupke, Canada, 1,247

39. Codie Braspe, United States, 514
50. Jay Poling, United States, 396
51. Jale Peterson, United States, 374
64. Colin Coughlin, United States, 208
71. Shane Hook, United States, 117

College basketball

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Bowling St., Chowan 64
Brown 73, Yale 56
Clemson 71, Francis (NY) 79
Castleton St. 87, Thomas (Maine) 78
Florida 74, Cornell 58
Concordia (N.Y.), Chestnut Hill 63
Delaware 83, Towson 76
Dominican (N.Y.) 108, Georgian Court 62

Duquesne 83, St. Bonaventure 81
Fairleigh Dickinson 86, CCSU 73
Gettysburg 67, Washington (Md.) 64
George Mason 39, Felician 89, 2OT
Indiana 113, RPI 77
Holy Cross 67, Navy 52
Hobart (Pa.) 56, Slippery Rock 64
LIU Brooklyn 75, Mount St. Mary's 71
Lehigh 71, Lafayette 68
Lyndon St. 92, Husson 84
Louis (Mo.) 67, Colgate 60
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Mount St. Vincent 76, NYU-Poly 59
Northeastern 70, Hofstra 57
Old Westbury 76, Sage 68
Penn 89, NJIT 74
Providence 81, Xavier 72
Purchase 67, St. Joseph's (LI) 63
Rhode Island 88, Dayton 76
Robert Stockton 81, William Paterson 70

Richard Morris 74, Wagner 70
Rutgers-Newark 91, Montclair St. 69
St. Anselm 85, Penn State 79
Shenandoah 85, Emory & Henry 75
St. Francis (Pa.) 88, Sacred Heart 66
St. Francis (Ind.) 82, UIC 67
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Miami 68, Ohio Dominican 45
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North Carolina 81, Wake Forest 64
Penn 84, NJIT 48
Robert Morris 66, LIU Brooklyn 52
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HIGH SCHOOL: DODDS EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Aviano-Naples rivalry doesn't disappoint

Aviano and Naples played a fascinating set of four basketball games over the weekend.

On the girls side, the anticipated collision was a showdown between the last two unbeaten teams in Division II, not to mention the latest installment in a longstanding Italian rivalry.

The teams easily played up to those lofty expectations Friday. Daria Andrews hit a game-tying three-pointer and Shanice Alexander made a free throw with five seconds left in the game to complete Naples' comeback from a six-point, final-minute deficit and give the Wildcats a 47-46 victory.

The decisive final point was one of 20 on the night for Alexander, who added a game-high 14 rebounds. Jasmyne Green matched Alexander's 20 points for Aviano.

Naples won under less stressful circumstances in a 45-23 victory Saturday.

The boys, meanwhile, played one of the more unusual Friday-Saturday doubleheaders in recent memory.

While the teams played to a near-draw overall — Naples scored 107 points on the weekend, Aviano scored 104 — neither game was close.

On Friday, Naples outscored the Saints 14-2 in the first quarter to build a lead it nursed for the rest of the game.

Aviano took a more methodical approach to its Saturday victory, building an eight-point first-quarter lead and taking on a handful of points each quarter thereafter.

Aviano's Jamal Thomas scored 19 points Friday and 26 on Saturday. Naples' Jayvonty Grogan edged Thomas for game-high scoring honors with a 20-point effort Saturday.

AFNORTH: The Lions will host a small-school hoops event this weekend that is international even by DODDS' standards, as Spain's Rota and Germany's Baumholder visit the Netherlands for boys and girls basketball.

Alconbury: Leila Hall starred for the Dragons girls hoops team in losses to SHAPE this weekend.

Hali led Alconbury with 23 combined points and a 10-rebound effort Saturday.

Ansbach: Cougars marksman Dmitry Henry cracked the top five of Saturday's meet at Viseck with what he called his best performance ever — a 274-point effort good for fourth place. Brian Sowders finished a point behind Henry for fifth.

Those performances helped Ansbach secure the Eastern Conference points race as the regular season comes to a close. The European tournament is set for Saturday at Wiesbaden.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Ramstein's Isaac Moreno gets a shot off against Wiesbaden's Kelsey Thomas on Saturday. The Warriors defeated the Royals 78-62.

AOSR: The Falcons return to the DODDS-Europe hoops fray after 20 idle days Friday. They'll face frisky Division III foe Signonella on the road.

AOSR will be active the final three weekends of the season, travelling to Naples and hosting Marymount before the tournament.

Baumholder: Raw numbers dictate that they'll probably never pull it off, but the Bucs keep inching ever closer to an upset of a Division I wrestling team.

The latest near-miss came Saturday at Bitburg, as Baumholder's 137 points skimmed close to Kaiserslautern's winning haul of 182.5. Michael Holliday, Daniel Barclay, Yorel Smalls and Martelle Johnson won their respective weight classes for the Bucs.

Bitburg: If tough competition is the best way to prepare for the postseason, the Barons basketball team can't help but be ready.

Having already played Ramstein and Kaiserslautern, the Barons successfully tangled with Wiesbaden on Friday. The rest of the schedule includes rematches with Wiesbaden and Kaiserslautern and a season-ending date with a tough Division II foe in Black Forest Academy.

Black Forest Academy: The Falcons girls basketball team crushed Baumholder in a pair of games Friday and Saturday. BFA held the Bucs to a total of 11 points across eight quarters.

The Falcons will try a more formidable foe next weekend in a visit to defending Division I champion Kaiserslautern.

Brussels: Brigands basketball enjoyed a dominant weekend with a combined four wins over Division III rival Menvalt Hill.

Javajohn Harrison scored a combined 37 points for the boys and Ali DeFazio poured in 36 for the girls.

Hohenfels: After a damaging stretch against D-1 opponents, the Tigers basketball team will happily return to more equitable Division II competition for the season's stretch run.

Three losses to large schools Viseck and Patch spoiled the Hohenfels boys' undefeated start and plummeted the Tiger girls below .500.

Now both Division II contenders can see where they stand — though Viseck looms again, three of Hohenfels' four remaining dates are against fellow Division II teams.

International School of Brussels: The Raiders' DODDS-Europe hoops hiatus persists until Feb. 4, when crossstown rival Brussels comes calling.

Kaiserslautern: Raider wrestlers took top honors in eight weight classes Saturday at Bitburg, ranging from 120-pounder Matthew Fischer to 220-pounder Canyon Harding.

Kaiserslautern will have home-mat advantage at the Feb. 8 sectional as the school hosts one of three meets set to determine the field for the Feb. 14-15 Europe tournament.

Lakenheath: The Lancers were seeing double in a girls basketball sweep of AFNORTH last weekend.

Jourdan Hodge (13 points, 14 rebounds) and Kayla Langster (10 points, 15 rebounds) had double-doubles Friday. Dejah Quick posted consecutive double-digit rebounding games with 10 and 15, respectively. And guard Kristen Reed scored in double digits twice with totals of 11 and 20 points.

Marymount: The Lions will look for their first boys basketball win of the calendar year in their home court Friday and Saturday. But it won't come as easily; their

opponent is unbeaten Viena. After that set, Marymount rounds out its regular season Feb. 14-15 against Rome rival AOSR.

Menwith Hill: The weekend didn't hold a win for the Mustang boys, but it did produce a star turn for guard Chuckie Reuss.

Reuss made all three of his attempts from three-point range Friday and scored 12 of his 13 points in the second half Saturday to keep Menwith Hill competitive in losses to Brussels.

Patch: They'll have to wait a couple of weeks for a shot at reclaiming their European wrestling title, but the Panthers made their intentions clear Saturday by rolling over a field that included defending champion Ramstein.

Nine Patch grapplers took first place in their weight class as the host school piled up 13 points to Ramstein's 193.

Ramstein: It was an unusually frustrating weekend for Royals athletics, as the school came away empty from a basketball doubleheader with Wiesbaden and fell short on the mats

against Patch. But Royals had some outstanding individual efforts Saturday. Sofia Dinges posted a 12-point, 12-rebound double-double, and Drew Tevaburn turned in one of the premier efforts of the year with 26 points and 10 rebounds.

Schweinfurt/Bamberg: The host Razorbacks couldn't craft the ending they hoped for in the final home boys basketball games in the schools' history.

The combined squad, comprised of players from the soon-to-close Bavarian schools, hinted at an upset Saturday after a Friday rout. The scrappy team was tied 12-12 with Viseck after the first quarter. But an 18-6 run in the second quarter by their Division I neighbors dashed those hopes.

Leon Roy had 12 points and 11 rebounds Friday and nine points and 10 rebounds Saturday.

SHAPE: Star guard Gina Rhett pointed the way to a Spartans basketball sweep over Alconbury. She scored 16 points Friday and 20 on Saturday. Over the weekend, the boys game-high totals, Naples 47, Aviano 46.

As SHAPE handled its Division II rival. After a relatively light early schedule, things pick up for the Spartans in the season's final weeks. The slate includes games against Division III power Brussels, Divvy program Lakenheath and fierce Division II opponent AFNORTH.

