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# What red ink?

## As national deficits dip, all sides seek more spending

By JIM KUHNHEHN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The deficit is dead. Long live the deficit.

As the nation's ledger adjusts to decreasing levels of deficit spending, the voices in Washington calling for austerity are barely audible. Republicans want more defense spending.

Democrats want more domestic spending. And President Barack Obama wants both.

For the first time since the 2011 Budget Control Act put in place a series of automatic spending cuts, Obama might be in

the best bargaining position to move the debate his way. And that's with Republicans in charge of Congress.

Obama on Thursday called for a 7 percent boost in government spending that would nullify those 2011 sequestration cuts and increase domestic and defense spending by a total of \$74 billion in nearly equal amounts.

"Let's make sure that we end this across-the-board sequester that doesn't differentiate between smart government spending and dumb government spending," he told Democratic lawmakers in Philadelphia.

That's not to say that Obama's budget, set

## BY THE NUMBERS

Under President Barack Obama's proposal, national security programs would see an increase of **\$38 billion** over current spending limits, raising the defense budget to **\$561 billion**. On the domestic side, Obama is calling for **\$530 billion** in spending, an increase of **\$37 billion**.

for release on Monday, stands any better chance than his previous budgets at winning congressional support — i.e., zero. But as a negotiating document, it might not be so easily dismissed.

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## ANALYSIS



# UNLIKELY REFUGEE

By LYNNE O'DONNELL ■ The Associated Press

## Pakistanis fleeing military offensive find new dangers in Afghanistan

KHOST, Afghanistan — Tens of thousands of Pakistanis have sought shelter at a sprawling refugee camp in a volatile region of Afghanistan after crossing the mountainous border to escape a military onslaught against insurgents.

For decades Afghans have fled into Pakistan to escape war and upheaval, but in recent months the tide has reversed, with some 60,000 Pakistanis — more than half of them children — taking refuge in the Gulan camp, some 12 miles from the border in the restive Khost province.

"We knew the military operations would last a long time once they started," said

Malik Omardin, a tribal elder who came from the Pakistani town of Datta Khel. "It's a mountainous area and the insurgents are very strong on their own territory, so the government will have a hard time finding and destroying the Taliban."

More than 210,000 Pakistanis have crossed into Afghanistan from the neighboring North Waziristan province since the Pakistani military launched a long-awaited offensive in June against Taliban and other foreign militants, who have long used the lawless tribal region as a launch-pad for attacks in both countries.

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Pakistani refugee schoolgirls attend class at Gulan camp in Khost province, Afghanistan, on Monday.

MASSOUD HOSSAIN/AP

**QUOTE**  
OF THE DAY

**"Those weapons saved lives and, frankly, saved the world."**

— Col. Mark Tull, commander of Headquarters and Service Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, on the atomic bombs dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, just before the end of World War II

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**WAR/MILITARY**

**Poll: Many Afghans want bigger US role**

By **SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN**  
*The Washington Post*

**46 percent**

The proportion of Afghans who said they would like to see a greater commitment by U.S. forces than currently in place.

KABUL — Many Afghans would like to see a greater American role after this year than is currently planned, while a majority believe that last year's run-off election that led to a U.S.-brokered power-sharing government was "mostly fraudulent," according to a national poll released Thursday.

The poll, conducted in November by the Afghan Center for Socio-Economic and Opinion Research in collaboration with New York-based firm Langer Research Associates, was based on a random sample of 2,051 Afghan men and women in most parts of the country.

In the poll, 46 percent said they would like to see a greater commitment by U.S. forces than currently in place. The United States and its NATO allies withdrew most forces last year and now have roughly 13,000 troops. The U.S. contingent is expected to fall to roughly 5,000

by the end of the year.

In recent weeks, senior Afghan officials also have indicated that they would like to see a greater U.S. presence after this year. Only 29 percent of Afghans said they preferred fewer or no U.S. forces to remain, according to the poll, which had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. Two-thirds of Afghans favored a significant role by U.S. and international forces in training Afghan forces in the future, the poll found.

Six in ten rated their security from crime and violence as at

least "somewhat good" in November. But concerns about growing violence and insecurity may have increased in recent weeks as the Taliban Islamist insurgency has mounted attacks in the capital Kabul and other areas. The latest assaults came Thursday when a roadside bomb killed a police commander in Laghman province in eastern Afghanistan. Hours later, a suicide bomber detonated his explosives belt at the man's funeral, killing four policemen and 12 civilians and wounding scores, said Afghan officials.

"This is against all Islamic principles," said Gen. Naqibullah, a lawmaker from Laghman, who like many Afghans uses only one name. "The enemies of Afghanistan don't even let us bury our dead peacefully."

Even though 53 percent of Afghans think the runoff election was mired in fraud, the poll found that an overwhelming majority approve of the unity government led by President Ashraf Ghani

and his chief executive, Abdullah Abdullah. Three-quarters of Afghans see each as holding office legitimately. In the survey, 61 percent said Afghanistan is headed in the right direction, up from 48 percent in 2013.

Most Afghans, as expected, found persistent problems with basic services such as electricity, and high unemployment rates, and widespread corruption among government officials and police remain major concerns, the poll found.

There were also some troubling trends. The number of Afghans who view opium cultivation as "unacceptable in all circumstances" fell to 53 percent, the lowest on record, according to the poll.

And though the Taliban remains extremely unpopular, tolerance for them has grown. A fifth of Afghans surveyed said they support the presence of Taliban fighters, twice the number who said so in 2010, the poll found.

**DOD confirms attacker was in uniform**

*The Associated Press*

KABUL, Afghanistan — The gunman who killed three American contractors at the Kabul airport was in an Afghan uniform and was subsequently killed, a U.S. military spokesman said.

The spokesman, Rear Adm. John Kirby, said Friday that the attack that killed three civilian aircraft mechanics is under investigation.

Earlier Friday, the Taliban claimed responsibility for the shootings. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, said in a statement that the shooter was a Taliban fighter who had infiltrated the ranks of Afghan security forces to stage the attack and was wearing an Afghan police uniform.

Kirby said the U.S. has no information to confirm or deny a Taliban role. The shooting took place Thursday evening in a military section of the North Kabul International Airport complex.



WHITNEY ARBSTUTZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Working the line in Afghanistan**

U.S. Air Force Airmen 1st Class Vincent Martinez and Jared Moore, 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron line delivery crewmembers, loosen the straps on a transportation trailer in preparation for a munitions load this month at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. Line delivery airmen have completed 741 munitions deliveries since October.



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## MILITARY

# Arguments heard in case of female guards at Gitmo

By DAVID DISHNEAU  
The Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — Religious-based restrictions on the use of female guards at Guantanamo Bay detention facility violate the military's gender-neutral policy and weaken prison security, a government prosecutor argued Thursday in a dispute over assertions by detainees that their Muslim faith makes it a sin for them to be touched by female soldiers.

A defense attorney for detainee Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi countered that the restrictions imposed by a temporary court order in November must be enforced and expanded, at virtually no risk to security or soldiers' careers, to protect his client's religious rights.

The military judge, Navy Capt. J. Kirk Waits, gave no indication when he would rule. He recessed the hearing at the U.S. military base in Cuba after lawyers gave closing arguments. The Associated Press covered the four-day hearing from a video feed at Fort Meade near Baltimore.

Waits issued an order in November barring female guards from jobs requiring them to touch Hadi — to apply and remove restraints, for example — while escorting him to attorney-client meetings and court hearings. A similar ruling by another military judge earlier this month pertains to the five defendants in the Sept. 11 attacks. All are housed at Camp 7, a top-secret unit housing about 15 men deemed "high-value detainees" by the Pentagon.

Some female soldiers have filed gender discrimination complaints with the military over the issue.

Women were added to the escort teams in October, pursuant to a 2013 expansion of gender-neutral military jobs, prosecutors say. Defense attorneys say allowing women to handle prisoners upsets their clients, interferes with attorney-client meetings and could amount to unlawful pretrial punishment.

The men contend their faith prohibits physical contact between men and women who aren't married or closely related. The stricture in certain Muslim denominations is meant to prevent illicit sexual intercourse, according to the written testimony of Mohammad H. Fadel, an expert on Islam at the University of Toronto law school.

The judge seemed skeptical that routine handling of a prisoner could be sexually arousing.

"We're in the context of a prison. We're in the context of people, of many other guards also being present," Waits told defense attorney Marine Lt. Col. Thomas F. Jasper.

But Jasper said prisoners have a right to practice their religion under the U.S. Constitution and the Geneva Conventions. He said directing female guards to step back and let male soldiers touch the prisoners shouldn't pose a security risk.

Prosecutor Army Lt. Col. David Long cited case law giving substantial deference to prison administrators in operational decisions. "Running a humane and well-functioning detention facility requires the proper staffing," Long said.

The camp commander testified Wednesday that it was hard to find



WALTER MICHTO, MIAMI HERALD/TNS

Male and female Army soldiers enter a facility on Tuesday at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

and train enough National Guard troops for the high-security jobs. Rotating their roles on escort teams minimizes the possibility of risky relationships with prisoners, he said.

Long said jailers already accommodate detainees' religious beliefs in many ways, including prayer breaks and preferences for food, apparel and facial hair. Enabling them to dictate the makeup of escort teams goes too far, he said.

"The detention facility cannot

run with the guards and guard leadership responding to detainees issuing their requests or demands before they comply," Long said.

Hadi has been at Guantanamo since April 2007. He is accused of being an al-Qaida commander who organized deadly attacks against the U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan. He faces up to life in prison if convicted of the alleged war crimes. He appeared in court wearing a white tunic, a headress and a long, gray beard.

## Say what?

A sample of reader comments from [stripes.com](http://stripes.com)



### Pay commission reports out

After a two-year study, the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission unveiled 15 major recommendations, grandfathering current servicemembers on many things, including ending the 20-year retirement as we know it.

### Readers respond:

Make these changes and there will be no worries about BRAC, paying retirement, or paying anything - this will decimate the military force.

— John Smith

While I think it is a good idea to have a 401 type plan for those that retire at less than 20... I hate the idea of the government expecting those of us who served 20 or more waiting until 60 to draw our pension.

— Michael Alan Cavalier

I think I would disagree that the average retiree is physically incapacitated at around 40 years old. Not everyone is in a combat billet... I also think that for the 83% of the military that separates rather than retires, having a 401(k) plan to take with them rather than the 0 dollars they currently get is a great deal.

— Jenny Jackman

This is just the first shot across the bow. Many of these recommendations won't pass this time. But 5 years from now, at least some portion of these (especially changes to retirement) will likely be implemented.

As much as I like the 20 year system, I can see the writing on the wall. As life expectancy increases, the current system becomes increasingly unsustainable. It's pretty much impossible to pay a pension for 50+ years for only 20 years of work.

— wag\_dog\_69

As much as I hate to see any erosion of our benefits, you make a good point. My father, a retired AF CMSEG, retired at 20 years, and drew his retirement pension for the next 46 years...

— Shane Leiser

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## Ex-soldier charged with stealing \$250K in benefits

By GENE JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A former Idaho National Guard soldier who is also an official in the Washington city of Snoqualmie has been indicted on charges that he lied his way to a Purple Heart and more than \$250,000 in government benefits.

Investigators wrote that in claims for benefits, Darryl Lee Wright said that because of an injury suffered in Iraq, he was unable to tie his shoes, prepare meals or pay attention to anything for more than 5 to 10 seconds.

In reality, he's the chairman of the planning commission in Snoqualmie, a former City Council candidate, a high school basketball coach and a rec league basketball player, according to an indictment revealed in federal court in Tacoma.

Some of the money was spent on homes, cars, travel and a country club membership, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Wright pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court in Tacoma on Thursday to charges of wire fraud, mail fraud and making false statements, and he was released with conditions pending a trial set for March.

A voice message left at the home he shares with his partner, Snoqualmie City Councilwoman Heather Munden, was not immediately returned to The Associated Press.

"You could certainly say that we'll be contesting the charges," said his attorney, Christopher Black. "I don't want to get into any specifics, though."

Wright's sister, Karen M. Bevens, of Duvall, was also charged.

She's accused of receiving payments as his supposed caregiver. Together, they were bringing in more than \$10,300 per month in fraudulently obtained benefits, the indictment said.

It wasn't immediately clear if Bevens had obtained a lawyer. She is due in court next week.

Prosecutors alleged that the scheme dated to 2005, when there was a small explosion about 100 yards from where Wright and other soldiers were standing. Days later, Wright requested that he be awarded a "combat action badge," though he noted in his written account that there was no damage or casualties from the blast.

During the next several months, he continued to press for the badge — changing the story to say that he had come under enemy rocket attack, prosecutors said.

"Darryl Lee Wright falsely stated that he was 'violently thrown and knocked unconscious from the percussion of the rockets' impact," the indictment said.

The Army eventually did award the combat action badge. In 2011, it gave him a Purple Heart at his request, signifying that he had been wounded by an enemy in combat.

Wright applied for disability payments through Social Security beginning in 2010, claiming he couldn't work, could walk only short distances, that he used a cane and that he was frightened of traffic and crowds, prosecutors said. He claimed to need a full-time caregiver, and his sister was paid for that work, they said.

Meanwhile, he is also accused of receiving unemployment benefits from the state, falsely claiming that he was looking for work.

## MILITARY

# A witness to war's final act

## Man tells of part in mission to drop atomic bombs

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

SAN DIEGO — Second Lt. Raymond “Speedy” Biel knew he was participating in a top-secret mission on Aug. 6, 1945, when, as a co-pilot of a B-29 Superfortress, he flew over Nagasaki, Japan, to report the weather.

But it wasn't until he returned to the island of Tinian that he learned the mission was to drop an atomic bomb.

On Wednesday, Biel told Marines at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego the story of how he ended up participating in both of the missions to drop atomic bombs on Japan, effectively ending World War II.

Born in Chicago, Biel graduated from high school in 1940 and followed his girlfriend to college in Michigan. He was a freshman when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, and he soon enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces to avoid being drafted, he said.

Though he originally was told he would be able to finish college, Biel, 92, said his “deferment was deferred,” and he was sent to flight school. He was chosen to be a co-pilot on a new kind of plane, the B-29, and was sent to Fairmont, Neb., where training facilities and runways had been built hastily.

Just before the B-29s finally arrived, Biel's pilot gave him the plane's manual, which was “about the size of a phone book.” Biel got his call sign when he delivered the book back to the pilot three days later, and the pilot marveled at how quickly the young lieutenant had read it.

Col. Paul Tibbets — the pilot whose plane, the Enola Gay, dropped the bomb on Hiroshima — chose 15 crews from Nebraska for the secret mission and took them to Wendover, Utah. After training in the desert and in Cuba, the crews began shipping out to Tinian, a tiny island some 100 miles north of Guam.

Tinian had been secured by the Marines in the late summer of 1944, and the Japanese had been building an airfield when the battle began. By August 1945, the airfield on Tinian was the busiest in the world, Biel



JENNIFER HLAD/Stars and Stripes

Raymond “Speedy” Biel, a B-29 co-pilot in World War II who was involved in both missions to drop atomic bombs on Japan, holds a framed painting of his plane, Full House, on Wednesday at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

said, with planes taking off every minute from each of the four runways.

On Aug. 6, Biel's plane and two others started off low — about 2,500 feet — then began climbing to 30,000 feet once they reached Iwo Jima, he said. The three weather planes recorded the atmospheric conditions, and all three potential targets were clear. Three other planes went to Hiroshima to deliver the bomb; one additional plane was parked on Iwo Jima as a backup.

When the planes returned to the airfield, Biel said, they were told about the atomic bomb, and Tibbets was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on the spot.

Three days later, Biel was in the backup plane parked on Iwo Jima while six other B-29s flew to Japan. They first flew to Kokura, the site of one of Japan's largest munitions plants, but the weather was cloudy, Biel said. After circling for about an hour, the planes decided to go to the secondary target, Nagasaki.

Nagasaki also was cloudy, Biel said, and the pilots had decided to use radar to drop the bomb, but just before they did, a hole appeared in the clouds. The plane dropped the bomb there, missing the original tar-



Courtesy of Raymond Biel

Raymond Biel sits in his B-29 during World War II. Biel, now 92, was a co-pilot for the bomber and flew in one of the weather planes during the bombing of Hiroshima.

get by about three miles, he said. Later, the men found out that if they had hit the planned target, they would have destroyed a prisoner-of-war camp, killing 12,000 British prisoners.

At the time, Biel said he and the rest of

the crew of his plane were sitting on Iwo Jima, worried. After three hours, they heard that the plane had landed on Okinawa and immediately ran out of fuel. Two of the plane's engines died on the runway, he said.

Though Biel didn't know before the first mission what kind of bomb they would be dropping, he said he and the other air men were happy when they found out the details, because they “knew the war was going to end.”

Retired Navy Capt. Richard Suttie, a friend of Biel's who served as an interviewer at the event, said an invasion of Japan already had been planned in case the bombing did not prompt Japan to surrender, and that casualties for that attack were expected to be about 80 percent.

Col. Mark Tull, commander of Headquarters and Service Battalion at the recruit depot, told the Marines the Japanese had sworn to “fight to the last man,” and that the planned landings would have involved 40 divisions.

“Those weapons saved lives,” Tull said, “and, frankly, saved the world.”

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## WAR/MILITARY

## Refugees: Pakistanis say they have been welcomed by local Afghans

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Eastern Afghanistan is an unlikely refuge. Khost and neighboring Paktika, where most of the refugees have sought shelter, are among the most dangerous provinces in the country. Local security forces have struggled to combat the Taliban following the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO forces, and the insurgents are expected to launch a fresh offensive in the spring.

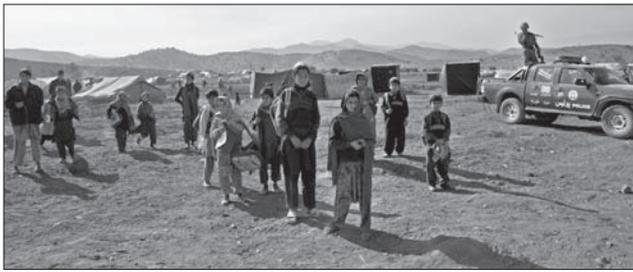
On the edge of the camp, mine removers in pale blue body armor scan the dusty ground for ordnance left over from decades of war. But inside, local traders have set up stalls selling fresh produce, giving the camp an air of permanence. And the Pakistanis say they have been welcomed by local Afghans, many of whom had found shelter on the other side of the border in past conflicts.

The Pakistan offensive was launched last June after a militant attack on Karachi's international airport. The government warned residents to flee, and some 93,000 families — up to 750,000 people — have been displaced inside Pakistan. The Pakistani military says it has killed hundreds of militants, but journalists are barred from the region so it is not possible to verify the claims.

## A decade-old conflict

North Waziristan is one of seven tribal regions near the Afghan border where local and foreign militants — including the Pakistani Taliban, al-Qaida and the Haqqani network — had long enjoyed safe haven. A parallel offensive is taking place in the neighboring Khyber tribal region to force militants fleeing North Waziristan.

The conflict goes back more than a decade, with the Pakistani government carrying out sporadic assaults on insurgents and U.S. drones targeting them from the air. The militants respond by attacking security forces and resi-



PHOTOS BY MASSOUD HOSSAIN/AP

Pakistani refugee children are living temporarily at Gulam Camp, some 12 miles from the border in restive Khost province, Afghanistan.



dents accused of spying on them, leaving communities gripped by fear.

"The Taliban come at night to place bombs on the roads, which explode and kill soldiers as well as local people, so then the government comes in to hit them back," said Shir Azia, a tribal elder from Miran Shah, in North Waziristan.

"We don't care whether it is the government or the Taliban in control, we just want to live in peace," he said. "We have lost everything

because of the fighting."

## A steady flow

U.N. agencies are working closely with provincial authorities to provide shelter, food, water, health facilities and schooling for the refugees. Recent arrivals include a high number of households headed by women as men seek work elsewhere — a normal development in refugee communities as resources run low.

Bo Schack, the U.N. refugee

agency's director in Afghanistan, said he does not expect the flow of refugees to stop any time soon. More than 40,000 families have crossed into Afghanistan, he said. Children account for 58 percent of the Gulam Camp's population.

Initial concerns that militants could use the flow of displaced people as cover to sneak across the border have eased.

"Our firm impression is that those we are supporting are civilians," Schack said.

However, diplomats and oth-

ers familiar with the situation on the border have said they believe there has been a spillover of insurgents fleeing the offensive into Afghanistan.

"It is inevitable and unavoidable that militants are coming in this direction, and there will be problems for the Afghan authorities as a result," said one Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

**Hayatullah Khan**  
10-year-old Pakistani refugee living at Gulam Camp in Afghanistan

The camp bristles with weapons and armored vehicles as Afghan police try to keep the peace, ensuring orderly queues at water trucks and registration desks.

In classrooms erected on the edge of land recently cleared of mines, children learn English by rote chanting. Outside, new arrivals between the ages of 3 and 10 squat patiently as they wait for their classes to begin. A plain-clothes policeman paces nearby with an automatic rifle slung over his shoulder.

Hayatullah Khan, 10, said he arrived at Gulam two months ago with his parents and four brothers. He misses his toy car, which he had to leave behind.

"We are not happy here," he said after class. "We want our homes. We have left behind our madrassas and schools. We have come here with nothing."

## Bomb rips through Shiite mosque in Pakistan; at least 56 dead

By ZARAR KHAN  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A bomb blast ripped through a Shiite mosque in southern Pakistan as worshippers were gathering for Friday prayers, killing 56 people and wounding dozens more, officials said.

The blast was one of the deadliest sectarian attacks to hit the country in years and comes as Pakistan is already struggling to contain a surging militancy following the horrific Peshawar school attack that killed 150 people, most of them children, in December.

The Sunni militant group Jundullah claimed responsibility for the attack, which took place in the city of Shikarpur in Sindh province, roughly 310 miles north of Karachi.

This area of Pakistan has largely been spared the intense attacks and violence seen over the years

**"Explosive experts and police are still debating whether it was a planted bomb or a suicide attack due to conflicting evidence on either side."**

**Hadi Bakhsch Zardari**  
deputy commissioner of Shikarpur district

in the northwestern tribal areas bordering Afghanistan and also the port city of Karachi, indicating the country's terrorism challenges could be extending into new territory.

Hadi Bakhsch Zardari, the deputy commissioner of Shikarpur district, said 56 had died and 31 were hospitalized.

In a sign of how serious the explosion was, Dr. Shaukat Ali Memon, who heads the hospital in Shikarpur, appealed on Pakistan's state television for residents to donate blood for the wounded.

Pakistani television showed

area residents and worshippers frantically ferrying the dead and wounded to the hospital. Local media reported that parts of the roof had collapsed on the worshippers, and some people had been trapped inside.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said in a statement condemning the violence that it was a suicide bombing, but Zardari and other officials said they were still investigating the cause.

"Explosive experts and police are still debating whether it was a planted bomb or a suicide attack due to conflicting evidence on ei-

ther side," Zardari said.

Fahad Mahsud, a spokesman for the Sunni militant group Jundullah, claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to The Associated Press, but gave no details about how it was carried out. The militant group has previously claimed responsibility for attacks on Shiites and other religious minorities, including an attack on a church in the north-

western city of Peshawar in 2013 that killed 85 people.

Many Sunni extremists do not consider Shiites to be true Muslims. Sunni militants in Pakistan have bombed Shiite mosques, killed Shiite pilgrims traveling back and forth to neighboring Iran and assassinated prominent Shiite religious figures or community leaders.

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## NATION

# Obama proposes 'precision medicine' to end one-size-fits-all

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Barack Obama is calling for an investment to move away from one-size-fits-all medicine, toward an approach that tailors treatment to a patient's genes.

The White House said Friday that Obama will ask Congress for \$215 million for what he's calling a precision medicine initiative. The ambitious goal: Scientists will assemble databases of about a million volunteers to study their genetics — and other factors such as their environments and the microbes that live in their bodies — to learn how to individualize care.

As Obama put it in his State of the Union address, he wants the U.S. "to lead a new era of medicine, one that delivers the right treatment at the right time."

Also called personalized medicine, this is a hot-but-challenging field in medical research. It's yielded some early results.

For example, it's becoming more common for patients with certain cancers to undergo mo-

lecular testing in choosing which drug is their best match. People with a rare form of cystic fibrosis now can choose a drug designed specifically to target the genetic defect causing their illness. Some medical centers, such as the Mayo Clinic, have opened "individualized medicine clinics."

But only recently has the cost of genomic sequencing dropped enough, and the computer power of medicine increased, to make it possible for large-scale pursuit of the approach, said Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, which will lead the initiative.

The hope is to "harness the power of science to find individualized health solutions," Collins said.

In the short term, precision medicine holds the most promise for cancer because scientists already know a lot about the molecular signatures of different tumors, Collins said.

Details of the initiative still are being worked out, but the NIH hopes to use some large genomic studies already under way as well as new volunteers, he said.

# Budget: Agency says deficit will surge within a decade

## FROM FRONT PAGE

"President Obama would like there to be more nondefense spending, and will try to use defense spending to drive a wedge in the Republican Party, and build support for busting the sequester levels. He will likely succeed," said Kevin Hassett, an economist at the conservative American Enterprise Institute and an adviser to Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign.

Left out of all these equations is the nation's long-term fiscal picture. Amid the current wish lists for more child care, free community college, and bigger ship and submarine fleets, little is said about an aging population, a growing national debt and the demands on the government created by greater health care access.

That means that while the deficit is now at its lowest since 2007, it will likely be back with a vengeance within the decade.

The Congressional Budget Office this week projected that based on current laws, deficits eventually will rise from \$468 billion this year to \$1.1 trillion in 2025. The factors behind the increase: baby-boomer retirements, increased federal subsidies for health care, increasing health care costs and rising interest on the federal debt. These are on the mandatory spending side of the ledger, not the discretionary costs that are subject to annual congressional appropri-

tions. Without more revenue or reduced benefits, the deficit can only grow.

"I'm sure we'll have another knock-down, drag-out over discretionary spending," said Robert Bixby, executive director of the budget watchdog Concord Coalition. "Probably there will be some kind of deal between the White House and the Congress, but that deal may also be to ignore the entitlement and tax reform."

Republicans and Democrats have been doing the equivalent of whistling past the graveyard as the long-term deficit ever since Obama and House Speaker John Boehner failed to reach a historic deal four years ago. Since then, the budget-cutting has focused on the easier stuff.

Long-term tax revenue has been off the table, as have any cost-saving ideas for Medicare and Social Security.

Still, the deficit dropped thanks to a tax increase on the rich, an improving economy and the domestic and defense spending cuts agreed to in the Budget Control Act of 2011.

New these cuts have proved too painful to both parties.

Congressional Republicans are divided on how to pay for additional Pentagon spending. Some want cuts in domestic spending, others have even suggested tax revenue — a toxic idea among many conservatives. Obama seems determined to take advantage of the lack of agreement.



KEN KALEMARIAN/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

A Marine Corps F-35B prepares for a landing on Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., in 2012.

# Pentagon budget seeks to replenish war supplies

By TONY CAPACCO  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will seek \$20.4 billion more for weapons and research in its proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 than Congress approved this year.

The blueprint calls for \$177.5 billion in procurement and research spending and includes funds to replenish weapons used in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan, from Lockheed Martin's Hellfire missiles to combat vehicles made by Oshkosh Corp.

The details are spelled out in the Defense Department's annual weapons cost report that will be released when President Barack Obama sends his budget proposal to Congress on Feb. 2. A final draft of the Defense Department report was obtained from an official briefed on the spending plans.

Obama will call for an end to sequestration, the automatic spending cuts that apply to both defense and domestic programs in a speech to House Democrats on Thursday. Pentagon spending is popular with many Republicans and is spread across hundreds of congressional districts, and the prospect of averting automatic cuts in it is key to the White House strategy, said two defense officials who asked not to be identified to discuss internal deliberations.

The Pentagon will propose a base defense budget of \$53.4 billion for fiscal 2016, about \$34 billion more than sequestration would allow. The budget totals and potential cuts are separate from procurement funds in the supplemental \$51 billion being proposed for war spending. The Defense Department has indicated that those funds also would be cut if the military had to live with sequestration.

A Pentagon assessment of program impacts published in April

estimated that \$20.5 billion would have to be cut from weapons modernization if sequestration resumes after a two-year break, including \$16.7 billion from procurement.

Among Defense Department procurement requests that reflect major increases is \$11 billion to buy 57 F-35 jets and spare parts from Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed. That's up from 38 planes and \$8.57 billion this year for the Joint Strike Fighter, the costliest U.S. weapons system.

Lockheed, the biggest U.S. contractor, also would benefit from an increase of \$1 billion to \$2.58 billion for 29 C-130J transport planes bought under an existing multiyear contract, an increase from 14 this year, and \$769 million for 5,950 Hellfire missiles, including 2,081 bought with war-fighting funds. The Defense Department is buying 1,729 missiles for \$206 million this year.

An increase of almost \$700 million over this year to \$3 billion is proposed for continued development of KC-46 refueling tankers made by Chicago-based Boeing and the purchase of 12 of the planes, up from seven this year.

Oshkosh, based in the Wisconsin city of the same name, would benefit from an increase of \$43 million to \$334 million for 1,357 of its Medium Tactical Vehicles, including 1,191 bought with war funds. That's up from 550 purchased this year.

Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army chief of staff, told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday that a resumption of sequestration would force the cancellation of the latest phase of a program by Falls Church, Va.-based General Dynamics Corp. to fortify the hulls of wheeled Stryker infantry vehicles against improvised roadside bombs. The budget calls for \$667 million to upgrade 62 vehicles, an increase of \$73 million over this year.

The following is proposed funding for other major systems that would receive increases in fiscal 2016, compared with the current year:

■ **Joint Tactical Vehicles:** The Army wants \$457 million to buy 559 new Joint Tactical Vehicles. The service will select a contractor in July. The vehicle is intended to replace multipurpose Humvees and could lead to as many as 17,000 vehicles for the Army and Marines. The request is an increase from \$227 million this year. Oshkosh, Lockheed, and AM General, based in South Bend, Ind., are competing for the contract.

■ **Global Hawk:** \$1.42 billion, or about \$346 million more than this year, for continued development and modifications of the drones made by Falls Church, Va.-based Northrop Grumman Corp. to include buying 7 of the pilotless aircraft, after none were purchased this year.

■ **AH-64E:** \$1.45 billion, or a \$489 million increase, to upgrade 64 Boeing Apache helicopters into the latest E model, up from 35 requested this year;

■ **JDAM:** \$559 million to buy 12,294 of the GPS guidance kits for Joint Direct Attack Munition bombs made by Boeing, with \$,953 funded from the war spending request, up from 2,973 missiles and \$101 million this year.

■ **VH-92A Presidential Helicopter:** \$507 million to continue development of the aircraft from United Technologies Corp.'s Sikorsky unit, up from \$368 million this year.

■ **AIM-9X:** \$424 million sought for 733 Sidewinder short-range air-to-air missiles made by Waltham, Mass.-based Raytheon Co., up from \$273 million and 470 this year.

■ **Small Diameter Bomb:** \$272 million to buy 375 Raytheon bombs used against moving targets, up from 144 this year.

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## Romney: no run for president in 2016

By STEVE PEOPLES  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a three-week flirtation with a new campaign for the White House, Mitt Romney announced Friday that he will not seek the presidency in 2016.

"After putting considerable thought into making another run for president, I've decided it is best to give other leaders in the party the opportunity to become our next nominee," Romney told supporters on a conference call.

Romney's exit comes after several of his former major donors and a veteran staffer in the early voting state of Iowa defected to support former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie would have served as Romney's most likely rivals for the support of the Republican Party's establishment-minded voters.