Signonella: The Cougars failed to play along with Signonella's upset streak, crushing the Jaguars by a combined 67 points.

Viena, unbeaten in DODDS-Europe play this season, built a 22-5 lead on Friday and a 20-4 lead on Saturday to quickly eliminate any doubt.

LaScott Richardson scored 18 points in Friday's game, while Matt Stitzel poured in a combined 29 on the weekend.

Viseck: Experienced shooter Meraleigh Randle guided her young teammates to a home victory Saturday, posting a meet-best overall score of 285 as the Falcons edged runner-up Hohenfels 1,379 to 1,346.

"I'm so happy with my performance, but I'm even happier my team won," Randle said.

Wiesbaden: The Warriors boys ranked Ramstein's gym Saturday and came away with an impressive 78-62 victory over last year's Division I runner-up, handing the Royals their second loss of the season while keeping their own record unblemished.

Darren Williams led the deep Warner roster with 19 points; CJ Pridden pitched in with a double-double.

—Gregory Broomer

Scoreboard

Boys	
Basketball	
Friday's games	Brussels 47, Menwith Hill 25 Wiesbaden 68, Bitburg 31 BFA 42, Baumholder 38, OT Viseck 53, Schweinfurt 25 Patch 69, Hohenfels 41 Viena 45, Naples 46 Viceza 57, Signonella 18
Saturday's games	Brussels 49, Menwith Hill 29 BFA 30, Baumholder 23 Wiesbaden 78, Bitburg 63 Viseck 57, Schweinfurt 31 Patch 55, Hohenfels 13 Aviano 65, Naples 45 Viceza 64, Signonella 36
Friday's games	SHAPE 36, Alconbury 29 Lakenheath 59, AFNORTH 13 Kaiserslautern 21, Menwith Hill 9 Wiesbaden 53, Bitburg 17 BFA 47, Baumholder 8 Patch 42, Hohenfels 23 Naples 47, Aviano 23 Signonella 34, Viceza 23
Saturday's games	SHAPE 52, Alconbury 29 Lakenheath 49, AFNORTH 37 Brussels 31, Menwith Hill 5 BFA 42, Baumholder 3 Wiesbaden 53, Bitburg 33 Patch 46, Hohenfels 23 Naples 45, Aviano 23 Signonella 34, Viceza 23
Friday's games	Wiesbaden 246, Lakenheath 203, SHAPE 36, Alconbury 69, Brussels 38, Kaiserslautern 182.5, Baumholder 137, Bitburg 63, AFNORTH 13, Signonella 34, Naples 94, Viceza 93, Aviano 74, AOSR 47, Signonella 41
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NHL

Ducks blank Kings at Dodger Stadium

Game draws 54,099 as league attempts its first warm-weather outdoor contest

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Anaheim Ducks and the Los Angeles Kings walked between the palm trees into the Dodger Stadium outfield, a beach volleyball court on their right and a Kiss performance stage to their left. A surprisingly good ice rink was straight ahead, glistering in the Hollywood night.

"We felt like rock stars," Anaheim defenseman Ben Lovejoy said. "That was by far the coolest feeling I've ever had playing hockey."

After all the spectacle and sensation of the NHL's first warm-weather outdoor game, James Hiller and the Ducks demonstrated who's on top of this rivalry — with or without a roof.

Corey Perry and Matt Beleskey scored first-period goals, and the Ducks beat the Kings 3-0 at Dodger Stadium on Saturday.

Hiller made 36 saves in his 20th career shutout as the league-leading Ducks dominated the landmark meeting of Southern California's two hockey teams among the stars in Chavez Ravine. Andrew Cogliano added an empty-net goal with 1:29 left to close this unusual chapter in the NHL's expanded slate of outdoor games.

"It's a little different playing out here, but it's nothing that threw us off," Hiller said.

The league threw a California carnival for the event. People in shorts and tank tops played Frisbee and practiced yoga between periods while skateboarders rolled past a ball hockey court featuring youth teams.

Although the temperature was 63 degrees with significant humidity when Wayne Gretzky dropped the first puck, the ice held up fairly well in the night air. The Ducks had no problems adjusting to the new sightlines and backgrounds while shutting out the Kings.

"It was maybe a little slower than some rinks, but it was smooth," Anaheim's Teemu Selanne said. "We're used to it. The whole package was incredible. You don't have that many chances to play in front of 55,000 people. This was pretty high on my bucket list."

The Ducks earned their 21st win in 24 games, beating Los Angeles for the second time in three days. The Kings lost their fifth straight game.

Jonathan Quick made 18 saves as the Kings matched their second skid of an otherwise solid season. After getting a goal in the opening minutes of Thursday's loss, Los Angeles hasn't scored 116 consecutive minutes against

the Ducks.

"As for us not scoring goals, it's been a constant theme, and it's getting embarrassing," Los Angeles defenseman Drew Doughty said. "So we need to pick up our socks, and everyone needs to get hungry around the net and score goals."

Hiller made 20 saves and stopped Anze Kopitar's penalty shot in the first period, and the Swiss netminder turned away every good scoring chance after that in his fourth shutout and 24th victory of the season.

Sabres 5, Blue Jackets 2: Christian Ehrhoff and Marcus Foligno scored short-handed goals to lead visiting Buffalo past Columbus, ending the Blue Jackets' franchise-record winning streak at eight.

Blues 4, Islanders 3 (SO): Kevin Shattenkirk and Alexander Steen scored shootout goals as St. Louis ended a 4-game road trip with a win over New York.

Hurricanes 6, Senators 3: Manny Malhotra had two goals and an assist, leading his Carolina over Ottawa. It was the third straight win for Carolina, which is 11-0-1 in its last 12 home games against Ottawa.

Bruins 6, Flyers 1: Jarome Iginla and Zdeno Chara each had two goals, Tuukka Rask made 25 saves and Boston beat Philadelphia. Reilly Smith and Patrice Bergeron also had goals for the Bruins.

Capitals 5, Canadiens 0: Alex Ovechkin returned from an injury that sidelined him two games to start a four-goal second period as visiting Washington ended a seven-game winless run with a victory over slumping Montreal.

Lightning 5, Avalanche 2: Tyler Johnson scored three goals to lead host Tampa Bay over Colorado. With the Lightning leading 3-2, Johnson doubled the advantage with 5:22 remaining and then completed his first career hat trick less than 2½ minutes later. The rookie center has 16 goals this season.

Jets 5, Maple Leafs 4 (OT): Dustin Byfuglien fired a low shot past Jonathan Bernier 2:44 into overtime to give host Winnipeg Jets a victory over Toronto. Mark Scheifele, Zach Bogosian, Blake Wheeler and Bryan Little also scored for the Jets.

Stars 2, Penguins 0: Kari Lehtonen made 24 saves for his second shutout in three games to lead host Dallas past Pittsburgh. Sergei Gonchar, Jamie Benn and Rich Peverley scored for Dallas.

Sharks 3, Wild 2 (OT): Joe Thornton scored his second goal of the game with 1:30 remaining in overtime to lead host San Jose to its sixth straight win.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA	
Boston	50	22	15	7	147	128
Tampa Bay	52	31	16	5	167	156
Toronto	51	24	19	5	156	154
Montreal	52	27	20	5	159	134
Detroit	52	23	18	10	156	131
Florida	52	20	18	10	147	152
Buffalo	51	20	24	7	122	154
N.Y. Islanders	50	26	7	25	97	144

Metropolitan Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA	
Pittsburgh	50	24	18	7	146	128
N.Y. Rangers	53	27	23	3	132	135
Columbus	51	26	21	4	156	150
Philadelphia	51	26	21	4	156	150
Carolina	51	23	19	9	153	145
New Jersey	52	23	21	8	148	154
Washington	52	21	25	8	148	154
N.Y. Islanders	54	21	25	8	154	179

Western Conference

Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA	
Chicago	53	32	9	12	179	169
St. Louis	52	31	11	7	177	119
Minnesota	54	28	15	5	169	145
Minnesota	54	28	20	6	162	133
Nashville	54	24	20	8	151	153
Nashville	53	23	22	8	141	158
San Jose	54	24	24	5	149	157

Pacific Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA	
Anaheim	54	30	19	6	183	130
San Jose	54	29	16	7	165	125
Los Angeles	53	29	18	6	164	132
San Jose	54	27	17	6	132	130
Phoenix	51	24	18	9	147	157
San Jose	53	23	22	8	136	145
Edmonton	53	15	32	6	37	185

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

Friday's games

Calgary 5, Nashville 1, Washington 1

Detroit 4, Montreal 1

New Jersey 2, Florida 2

Phoenix 4, Edmonton 3

Philadelphia 4, Carolina, p.m., schedule unclear

Saturday's games

St. Louis 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO

Carolina 6, Ottawa 3

Buffalo 5, Colorado 1

Washington 5, Montreal 0

Tampa Bay 5, Colorado 1

Buffalo 4, Columbus 3

San Jose 4, OT Dallas 3

Pittsburgh 0, Anaheim 3

Los Angeles 0, San Jose 2

San Jose 2, Vancouver 1

San Jose 2, Dallas 1

Edmonton at Vancouver

Los Angeles at San Jose

Monday's games

Boston at Carolina

Columbus at Carolina

Edmonton at Dallas

Edmonton at Vancouver

Los Angeles at San Jose

Saturday

Sharks 3, Wild 2 (OT)

Minnesota 2, San Jose 1 0 0-1

San Jose 3, San Jose 1 0 0-1

First Period—1, Minnesota, Cooke 8

Second Period—2, Minnesota, Ballard 1 (Granlund, Pominville), 4:16, 3, San Jose, Morrow (Kvetskiy, Linn), 11:15, 4, San Jose, Maricau 2 (Wingels, Rinov), 12:01

Overtime—5, San Jose, Thornton 8 (Oleksiak)

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 7-9-4-22, San Jose 11-10-7-4-22

Penalty Opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 2; San Jose 0 of 2

Goals—Anheim 5-3-1 (Kuemper 5-3-1 (38 shots-29 saves), San Jose, Niemi 27-18-20-30)

Power-play opportunities—San Jose 2-1 (17:52) (17:52), T-2:30

Ducks 3, Kings 0

Anaheim 1, Los Angeles 0 0 0-1-3

Los Angeles 0 0 0-0-0

First Period—1, Anaheim, Perry 28 (Gardner, 2:45, 2, Anaheim, Bekesov 5 (Bono, Selanne), 8:12

Second Period—1, Anaheim, Cogliano 17 (Palmer), 18:31 (en)

Missed Penalty Shot—Kopitar, LA, 9:46 first

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 7-6-8-21, Los Angeles 9-11-4-21

Penalty Opportunities—Anaheim 0 of 3

Goals—Anaheim 3, Hiller 24-6-4 (36 shots-26 saves), Los Angeles, Quick 14-2-20-30

Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 0-0-0 (56:00), T-2:33

Stars 3, Penguins 0

Pittsburgh 0 0 0-0-0

Dallas 1 2 0-3

First Period—1, Dallas, Gonchar 2 (Whitney, Lehtonen), 15:02 (pp)

Second Period—2, Dallas, Jabs 19 (Crosby, Selanne), 5:21, 3, Dallas, Peverley 7 (Horcoff), 10:20

Third Period—1, Dallas, Antonen 20 (Dallas 10-12-28-28)

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 4; Dallas 5 of 4

Goals—Pittsburgh, Fleury 28-12-12 (26 shots-25 saves), Dallas, Antonen 20-14-8 (24-24)

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0-0-0 (18:53), T-2:34



The Anaheim Ducks celebrate a goal by right wing Corey Perry as Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick, lower left, sits on the ice during the first period on Saturday at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. The Ducks won the battle of the Southern California rivals 3-0 in the NHL's first warm-weather outdoor game.

Jets 5, Maple Leafs 4 (OT)

Toronto 2 3 1 0-4

Winnipeg 2 5 1 0-9

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Scheffele 10 (Kane, Wheeler), 3:10, 2, Winnipeg, Wheeler 19 (Trouba, Pavlovic), 6:34 (pp)

Second Period—1, Toronto, Pluhacek 5 (Kessel), 6:14 (pp), 4, Winnipeg, Little 17 (Enstrom, Byfuglien), 7:36 (pp), 5, Winnipeg, Bogosian 2 (Lille, Ladd), 8:13, 6, Toronto, Bodie 2 (Kadri, Rielly), 9:14, 7, Toronto, Gleason 1 (Aston, Franson), 16:44

Third Period—2, Toronto, Kessel 27 (Van Riemsdijk), 18:27

Overtime—9, Winnipeg, Byfuglien 12 (Ladd, Frolik), 2:44

Shots on Goal—Toronto 12-8-7-1-28, Winnipeg 11-12-9-1-32

Power-play opportunities—Toronto 1 of 5; Winnipeg 2 of 2

Goals—Toronto, Teimer 19 (shots-15 saves), Bernier 17-15 (8-13 second, 13-12 third), 12-19 (Cawley), 20 (28-24)

A-15:04, T-2:43

Capitals 5, Canadiens 0

Washington 0 4 1-5-0

Montreal 0 0 0-0-0

Second Period—1, Washington, Ovechkin 1 (Ovechkin, Carrick), 8:38, 2, Washington, Erskine 1 (Erat, Browder), 3:05, 3, Washington, Bogie 1 (Wilson, Green), 6:21, 4, Washington, Carlson 9 (Laich, Hradek), 12:12

Third Period—5, Washington, Wellman 1 (Ovechkin, Carrick), 9:38, 2, Washington, Erskine 1 (Erat, Browder), 3:05, 3, Washington, Bogie 1 (Wilson, Green), 6:21, 4, Washington, Carlson 9 (Laich, Hradek), 12:12

Shots on Goal—Washington 12-17-3-34, Montreal 3-6-12-21

Power-play opportunities—Washington 0 of 8; Montreal 0 of 3

Goals—Washington, Holtby 14-12-12 (21 shots-21 saves), Montreal, Price 22-16-4 (26 shots-16 saves), Bartram 9-0-0 (third, 8-7)

A-21:23, T-2:37, T-2:51

Lightning 5, Avalanche 2

Colorado 0 0 2-5-0

Tampa Bay 3 0 2-5-0

Second Period—1, Tampa Bay, T.Johnson 14 (Hudson, Polak), 7:15, 2, Tampa Bay, Barbero 3 (Filappula, Killy), 8:29, 3, Tampa Bay, Filappula 19 (Brown, Kucherov), 18:04, 4, Colorado, Mitchell 5 (Lundqvist, Corrado), 18:33, 5, Colorado, Barbero 3 (Filappula, Parsonell), 19:03

Third Period—6, Tampa Bay, T.Johnson 15 (Hudson, Polak), 14:28, 7, Tampa Bay, T.Johnson 16 (Hudson, Polak), 16:55, 18 (shots-16 saves), Colorado, 7-14-26-27

Power-play opportunities—Colorado 0 of 1; Tampa Bay 2 of 2

Goals—Colorado, Atkottkalo 0-1-0 (18 shots-16 saves), Parsonell 12-5-3 (11-9), Tampa Bay, Bishopp 26-6-4 (27-25), A-19:24, T-19:26, T-2:27

Sabres 5, Blue Jackets 2

Buffalo 2 1 2-5-0

Colorado 1 0 1-2-0

First Period—1, Buffalo, Ellis 3 (Tallinder, Leino), 2:21, 2, Columbus, Hodgson 4 (Hudson, Polak), 7:15, 3, Buffalo, Ehrhoff 3, 18:30 (sh)

Second Period—1, Buffalo, Foligno 6 (McBain, Ehrhoff), 3:28 (sh)

Third Period—1, Buffalo, 2 (Hodgson, Ehrhoff), 3:51, 6, Columbus, Letestu 7 (D.Mackenzie, Tropp), 5:51, 7, Buffalo, Hodgson 4 (Hudson, Polak), 12:53

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 9-8-2-2, Columbus 10-10-10-22

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 1; Columbus 4 of 4

Goals—Buffalo, Miller 13-9-13 (38 shots-36 saves), Columbus, Bobrovsky 17-12-10 (7), McElmurray 5-28-28 (second, 11-10)

A-16:27, T-18:14, T-2:25

Bruins 6, Flyers 1

Boston 2 2 2-6-0

Philadelphia 0 0 0-1-1

First Period—1, Boston, Chara 10 (Iginla, Krejci), 6:29 (pp), 2, Boston, Iginla 14 (Lucic, Krug), 19:42

Second Period—3, Boston, Smith 16 (Boston, Bergeron 13 (Marchand), 13:10)

Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Giroux 15 (Voracek, Timonen), 7:55 (pp), 6, Boston, Iginla 15 (Kruze, Krejci), 8:22 (pp), 7, Boston, Chara 11 (Iginla, Krejci), 9:16 (pp)

Shots on Goal—Boston 9-13-11-33, Philadelphia 12-9-5-26

Power-play opportunities—Boston 3 of 5; Philadelphia 1 of 2

Goals—Boston, Rask 23-12-3 (26 shots-25 saves), Philadelphia, Mason 19-13-15-19, Emery 13 (second, 14-12)

A-19:38, T-19:54, T-3:16

Blues 4, Islanders 3 (SO)

St. Louis 1 1 1 0-4

N.Y. Islanders 2 1 0 0-3

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Vanek 19 (Koposo, Tavares), 4:01, 2, N.Y. Islanders, Koposo 22 (Varek, Hickey), 15:11, 3, St. Louis, Tarasenko 16 (Lapierre), 17:17

Second Period—4, St. Louis, Tarasenko 17 (Steen, Shattenkirk), 1:17, 5, N.Y. Islanders, Martin 4 (McDonald, Gzikas), 3:58

Third Period—5, St. Louis, Oshie 12 (Pirotton, Steen), 15:33

Shootout—St. Louis, Oshie (Nigel, Nick, Shattenkirk), 6, N.Y. Islanders, 1 (Nielsen, Ng, Vanek, G, Tavares), Ng

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 10-14-4-3-35, N.Y. Islanders 13-17-3-3-36

Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 0 of 2; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3

Goals—St. Louis, Halko 22-7-3 (36 shots-33 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Poulin 11-15 (35-32)

A-15:58, T-16:17, T-2:53

Hurricanes 6, Senators 3

Ottawa 0 0 3-0-3

Carolina 2 1 4-6-0

First Period—1, Carolina, Gerbe 11 (Malhotra, Kom

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Wawrinka tops rival for title

Nadal suffers back injury in second set, refuses to quit

By JOHN PYE

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Stan Wawrinka added a win over Rafael Nadal to his list of firsts in a stunning run to his maiden Grand Slam title, extending his rival's injury-cursed run at the Australian Open with a 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 upset in Sunday's final.