In his call with supporters, Romney appeared to take a swipe at Bush, saying it was time for fresh leadership within the GOP.

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**Mitt Romney**

Republican leaders, one who may not be as well-known as I am today, one who has not yet taken their message across the country, one who is just getting started, may well emerge as being better able to defeat the Democrat nominee," Romney said. "In fact, I expect and hope that to be the case."

The former governor of Massachusetts, who is 67, had jumped back into the presidential discussion on Jan. 10, when he surprised a small group of former donors at a meeting in New York by telling them he was eyeing a third run for the White House.

It was a monumental change for Romney, who since losing the 2012 election to President Barack Obama had repeatedly told all who asked that his career in politics was over and he would not again run for president.

On Friday, Romney said he had been thinking of the same circumstance under which he would again reconsider. That, he said, "seems unlikely."

"Accordingly, I'm not organizing a PAC or taking donations," he said. "I'm not hiring a campaign team."

The exit of Romney from the campaign most immediately helps those viewed as part of the party's establishment wing, including Bush, Christie, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.



PHOTOS BY BRUCE SMITH/AP

Conservator Virginie Ternisien works at removing the encrustation from the hull of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley at a conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C., on Tuesday.

## Confederate sub's hull again revealed

By BRUCE SMITH  
The Associated Press

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — A century and a half after it sank and a decade and a half after it was raised, scientists are finally getting a look at the hull of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship.

"What they find may finally solve the mystery of why the hand-cranked submarine sank during the Civil War.

"It's like unwrapping a Christmas gift after 15 years. We have been wanting to do this for many years now," said Paul Mardikian, senior conservator on the Hunley project.

The Hunley sank the Union blockade ship USS Housatonic off Charleston in February 1864 as the South tried to break the Union blockade strangling the Confederacy. But the sub and its eight-man crew never made it back to shore.

The Hunley was discovered off the South Carolina coast in 1955, raised in 2000 and brought to a conservation lab in North Charleston.

It was covered with a hardened gunk of encrusted sand, sediment and rust that scientists call concretions. Last May, it was finally ready to be bathed in a solution of sodium hydroxide to loosen the encrustation. Then in August, scientists using small, air-powered chisels and dental tools began the laborious job of removing the coating.

Now, about 70 percent of the outside hull has been revealed.

Mardikian said the exposed hull indeed has revealed some things that may help solve the mystery of the sinking.

"I would have to lie to you if I said we had not seen it's too early to talk about it yet," he said. "We



Conservator Paul Mardikian works on the hull. Scientists hope that when the entire hull is revealed, it will provide clues as to why the Hunley sank off Charleston, S.C., in 1864.

have a submarine that is encrypted. It's like an enigma machine."

He said the clues will be studied closely as scientists try to piece together what happened to the 40-foot submarine that night in 1864.

The Hunley had a 16-foot spar tipped with a charge of black powder that was exploded, sinking the Housatonic. After close examination of the spar two years ago, scientists speculated the crew was knocked unconscious by the shock wave of the explosion.

When the Hunley is first

raised, scientists speculated the crew may have run out of air before they could crank back to the coast.

After the Hunley was raised, the sand and the silt and the remains of the crew in the interior were removed.

In April 2004, thousands of men in Confederate gray and Union blue walked in a procession with the crew's coffins 4 miles from Charleston's waterfront Battery to Magnolia Cemetery in what has been called the last Confederate funeral.

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senior conservator on the H.L. Hunley project

## Dems gather to talk strategy

By CHARLES BABINGTON  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — President Barack Obama is trying to cheer up House Democrats, urging them to keep battling for middle-class families even as they trumpet brighter news about jobs, energy production and other economic milestones.

In that spirit, the lawmakers who saw their numbers shrink in November's elections vowed to get better at explaining their vision to voters. They need better messaging, not changes in policy, to win elections again, the Democrats said Thursday as they huddled in Philadelphia to talk strategy.

It might be wishful thinking, of course. Even Obama jokingly warned how hard it will be to overcome the Republicans' 58-seat House majority in next year's elections.

He said youthful, dark-haired Rep. Ben Lujan, D-N.M. — newly named to head their 2016 House campaigns — will end up with "hair like Steve Israel." Israel, a New York congressman who preceded Lujan, is fully gray.

Israel's new role is to oversee messaging for House Democrats. He told reporters his colleagues will stick to the party's well-known priorities: a higher minimum wage, tax increases on the rich, and advancing the president's health care law and other measures largely associated with Obama.

"This time, they're counting on Obama rising popularity — and fading headlines on Ebola and terrorist beheadings — to help persuade voters they'd be better off with a Democratic-run Congress.

In his evening speech, the president vowed to pitch in.

"I'm not giving up on the last two years, standing on the sideline," Obama said, to a standing ovation. "There is no economic measure by which we are not better off," he said, adding that Democrats must tell that story.

Earlier, Israel said House Democrats are "absolutely unified on three essential messages going forward" — and it's middle class, middle class and middle class."

Middle class talked a lot about the middle class in last fall's elections. But world calamities distracted voters, he said, and Democrats failed to show that their economic policies would directly benefit working-class families.

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COURTESY OF THE TWO EAGLES BALLOON TEAM/AP

Troy Bradley, of New Mexico, and Leonid Tiukhtyaev, of Russia, set off from Saga, Japan, shortly before 6:30 a.m. local time Sunday in their quest to pilot their helium-filled balloon from Japan to North America.

## Balloon crew sets duration record, nears N. America

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN  
The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The pilots of a helium balloon flying across the Pacific Ocean have matched a duration record as they approach North America, marking another historic day for the team that's already surpassed a distance record.

Pilots Troy Bradley, of Albuquerque, and Leonid Tiukhtyaev, of Russia, matched the milestone early Friday when they hit 137 hours, 5 minutes and 50 seconds in the air in a traditional gas balloon.

The duration record is considered the "holy grail" of ballooning



SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN/AP

Members of the Two Eagles balloon mission-control team watch a giant screen in Albuquerque, N.M., as pilots Troy Bradley and Leonid Tiukhtyaev surpass a gas ballooning distance record on Thursday.

achievements. It was set in 1978 when Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman made the first trans-Atlantic balloon flight.

To establish a record, international aviation rules require

Bradley and Tiukhtyaev to stay aloft 1 percent longer than the current record.

On Thursday, the pilots eclipsed the distance record of 5,209 miles.

# Some patients with anti-vaccine views 'fired' by doctors

By ALICIA CHANG  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With California gripped by a measles outbreak, Dr. Charles Goodman posted a clear notice in his waiting room and on Facebook: His practice will no longer see children whose parents won't get them vaccinated.

"Parents who choose not to give measles shots, they're not just putting their kids at risk but they're also putting other kids at risk — especially kids in my waiting room," the Los Angeles pediatrician said.

It's a sentiment echoed by a small number of doctors who in recent years have "fired" patients who continue to believe debunked research linking vaccines to autism. They hope the strategy will lead parents to change their minds; if that fails, they hope it will at least reduce the risk to other children in the office.

The tough-lens approach — which comes amid the nation's second-biggest measles outbreak in at least 15 years, with at least 98 cases reported since last month — raises questions about doctors' ethical responsibilities. Most of the measles cases have been traced directly or indirectly to Disneyland in Southern California.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says doctors should bring up the importance of vaccinations during visits but should respect a parent's wishes unless there's a significant risk to the child.

"In general, pediatricians should avoid discharging patients from their practices solely because a parent refuses to immunize his or her child," according to guidelines issued by the group. However, if the relationship be-

tween patient and doctor becomes unworkable, the pediatrics academy says, the doctor may want to encourage the vaccine refuser to go to another physician.

Some mothers who have been dropped by their doctors feel



Goodman

"betrayed and upset," said Doty Hagmier, founder of the support group Moms in Charge. She said these parents made up their minds about vaccines after "careful research and diligence to understand the risks versus the benefits for their own children's circumstances."

Dropping patients who refuse vaccines has become a hot topic of discussion on SERMO, an online doctor hangout. Some doctors are adamant about not accepting patients who don't believe in vaccinations, with some saying they don't want to be responsible for someone's death from an illness that was preventable.

Others warn that refusing treatment to such people will just send them into the arms of quacks.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, or MMR, is 97 percent effective at preventing measles, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Measles spreads easily through the air and in enclosed spaces. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough and a rash all over the body. In rare cases, particularly among babies, measles can be deadly. Infection can also cause pregnant women to miscarry or give birth prematurely.

# US settles case against 'revenge porn' site operator

By ANNE FLAHERTY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A man accused of operating a "revenge porn" website has settled with U.S. regulators who said he broke the law by posting nude pictures of women without their consent or knowledge.

The Federal Trade Commission said Craig Brittain ran the website isanybodydown.com, which is no longer operational. Officials say the site worked like this: A man would obtain the images while dating the woman. But upon breaking up, the woman's ex would supply the photos to Brittain, who would post them along with the woman's full name, age, hometown, phone number and link to her Facebook

profile. The FTC said Brittain advertised a separate legal service that claimed to be able to take down the photos for a fee of up to \$500.

A phone number tied to Brittain's address in Colorado had been disconnected, and he could not be reached for comment.

The case signals an increased interest by regulators in revenge sites, which have proliferated in recent years in part because of lax laws aimed at protecting free speech on the Internet and preventing website operators from being punished for linking to content they believe is lawful. The case is the first of its kind for the FTC, which has the authority to sue companies for unfair and deceptive business practices.

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Mark Eichorn  
Federal Trade Commission

the publication not only of victims' intimate images, but also extensive personal identifying and location information, which significantly increased the harm that victims could face," said Mark Eichorn, assistant director of the division of privacy and identity protection at the FTC.

Under the settlement, Brittain is required to delete all of the images and other personal informa-

tion he received while operating the site. He also is prohibited from publicly sharing intimate videos or photographs of people without their consent.

Brittain won't be required to pay financial restitution. While the agency doesn't have the authority to seek civil penalties, it could demand that Brittain repay any women who paid his bogus legal service in an attempt to erase

embarrassing photos.

The FTC won't say publicly why it declined to seek refunds in this case. But it noted that it takes several factors into account when deciding whether to pursue money to pay back victims of a scam, including the person's ability to pay.

An increasing number of states have taken on the issue of revenge porn, under pressure from victims who say these sites put them at physical risk.

But groups like the American Civil Liberties Union and the Electronic Frontier Foundation have questioned legislation they worry run afoul of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech.

According to the FTC, Brittain made 12,000 off the site before it shut down in April 2013.

## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Battle with militants kills senior Kurdish general, 8 of his troops

BY IMAD MATTI  
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*The Associated Press*

KIRKUK, Iraq — Clashes with Islamic State militants killed a senior Kurdish military commander and eight of his fighters just outside the disputed northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on Friday, officials said.

Attacks elsewhere killed 27 people, with twin bombs hitting a crowded market in Baghdad and a suicide bomber targeting pro-government Shiite militiamen who were manning a checkpoint outside a city north of the Iraqi capital.

The casualties near oil-rich Kirkuk were a heavy setback for the Iraqi Kurds, who have been at the forefront of the battle against the Islamic State group, which has captured a third of both Iraq and Syria in its blitz last year.

Also Friday, a car bomb exploded outside an empty, closed hotel near Kirkuk's police headquarters, wounding two people. One of the Kurdish troops and the city's security force have been trying to rout the Islamic State group from Kirkuk, about 180 miles north of Baghdad.

After the car bombing, three gunmen went inside the hotel, located in the city center, triggering a firefight with the Kurds and the police.

Associated Press footage from the scene showed members of the Kurdish troops and the local police firing at the Qasir Hotel in Kirkuk and then storming it. Officials later said the gunmen were all killed.

The Kurdish Brig. Gen. Shirko Fatih and eight Kurdish fighters died in clashes south of the city earlier in the day, after the

militants attacked the peshmerga fighters' positions, said Brig. Khatab Omar.

The U.N. assistance mission in Iraq said Friday it was evacuating its foreign staff from Kirkuk to Irbil, the capital of the Kurdish autonomous region in northern Iraq, due to "a rapid deterioration in security in Kirkuk city."

Kirkuk is home to a mix of Arabs, Kurds and Turkmen, who all have competing claims to the oil-rich area. The Kurds want to incorporate it into their self-ruled region in Iraq's north, a proposition strongly opposed by Arabs and Turkmen.

After the Islamic State group's blitz last summer and the quick collapse of the Iraqi army, Kurdish forces took control of the city. Since the Kirkuk has exploded come under Islamic State attacks, with the militants likely hoping to seize the oilfields near the city.

Iraq has been facing its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. In the Baghdad market attack, a bomb first exploded near carts selling used clothes in the central Bab al-Sharqi area, followed by a second bomb as people rushed to help victims from the first blast. Police and hospital officials said 19 people were killed and 28 were wounded.

Also in Baghdad, mortar shells landed on a residential area in the Shula neighborhood, killing four people and wounding seven others, said police and hospital officials.

Police officials also said that a suicide bomber drove his explosive-laden car into a security checkpoint manned by Shiite militiamen near the city of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, killing four militiamen and wounding 10.

## Human rights group blasts Islamic State for atrocities

BY BASSEM MROUE  
*The Associated Press*

BEIRUT — Human Rights Watch on Thursday blasted Islamic State militants over their atrocities, but also criticized the Syrian and Iraqi governments, saying they fuel extremism.

The criticism came in a 656-page annual report that reviews human rights practices in more than 90 countries.

In the report, HRW said the Islamic State group spreading terror in the Middle East is in part a product of the U.S.-led war in Iraq and detainee abuse in Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib prison and other detention centers run by U.S. forces during the eight-year conflict.

The report said human rights violations in Egypt, Iraq and Syria have also radicalized Muslims, boosting recruitment to

extremist groups that present themselves as defenders of the region's Sunnis.

Human Rights Watch Executive Director Kenneth Roth told The Associated Press that as long as Iraq continues to rely on Shiite militias, and Syrian President Bashar Assad's military bombardments rebel-held areas, some Sunnis will prefer to live under the Islamic State group's brutal rule.

"So long as the Shiite militias are targeting Sunnis because they are Sunni, it's making the Sunni population feel actually safer with ISIS than it would under rule by Baghdad, and that is a disaster for any effort to contain the severe atrocities by ISIS," Roth said in Beirut after the official release of the report.

"We hope that the international community will focus not only on ISIS's atrocities but in Assad's atrocities," he said, using an acronym for the Islamic State group.



NASSER NASSER/AP

A banner with a picture of Jordanian pilot Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, who is held by the Islamic State group militants, is raised by workers Friday near a tent prepared for receiving supporters in Amman, Jordan.

# Jordan awaits proof pilot is alive after swap deadline

BY ELAINE KURTENBACH  
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*The Associated Press*

TOKYO — The fates of a Japanese journalist and Jordanian military pilot were unknown Friday, a day after the latest purported deadline for a possible prisoner swap passed with no further word from the Islamic State group holding them captive.

"Government institutions are working around the clock on the case of pilot Muath al-Kaseasbeh," Jordanian military spokesman Mamdooh al-Amri said in a statement. "We will inform you of any developments in due time."

He urged Jordanians not to listen to rumors.

Jordan has said it will only release an al-Qaida prisoner from death row if it gets proof the pilot is alive and so far has received no such evidence from the hostage-takers.

Officials in Tokyo also said they had no progress to report. "There is nothing I can tell you," said government spokesman Yoshihide Suga, reiterating Japan's "strong trust" in the Jordanians to help save the Japanese hostage, freelance journalist Kenji Goto.

Suga said the government was in close contact with Goto's wife, Rinko Jogo, who released a statement late Thursday pleading for her husband's life.

An audio message purportedly posted online by jihadists said the pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh,

would be killed if Saida al-Rishawi, the al-Qaida prisoner, was not delivered to the Turkish border by sunset on Thursday, Iraq time. It was not clear from the recording what would happen to Goto if the Iraqi woman was not turned over by the deadline.

The authenticity of the recording could not be verified independently by the AP. But the possibility of a swap was raised Wednesday when Jordan said it was willing to trade al-Rishawi for the pilot.

The pilot's father, Safi al-Kaseasbeh, said Friday that he had no word on the fate of his son and had not received any update from Jordanian authorities.

"I have nothing," he said, speaking after Muslim noon prayers in the Jordanian capital of Amman.

With no news on the fate of either the pilot or Goto, their families' agonizing wait dragged on.

Jordan faces a tough choice over whether to release al-Rishawi, 44, who faces death by hanging for her role in a suicide bombing, one of three simultaneous attacks on Amman hotels in November 2005 that killed 60 people. She survived because her belt of explosives didn't detonate. She initially confessed, but later recanted, saying she was an unwilling participant.

She is from the Iraqi city of Ramadi and has close family ties to the Iraqi branch of al-Qaida, a precursor of the Islamic State group. Three of her brothers were al-Qaida operatives killed in

fighting in Iraq.

Releasing al-Rishawi, implicated in the worst terror attack in Jordan, would be at odds with the government's tough stance on Islamic extremism.

However, King Abdullah II faces public pressure to bring home the pilot, who was captured in December after his Jordanian F-16 crashed near the Islamic State group's de facto capital of Raqqa in Syria. He is the first foreign military pilot to be captured since the U.S. and its allies began airstrikes against the Islamic State more than four months ago. Jordan's participation in the U.S.-led airstrikes is unpopular in the kingdom, and the pilot is seen by some as a victim of a war they feel the country shouldn't be involved in.

The hostage drama began last week after the Islamic State group released a video showing Goto and another Japanese hostage, Haruna Yukawa, kneeling in orange jumpsuits beside a masked man who threatened to kill them in 72 hours unless Japan paid a \$200 million ransom. That demand later apparently shifted to one for the release of al-Rishawi.

The militants reportedly have killed Yukawa, 42, although that has not been confirmed. The crisis prompted the Japanese Foreign Ministry to issue a warning Friday to journalists to avoid the border town in Turkey that could be a crossing point from Syria if a prisoner swap goes ahead.

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# Kissinger urges US restraint in Mideast, Ukraine

By DAVID LERMAN  
Bloomberg News (TN)

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger cautioned against deeper U.S. military engagement in the Middle East and Ukraine without a better understanding of the potential consequences.

In a rare appearance on Capitol Hill, the former top foreign policy strategist for Republican President Richard Nixon counseled restraint Thursday at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on global security challenges facing the U.S.

While the most immediate challenge is to defeat Islamic State fighters in Iraq and Syria, Kissinger said, “We must not let that degenerate into another war that we don’t know how to end.”

He also stopped short of endorsing a call by the committee chairman, Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, for providing defensive weapons to Ukraine’s military as it battles Russian-backed separatists.

“I’m uneasy about beginning a process of military engagement without knowing where it will lead and what we’ll do to sustain it,” said Kissinger, 91.

Much of the hearing seemed like a flashback to the 1970s and 1980s, as Kissinger was joined by

two other elder statesmen — former Secretaries of State George Shultz, who served under President Ronald Reagan, and Madeleine Albright, the top diplomat in the Clinton administration — to offer their views of national security strategy.

Kissinger, who showed up with his right arm in a sling, was briefly shouted down by a protester accusing him of war crimes from the Vietnam War.

“Get out of here, you low-life scum,” McCain, a former Navy pilot and Vietnam prisoner of war, told a protester before the hearing started. After a second interruption, Kissinger won a standing ovation from the committee and most of the audience.

Shultz, 94, used the hearing partly to reminisce about the lessons of governing he said he learned from Reagan, with testimony that included recollections of the air traffic controllers strike of the 1980s.

Like many Republicans in Congress, Kissinger and Shultz expressed concern that a potential nuclear deal with Iran could let the Islamic Republic continue to enrich uranium at low levels instead of halting all enrichment to eliminate the country’s ability to develop nuclear weapons.



JOE GROMELSK/Stars and Stripes

Former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger, left, and George Shultz wait for order to be restored during a protest Thursday at the start of a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee in Washington.



AP

Eugene de Kock, a death squad leader for the apartheid state, shown in 1995, has been granted parole after two decades in jail the South African government announced on Friday.

## Apartheid death squad leader granted parole

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — The South African government Friday granted parole to Eugene de Kock, the head of a covert unit for the apartheid state responsible for dozens of deaths, saying it is in the interest of national reconciliation. But those who knew de Kock’s victims are struggling to accept his release.

“I didn’t know,” Makue, who worked for the South African Council of Churches when de Kock bombed its headquarters in 1988 injuring 19 people, is ambivalent about the announcement that de Kock has been granted parole.

“It’s mixed feelings, which is something we’ve gotten used to as South Africans,” Makue told The

Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Makue, now a member of South Africa’s parliament, said he accepted Justice Minister Michael Masutha’s reasons for granting de Kock parole but struggled to accept the harm de Kock and his unit had inflicted on their prisoners.

De Kock was arrested in 1994, when apartheid ended, and in 1996 was sentenced to two life terms and an additional 212 years in prison.

During his testimony, de Kock recalled how he and the C10 police unit tortured and killed anti-apartheid activists at Vlakplaas, a farm outside Pretoria, South Africa’s capital. He was pardoned for some crimes, but was convicted on murder and other charges.

## Boko Haram driven from Nigerian border

The Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — A Chadian warplane and ground troops drove Boko Haram fighters from a Nigerian border town, leaving it strewn with the bodies of the Islamic extremists, witnesses said Friday. The African Union moved to send ground forces to Nigeria and the U.S. said it would assist.

Thursday’s fighting marked the first such action by foreign troops on Nigerian soil to fight the Islamic extremists.

The African Union chairwoman, at an AU summit in Ethiopia, called for deployment of 7,500 African troops to fight the spreading Islamic uprising by Nigeria’s home-grown extremists. A senior

U.S. official told reporters that the United States government will take a role in the fight against Boko Haram.

“We are prepared to provide technical support, training and equipment to fight the Boko Haram group. The group’s activity in the region has clearly affected our attention in Africa away from development,” said Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Africa.

Abari Modu said he witnessed the Chadian offensive on Malamfatori village in Nigeria’s Borno state.

“We saw the fighter jet when it started shelling and bombarding the insurgents who were lodging mostly inside the local govern-

ment secretariat and the district head’s palace,” he told The Associated Press.

He said the bodies of many Boko Haram fighters were still in the town Friday morning. Modu spoke by telephone after crossing the border from a Chadian village where he had sought refuge after Boko Haram seized Malamfatori at the end of October.

He said the Chadian jet had pursued fleeing fighters to the border, and that the bombardment was coordinated with Chadian ground troops, offering the fighters no escape.

Boko Haram’s five-year Islamic uprising has killed about 10,000 people in the last year and displaced 1 million people.

## Egyptian officials: 32 killed in Sinai attacks

The Associated Press

EL-ARISH, Egypt — Egyptian health officials have raised the death toll to 32 from coordinated and simultaneous attacks that struck more than a dozen army and police targets in the restive Sinai Peninsula the previous night.

An Egyptian militant group affiliated with the Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the attacks in three Sinai towns and required a previously unseen level of coordination.

An Egyptian army spokesman blamed former Islamist President Mohammed Morsi’s Muslim

Brotherhood for orchestrating the attack. Among the dead were at least 25 soldiers and a policeman.

Health Ministry officials said two civilians were also among those killed. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to reporters.

The wide-ranging attack late Thursday required a previously unseen level of coordination. At least one car bomb was set off outside a military base, while mortars were simultaneously fired at the base, toppling some buildings and leaving soldiers buried under the debris, official said.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki expressed U.S. condemnation of the attacks, adding that the “United States remains steadfast in its support of the Egyptian government’s efforts to combat the threat of terrorism in Egypt.”

Along with the military base that was hit, the other attacks included mortar rounds fired at a hotel, a police club and more than a dozen checkpoints, officials said. The militants struck the Northern Sinai provincial capital el-Arish, the nearby town of Sheikh Zuwayid and the town of Rafah bordering Gaza.

## WORLD



SIVIA IZQUIERDO/AP

During the burial of Adriene Nascimento, 21, who was killed by a stray bullet in Rio de Janeiro, a woman at the Sao Joao Batista Cemetery holds a sign that reads: "We don't want to know where the bullets came from. We want peace in our community, peace." Community leaders are complaining that a police crackdown on criminal gangs is provoking gunbattles that are claiming the lives of innocent bystanders.

## Stray-bullet deaths unnerving Rio

By BRAD BROOKS  
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The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — The bullet hit the 4-year-old girl as she waited to cross a street, holding hands with her stepfather and a cousin. The next day, a 9-year-old boy was shot dead at a swimming pool. Soon after, it was a 21-year-old mother of two who was killed by another stray bullet while sitting with a child in her lap.

The three deaths are part of a wave of shootings this month that has residents on edge in metropolitan Rio de Janeiro, the host city for next year's Olympics.

In addition to the fatalities, at least 10 other people have been wounded by stray bullets in recent days, prompting community leaders to complain that a police crackdown on criminal gangs is provoking heavy-powered gunbattles that are claiming innocent lives.

The city's six-year effort to reclaim slums that were held for decades by drug traffickers has concentrated gangs into shrinking territories, sparking intense fights between rival factions. Gangs in "pacified" slums also increasingly are carrying out brazen attacks on police.

Paulo Storani, a security consultant who spent more than two decades on Rio's police force, said he has never seen so many stray-bullet cases in such a short period of time. Rio is experiencing a crisis of authority, he said.

"The audacity of the gangs is rising," he said. "They're increasingly confronting police in armed battles, and they're more fre-

quently fighting each other to win territory they've lost to the police pacification program."

Victims and their families, mostly residents of poorer areas, are demanding action against gun deaths and other homicides, which have been rising in Rio since 2012 after a few years of decreases. The number of people hit by stray bullets in the city rose to 111 in 2013, according to the most recent police statistics available, up from a low of 81 in 2011. Figures have been kept since 2008.

Normally, Rio is numb to violence. Each year, the number of homicides in the city of 12 million people is about one-third that of the entire United States with its 320 million people. But the senselessness of the recent deaths has shaken the metropolis, becoming the topic of intense TV coverage, newspaper columns denouncing the violence and conversations in juice shops, cafes and bars.

It seems death can happen at any moment, to anyone.

On Jan. 17, the Carvalho family had just finished an extended dinner out with friends when Larissa, 4, eager to stretch her legs, ran out onto the sidewalk ahead of her mother, Milene de Carvalho. Larissa joined her stepfather and cousin at the curb, according to her mother.

"I heard no loud noise. Her little legs just went limp, her head slumped back and her eyes rolled. I thought she had fallen ill. I thought she had fallen ill," Carvalho said in a dull voice, her hands trembling hard.

"My husband quickly pulled her into his arms, and I started to become worried. I didn't know what was going on. But when I got a look, I saw my husband's arms



LEO CORREA/AP

Milene de Carvalho looks at photos of her daughter, Larissa, 4, who was killed by a stray bullet this month in the Bangu neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro.

covered in her blood. That's when we realized it was a stray bullet, and it had hit her in the head."

Larissa was rushed to a hospital where, a few hours later, she died.

Asafé de Ibrahim, 9, was at a swimming pool with his mother in northern Rio on Jan. 18 when a stray bullet struck him in the head and killed him. A week later, Adriene Nascimento, 21, a mother of two small children, died in Rio's Rocinha slum. She was hit by a bullet as she held a child in her lap. The shot came as police and gang members traded fire nearby.

Investigators have yet to identify suspects in any of the cases, though they say most occurred as rival drug gangs battled in the vicinity.

Police declined repeated phone

and email requests for interviews about the recent shootings.

For Ilona Szabo de Carvalho, director of the Igarape Institute, a Rio-based security and social issues think tank, the spike in stray-bullet cases is a symptom of the federal government's inability to reform security forces, namely to centralize the dual investigative and patrolling police units each state oversees.

Carvalho, who is not related to the family of the slain girl, said she also wants officers to receive better weapons training and to carry less powerful firearms. Most police use assault rifles capable of sending bullets some 9,800 feet, despite mostly taking on traffickers at much closer ranges. Gangsters often carry such arms, too.

## Russia cuts its key rate; ruble drops

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — In a surprise decision, Russia's central bank on Friday cut its key interest rate, which it had raised sharply last month to support the collapsing ruble, in order to help the fading economy.

The move triggered a drop in the ruble, which was down more than 5 percent Friday in Moscow.

The central bank explained its decision to cut the rate from 17 percent to 15 percent by saying that the risks of an economic slowdown are now higher than the risks associated with the ruble's drop. The currency's 50 percent drop since the summer has caused a spike in inflation.

Higher interest rates can help a currency but also hurt economic growth by making loans more expensive.

Analysts said Friday's move was likely due to pressure by government officials and Russian businesses, which are suffering from the high rates.

The central bank said it expected inflation, currently at an annual 13 percent, to peak in the middle of the year and fall below 10 percent next year as the economy adjusts to the weaker ruble.

"Inflation and inflation expectations are expected to decrease," the bank said in a statement.

The central bank had raised its key interest rate to 17 percent in December in a desperate attempt to curb the devaluation of the ruble, which was fueling inflation by raising the price of imports.

Market investors had expected the central bank to hold its interest rates at Friday's policy meeting since it had indicated it would begin to cut rates only when inflation started declining. That said, the bank has been under pressure domestically to bring rates down to limit damage to economic activity.

"The lobby of bankers and industrialists is growing, with clear (almost aggressive) pressure on the Central Bank of Russia to cut," David Nagle, head of research at Moscow-based Renaissance Capital, said in an emailed note.

Earlier on Friday, a top Russian official accused a leading rating agency of trying to turn tycoons against the Kremlin.

Standard & Poor's this week downgraded Russia's credit rating to a noninvestment grade for the first time in more than a decade.

In remarks in parliament on Friday, Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov said the goal of the downgrade was to push businesses "to withdraw their support" for Putin's foreign policy and President Vladimir Putin.

Russia has exceptionally low levels of public debt for a country with a "junk" status, but the downgrade underlined investors' fears about the unpredictability of Putin's foreign policy and the collapse of the ruble.

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OPINION

5 years later, what BP owes the Gulf Coast

By DAVID YARNOLD

It's been nearly five years since BP slimed the Gulf Coast, taking the lives of 11 men, wrecking livelihoods and killing tens of thousands of helpless coastal birds. Finally, U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier is heading into the final stretch, deciding how much the third-largest oil company in the world will have to pay in pollution fines for the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

It's time to hold BP accountable for the environmental damage it continues to cause the wild life and people of the Gulf Coast. The Gulf Coast's way of life is a rich stew, a place that's uniquely American, where drilling and shrimping go hand-in-hand. But we also know whether you're talking about a curfew for your kids or creating a safe construction site, there have to be consequences when rules are blatantly ignored. America's laws acknowledge that deep sea drilling is a risky business that requires extraordinary safety measures — and that's why there are penalties for lawbreakers.

BP already admitted it broke America's laws and has pleaded guilty to felony manslaughter, environmental crimes and lying to Congress. One of its executives is awaiting trial on other criminal charges.

While the third and final phase of the civil trial is under way to determine how much BP will have to pay in environmental Clean Water Act penalties, BP continues to employ the big lie strategy: It's all better. Nothing to see here on the Gulf Coast, folks. Move along.

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In the previous two rounds of the trial, Barbier found BP "grossly negligent" for its role in the disaster and chastised the British oil corporation for covering up from the very beginning how much oil gushed out of the Deepwater Horizon well during the spring and summer of 2010. Barbier conceded we may never know precisely how much oil spewed into the Gulf of Mexico, writing, "there was no meter counting off each barrel of oil as it exited the well." He has ruled that expert testimony indicates at least 3.19 billion barrels poured into the currents of the Gulf in the nearly three months before BP managed to cap the well as it should have in the early hours of the crisis.

But we do know that scientists continue to find oil and uncover new damages — from lung disease in dolphins to the destruction of critical wetlands.