The 28-year-old Wawrinka had never taken a set off Nadal in 12 previous meetings, but attacked from the start against the 13-time major winner and regained his nerve after dropping the third set against the injured Spaniard.

Nadal appeared to be on the verge of retiring in the second set, when he hurt his back and needed a medical time out, but he refused to quit.

"It's really not the way you want to win a tennis match, but in a Grand Slam final I'll take it," said Wawrinka, the first man in 21 years to beat the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked players en route to a Grand Slam title.

Nadal was a hot favorite to win at Melbourne Park and became the first man to win each of the four Grand Slam tournaments twice in the Open era — instead, his injury curse struck again. It remains the only major he's hasn't won at least two times.

"Rafa, I'm really sorry for you, I hope your back is going to be fine, you're a really great guy, good friend and really amazing champion," Wawrinka said as he accepted his first major trophy. "Last year I had a crazy match, I lost it. I was crying a lot after the match. But in one year a lot happened — I still don't know if I'm dreaming or not but we'll see tomorrow morning."

Wawrinka lost in five sets to Novak Djokovic in the fourth round of the 2013 Australian Open, in the longest Grand Slam match of the season. Djokovic went on to win his third consecutive title at Melbourne Park, and then beat Wawrinka again in five

Scoreboard

Australian Open

Sunday

At Melbourne Park

Melbourne, Australia

Prize: \$29.72 million (Grand Slam)

Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Championship

Stanislas Wawrinka (S), Switzerland, def.

Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Doubles

Mixed

Championship

Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Daniel

Nestor, Canada, def. Sania Mirza, India,

and Horia Tecau (6), Romania, 6-3, 6-2.



AARON FAVILA/AP

Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka celebrates a point won against Spain's Rafael Nadal in the men's singles final at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia on Sunday.



ANDREW BROWN/BILL/AP

Rafael Nadal covers his face after losing a point Sunday. Nadal lost to Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 in the men's singles final.

sets in the U.S. Open semifinals.

But Wawrinka avenged those losses this time, beating Djokovic in five sets in the quarterfinals —

ending a run of 14 straight losses to the Serbian player.

Now he'll move from No. 8 to No. 3. In doing so, he'll surpass

Federer, a 17-time Grand Slam winner who lost to Nadal in the semifinals — to become the highest-ranked Swiss player for the first time in his career.

Wawrinka also broke up a sequence of wins for the Big Four — with 34 of the previous 35 majors going to either Nadal, Djokovic, Roger Federer or Andy Murray.

"Stan, you really deserve it," Nadal said. "Luck was against me today but you really deserve it."

"Last thing that I wanted to do was retire. I hate to do that, especially in a final. Same time, is tough to see yourself during the whole year you are working for a moment like this, and arrives the moment and you feel that you are not able to play at your best."

Nadal has had a terrible stretch with injuries at the Australian Open, and has described it as his unluckiest Grand Slam. He won the title in 2009, and lost an epic five-set final to Djokovic in 2012. But he missed the 2013 edition during a seven-month layoff with knee injuries and illness, and his quarterfinal losses in 2010 and 2011 were affected by injuries.

"It has been a very emotional two weeks — I'm sorry to finish this way," he told the Rod Laver Arena crowd. "I tried very, very hard — this year was one of the more emotional tournaments in my career."

A possible retirement was looming when Nadal was serving at 0-2 in the second set. He bent

over at the waist to stretch his back and then grabbed his lower back with his hand and grimaced in pain. His serve immediately dipped to 87 mph.

When Nadal took a medical timeout after falling behind a set and a break, and returned to a chorus of boos without a shirt after 7 minutes, it seemed that an early finish was on the cards.

Wawrinka was aggravated during the time out, demanding that officials tell him why Nadal needed the break. And he came out aggressively to finish off the second set.

Nadal's serve speed dipped even further to 77 mph and then 70 mph. The support in the stadium gradually shifted as the crowd saw the Spaniard battling to stay on the court.

His service speed improved in the beginning of the third set, prompting a fan to yell advice to Wawrinka: "C'mon Stan, no sympathy!"

By the end of the set, Nadal's serve was back up to 108 mph and Wawrinka's error count was escalating.

Wawrinka composed himself after an exchange of breaks in the fourth set to serve it out in 2 hours, 21 minutes. After a muted celebration, he consoled Nadal in the court-side chairs before getting a chance to hold up and kiss his first big trophy.

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Roundup

Ross scores 51 in loss to Clippers

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Jamal Crawford wondered whether he might produce another 50-point game. In the end, Terrence Ross got one instead.

Crawford had a season-high 37 points and matched a season best with 11 assists as the Los Angeles Clippers overcame Toronto's 51 points to beat the Raptors 126-118 on Saturday.

Crawford went up to Ross at the end of the game and gave a message of congratulations and consolation to his former workout partner.

"I told him, 'Welcome to the 50-point club,'" said Crawford, who set his career high with 52 against Miami in January 2007.

Crawford connected on 12 of 23 shots, including five from three-point range, but said he was happier about his assist total.

"I know that the coach has been a 50-point night," Crawford said. "You kind of know when you have it and this could have easily been a 50-point night, but the way the game went, they started doubling a little bit, I started finding my teammates more. There'll be other opportunities."

Ross matched Vince Carter's career record set 14 years ago and nearly doubled his previous career high of 26 points against Portland on Jan. 2, 2013.

"You don't really realize what you're doing until it's all over," Ross said.

The second-year guard connected on 16 of 29 field goals for 40 of 17 from the paint range and went 9-for-10 at the free-throw line. But he missed his final foul shot with four seconds left, failing to top the 51 points Carter scored in a 103-102 win over Phoenix on Feb. 27, 2000.

"Ross was great, but we won the game and that's all we can come here for," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

Blake Griffin scored 30 points and J.J. Redick had 18 as the Clippers won for the 10th time in 13 games. Los Angeles improved to 8-3 without star guard Chris Paul, sidelined with a separated shoulder.

"We're doing it without an MVP candidate," Crawford said. "We're doing it without one of the best players in the world."

Thunder 103, 76ers 91: Kevin Durant had 32 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists in his return from a shoulder injury to lead host Oklahoma City to its seventh straight win.

Durant was scratched against Boston on Friday with a sprained right shoulder. Against the Sixers, he was one of the first Thunder players to hit the court for

pregame warmups. He dunked several times, even hanging on the rim for several seconds after one, and was fit to play.

Bulls 89, Bobcats 87: D.J. Augustin scored 15 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and Chicago held off host Charlotte to get back above .500.

The former Bobcats point guard shot 4-for-5 from the field in the fourth quarter, making a trio of three-pointers, to help break open a tight game.

The Bulls (22-21) have won 10 of 13.

Grizzlies 99, Rockets 81: Mike Conley scored 17 points and Zach Randolph had 15 points and 17 rebounds as host Memphis beat Houston for the second consecutive night.

The Grizzlies won 88-87 in Houston on Friday, then took control of the rematch. Memphis held the Rockets to 38 percent shooting and built the lead as many as 27 points before both teams came in to reserves to finish the game.

Nuggets 109, Pacers 96: Wilson Chandler scored a season-high 25 points and host Denver snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Indiana.

Nate Robinson and Timofey Mozgov each added 15. First-year Nuggets coach Brian Shaw won in his first matchup against Indiana since leaving his job as a Pacers assistant to come to Denver.

Traill Blazers 115, Timberwolves 104: LaMarcus Aldridge scored 21 points in a showdown with Kevin Love that didn't live up to expectations, leading host Portland over Minnesota.

It was the Traill Blazers' 33rd win — matching their total from all of last season.

Jazz 104, Wizards 101: Enes Kanter scored 24 points and Gordon Hayward hit two free throws with 2.6 seconds left to lift host Utah over Washington.