To be sure, the long-term environmental damage isn't as easy to show in pictures and video as the early boat-breaking images of pelicans and herons covered in oily brown goo.

How do you show a "bathtub ring" of oil residue the size of Rhode Island on the floor of the Gulf where deep-water coral

has been bleached and stunted? How do you photograph the continuing kills of Louisiana coastal insects that are the primary food for countless birds, fish and other wildlife? How do you show dolphins suffering from reproductive problems?

Even more troubling is the mounting evidence that the damage from the oil spill has accelerated marsh erosion in a place where every square foot of wetland is essential to protect people and wildlife from powerful hurricanes and rising sea levels. The money BP is required to pay under the Clean Water Act will go a long way to helping to preserve and restore coastal areas.

In this final phase of the civil trial, Barbier will consider a range of eight different factors in determining the amount BP should pay. Those issues range from BP's history of violations to the British oil company's revenues — its ability to pay the fines.

The most recently totaled numbers show BP was the third largest petroleum company in the world based on just over \$440 billion in revenues in 2013. If Barbier rules BP should pay the maximum allowed under law for 3.19 million barrels of spilled oil, the bill will be just under \$14 billion.

But times are tough in the oil business, say BP's attorneys. Barbier surprised them in the first hours of the trial when he asked if a payment plan might ease the pain. Holding off guard, BP's best and brightest said they never considered it.

Holding BP fully accountable for the 2010 Gulf oil disaster is what the law demands. After five long years, justice is close. The Gulf has waited long enough.

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Respect individual liberty, rein in the regs

**This constant increase in regulatory burdens also acts as a drag on the economy.**

Whenever government mandates such "benefits" through regulation, however, individuals lose the freedom to choose for themselves whether the benefit is worth the cost.

This constant increase in regulatory burdens also acts as a drag on the economy. It shifts resources from innovation, expansion and job creation to regulatory compliance.

One might hope that businesses would resist all the unnecessary government interference. Alas, it is not unusual to find them collaborating with their overseers. Regulation raises competitors' costs and erects barriers to market entry for newcomers.

Economist George Stigler described the phenomenon as "regulatory capture," that is, businesses partnering with regulators to hinder their rivals. Of course, the extent of such capture is directly proportionate to the size and scope of government. The bigger government grows, the more special interests it produces.

More than any of its modern predecessors, the Obama administration has aggressively exploited regulation to achieve its policy agenda. Preceding administrations also have increased regulation, albeit to a lesser degree. According to the Office of Management and Budget, the regulatory burden imposed on Americans and the U.S. economy has grown in each of the past 30 years. Total regulatory costs have not declined since 1982.

Regulatory overreach by the executive branch is only part of the problem. Much of the red tape imposed during the past five years has been driven by vast and vaguely worded legislation, such as the misnamed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and the Dodd-Frank financial regulatory laws, which agencies granted broad discretion to multiple agencies. In this way, lawmakers claim credit for "doing something" while evading blame for specific regulations.

Hundreds of other costly regulations are also in the works. The most recent Unified Agenda — a semi-annual compendium of planned regulatory actions by agencies — lists 128 "economically significant" rules in the "proposed" or "final" stages. Of particular concern is the FCC's plans for Internet regulation.

Reforms of the regulatory process are critically needed. Among these: requiring congressional approval before any new major regulation takes effect; requiring analyses of the regulatory consequences of all proposed legislation before a vote by Congress is held, setting sunset deadlines in law for all major regulations, and including "independent" agencies in the White House regulatory review process.

Without decisive action, the fundamental character of the nation will be transformed from one of individual liberty to one of government supremacy — no longer of, by and for the people.

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## OPINION

## Current Ukraine tactics can't defeat Putin

By MARC CHAMPION  
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The Russian opposition figure Alexei Navalny recently said that were it not for Western economic sanctions, Russian tanks would already have swept west to the port city of Odessa, occupying a huge swath of southern Ukraine and cutting off the rest of the country from the Black Sea. He's probably right, yet it won't count for much if Ukraine's government doesn't take advantage of the respite sanctions have provided by changing course.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has in recent weeks rekindled the war in eastern Ukraine, and it's important to understand the role that Ukrainian actions have played in this. It's equally important to recognize that sanctions can't defeat Putin; they can only make him more cautious and open to a settlement.

It was just last September that Putin initiated the Minsk cease-fire agreement, halting his tanks after they had reversed many of the gains Ukraine's military had made against eastern separatists over the summer. Putin had a false assumption that Europe's threat to impose heavier economic sanctions influenced his decision to stop his advance.

Putin had demonstrated that Ukraine's military simply isn't capable of standing up to Russian regulars, and that his tanks could indeed roll on to Odessa if he chose to give the order. In return for stopping, though, he expected Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko to sue for a political settlement of the conflict, beyond the localized Minsk cease-fire.

Poroshenko had Ukraine's parliament rescind a law that had committed the country to military neutrality and announced its formal intention to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This was a serious misstep that made a return to war all but inevitable. If one thing is clear in this contest, it is that Putin will not — and politically cannot — make peace without some form of public assurance that Ukraine won't join NATO.

Another step Ukraine took after the Minsk deal was to build a defensive line



EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP

Residents walk past Soviet-era hammer-and-sickle sculptures outside an apartment building damaged after last Saturday's shelling in Mariupol, Ukraine, on Wednesday.

around separatist territory. This it had to do. The city of Mariupol, the first stop on any Russian road to Odessa and Crimea, had been left defenseless before last summer's Russian assault, and the Ukrainian government had a duty to remedy that. Nevertheless, the place where Ukraine's military chose to dig in said a lot about whether its goal was purely to defend itself, or also to prepare to retake rebel-held areas by force. The decision to hold on to Donetsk airport at any cost, despite having agreed at Minsk that this would fall on the rebel side of the cease-fire line, suggested the latter.

Next, Ukraine trumpeted its efforts to re-supply its forces with new weaponry from NATO members, including the U.S., which sent radar systems for guiding responsive fire at enemy artillery positions. This set the clock running for Putin to begin an assault before Ukraine's military could be rearmed and retrained.

So it was that, as early as October, Russian armor was heading back into Ukraine. The rebels announced an offensive to take Mariupol and other strongholds, and it looked as if the war would start again. Collapsing oil prices intervened, and by November the front was relatively quiet again.

Yet this was unsustainable. Putin had still not blocked Ukraine from turning West. What's more, he looked weak. And to make matters worse on that front, U.S. President Barack Obama, in his State of the Union address, portrayed him as defeated: "Mr. Putin's aggression, it was suggested, was a masterful display of strategy and strength. That's what I heard from some folks. Well, today, it is America that stands strong and united with its allies, while Russia is isolated, with its economy in tatters."

As fantasies go, this was right up there with George W. Bush's "mission accomplished" boast after the initial invasion of

Iraq. Putin hadn't given up. And if Obama had the first inkling of Putin's character, he would understand that the best way to push him to attack is to boast of beating him.

So Ukraine and its partners lost an opportunity this winter, even if it's impossible to know whether Putin would himself have been willing to make the compromises needed for a settlement. It's also hard to know how far Putin will let his tanks go this time. If he believes there will be no more sanctions, or decides it's worth weathering them, Russian forces could take Mariupol, build a land corridor to Crimea or make the final push to Odessa.

Alternatively, he might merely help the rebels take the key positions — such as the Donetsk airport, the Debaltsevo rail junction and the Luhansk power station — that they need to make their territory survivable, and then give Poroshenko another chance to sue for peace.

This is Putin's war. He contrived it when his ally Viktor Yanukovich was driven from power in Ukraine, and he largely controls it. Yet so long as the U.S. and NATO aren't willing to fight Russia over Ukraine (and they shouldn't be), they should help Poroshenko understand that this conflict can end only with a settlement that involves politically painful Ukrainian concessions.

Such was the terrible squeeze that Georgia existed in for nearly two decades. Once Russia had secured control over separatist territories in Abkhazia and South Ossetia, it could demand a political settlement on its terms. When Georgia refused and tried to resolve the problem militarily, it was crushed. (NATO did not come to the rescue.)

It is understandable that Ukraine doesn't want a super-sized Abkhazia or South Ossetia in eastern Ukraine, but it is also too late to stop Russia from creating one. The longer Poroshenko pretends to his people that Ukraine can seize Donetsk and Luhansk back by force, the bigger Ukraine's Abkhazia will become and the more lives, sovereignty and wealth Ukraine will lose.

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## US, Europe not equipped to douse Arab Inferno

By RICHARD PARKER

Fifteen years ago this fall, Americans awoke to a shocking image: the destroyer USS Cole listed hard to port halfway around the world in the harbor of Aden, Yemen, its hull smoldering. 17 of its sailors dead, with 39 more wounded. Al-Qaida, barely known to most Americans, despite the deadly bombings of two American embassies, had struck again.

Today, of course, al-Qaida and its successors are well-known, and the rickety government of Yemen has fallen, punctuated a full month ago by more of terrorist atrocities: loosely inspired attacks in Canada and the United States, continued war, kidnapping and death in Syria, wholesale massacre in Pakistan and Nigeria, and of course, the attacks in Paris and now Tripoli. Closer to home there is outrage in Congress and glossing over hard facts by the White House. So, what to make of all this? After two decades, there are at least three lessons to be gleaned.

The first is to understand that this is not a conflict between the Arab world and the West; it is a war within the Arab world for power and resources and against the West controlling that outcome. Failing to understand that is to commit the second blunder, giving al-

Qaida and its successors what they want: a cycle of repression and more war. Finally, and frustratingly, what was billed four years ago as the Arab Spring is really the Arab Inferno. And all America and Europe are prepared to do — indeed can do — is contain the fire.

First, the passage of time is revealing. Americans in uniforms have been in the Middle East in large numbers for some 40 years, taking over the historic role of the British, namely safeguarding oil. Since the Iraq invasion of Kuwait about 25 years ago, Americans have been involved — to one degree or another — in a largely continuous state of armed conflict. The ensuing Iraq War, over a decade later, was a horrific, blundering aberration of what had been a long but low-grade conflict against one nation or another in the name of strategic balance.

But it was the so-called Arab Spring, four years ago, that destroyed the tottering nationalist regimes and plunged the whole region into the hell of its current chaos. Battered, corrupt and justly reviled nationalist dictatorships tumbled of their own weight with no coherent political ideology set to take their places. Islamist extremism — not Islam — rushed into this vacuum and soon began to compete for not only power but also oil, the currency of wealth

throughout most of the region; in Iraq, for example, leather is the No. 2 industry.

A political ideology more akin to Hitler's Nazism in its nihilism than Islam, the religion, Islamist extremism was forged by decades of repression, fueled by decades of privation and represented conflict and death itself as preferable to a hopeless life in the Arab underclass. In the Arab Spring of 2010, it was a proven political weapon. It had been turned successfully on the Russians in Afghanistan and the Americans in Iraq. So, it was employed against outsiders and Arabs alike.

Now, only Tunisia and the brittle monarchies of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states have avoided the conflagration. And yet, it is stupefying that at this very juncture conservative politicians in the United States and Europe are on the verge of making a potentially deadly mistake in conflating Islam, the religion, with violent Islamism, the political ideology. More than 1.6 billion people are adherents to Islam and most of them — about 1 billion — live in Asia. The largest Islamic population calls Indonesia home. Yet we are not at war in Asia. Conflating the two — religious belief and political ideology — risks alienating still more people and strengthening violent radicals of the Arab world.

In this country, making that mistake

lumps in innocent people from around the world in a violent, political ideology. In Europe, such a mistake will only deepen the isolation of Europeans with Arab roots. The trip is to exhaust terrorism as a strategy before it exhausts us.

For everyday Arab people caught in the inferno, this all adds up to a tragic fact: No one is coming to rescue them. America will no more rescue the suffering Syrians than it did desperate Libyans, the oppressed Egyptians or the war-ravaged Iraqis.

In this sense, the dissolution of power in the Arab world is tragically similar, on a larger scale, to the dissolution of Yugoslavia; there Americans and Europeans tried only to contain war, intervene at the edges and let it burn itself out, a process that claimed 10 horrific years and over 260,000 lives.

This year will only mark the fourth year since the Arab Inferno began. And the only thing America will likely really do is just contain the fire.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Police: Man hid cocaine inside prosthetic leg

**DE** DOVER — Police said a Delaware drug suspect went out on a limb to transport a stash of cocaine, but he was busted when officers discovered the drug hidden inside his prosthetic leg.

Dover Police said Marlow Holmes, 39, was arrested Monday afternoon during a traffic stop. They said police dogs alerted officers to the presence of narcotics inside the car Holmes had been riding in. During a search of the car, officers said they discovered more than 28 grams of cocaine stuffed into the prosthetic leg that Holmes was wearing, and arrested him.

Police said Holmes faces charges of possession with intent to deliver cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was jailed, with bail set at \$81,000.

Police say they kept the drugs as evidence but returned Holmes' leg.

## Owner finds service dog stolen from Oahu beach

**HI** HONOLULU — A service dog stolen from its owner at an Oahu beach has been returned to the woman.

Hawaii News Now said Colette, a 6-year-old white Pomeranian, has been reunited with her owner, Kelly Kraynek.

The dog was stolen from the North Shore Wednesday. A honeymooning couple from Australia said they witnessed the theft.

Kraynek said she was contacted by a Kaneohe couple who said they bought Colette for \$400 from a man outside of Petco in Pearl City.

Kraynek said the couple's story sounded fishy, but she paid them \$200 to get her dog back and probably won't press charges.

Kraynek said her dog is in good condition and said she's just happy to have her back.

## Donations sought for veterans' program

**WV** CHARLESTON — Delegate Joshua Nelson is seeking donations of farm equipment for a program that gives a hand to veterans getting into farming.

The Boone Republican is making the appeal for the Veterans and Warriors Agriculture Program. Nelson said the program rents the equipment at a low rate so veterans can start farming and make a living for themselves.

The donations are eligible for tax write-offs.

Nelson served with the U.S. Marines from 2006-11 and currently serves with the West Virginia Air National Guard.

## Bill would honor 7 brothers, WWII vets

**IL** SPRINGFIELD — An Illinois state senator has filed legislation that would name a portion of a central Illinois highway after seven brothers who served in World War II. Sen. Sam McCann's bill would rename Route 67

## THE CENSUS

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The number of times a man has been arrested on suspicion of drunken driving since 1986. Boulder County, Colo., District Attorney Stan Garnett said the arrest serves as an example why the state needs a felony DUI law. A Longmont, Colo., police report said Dan Brooks failed a field sobriety test following a traffic stop Tuesday and was driving on a suspended license at the time of his arrest.



Nick Ur/AP

## Balancing act

Neil Blan, bottom, and Katherine Shea practice yoga Wednesday at Echo Park in Los Angeles.

through Greene County the "Powell Brothers Memorial Highway."

Arthur, Earl, Fred, George and Max Powell served in the Navy. Adrian and Everett Powell served in the Army Air Corps. All seven brothers survived and returned home after the war.

McCann said the family "demonstrated their absolute love and respect for this country" and "deserves to be remembered."

The brothers were commended by the U.S. Senate last year. The family's hometown of Hillview erected a memorial flagpole in their honor in 1988.

## Maui fisherman reels in tiger shark, gets bitten

**HI** WALLULA — A 20-year-old Maui fisherman is recovering after being bitten by an 8- to 10-foot tiger shark while he was trying to throw it back to sea.

The Maui News reported Michael Pollard received 38 stitches after he was bitten Tuesday morning in Lahaina.

Pollard said he should have cut the line when he hooked the shark but decided to bring it in.

He and a friend tried to push the shark back into the ocean.

Pollard said he was pushing the shark into the water when it started flailing and snagged his leg.

The bite left two semicircle marks on his left calf, which he wrapped with a tourniquet made

from his sleeves.

## Deputy accused of battery on wife is fired

**LA** NAPOLEONVILLE — Assumption Parish Sheriff Mike Waguespack says a deputy has been fired after he grabbed and tried to disarm a deputy who had responded to his home Sunday on a domestic complaint.