Kanter made 11 of 13 shots and the Jazz overcame a 13-point deficit to take control in the fourth quarter and keep the Wizards from moving above the .500 mark for the first time in more than four years.

Hawks 112, Bucks 87: Paul Millsap scored 20 points to lead six teammates in double figures and kept the decisive surge that helped Atlanta rebound from a 26-point home loss for the win over host Milwaukee.

Millsap scored 14 points during a 24-5 run that bridged the end of the second quarter and the start of the third and put Atlanta ahead 73-47 with 8:24 left in the quarter.

The margin grew to 96-64 heading into the fourth and Atlanta beat Milwaukee for the eighth time in their last nine games.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		
Team	W	L
Toronto	12	13
Brooklyn	12	13
New York	12	13
Boston	15	10
Philadelphia	13	8

Southeast Division		
Team	W	L
Miami	11	12
Atlanta	12	11
Washington	21	22
Charlotte	17	16
Orlando	12	23

Central Division		
Team	W	L
Indiana	9	21
Chicago	11	21
Cleveland	17	26
Memphis	20	23
Milwaukee	16	27

Western Conference

Southwest Division		
Team	W	L
San Antonio	10	17
L.A. Clippers	17	10
Dallas	20	15
Phoenix	25	10
New Orleans	17	20

Northwest Division		
Team	W	L
Oklahoma City	35	10
Portland	33	11
Lakers	21	22
Minnesota	22	24
Utah	18	24

Pacific Division		
Team	W	L
L.A. Clippers	28	14
Golden State	26	18
Phoenix	24	19
Sacramento	15	27

Friday's games

Orlando 114, L.A. Lakers 105	107	106
Oklahoma City 107, Dallas 106	107	106
Brooklyn 101, Boston 83	107	106
Cleveland 83, Milwaukee 78	107	106
New Orleans 103, Detroit 101	107	106
San Antonio 105, Utah 95	107	106
New York 125, Charlotte 96	107	106
LA Clippers 112, Chicago 95	107	106
Memphis 88, Houston 87	107	106
Washington 101, Phoenix 95	107	106
Indiana 116, Sacramento 111	107	106
OT Minnesota 121, Golden State 120	107	106

Saturday games

Chicago 89, Charlotte 87	107	106
L.A. Clippers 99, Houston 95	107	106
Atlanta 112, Milwaukee 87	107	106
Denver 109, Indiana 96	107	106
Trail Blazers 115, Minnesota 104	107	106
San Antonio at Miami	107	106
LA Clippers at New York	107	106
Orlando at New Orleans	107	106
Brooklyn at Boston	107	106
Detroit at Dallas	107	106
Atlanta at Golden State	107	106
Denver at Sacramento	107	106

Monday's games

Phoenix at Philadelphia	107	106
Trail Blazers at Portland	107	106
Minnesota at Chicago	107	106
Atlanta at Oklahoma City	107	106
Clippers at Milwaukee	107	106
Sacramento at Utah	107	106

Saturday Trailblazers 115, Twolves 104

MINNESOTA — Brewer 5-0 0-11, Love 4-12 6-15, Pekovic 9-18 5-23, Rubio 4-0-0, Shuler 4-4 0-0, G. Smith 0-0 0-0, S. Smith 1-2-0, Turiaf 1-2-0, Barea 0-0 0-0, Shepherd 1-3-3, Curran 0-1 0-0, Price 0-0 0-0, Miah 0 0-0 0-0, Deng 11-17 23-39 19-19.

PORTLAND — Batum 5-10 3-13, Aldridge 12-21 3-21, Lopez 6-10 3-15, Lu 4-14 0-17 3-14, G. Smith 0-0 0-0, S. Smith 5-12 2-13, McCollum 3-6 0-0, Fredman 2-0 0-4, Robinson 3-0 0-6, Watson 0-0 0-0, Barton 1-0 0-2, Totals 39-89 24-45.

MINNESOTA 29 28 24 23-104
Portland 27 38 22 28-115
 Three-Point Goals—Minnesota 9-22 (Martin 6-10, Brewer 1-2, Budinger 1-3, Lu 1-4, S. Smith 1-0, Rubio 0-2), Portland 4-16 (Williams 2-3, Lillard 1-4, Lu 1-4, Barton 0-4, Robinson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 47 (Love 13, Portland 6 (Lopez 10), S. Smith 10, Fredman 5, Curran 3, Watson 2). Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second, A.—20,006 (19,380).

Jazz 104, Wizards 101

WASHINGTON — Gorat 8-14 1-2 23, Nene 9-15 1-2 19, Ariza 6-12 2-14, Wall 4-10 1-3 13, Siyia 2-10 0-10, Belcher 7-9 0-0, Booker 1-4 0-2, Temple 1-4 4-6, G. Smith 1-1 0-0, Bertinelli 1-0 0-0, Totals 39-89 24-45.

UTAH — Jefferson 2-7 0-5, Williams 2-13 1-15, Faves (Garrett 11), Utah 47 3-5, Hayward 5-14 4-14, Burks 6-9 3-5, Kanter 6-10, Total Fouls—Washington 15, Garrett 2-4 0-4, Evans 1-2 2-4, Totals 39-89 24-45.

Washington 29 24 24 24-101
Utah 20 20 20 20-104
 Three-Point Goals—Washington 9-22 (Ariza 6-10, Wall 1-3, Temple 1-1), Beal 0-3, Wester 0-3, Johnson 0-3, Evans 0-5, Hayward 2-3, Williams 2-5, Jefferson 1-3, Rush 1-3, Burks 0-2, Kanter 0-1, Utah 47 3-5, Utah 14, Assists—Washington 19 (Beal 8), Utah 17 (Burke 5), Total Fouls—Washington 15, Utah 14, Technicals—Utah defensive three second, A.—17,754 (18,911).

Indiana 112, Bucks 87

ATLANTA — Carroll 4-5 1-12, Millsap 8-14 4-20, Ayon 4-5 0-2, Mack 3-7 2-2, 9, Korver 3-7 3-12, Williams 6-9 2-18, Brand 5-8 0-10, Scott 4-10 4-14, Schroder 1-6 2-4, Nunnally 1-0 0-0, Cunningham 1-2 0-2, Totals 46-76 19-51.

MILWAUKEE — Iyavosa 5-15 1-11, M. Knight 11-15 0-20, Ridnour 1-3 0-0, Micka 5-9 1-2, Mayo 1-5 0-0, Henson 5-8 0-10, Walters 5-9 0-10, Raduljick 0-2 0-0, Totals 35-87 19-51.

Atlanta 31 29 36 16-112
Milwaukee 25 30 19 22-87
 Three-Point Goals—Atlanta 13-26 (Carril 3-3, Korver 3-4, Williams 3-5, Scott 2-6, Mack 1-2, Nunnally 1-3, Schroder 0-1, Cunningham 0-1, Millsap 0-2), Milwaukee 5-15 (Williams 2-5, Micka 2-2, Antetokounmpo 0-2, Middleton 0-3, Iyavosa 0-3, Mayo 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 43 (Millsap 8), Milwaukee 50 (Iyavosa 13), Assists—Atlanta 23 (Knight, Walters 5), Total Fouls—Atlanta 22, Milwaukee 26, Technicals—Henson A.—15,879 (18,171).

Grizzlies 99, Rockets 87

HOUSTON — Parsons 15-16 0-11, Jones 3-7 2-8, Howard 4-11 2-6 10, Beverley 9-15 0-5, Harden 13-14 0-5, Mike James 0-1 0-0, Casspi 3-6 2-9, Lin 2-8 2-6, Brooks 2-4 0-0, Covington 2-4 0-0, Totals 37-87 19-51.

MEMPHIS — Prince 1-5 0-0, Randolph 13-17 1-5, Gasol 2-6 2-6, Conley 6-13 2-17, Lee 8-9 4-15, Calathes 5-10 0-10, H. Williams 2-4 1-2, Mike James 1-2, Miller 2-4 0-5, Davis 1-5 0-0, Franklin 0-0 0-0, Totals 41-88 10-14, 91.

Houston 37 24 19 27-87
Memphis 35 26 18 28-99
 Three-Point Goals—Houston 9-22 (Beverly 3-6, Brooks 2-3, Covington 2-4, Casspi 1-3, Parsons 1-6, Jones 0-1), Mottel-Jung 0-3, Harden 0-4, Lin 0-6, Memphis 1-19 (Conley 3-6, Calathes 1-2, Miller 1-3, Wester 0-3), Johnson 0-3, Evans 0-5, Hayward 2-3, Williams 2-5, Jefferson 1-3, Rush 1-3, Burks 0-2, Kanter 0-1, Utah 47 3-5, Utah 14, Assists—Houston 15 (Mempis 13), Technicals—Houston defensive three second, A.—17,512 (18,119).

The Raptors' Terrence Ross, right, drives past the Clippers' Jared Dudley during the second half Saturday in Toronto. The Clippers overcame Ross' 51 points to beat Toronto 126-118.

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Nuggets 109, Pacers 96

INDIANA — George 6-18 6-10 18, West 6-18 1-6, Hibbert 2-3 1-3 6, G. Hill 4-6 0-0, Stephenson 10-16 2-23, Scola 3-9 0-6, Grant 3-8 0-7, Watson 1-3 1-4, M. Miller 1-1 3-4, Butler 0-0 0-0, Johnson 0-0 0-2, Slanin 0-0 0-0, Copeland 1-0 0-2, Totals 37-87 17-56.

Denver — Harkson 8-15 9-25, Faried 6-11 2-13, Hickson 5-10 4-11 14, Lawson 6-11 0-12, Love 4-12 2-12, Mozgov 4-8 7-10 15, Fournier 0-2 1-2, Rogobson 4-7 1-1, Miller 1-5 0-2, Totals 40-88 21-37 109.

Indiana 18 18 40 20-96
Denver 22 33 21 29-109
 Three-Point Goals—Indiana 5-12 (G. Hill 2-2, Watson 1-2, Stephenson 1-2, Granger 1-2, George 0-4), Denver 20 (Chandler 4-8, Robinson 2-5, Fave, Lawson 0-1). Fouled Out—Mehmi, Hibbert, Rebounds—Indiana 60 (George 11), Denver 60 (Hickson 13), Assists—Indiana 20 (Stephenson 7), Denver 26 (Lawson 10), Total Fouls—Indiana 27, Denver 21, Technicals—Stephenson, Indiana Coach Vogel, West, Robinson, Denver defensive three second, A.—19,155 (19,155).

Hawks 112, Bucks 87

ATLANTA — Carroll 4-5 1-12, Millsap 8-14 4-20, Ayon 4-5 0-2, Mack 3-7 2-2, 9, Korver 3-7 3-12, Williams 6-9 2-18, Brand 5-8 0-10, Scott 4-10 4-14, Schroder 1-6 2-4, Nunnally 1-0 0-0, Cunningham 1-2 0-2, Totals 46-76 19-51.

MILWAUKEE — Iyavosa 5-15 1-11, M. Knight 11-15 0-20, Ridnour 1-3 0-0, Micka 5-9 1-2, Mayo 1-5 0-0, Henson 5-8 0-10, Walters 5-9 0-10, Raduljick 0-2 0-0, Totals 35-87 19-51.

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 Three-Point Goals—Atlanta 13-26 (Carril 3-3, Korver 3-4, Williams 3-5, Scott 2-6, Mack 1-2, Nunnally 1-3, Schroder 0-1, Cunningham 0-1, Millsap 0-2), Milwaukee 5-15 (Williams 2-5, Micka 2-2, Antetokounmpo 0-2, Middleton 0-3, Iyavosa 0-3, Mayo 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 43 (Millsap 8), Milwaukee 50 (Iyavosa 13), Assists—Atlanta 23 (Knight, Walters 5), Total Fouls—Atlanta 22, Milwaukee 26, Technicals—Henson A.—15,879 (18,171).

Clippers 126, Raptors 118

L.A. CLIPPERS — Barnes 4-7 0-11, Griffin 10-16 10-13 30, Jordan 2-4 2-2 6, Collison 5-11 0-10, Redick 1-3 2-18, Caruso 12-23 8-37, Dudley 2-2 0-4, Green 0-0 0-0, Hollins 0-0 0-0, Totals 46-84 22-35 126.

TORONTO — Ross 16-29 9-10 51, Johnson 4-0 2-0, Valanciunas 5-9 7-10, Lowry 2-10 6-11, DeRoan 0-6 4-4-10, Hayes 0-1 0-2, Salmons 1-5 0-2, Patterson 1-1 1-0-1-3, Vassell, Novak 1-0 0-2, Totals 36-74 32-118.

L.A. Clippers 36 35 32 126-118
Toronto 27 28 28 118-126
 Three-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 12-22 (Griffin 5-11, Barnes 3-3, Redick 3-3, Collison 2-3, Turko 0-4, Green 0-1), Toronto 14-29 (Ross 10-17, DeRoan 2-2, Patterson 1-1, Lowry 1-0, Vassell, Novak 1-0, Hayes 0-2), Salmons 0-2, Patterson 0-0, Hayes 0-0, Totals 36-74 32-118.

Bulls 89, Bobcats 87

CHARLOTTE — Dunleavy 4-11 2-12, Boozer 4-8 2-10, Noah 4-14 3-11, Augustin 10-16 4-8, Butler 2-7 0-4, Gibson 0-0 0-0, James 1-3 0-2, Totals 31-77 16-22.

CHICAGO — Kidd-Gilchrist 3-11 0-0 6, McCort 2-7 0-6, S. Williams 12-23 0-0, 9-22, Sessions 4-14 0-8, Henderson 5-12 2-11, Zeller 2-4 0-4, Tolliver 0-3 0-0, Boucek-Roberts 1-3 0-2, Parry 0-0 0-0, Blyembo 0-0 0-0, Totals 37-88 17-22.

Chicago 22 17 18 32-89
Charlotte 24 15 16 32-87
 Three-Point Goals—Chicago 9-22 (Augustin 6-12, Snell 3-5, Dunleavy 2-4, Butler 0-2), Charlotte 6-19 (Parry 3-4, McCort 2-6, Jefferson 1-1, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1, Douglas-Roberts 0-2, Sessions 0-0, Boucek-Roberts 0-1, Lowry 0-2, Parry 0-0, Blyembo 0-0), Totals 37-88 17-22.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Coach K collects 900th win at Duke

Blue Devils blast Florida State as Krzyzewski gets milestone victory

By **AARON BEARD**
The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke didn't shoot the ball well nor did it have one of its big runs against Florida State.

Rather, the 18th-ranked Blue Devils gave their Hall of Fame coach a milestone win by aggressively crashing the glass, converting on turnovers and cashing in at the free-throw line.

Rodney Hood scored 18 points to help Duke beat Florida State 78-56 on Saturday, giving Mike Krzyzewski his 900th victory in his 34th season at the school.

Jabari Parker added 14 points for the Blue Devils (16-4, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who shot 31 percent but nearly doubled the Seminoles on the glass while scoring 29 points off both turnovers and offensive rebounds.

Krzyzewski is the all-time leader in career victories in men's Division I with 973. He joins Syracuse's Jim Boeheim as the only coaches with at least 900 wins at one program.

"That's a lot of wins," Krzyzewski said. "I thank Duke for keeping me. I've been blessed with being at one of the greatest schools in the world. Great schools don't necessarily always hire the great people in our country. This school has ... We have a good thing going

here and I've been blessed to be here for over three decades and take advantage of that."

Duke used an 11-0 spurt late in the first half to build a 20-point lead on the Seminoles (13-6, 4-3), who didn't get the margin below double figures again. But Duke's shooting percentage and its 18 field goals were both season-lows.

The Blue Devils had a 47-24 rebounding advantage, including 27-7 on the offensive glass.

Parker, who had a career-high 15 rebounds in Wednesday's win against Miami, finished with 14 rebounds, while Hood had nine.

Duke also got a boost from reserve big man Marshall Plumlee, who posted career-highs of seven points and seven rebounds — with each rebound coming on the offensive glass.

"Rebounding is something we've really tried to make a focal point these last few weeks," Plumlee said. "Alongside our defense, I feel like it's something that's starting to show in recent games so no matter who we play we're hoping to come up with the W on the boards and defensive stops."

The Blue Devils scored 29 points off 17 Florida State turnovers and made 34 of 43 free throws for the game — including 20 of 27 after halftime to offset a 6-for-27 shooting performance



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski reacts to a call during the first half of Saturday's game against Florida State in Durham, N.C. Duke won 78-56 to give Krzyzewski his 900th win at the school.

Did you know

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Syracuse's Jim Boeheim are the only Division I men's coaches to win 900 games with one school.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

(22 percent) in the second half.

"I just think they had our number today and did a very good

job of playing to their potential," Seminoles coach Leonard Hamilton said. "And they did the things I thought would give us the most problems. I don't think we countered it appropriately."

Okaro White scored 14 points for Florida State, which shot 50 percent but saw the rebounding and turnover troubles undermine that.

"It will mess with you emotionally," White said. "You got a team shooting so many threes, there's a lot of long rebounds. You're trying to box out, and your normal tendency is to run to the rim, thinking the ball will fall there. They really killed us on offensive rebounds and turnovers."

Florida State, which won in its last trip here on a last-second

three-pointer two years ago, led by one point for about 1 minute in the first half. But key scorer Aaron Thomas, who was coming off a 20-point effort against Notre Dame, finished with two points on 1-for-7 shooting before fouling out by fouling with 5:13 left.

Krzyzewski was animated and often unhappy with his team in the early minutes, slamming down a chair during an early timeout and shedding his suit jacket by the 12-minute media timeout.

Then, after Duke looked to be in cruise control, the Blue Devils went nearly 7½ minutes without a basket in the second half. Florida State got as close as 11 with 6:51 to play before Quinn Cook ended the drought with a driving basket that made it 71-54 with 3:25 left.