Waguespack said Deputy Gary Ellis Jr. of Pierre Part had been drinking all night and got into an argument with his wife, throwing her to the ground a number of times, leading to a call to the sheriff's office.

When the first deputy on the scene attempted to calm him down, Waguespack said Ellis confronted the deputy, grabbed her and attempted to grab her weapon.

Ellis was booked Tuesday on counts of domestic abuse battery, battery of a police officer and attempted disarming of a peace officer.

## Measure attempts to combat 'spite hedges'

**CT** HARTFORD — A bill before Connecticut's General Assembly attempts to ensure local zoning officials can take action when a neighbor puts up a tall fence or hedge out of spite.

Rep. Kathleen McCarty of Waterford submitted the bill after learning about a Connecticut woman whose valuable water view at her Rhode Island summer home was blocked by a neighbor's plantings. The woman believes it was an intentional, malicious act.

McCarty said she wanted to make sure Connecticut addressed the issue. She said if someone has a water view when they buy a home, they should be protected.

It's uncertain, however, whether a one-size-fits-all law is feasible or even necessary. Some laws are already on the books.

## Years-old stash of pot found inside van

**NM** ALAMOGORDO — A woman drove a van for more than 13 years without realizing there was marijuana hidden inside.

Melodie Peil told the Alamogordo Daily News she bought a 1990 Chevrolet van at a local dealership in 2001 so she would have room to transport her daughter's children.

Until Friday, she had no idea that on trips to softball games and on vacations out of town, she had been transporting 13½ pounds of marijuana hidden in one of the vehicle's doors.

A family friend discovered the marijuana when he removed a door panel to repair a broken

handle.

Inside a hole cut in the door were five bricks of marijuana covered in plastic wrap and foil.

Police said the marijuana is so old that it's worthless.

## Board member asked to resign over racist blog

**NE** LINCOLN — A Nebraska State Board of Education member refused to leave office Wednesday despite a vote from his colleagues that called for his resignation due to racist content on his blog.

The board voted 6-2 in favor of a resolution asking for Pat McPherson to resign, joining a chorus of elected officials that have called on McPherson to step down after several blog posts referred to President Barack Obama as a "half-breed."

The Republican has disavowed the posts and said he did not write them, but has refused to identify the author. McPherson read a statement Wednesday, reiterating he isn't a racist but acknowledging he didn't adequately monitor his now-defunct "Objective Conservatism" blog. The "half-breed" references appeared numerous times since 2011.

McPherson can't be recalled by voters. The Legislature can only impeach him for criminal conduct, malfeasance or a violation of the public trust.

From wire reports

## VIDEO GAMES



The latest "Resident Evil" game is a high-definition remaster of a 2002 remake of the original 1996 game about a secret police group who end up marooned in a hillside mansion overrun with zombies.

Capcom photos

# 'Resident Evil'

## Still suffering beautifully after all these years

By MICHAEL THOMSEN/Special to The Washington Post

**Y**ou hear Lisa Trevor before you see her. Her wail rises from a locked basement stairwell, more searching than threatening, but shrill enough to signal trouble. Later, you find her bandages hanging beside a freshly lit fire in an old cabin. On the ground outside, you read her name on a list of the experimental injections that turned her 14-year-old body into a molting monstrosity. Emphasis on details like these, which immerse players in a landscape of sensory experiences before connecting them to plot points or system rules, have defined "Resident Evil" games and helped make survival horror a mass market phenomenon.

The latest in the series is simply called "Resident Evil," a high-definition remaster of a 2002 remake of the original 1996 PlayStation game about a secret police group who end up marooned in a hillside mansion overrun with zombies. The 2002 remake was a high point in video game history, something which, at the time, seemed like a visionary artifact sent back in time from the future. Thirteen years later, its layers of delicately intertwined systems are as powerful as ever. Yet the persistence of its power is evidence of a lost future, a style of design, emotional manipulation, and technological trickery that's been mostly abandoned.

The most simultaneously characteristic and anachronistic part of "Resident Evil" is its movement system. Commonly called "tank controls," movement is accomplished through an awkward process of rotating the character clockwise or counterclockwise, then pressing up on the joystick or d-pad to make them move in whichever direction they've wound up facing. Unlike contemporary controls, in which one's character moves in whichever direction the joystick points, "Resident Evil's" rotational controls separate movement into two independently controllable vectors. The movement system is inseparable from the game's visual technology. A product of the first generation of three-dimensional games in the mid-'90s and built for a system with 2MB of memory, "Resident Evil" uses a process called pre-rendering to create the impression of greater visual detail than the first PlayStation was capable of producing in real-time.

Not unlike rear-projection in old movies, pre-rendering creates a high-detail recording of an environment on hugely powerful computers and then uses the recording as a looping and non-interactive backdrop, on top of which a handful of game items would be rendered in real-time.

While later consoles would eventually be powerful enough to run 3-D worlds without the pre-rendering trickery, the visuals of 2002's "Resident Evil" were inseparable from the game's pacing, controls, enemy encounters and puzzle design. The remastered version's one concession to contemporary design — an option to use a

direct control scheme to replace the rotational model — feels all wrong. It turns the game into a vaudevillian slapstick, with players sprinting through spaces meant for slowness and tension.

The genre's signature limits on ammunition and healing items make each decision to pull the trigger an implicit bet that there will be more shotgun shells or magnum rounds to find later on. Zombies will come back to life after a set time as more powerful Crimson Heads, which makes the decision to fight a choice between whether you think



you'll be able to risk having to return to a room or hallway later on, or exposed to even more danger.

There are minor attempts at modernization. Online leaderboards let you track the time it took to finish the game,

and there is a small encyclopedia of options for replaying, including an infamously difficult mode that makes all enemies invisible. Character models have been redone to add detail, while lighting and reflection effects have been improved to add even more dreamy realism to the mansion. The pre-rendered environments themselves have gained a slight granularity. What seemed a marvel in 2002 is more apparent as technological trickery in 2015.

Yet, all these years later, "Resident Evil" still works beautifully. Its sound effects, cinematic cameras, zombies, corrupt corporations, lush visuals, and biochemical experiments create an interactive system that bridges the gap between what you cannot see but know through intuition, and what you see but know isn't real. And Lisa Trevor still lurks beneath it all, a howl coming from the other side of a locked gate, a lost girl still convinced she'll find her mother and make an escape, incapable of understanding the entire compound has already been abandoned.

## MOVIES

# Gray matters

## Octavia Spencer on race in new film 'Black or White' and the Oscars

By BOB STRAUSS  
Daily News

It's been less than two decades since Octavia Spencer left Montgomery, Ala., for Hollywood, and in that time she's racked up more than 100 movie and television acting credits.

She's done comedy, science fiction (the upcoming "Insurgent" is just one example), crime shows, superhero movies and played more medical professionals than maybe anyone without a nursing degree can claim.

Some of her most memorable projects, from her first film "A Time to Kill" to "Fruitvale Station" and the one that earned her a supporting actress Academy Award, "The Help," have dealt with the racial conflict that's always been a fundamental part of the American story. Now in "Black or White," while discrimination is not its topic and what little violence the film depicts is as personal as it can get, racism is very much a key topic. For Spencer, a good thing about the movie is its equal-opportunity approach to color-based resentments.

"I liked the complexity of the script and the way it raises and broaches the question of race," says Spencer of writer-director Mike Binder's story, which pits her self-made entrepreneur Rowena Jeffers against Kevin Costner's attorney Eric Anderson for custody of their biracial granddaughter Eloise, played by newcomer Jillian Estell.

"Rowena has good intentions," Spencer acknowledges. "But Rowena's faults — really and truly, she's human. She didn't see the racist part of her. She was quick to point out what she thought was racist on Elliott's behalf, but not really her own. This is about really and truly setting aside your own beliefs and, just perhaps, putting yourself in another person's place."

The film opens with a devastated Elliott processing the news that his beloved wife, Carol, has died in a traffic accident. The two of them had raised Eloise in their comfortable Brentwood home, after his only child died giving birth to her.

He's taken to drinking to blunt the pain of his losses, and can't really see the equivalence between that and the crack problem of Eloise's father Reggie (Andre Holland), whom Elliott despises.

Rowena feels that Eloise needs more exposure to her African-American background. Elliott claims he only wants to save her from Reggie's toxic influence, and it all ends up in a courtroom where both sides' prejudices are exposed.

Although "Black or White" was inspired by a less-contentious situation in Binder's own family, some critics feel that the movie is more sympathetic to Elliott's arguments than Rowena's. Spencer doesn't, but understands that reaction.

"Mike does a wonderful job of presenting both sides, but this story is about Elliott's loss," she explains. "He lost his daughter, he lost his wife, and now I want to take his granddaughter. I feel like Mike gave each side equal enough time, but if you thought this story was stacked in the white guy's favor, it's because the narrative is taking shape from his perspective."

Along with the clashes, "Black or White" presents opportunities for understanding across the racial divide. While Spencer appreciates this tough kind of look at the hard road to harmony, she cautions that such films must be made with care.

"It's how the information is presented," she says. "If you come out of the gate with a finger pointed, then

you really aren't opening the door to any sort of resolution to whatever the problem may be. Whether it's about race or sexual orientation or religion, if you can't empathize with the opposing party, then you can't really meet in the middle.

"I do think that there needs to be other movies like this. There is so much art that can do to enlighten people, no matter what their views might be," she says. "If art can't go there, or doesn't elevate the social consciousness in some way, then we are in peril."

Fingers have been pointing, of course, at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences since the Oscar nominations were revealed this month.

All of this year's acting nominees are white and no women are in the

running for screenwriting or directing Oscars. That includes Ava DuVernay, who helmed the acclaimed Martin Luther King biopic "Selma," which

only received best picture and original song nominations.

Unlike quite a few others, Spencer isn't complaining. As she sees it, she really can't.

"I'm thrilled for Emma Stone. I'm thrilled for Reese, for J.K. — I have a lot of horses in the race," Spencer says of her respective "Help," "Legally Blonde 2" and "Spider-Man" co-stars.

"We have an awards body that's comprised of a certain demographic and, perhaps if we were back in 1930, I'd say, 'Well, we have a situation here, it doesn't look good,'" Spencer continued more contemplatively.

"But it's a slap in the face to have any sort of the narrative be that the Academy is racist. We wouldn't have Mo'Nique, we wouldn't have Jennifer Hudson, we wouldn't have Lupita Nyong'o, we wouldn't have myself, we wouldn't have John Ridley or Alfonso Cuarón — so many people of color — awarded. So while I understand the need for people to latch onto something, to paint this narrative in the light that it's been painted is disheartening. That's not what's happening here.

"Now, should there be more diverse films? And diverse doesn't just mean black, it means a broader spectrum: LGBT, different religions, more women behind the scenes directing and producing, more Latin, more Asian, reflective of what we see in the world. Yes, absolutely."

In case you were wondering, she's seen "Selma."

"That's why I'm glad that it made the ticket for best picture, and I'm glad that it was nominated for song," Spencer says. "But you know what? I did a wonderful movie last year called 'Get on Up,' and Chadwick Boseman turned in a wonderful performance in that. He wasn't nominated. Kevin Costner does an amazing job in this film; he wasn't nominated.

"This is just me being selfish," she says with a wry grin, regarding those recent co-stars. "David Oyelowo was amazing, and would I have loved to have seen my 'Help' alum, who I think is a brilliant actor, nominated for that wonderful portrayal of Dr. King? Absolutely. But I think if you asked David if he thought the Academy was racist because he wasn't nominated, he is a rational man and he knows that that's not the case."

Octavia Spencer

WALLY SKALU/Los Angeles Times



## TELEVISION



ABC photos

The sitcom "Fresh Off the Boat" stars, from left, Hudson Yang, Ian Chen, Constance Wu, Randall Park and Forrest Wheeler. The series is based on the memoir by Eddie Huang, below. The show premieres Feb. 5 on AFN-Family.

## FRESH COMEDY

### New sitcom highlights Asian-American immigrants

By JAYNA OMAVE  
Orlando Sentinel

As a young first-generation Chinese-American growing up in Orlando, Fla., in the 1990s, Eddie Huang felt like he never quite fit in. Huang was taunted at school for being different but firmly challenged racial slurs and stereotypes.

The popular blogger and owner of a hip New York restaurant "never accepted the way people see us (Asian-Americans)" and used the lessons he learned from beloved hip-hop artists as a way to bridge cultural differences. His often-hilarious experiences are the basis for a new sitcom, "Fresh Off the Boat," which is set in central Florida. The show premieres on AFN-Family on Feb. 5.

The show is a takeoff on Huang's 2013 book "Fresh Off the Boat: A Memoir," in which he chronicles what it was like standing out in a mainly white central Florida neighborhood during the 1990s. It is the first network series in 21 years to focus on an Asian-American family (ABC's "All-American Girl," featuring Margaret Cho). The show is a point of pride in Orlando's burgeoning Asian-American community.

"A long time ago, you could've said that Asian-Americans were stereotyped as Chinese delivery men ... always having fake accents," said Ricky Ly, a University of Central Florida graduate and founder of the college's Asian Pacific American Coalition. "[But] I think more and more lately there's been more diverse representation of Asian-Americans ... not as stereotypes but just as regular people."

Ly, a civil engineer and food blogger whose grandparents moved to Vietnam from China before his family came to the U.S., said Huang's sitcom will showcase central Florida's growing Asian-American community.

"It's definitely a long time coming," Ly said of the sitcom. "I think it's a great step to focus on an Asian-American family. With the cultural aspects of being

Asian-American, I think it is great to showcase that on a national level."

With 42 ethnic groups, Asian-Americans are the fastest-growing racial group in the South, increasing by 69 percent, even outpacing the growth of Latinos, from 2000 to 2010. In Florida, the increase was 72 percent, according to data released last year.

Shally Wong, founder of Asia Trend magazine, a Winter Park, Fla.-based nonprofit that seeks to promote a broader understanding of Asian-Americans,

said many families, including her parents, are attracted to Central Florida's education opportunities. A native of Hong Kong who moved to Orlando with her family in 1991, the UCF graduate has witnessed the area's significant demographic shifts.

"We like to settle with the people we know," said Wong, former secretary of the Asian American Federation of Florida's Central East Region. "Asians emphasize a lot on family and we work together closely. We like to get referrals by family or by your relatives and that's always the way."

Huang moved with his parents and two younger brothers from Chinatown in Washington, D.C., to the Dr. Phillips area in Orange County, Fla., where his father became a restaurateur. "Fresh Off the Boat" is set in the era where 11-year-old Huang tries to make a mark in a community that is sometimes culturally ignorant and unfamiliar with Asian-Americans. Hudson Yang plays the hip-hop-loving Eddie.

"I think this show is going to be huge for helping Americans understand us (Asians) and helping us understand Americans," said Huang, 32, who graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and is co-owner of a highly-regarded Taiwanese restaurant, Baohaus, in New York City. "I think it's a really big step for me. It's a really big step for the community to start this conversation."

Huang, who has co-hosted episodes of Anthony Bourdain's "The Layover" on the Travel Channel, lives in Los Angeles and New York and visits Orlando during Chinese New Year. His father, Louis Huang, who sold his restaurants, including Cattleman's Steakhouse and Atlantic Bay Seafood Grill, and mother, Jessica Huang, live in Orlando.

As a producer on the show, he described the joy of watching the pilot episode as "lights out," adding it is his mission to continually fight stereotypes and break down barriers. "Anyone who's ever felt different will really relate to this show," Huang said. "It's still a fight every day. It's still a fight every episode."



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Eddie Huang  
producer of "Fresh Off the Boat"

## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS

## Coming to grips with a health

## WAKE-UP CALL

BY ANNE STEIN  
Chicago Tribune

It's a scenario that plays out each January. Health clubs are packed, diet books are devoured, then within a month or two, our new year's resolutions lose steam. The crowds diminish, diets fade into memory, and good intentions are saved for another time.