Roundup

No. 21 Michigan rallies to upset No. 3 Michigan St.

The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Nik Stauskas made a tiebreaking three-pointer with 3:12 left and finished with 19 points and freshman Derrick Walton Jr. scored a season-high 19, lifting No. 21 Michigan to an 80-75 win over No. 3 Michigan State on Saturday to remain the only Big Ten team without a conference loss.

The Wolverines (15-4, 7-0 Big Ten) went on a 10-0 run late in the game to take control and held on to win for just the second time in 15 games at the Breslin Center.

The Spartans (18-2, 7-1) had won 11 straight since losing to North Carolina at home.

Michigan State's Gary Harris scored a career-high 27 points and didn't get much help offensively from his team that was without two of its best players.

No. 2 Syracuse 64, Miami 52: Syracuse (19-0, 6-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) held Miami (10-9, 2-5) without a basket for 7½ minutes down the stretch Satur-

day and made eight consecutive free throws in the final minute to remain unbeaten.

No. 4 Villanova 64, Marquette 85 (OT): Ryan Arcidiacono had 20 points and 11 assists, and coolly guided visiting Villanova (17-2, 6-1 Big East) over Marquette (11-9, 3-4) in overtime following a frenzied finish to regulation.

No. 5 Wichita St. 78, Drake 61: Clea Thompson Early scored 19 points, Ron Baker added 14 and Wichita State (21-0, 8-0 Missouri Valley Conference) beat host Drake (11-9, 2-6).

No. 6 Florida 67, Tennessee 41: Michael Frazier II scored 17 points and Scottie Wilbekin added 13 as host Florida (17-2, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) beat Tennessee (12-7, 3-3).

No. 7 San Diego St. 74, Utah St. 69 (OT): Xavier Thames scored 31 points, including 10 in overtime, and San Diego State (18-1, 7-0 Mountain West) held off pesky host Utah State (12-7, 2-5).
No. 8 Kansas 91, TCU 69: Andrew Wiggins scored 19 of his



Michigan's Jon Horford, right, dunks against Michigan State's Alex Gauna (2) on Saturday in East Lansing, Mich.

career-high 27 points in the first half and Kansas (15-4, 6-0 Big 12) never gave TCU (9-10, 0-7) a shot

at a repeat of last year's upset.

No. 9 Wisconsin 72, Purdue 58: Sam Dekker and Traevon Jackson each scored 15 points as visiting Wisconsin (17-3, 4-3 Big Ten) end its three-game losing streak at Purdue (13-7, 3-4).

No. 10 Iowa 76, Northwestern 50: Roy Devyn Marble scored 14 points for Iowa (16-4, 5-2 Big Ten), which never trailed in beating host Northwestern (10-11, 3-5).

No. 11 Oklahoma St. 81, West Virginia 75: LeBryan Nash scored a career-high 29 points and had nine rebounds as host Oklahoma State (16-3, 4-2 Big 12) beat West Virginia (11-9, 3-4).

No. 14 Kentucky 79, Georgia 54: Aaron Harrison scored 15 points as host Kentucky (15-4, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) pulled away from Georgia (10-8, 4-2) for its third straight win.

No. 16 Iowa St. 81, No. 22 Kansas St. 75: Melvin Ejim scored 20 points and Iowa State (15-3, 3-3 Big 12) beat Kansas State (14-6, 4-3) to snap a three-game losing streak.

No. 20 Pittsburgh 83, Maryland 79: Lamar Patterson scored 28 points as visiting Pittsburgh (18-2, 6-1) beat Maryland (11-9, 3-4) to complete its first regular-season sweep as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Texas 74, No. 24 Baylor 60: Freshman guard Isaiah Taylor scored a career-high 27 points as Texas (16-4, 5-2 Big 12) beat Baylor (13-6, 1-5) to stretch its winning streak to five games.

No. 25 Oklahoma 74, Texas Tech 65: Buddy Hield scored 18 points, 12 on three-pointers, to lead Oklahoma (16-4, 5-2 Big 12) over host Texas Tech (10-10, 2-5).

American U. 84, Army 74: John Schoof, Jesse Reed and Tony Wroblewicz combined for 61 points as American (12-7, 8-0 Patriot League) beat host Army (10-9, 6-2).

Holy Cross 67, Navy 52: Justin Burrell scored 17 points and Dave Dudzinski added 16 points and nine rebounds as Holy Cross (11-9, 5-3 Patriot League) cruised past Navy (7-12, 2-6).

OLYMPICS

Rivals on the ice, but good friends off it

US speedskaters Richardson, Bowe say camaraderie helps fuel success

By PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

Heather Richardson and Brittany Bowe love to chill out together, whether it's going to the movies or just lounging on the couch watching TV.

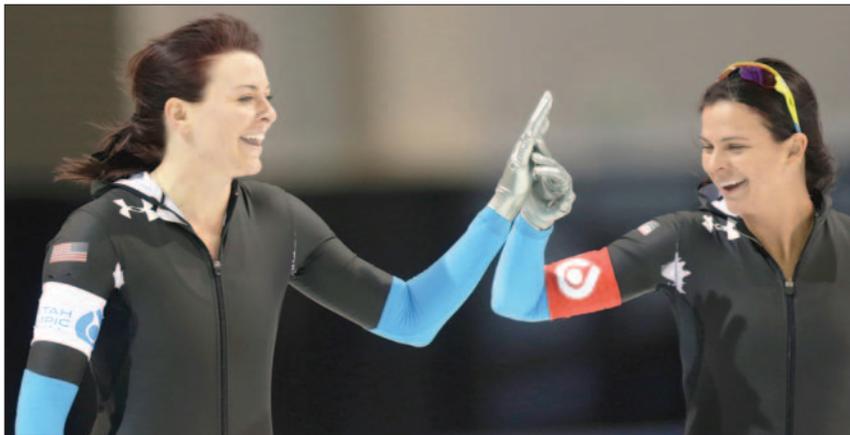
Sure, they're competitors on the ice. But their friendship isn't affected in the least by who finishes first at the speedskating oval.

"We always talk to each other after our races," said Richardson, who shares an apartment with Bowe in Park City, Utah. "We congratulate each other, then we go home and hang out."

The former inline skaters are two of the top U.S. medal hopefuls heading into the Sochi Olympics, though it may come down to one beating the other for gold.

Richardson and Bowe are ranked 1-2 in the World Cup standings for the 1,000 meters, with Richardson on top even though Bowe set a world record at the Utah Olympic Oval in November. They'll also compete in the 500 and 1,500, with Richardson considered the stronger of the two in the all-out sprint, while Bowe is more of a medal threat in the longer event.

Amazingly, racing each other for much of the same hardware hasn't affected how they get along. If anything, it has spurred Richardson and Bowe to greater heights as competitors, while bringing them closer together during their down time — a far



Rick Bowmer/AP

Speedskater Heather Richardson, left, celebrates her first place finish with second place finisher Brittany Bowe after their 500-meter race at the U.S. Olympic speedskating trials in Kearns, Utah, in December. These former inline skaters maintain a close relationship off the ice, even while pushing each other to greater heights as they head to the Winter Olympics.

cry from some of the more heated rivalries in the sport, such as Shani Davis vs. now-retired Chad Hedrick.

"We have a really special relationship," Bowe said. "We're teammates, friends, competitors and roommates. It's really special to have one of the fastest, if not the fastest, girl in the world on my team, working with me day in and day out. We're really lucky to have each other."

The 24-year-old Richardson will be competing in her second Olympics. She gave a glimpse of her potential at the Vancouver

Games, posting a pair of top-10 finishes while still a relative neophyte on the ice, and her expectations are much higher this time around.

A native of High Point, N.C., Richardson won the world sprint championship last season and has been a consistent podium finisher on the World Cup circuit.

"I definitely think there's going to be pressure," she said. "I've just got to remember to take deep breaths and have fun. That's when I skate my best."

Bowe, who grew up in Ocala, Fla., took an especially unique

route to the Winter Olympics.

In addition to being a former inline star, she also played point guard on the basketball team at Florida Atlantic from 2006-10. She hoped to play professionally overseas — until she watched the Vancouver Games on television during her senior season. Just like that, she decided on a different path, moving to Utah to join the national speedskating program as soon as she was done with college.

"It started with the Opening Ceremonies," Bowe recalled. "Then I saw Heather race, and

Lauren (Cholewinski) race, and Chad Hedrick race, all my past friends and competitors (from inline skating). I just knew if they could do it, I could do it, too. I just said to myself, 'I have to give this a try and go for it.'"

Bowe's rise to the top of the sport has been meteoric, but this was her goal all along.

"My mind was definitely set on Sochi," she said after the recent U.S. speedskating trials in suburban Salt Lake City. "When I moved out here in 2010, my goal was to be an Olympian in 2014 and be on the podium in Sochi. I've never changed that."

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Mike Siegel, Seattle Times/MCT

Seth Wescott, draped in his grandfather's WWII military flag, celebrates after winning a snowboarding gold medal in Vancouver in 2010. Wescott's bid for a third straight gold medal ended Saturday when he was left off the U.S. team.

Gold medalist Wescott left off team

The Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — Seth Wescott's quest for a third straight Olympic gold medal was halted before he reached Sochi, when the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association left him off of the Olympic snowboardcross team named Saturday.

Nate Holland headlined the men's team, making his third Olympics, with Nick Baumgartner getting his second shot at the Games.

Lindsey Jacobellis will lead the women, trying to win the gold medal that has eluded her the last two tries.

Wescott has struggled since 2012, when a shoulder injury cut short his season. He's been dealing with knee and leg injuries for the past nine months and said recently he was nowhere near fully recovered.

In his last chance to make an impression on the U.S. coaches, Wescott was eliminated in the quarterfinal round of the Winter X Games on Friday.

Slopestyle favorite breaks rib

ASPEN, Colo. — Olympic gold-medal favorite Mark McMorris of Canada fractured a rib during a crash in the Winter X Games slopestyle finals Saturday — an injury he says will not derail his road to Sochi. McMorris caught his snowboard on the lip of a rail and landed hard on the bar, then slid down on his right side before hitting the snow. He stayed on the ground for a few minutes before riding down the hill under his own power.

He was treated and released from the hospital.

Several hours later, he released a statement: "I will continue as planned with traveling to Europe tomorrow and recovering for the Olympics. While I'm sore, I'm continuing on my road to Sochi."

South Africa denies skier spot

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Teenager Sive Speelman might have been South Af-

rica's version of "Eric the Eel" at the Sochi Olympics, the feel-good story of the Games.

The 18-year-old slalom skier is from a rural and impoverished corner of a country where snow is rare and Alpine skiers even rarer — especially ones who are black. But despite qualifying for a place at the Winter Games, he won't be competing.

South Africa's national Olympic committee decided that Speelman isn't good enough, denying him a chance to ski alongside the best in the world in Sochi even though he was invited by the IOC.

The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee's decision is being fiercely criticized at home.

"What a sad day. Sive Speelman qualified to compete at the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, but SASOC has denied him the opportunity to race and raise South Africa's flag," Alex Heath, a three-time Winter Olympian from South Africa and Speelman's coach, wrote on his Facebook page. "It is an embarrassment to sport and the Olympic ideals."

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Ed ANDRESKI/AP

An errant football crosses in front of Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning as he completes a passing play during practice at the team's training facility in Englewood, Colo., on Friday.

Downshift: Grind-it-out style new wrinkle in Broncos' gameplan

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With a wealth of receivers in Demaryius Thomas, Eric Decker, Wes Welker and Julius Thomas, and a rejuvenated running back in Knowshon Moreno, the Broncos are the first team in NFL history to sport five players who each caught 60 or more passes. Each member of this quintet also reached the end zone 10 or more times, something that's never been done before.

Offensive coordinator Adam Gase capitalized on all that firepower, Denver's altitude and Manning's deciphering of defenses at the line of scrimmage to ramp up the Broncos to breakneck speed with a no-huddle offense that created mismatches in 2013 after taking over from the more conservative Mike McCoy following last year's playoff upset.

The Broncos scored an NFL-record 606 points. Their 37.9-point average was the highest of the Super Bowl era and second only to the 1950 Los Angeles Rams, who averaged 38.8 points.

The Broncos could have beaten that mark, too, had Manning not sat out the second half at Oakland in Week 17 after guiding Denver to a 31-0 halftime lead.

Taking away the three field goals backup Brock Osweiler led the Broncos to this season and Denver's five return touchdowns, Manning's offense accounted for 565 points in just over 453 minutes on the field.

That's 1.25 points per minute. Scoring doesn't come as easily

By the numbers

606

Points scored by the Broncos this season, an NFL record. Their 37.9-point average is the highest in the Super Bowl era.

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Average points the Broncos' Manning-led offense scored per minute, accounting for 565 points in just over 453 minutes on the field.

6:23

Average length of Denver's scoring drives since the start of the playoffs, up from 3 minutes, 10 seconds during the regular season.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

in the playoffs, however.

The most prolific team before this season was the 2007 Patriots, who scored 589 points, an average of 36.8, in the regular season and then averaged just 22 in the postseason, losing the Super Bowl 17-14 to the New York Giants.

While the Broncos have scored on 10 of their 14 drives this postseason, not counting the two possessions that ended in victory formation, half of those have been field goals by Matt Prater.

In the regular season, they had 71 touchdown drives and 25 field goals.

That accounts for a lot of their dip to a 25-point scoring average in the playoffs.

Yet, they're in greater control and their defense is better than it's been all season, yielding just 17 and 16 points after allowing 24.93 points per game in the regular season.

Credit Manning for keeping the Broncos on the field for an average of 35 minutes, 35 seconds to his opponents' 24:25.

It's quite a change for the Broncos, who kicked off the NFL season against Baltimore with a 24-yard touchdown that took all of five seconds, one of Manning's record-tying seven that night.

Demaryius Thomas' third-quarter TD Sunday capped a drive that took almost as long as those seven TD drives in the opener combined.

"Usually, we score fast," Thomas said.

NYC police keep a close eye on Super Bowl fans

About 200 temporary surveillance cameras installed in Manhattan

By TOM HAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Super Bowl fans fill the streets of New York City next week, police will be watching them closely — in person, in the air and on closed-circuit monitors.

The New York Police Department has quietly installed about 200 temporary surveillance cameras in midtown Manhattan to help spot trouble along "Super Bowl Boulevard," a 13-block street span on Broadway that's expected to draw large crowds during the windup to the game. Banners promoting the fair compete on the same lampposts with decidedly less festive signs reading, "NYPD Security Camera in Area."

The heavy surveillance is one facet of a vast security effort by scores of law enforcement agencies that spent the past two years devising their own version of a zone defense to protect Super Bowl events that are all over the map before the kickoff on Feb. 2 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

At a recent security briefing at the stadium, police chiefs and other officials said success will be measured in part by how well authorities conceal all the concern over potential threats.

As a precaution, the officials have mostly declined to give specific details of the security plans. They've also refused to forecast the costs.

But at the briefing, the head of the New Jersey State Police revealed that up to 700 troopers would be assigned to patrols in and around the stadium. The NFL has committed another 3,000 private security officers to bolster security there as well.

In Manhattan, the NYPD will draw on its experience securing the annual New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square, the New York City Marathon, the U.N. General Assembly and other high-profile events. The department also has studied bombings and other attacks, both domestic and foreign, to fine tune its approach to guarding against potential threat actors.

"We're accustomed to large events and we're prepared to respond to anything that presents itself," said Chief James Waters, commanding officer of the NYPD's Counterterrorism



BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

A temporary surveillance camera on a Times Square light post. New York City police are blanketing midtown Manhattan with temporary surveillance cameras as one of many security measures being taken to protect visitors for the Super Bowl.

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Waters described how NYPD officials met with their counterparts in Boston following the bombing at last year's Boston Marathon to assess the risk of future attacks in similar settings. The NYPD responded by blanketing the finish line area of the city's own marathon with security cameras — an approach that will be duplicated along Super Bowl Boulevard.

"We took a close look at what happened in Boston," Waters said. "Unfortunately, this is the world we live in, so we learned from events around the world."

The temporary cameras for the Super Bowl festivities will supplement a system of thousands of permanent cameras covering midtown and Wall Street that the NYPD monitors from a command center in lower Manhattan. The department has pioneered analytical software that allows it to program the cameras to detect suspicious activity, such as a bag or other objects left in one place for a long time.

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Swiss is first man to beat top two ranked players en route to Grand Slam title | Page 27

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Downshift by design?

Denver's high-octane 'O' has become clock-killing machine

By ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.

After hurrying Denver's quick-strike, high-octane offense through a record-shattering regular season, Peyton Manning has turned the Broncos into a slow-grinding, clock-eating machine in the playoffs.

Denver's three most time-consuming drives of the season have all come in the last two weeks, helping to render opposing passers short-tempered sideline spectators.

In dispatching the San Diego Chargers and the New England Patriots, Manning dinked and dunked his way downfield.

"To keep Tom Brady on the sideline is a good thing," Manning said after directing two epic drives in Denver's 26-16 win in the AFC championship.

Denver's downshift, some of it by design, some because of circumstance, has thrown a new wrinkle into an already formidable test that Seattle's stingy defense will have to prepare for in the Super Bowl.

After averaging seven plays, 65 yards and just over 3 minutes, 10 seconds on their 71 touchdown drives during the season, the Broncos have doubled the time to 6:23 in the postseason and the touchdown drives have averaged 12 plays and 79.4 yards.

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Running back Knowshon Moreno, right, and the rest of the Broncos offense have slowed things down as of late, doubling their time of possession on scoring drives since reaching the playoffs.
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