The beginning of the year is always popular for taking a good look at our health, so what does it take to make things last?

The wellness process should start with honest answers to tough questions, said Dr. Pamela Peeke, national spokeswoman for the American College of Sports Medicine, author of "The Hunger Fix" and assistant professor of medicine at University of Maryland.

"There has to be a real wake-up call," Peeke said. "Just waking up and saying 'I want to be healthy' won't get you anywhere. You need an awakening, a real fire in the belly to get you going. You have to ask yourself, 'Why do I want to change, and what's been stopping me?' Then be brutally honest when you answer."

Maybe your cholesterol has hit the ceiling, or you caught a glimpse in the mirror and finally admitted you don't look great. Or you know someone who transformed himself and you're inspired. Or you've hit a crisis point in your health you simply can't ignore.

Kindergarten teacher Sandie Leonard had that moment a few months ago. At age 45, she'd spent a lifetime trying to be the perfect daughter, wife, employee and mom. With a warm smile and kind voice, she's the type of friend you'd call in a heartbeat,

the teacher (with a master's degree) you'd trust your child to in a classroom.

A few years ago, however, the pressure to please grew to be too much, and Leonard began using sugar to soothe her anxiety and deal with ongoing depression. The Blountville, Tenn., resident stocked her desk with M&M's and candy bars. She celebrated every milestone with homemade cakes and pies. And her weight ballooned.

"My favorite thing was Little Debbie Snack Cakes," said Leonard, who once jogged three miles a day four days a week. Over a few years, her weight rocketed to 334 pounds. "I tried every weight plan out there and had a little success, then I'd go right back to the sugary stuff."

Finally she reached the breaking point; her anxiety was so consuming she couldn't teach any longer, and last fall she checked herself into Malibu Vista treatment center, in Malibu, Calif. It was there — as far from Tennessee as she could get, she joked — that she met Peeke, who put her on a healthy nutrition program and got her to realize that sugar wasn't solving her problems.

Intense therapy helped Leonard deal with anxiety and stress.

Today Leonard is back home in Tennessee. She's dropped 34 pounds since October thanks to a new diet and walking program (she started at 20 minutes a day and has increased to 80 minutes daily). She's got-

ten into yoga and practices mindful eating, which means paying attention to each bite rather than gobbling things down. Her kitchen's restocked with quinoa, tofu and other healthy foods, and she avoids "the little Debbie aisle" at the grocery store.

"My mind is so much clearer with the good nutrition and exercise," Leonard said. "I had a feeling of complete despair before with my weight and the anxiety, and now it's gone." She regularly checks in with Peeke and the nutrition/medical staff at Malibu Vista, who guide her with recipes and encouragement. She was set to return to work this month.

Most people know that exercise, appropriate diet and sleep, and managing stress are what's best for them, said certified athletic trainer Kathy Dieringer, co-owner of D&D Sports Medicine in Denton, Texas, and a board member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. "But how to get started and stay motivated to do all that is the age-old question."

First, go through a wellness checklist: Are you getting the recommended 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity? Lack of exercise, explained Dr. Carol Ewing Garber, president of the American College of Sports Medicine and professor of movement science at Teachers College, Columbia University, increases your risk for heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and other chronic diseases. Of course, the part more people will notice is how lack of activity affects the proportion of body fat and muscle.

Flexibility and strength also are critical to health and wellness. Are you having trouble lifting grocery bags or getting up and out of a chair? "One of the biggest reasons is a great test because you're walking around and lifting and loading," Garber said. "If that's difficult, you need some work on strength." Can you touch your toes (with slightly bent knees)? Are you flexible enough to reach your back as if zipping a dress? Lack of flexibility makes daily activities tougher to do.

Stress goes hand in hand with exercise and diet when it comes to overall wellness. Are you clenching your jaw or walking around with tight shoulders and back? Are you obsessed with a bad job situation or family difficulties? Stress can interfere with sleep, attention span, memory, relationships. And, Peeke said, it stokes your appetite for self-soothing comfort — like food, drugs or alcohol. "And if you have rotten sleep, the last thing you'll do is pop out of bed and exercise," she said.

How is your weight and BMI? If you're serious about fixing food issues, call an expert. Let somebody give it to you straight. "There are so many fads out there that may work for a limited period of time, but it all goes back to appropriate nutrition, and that needs to be determined by a nutritionist," Dieringer said. A health professional can evaluate your weight and diet, give an assessment of body composition and develop a healthy eating plan.

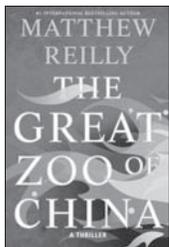
While the journey toward wellness can be daunting, it's doable by following sensible advice. And there are numerous success stories; one of Dieringer's clients came to her clinic for shoulder rehab, then continued with an individual fitness plan to stay in shape. She joined group fitness classes, met with a registered dietitian and within a year, stopped taking her high blood pressure and heart medication, all because she started moving and eating right. "We find a lot of our older patients love that group dynamic of getting together and exercising. I think it (the social aspect) increases compliance in every age group," Dieringer said.

Leonard's wellness wake-up call has completely changed her life. "A few months ago I didn't think anything this positive would happen," said the cheerful mom, who's aiming, day by day, to lose at least 100 more pounds. "I was just hoping to get back to work. Now I've gotten off the anxiety medication, I'm eating right, and my whole well-being has changed."

**“There has to be a real wake-up call. Just waking up and saying ‘I want to be healthy’ won’t get you anywhere. You need an awakening, a real fire in the belly to get you going.”**



BOOKS



**The Great Zoo of China**

Matthew Reilly

Matthew Reilly takes elements from Michael Crichton's classic "Jurassic Park" and gives them a high fantasy spin in his latest action masterpiece, "The Great Zoo of China."

Reptile expert Dr. Cassandra Jane "CJ" Cameron is asked to visit a zoo that is soon to open in the middle of China. Staff members at the site are extremely secretive and provide few answers to her questions until Cameron and the others witness what animals are being kept inside the compound: dragons. The Chinese government has been keeping the discovery of dragon eggs hidden for over 40 years.

Now that they have been able to create a place for the dragons to be seen by the general public, they are ready to unveil their existence.

Once word spreads, officials believe the zoo will become the No. 1 tourist attraction in the world.

Cameron and the other dignitaries in her group explore the various sections of the zoo and learn about the technology used to keep visitors safe from the dragons, as well as the science and biology behind how these creatures can actually exist. They soon realize the dragons are superintelligent — and have a plan to escape.

Reilly has the ability to take objects such as garbage trucks and use them in extreme ways, creating action scenes that read majestically on the page. Most authors throw in guns and lots of shooting to create a frantic and thrilling scene, but Reilly can amp up the tension with just a glance from one of the creatures.

The science and the setting of "The Great Zoo of China" make the scenario completely believable. The action is overwhelming, making the reader feel giddy as the pages fly.

You will believe that dragons are real.

— Jeff Ayers/AP

# Oscars, Legos all in a day's work

## 'Vampire Hunter' author keeps busy with numerous projects

By ALICIA RANCILO  
The Associated Press

**S**eth Grahame-Smith's life could be described as a mashup.

He's the author of the best-seller "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter," and the follow-up, "The Last American Vampire," now in stores.

Grahame-Smith is also busy with a number of other projects, including his directorial debut on the film "Something Wicked This Way Comes," writing and co-producing the sequel to "Beetlejuice," writing two "Lego" movies and writing a pilot for CBS.

He's also on the writing team for this year's Academy Awards.



In a recent interview, Grahame-Smith said the Oscars have always been "a big deal in the Grahame-Smith household" and that he usually throws "viewing parties when the awards are presented. This year, he'll be "in a tux, backstage. That'll be fun."

The 39-year-old Grahame-Smith talked about his new book, "The Last American Vampire," during an entertainment in a recent interview.

**Should you get credit for creating the mashup?**

I don't think that "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" or "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" created the mashup, I just think that they popularized it. I think that there were mashups before, and I think that there were certainly people blending genres and writers way better than me and far longer ago who were playing with the idea of mixing fantasy and horror or mixing science-fiction with romance. I think that I just happen to do it in a very loud and obnoxious way and was lucky enough to do it a time when people were receptive to it.

**Yes, you write about historical figures and vampires and zombies, but you do a lot of research for your books. There are facts in**



Screenwriter, producer and director Seth Grahame-Smith's new novel, "The Last American Vampire," is a follow-up to "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter."

these stories.

I give you some medicine with your sugar. I give you a little bit of real history, just enough so that you know something about that time period so that you can discuss it at a dinner party, and as long as you don't go further than that and add the part where vampires start cutting each other's heads off and everything.

**How do you keep track of your projects?**

A typical day now might be: I work on some 'Lego' movie stuff, I work on some 'Beetlejuice' stuff, and then I jump over here and work on Oscars, and then I jump back and I work on who knows what else, but it's great! I love being busy. I love the challenge of it. I love the engagement of it ... At some point all of this goes away and you know you get bounced out of the writing business or bounced out of

Hollywood one way or another eventually. Almost everybody does. So, I'm just trying to enjoy it while it lasts.

**Do you ever procrastinate when you're supposed to be writing?**

I procrastinate all day. In 12 hours of sitting at the computer desk every day, I probably do two and a half hours of writing, if I'm being generous. Because there are other things going on. There are phone calls to be returned, there are meetings to be had, lunches to go to, there are emails to browse through and then ... who doesn't love Twitter or Facebook or Reddit or Gawker or Gizmodo or Huffington Post or any of the 2,000 sites I read religiously every day, all day? You need to keep the writing muscles in shape.

# Book tells of gang-related homicides in black neighborhoods

By J.L. HARKAVY  
The Associated Press

**T**he killings of unarmed black men by police in Missouri and New York have dominated recent headlines, but the slayings of black males by other blacks in the nation's most violent ghettos still get barely a footnote.

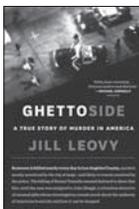
Americans have long been complacent about these anonymous murders, many of them gang-related, most of which go unsolved. The notion that such killings are not newsworthy is reflected in the label that used to be given them by members of the Los Angeles Police Department: "NHI — No Human Involved."

Thankfully, that has changed, according to Jill Leovy's riveting account of a relentless homicide detective's investigation of a 2007 killing in Watts in which a gentle and good-natured 18-year-old was gunned down after being mistaken for a target in a gang rivalry.

"Ghetto Side," a term picked up by police from a Watts gang member to describe his neighborhood, embraces both the locale of the violence and the culture and mindset that im-

pedes police from bringing killers to justice.

The hero of "Ghetto Side," veteran detective John Skaggs, cut his teeth during "the Big Years" of the early 1990s, when the number of killings was far higher than it is today. His



The most gripping episodes come as Skaggs manages to persuade the girlfriend of one of the killers to testify against him and then keeps her safe and sober in the face of death threats. An award-winning reporter and editor with

the Los Angeles Times, Leovy in 2007 created an innovative blog that covered all of the city's 845 murders that year. Most of the killings took place in ghetto neighborhoods and most of the victims were young black men.

While focusing on the killing of Tonnelle, the son of a Los Angeles detective, Leovy explores the reasons for the homicide epidemic and looks at ways it can be addressed. In recent years the city's murder rate has gone down dramatically as a result of factors that include migration of many black residents to the suburbs and the high number of black men in prison.

But the best means of dealing with the still disproportionately high number of black-on-black murders would be to have all detectives approach such cases with Skaggs' vigor and determination in arresting and helping to convict the two who killed Tonnelle. As the defense lawyer for one of the killers observed, "If all these cases were investigated like Tonnelle, there'd be no unsolved cases."

Now, with relations between police and the black community perhaps more strained than ever, this book could not be more important.

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# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## NFL super vigilant about game trademark

**By TERRY TANG**  
*The Associated Press*

PHOENIX — It is the game that must not be named — at least not without permission.

For most people, the game Sunday between the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks is the Super Bowl. But for many business owners, it's simply the "big game" or "game day."

Barium hosts are tripping over their tongues and airport signs are carefully worded to keep from referring to it as the Super Bowl, a trademarked name the NFL strictly polices. Mom-and-pop shops and large companies hoping to cash in on the game — but also don't want to run afoul of league lawyers — have found ways to color inside the lines.

Tyler Ellis, whose Coney Island Grill is located within the downtown Super Bowl Central village, is selling souvenir tie-dye shirts. The garments say "Coney Island 2015" as well as "the big game."

The \$15 shirts come in pink, red, blue and green.

Fortunately, the restaurateur owner was fully aware of the league's reputation for coming down on trademark infringers. "I'm just an NFL follower. You can't even YouTube their videos. They're just strict with their licensing," Ellis said.

Grocery chain Whole Foods has avoided using "Super Bowl" on in-store signs and social media. The Facebook page for the central Phoenix location offers recipe ideas for "your Big Game party."

"Like any brand, we work to protect our valuable intellectual property and the rights we extend to our partners," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

What constitutes a violation is determined on a case-by-case basis, McCarthy said. For example, a restaurant writing up a Super Bowl menu on a chalkboard wouldn't be an issue. And according to trademark law, a fair use exception allows for news

organizations to use the Super Bowl moniker.

McCarthy said if a potential infringement is discovered, the league will notify the party involved. If nothing changes, then a cease-and-desist letter follows. McCarthy declined to discuss how many companies have received letters in recent months.

One of the participants in the Super Bowl is not a stranger to trademark disputes. Texas A&M University has long held the trademark for the term "12th Man," the nickname for the Seahawks' large and vocal fan base. The Seahawks and university reached a settlement in 2006 that allows the team to use some versions of the phrase.

And the NFL is not the only sports organization to be vigilant about its brand. Congress has created protections for the U.S. Olympic Committee so it has exclusive rights to use "Olympics" and the interlocking rings logo. International soccer governing

body FIFA is requiring countries that host the World Cup to create special rights in their constitutions to protect advertisers, said Jeff Greenbaum, a New York-based advertising lawyer with the firm Frankfurt Kurnit.

Greenbaum said the NFL's enforcement is also about protecting its sponsors. The league creates "official" beers, chips, sodas and other items, which can give a business a distinct advantage over its competitors.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 2)	\$1.1625
Dollar buys (Feb. 2)	€0.8602
British pound (Feb. 2)	\$1.55
Japanese yen (Feb. 2)	115.00
South Korean won (Feb. 2)	1,067.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5031/0.6653
Canada (Dollar)	1.1787
China (Yuan)	6.2481
Denmark (Krone)	6.8821
Egypt (Pound)	7.5877
Euro	\$1.1309/0.8828
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7530
Hungary (Forint)	272.36
India (Rupee)	177.78
Japan (Yen)	117.65
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2953
Norway (Krone)	7.1778
Philippines (Peso)	44.19
Poland (Zloty)	3.271
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7605
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2545
South Korea (Won)	1,104.25
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9283
Thailand (Baht)	32.77
Turkey (Lira)	2.4283

(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 historical 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 Euro notes. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is presented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### MARKET WATCH

Jan. 29, 2015

**Dow Jones industrials** 22,548  
17,416.85

**Nasdaq composite** 4,542  
4,683.41

**Standard & Poor's 500** 19,099  
2,021.25

**Russell 2000** 15,007  
1,190.18

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	1.75
Federal funds market rate	0.12
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	2.32

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### SATURDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### SATURDAY IN EUROPE



### SUNDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

### Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	49	34	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	34	21	Clcy	Louisville	41	32	Pcldy	Pocatello	38	26	Clcy	Slous City	34	18	Clcy
Ablene, Tex	49	41	Rain	Cheyenne	39	17	Clcy	Fresno	57	42	Clcy	Lubbock	44	35	Rain	Portland, Maine	39	3	Snow	Snow Falls	29	13	Clcy
Akron, Ohio	26	18	Clcy	Chicago	35	24	Pcldy	Goodland	42	23	Clcy	Macon	55	36	Clcy	Portland, Ore.	51	37	Pcldy	South Bend	35	20	Clcy
Amarillo, N.Y.	14	10	Snow	Cincinnati	39	29	Pcldy	Grand Junction	31	13	Clcy	Madison	33	13	Clcy	Providence	19	10	Clcy	Spokane	36	29	Clcy
Albuquerque	44	30	Snow	Cleveland	28	18	Clcy	Grand Rapids	32	13	Clcy	Medford	53	37	Pcldy	Pueblo	45	24	Clcy	Springfield, Ill.	41	31	Clcy
Allentown, Pa.	22	13	Clcy	Colorado Springs	40	24	Clcy	Great Falls	27	11	Snow	Memphis	54	42	Clcy	Raleigh-Durham	47	30	Clcy	Springfield, Mo.	43	35	Rain
Anchorage	22	10	Clcy	Columbia, S.C.	52	35	Clcy	Green Bay	29	5	Clcy	Miami Beach	74	63	Clcy	Rapid City	57	8	Clcy	Teleso	29	16	Clcy
Ashville	46	29	Pcldy	Columbus, Ga.	56	41	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	46	31	Clcy	Midland-Odessa	48	37	Rain	Roanoke	55	24	Clcy	Tallahassee	64	44	Pcldy
Atlanta	54	40	Pcldy	Columbus, Ohio	31	25	Pcldy	Harrisburg	23	15	Clcy	Milwaukee	34	21	Clcy	Richmond	39	25	Clcy	Tampa	70	54	Clcy
Atlantic City	26	16	Clcy	Concord, N.H.	15	3	Clcy	Hartford	16	9	Clcy	Mpls-St Paul	26	7	Clcy	Rochester	20	12	Clcy	Toledo	40	29	Clcy
Austin	59	45	Rain	Corpus Christi	70	63	Clcy	Helena	35	16	Clcy	Missoula	36	19	Clcy	Rockford	35	21	Clcy	Topeka	40	29	Rain
Baltimore	27	19	Clcy	Ballas-Royton	52	47	Rain	Honolulu	82	63	Pcldy	Mobile	65	36	Pcldy	Rockford	35	21	Clcy	Tucson	59	44	Rain
Baton Rouge	61	53	Clcy	Dayton	33	25	Pcldy	Houston	61	57	Clcy	Montgomery	59	39	Pcldy	Sacramento	70	40	Clcy	Tulsa	59	44	Rain
Bilings	40	17	Clcy	Daytona Beach	64	51	Clcy	Huntsville	51	39	Clcy	Nashville	45	33	Clcy	St. Louis	44	33	Rain	Tupelo	56	40	Rain
Birmingham	55	39	Pcldy	Denver	40	21	Clcy	Indianapolis	37	27	Clcy	New Orleans	61	56	Clcy	St. Petersburg	67	56	Clcy	Waco	54	51	Rain
Bismarck	41	29	Pcldy	Des Moines	40	25	Snow	Jackson, Miss.	59	45	Clcy	New York City	20	20	Clcy	St. Thomas	84	77	Pcldy	Washington	34	25	Clcy
Boise	41	29	Pcldy	Detroit	30	16	Clcy	Jacksonville	60	46	Clcy	Newark	27	17	Clcy	Salem, Ore.	53	37	Clcy	W. Palm Beach	71	61	Clcy
Boston	19	9	Snow	Duluth	38	18	Pcldy	Janeau	30	19	Clcy	Norfolk, Va.	38	20	Clcy	Salt Lake City	50	28	Pcldy	Wichita	42	32	Clcy
Bridgeport	19	9	Snow	El Paso	55	39	Clcy	Kansas City	40	20	Rain	North Platte	38	20	Clcy	San Antonio	53	44	Rain	Wichita Falls	45	39	Rain
Brownsville	71	61	Clcy	Elkins	26	16	Pcldy	Key West	67	57	Pcldy	Oklahoma City	55	36	Rain	San Diego	60	56	Rain	Wickets-Barre	18	11	Pcldy
Buffalo	21	11	Snow	Erie	24	13	Clcy	Knoxville	46	29	Pcldy	Omaha	39	20	Snow	San Jose	65	53	Pcldy	Wilmington, Del.	25	18	Clcy
Burlington, Vt.	16	4	Snow	Eugene	52	38	Clcy	Lake Charles	61	53	Clcy	Orlando	69	52	Pcldy	San Francisco	63	48	Clcy	Youngstown	25	16	Clcy
Caribou, Maine	16	4	Snow	Fargo	42	24	Clcy	Lansing	31	12	Clcy	Paducah	45	35	Clcy	San Jose	67	42	Clcy				
Casper, Wyo.	40	15	Pcldy	Flagstaff	13	-7	Clcy	Las Vegas	63	44	Clcy	Pendleton	37	31	Clcy	Santa Fe	38	25	Snow				
Charleston, S.C.	54	35	Clcy	Flagstaff	42	28	Rain	Lincoln	40	21	Snow	Philadelphia	24	17	Clcy	Seattle	57	40	Clcy				
Charleston, W.Va.	34	27	Pcldy	Flint	31	11	Clcy	Little Rock	49	40	Clcy	Phoenix	61	51	Rain	Seattle	56	43	Clcy				
Charlotte, N.C.	48	33	Clcy	Fort Smith	47	35	Clcy	Los Angeles	72	53	Pcldy	Pittsburgh	24	21	Clcy	Shreveport	55	48	Clcy				

National temperature extremes  
Hi: Thu., 82, Laredo, Texas  
Lo: Thu., 27, Berlin, N.H.



VIETNAM

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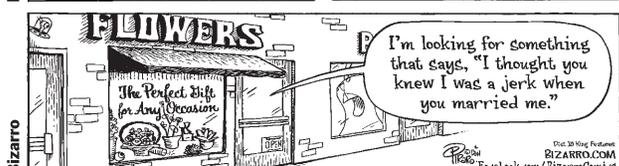
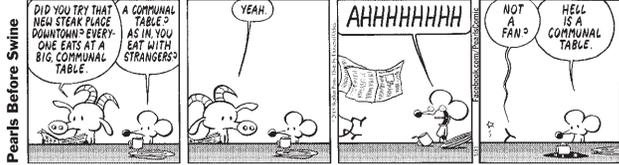
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**Eugene Sheffer Crossword**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
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56									57			

- ACROSS**
- 1 Band section
  - 6 Sandbanks
  - 12 Catch in a lie
  - 13 Iran's old name
  - 14 Hero's innards?
  - 15 Sagittarius
  - 16 Juror, theoretically
  - 17 Nevada city
  - 19 Harbor vessel
  - 20 Follow closely
  - 22 Neither mate
  - 24 Examine thoroughly
  - 27 Branch
  - 29 Caution
  - 32 Song from "How to Succeed ..."
  - 35 Competent
  - 36 Pedestal part
  - 37 Solidify
  - 38 Swelled head
  - 40 Shading
  - 42 Cut-de —
  - 44 Bard
  - 46 Mideast gulf
  - 50 Goldbrick
  - 52 Self-defense skill
  - 54 Guarantee
  - 55 Tire patterns
  - 56 Aquarium swimmers
  - 57 Primitive
- DOWN**
- 1 Highland hillside
  - 2 Anger
  - 3 In two places at once?
  - 4 Total
  - 5 Energetic
  - 6 Bridge
  - 7 Egret's cousin
  - 8 Tolkien monster
  - 9 Butt holders
  - 10 Stead
  - 11 Puppeteer Tony
  - 12 Recipe meas.
  - 13 Heighten
  - 21 "Unaccustomed — am ..."
  - 23 Possess
  - 24 By way of
- 25 "Chicago" lyricist
- 26 Show, in a way
- 28 Engage in contemplation
- 30 Shad product
- 31 Eccentric
- 33 Table part
- 34 Charged bit
- 39 "La Bohème," e.g.
- 41 Recipient
- 42 Skirt feature
- 43 Top-rated
- 45 Raw minerals
- 47 Use a rotary phone
- 48 Vortex
- 49 Ph. bk. info
- 51 Bear hair
- 53 Savings plan acronym

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

OFF	PUGS	CAMP	CAMP
ALI	ISNT	ASEA	E
FENG	SHUJ	JIN	X
SEDATE	FLU		
	TOR	FENWAY	
CREELE	BEG	ERE	
HALS	CON	RAIL	
EVA	WAX	FERAL	
FENDER	JOG		
	ABE	ARISE	
OPAL	FENESTRA		
HAIL	URIS	EGG	
ONLY	LAST	MOE	

**1-31 CRYPTOQUIP**

HYLH GXTLB MI VXMBV HX

HLRW L BLC BWLF MHLJQ'I

GWJJ-RBXGB JWLBMBV HXGWF.

TLQ IYW FWIH MB CMIL.

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** IF A NOTABLE NEW AGE SINGER PLANS A NAIROBI CONCERT, PLENTY OF FOLKS WILL SEE ENYA IN KENYA.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals W

# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

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## Tennis

**Australian Open**  
Friday  
At Melbourne Park  
Melbourne, Australia  
Purse: \$32.5 million (Grand Slam)  
Surface: Hard/Outdoor

**Men**  
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4, 6-6, 0-0

**Doubles**  
**Women**  
Bethanie Mattek-Sandberg, United States, and Lucy Krasnoroutz, Czech Republic, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Zheng Jie (1), China, 6-4, 7-6 (5)

**Seminifinals**  
Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Li-Na Peng, China, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Fabrice Santoro, Uruguay, 7-5, 6-4

**Seminifinals**  
Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Daniela Nestor (3), Canada, def. Sania Mirza, India, and Bruno Soares (1), Brazil, 3-6, 5-2, 0-0

## Deals

**Thursday's transactions**  
**BASEBALL**  
MLB PLAYERS ASSOCIATION - Named Oscar Rayo as senior advisor to the executive director.

**American League**  
BOSTON RED SOX - Agreed to terms with OF/1B Daniel Nava on a one-year contract.

**LOS ANGELES ANGELES** - Agreed to terms with pitcher David Freese on a one-year contract.

**SEATTLE MARINERS** - Agreed to terms with pitcher Johan Baker on a minor league contract.

**MIAMI MARLINS** - Designated RHP Arquimedes Camerino assignment.

**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** - Agreed to terms with RHP Chad Billingsley on a one-year contract.

**ST. LOUIS BRUINS** - Released Brent Johnson.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
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## Golf

**Phoenix Open**  
PGA TOUR  
Thursday  
At TPC Scottsdale, Stadium Course  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Purse: \$6.3 million  
Yardage: 7,266 Par: 71 (53-36)  
Parital First Round

Ryan Palmer	31-33-67	-4
Kegan Bradley	32-33-65	-6
Bubba Watson	32-33-67	-6
Zach Johnson	32-33-66	-5
Robert Streb	32-33-66	-5
Ben Martin	32-33-66	-5
Michael Laird	32-34-66	-5
Shahid Afridi	32-34-67	-5
Shawn Stefani	33-34-67	-4
James Hahn	33-34-67	-4
Angel Cabrera	33-34-67	-4
William Leonard	33-35-67	-4
William McGirt	33-35-67	-4
Brendon de Jonghe	34-33-67	-3
Michael Thompson	34-33-67	-3
Jamie Donaldson	34-34-68	-3
Sung Yul Noh	35-33-68	-3
Jonas Blieden	31-37-68	-3
Aaron Baddeley	34-34-68	-3
Fredrik Jacobson	33-35-68	-3
Chris Stroud	34-34-68	-3
Tommy Fleetwood	33-35-68	-3
Geoff Ogilvy	32-36-68	-3
Adam Hadzinski	33-36-68	-3
Rory Sabbatini	33-36-68	-3
K.J. Choi	33-36-68	-3
Martin Flores	33-36-68	-3
Ryan Moore	33-36-68	-3
Hunter Mahan	33-36-68	-3
Phil Mickelson	32-37-69	-2
Justin Rose	33-37-69	-2
Charley Hoffman	35-34-69	-2
Boo Weekley	35-34-69	-2
Justin Rose	33-37-69	-2
Carlos Ortiz	33-36-69	-2
Yung Hyeon Park	33-36-69	-2
Nicholas Thompson	33-36-69	-2
Billy Horschel	32-37-69	-2
Seamus Power	33-37-69	-2
Luca Guthrie	34-36-70	-1
Phil Harris	34-36-70	-1
Rickie Fowler	37-32-70	-1
Arny Janaganam	35-35-70	-1
Mark Kuchar	34-36-70	-1
Relief Cordery	35-35-70	-1
Kevin Streelman	35-35-70	-1
Matt Jones	35-35-70	-1
Brandt Snedeker	35-35-70	-1
Lucas Glover	35-35-70	-1
Pat Perez	35-35-70	-1
George McNeill	33-37-70	-1
Robert Altimari	33-37-70	-1
Jordan Spieth	33-37-70	-1
Charles Howell III	35-37-70	-1
Stewart Cink	35-37-70	-1
Mark Williams	35-37-70	-1
Chad Campbell	35-37-70	-1
Andrew Svoboda	35-37-70	-1
Scott Piercy	35-37-70	-1
Scott Langley	35-37-70	-1
Jason Day	35-37-70	-1
Ricky Barnes	35-37-70	-1
Bill Haas	35-37-70	-1
John Merrick	35-37-70	-1
Kenny Perry	37-34-71	-1
Andrew Green	35-37-71	-1
Aaron Romero	35-37-71	-1
Sung Jun Park	34-37-71	-1
Michael Block	35-37-71	-1
Eric Compton	35-37-71	-1
David Heahn	37-34-71	-1
Samuel Pate	35-37-71	-1
Patrick Reed	35-37-71	-1
Seamus Power	35-37-71	-1
Nick Taylor	35-37-71	-1
Michael Van Dyke	35-37-71	-1
Michael Putnam	35-37-71	-1
Brendan Steele	35-37-71	-1
Tiger Woods	35-37-71	-1
Kevin Kisner	35-37-71	-1
Robert Patterson	34-38-72	-1
Robert Garrigus	34-38-72	-1
Frankie Rodriguez	35-37-72	-1
Bryce Miller	35-37-72	-1
Brian Stuard	35-37-72	-1
Morgan Hoffmann	34-38-72	-1
Jason Kokrak	34-38-72	-1
Justin Rose	34-38-72	-1
Harris English	34-38-72	-1
Scott Stallone	35-37-72	-1
Chesson Hadley	35-37-72	-1
Nick Watney	35-37-72	-1
Wendell Hoyer	35-37-72	-1
Jim Renner	35-37-72	-1
David Hovland	35-37-72	-1
Jason Dufner	36-37-73	-1
Justin Rose	36-37-73	-1
Daniel Summerhays	36-37-73	-1
David Reardon	36-37-73	-1
Tiger Woods	36-37-73	-1
Kevin Na	36-37-73	-1
Robert Swain	36-37-73	-1
Ben Crane	36-37-73	-1
Justin Rose	36-37-73	-1
Matt Every	36-37-73	-1
Brian Davis	41-32-74	-1
Kyle Stanley	36-37-74	-1
Derek Ernst	36-37-74	-1
Justin Rose	36-37-74	-1
Chase Chappell	34-41-75	-1
Chase Chappell	34-41-75	-1
David Tom	40-35-75	-1
Sang-Moon Bae	36-39-75	-1
Michael van Dyke	36-39-75	-1
Jeff Overton	37-38-75	-1

Na Yeon Choi	33-35-68	-4
Lydia Ko	33-35-68	-4
Mi Jung Hur	35-34-69	-3
Lee Thompson	36-33-69	-3
31-34-69	36-33-69	-3
Mi Hyang Lee	35-35-70	-2
Minjee Lee	33-37-70	-2
Christina Lindberg	33-37-70	-2
Sydney Michaels	34-36-70	-2
31-34-69	34-36-70	-2
Yvonne Cundy Feng	36-35-71	-1
Katherine Kir	34-37-71	-1
Erin O'Hara	37-34-71	-1
Eunhee Jeon	36-35-71	-1
Amelia Lewis	36-35-71	-1
35-35-71	36-35-71	-1
Jane Park	34-37-71	-1
Sarah Jane Smith	36-39-71	-1
Angela Stanford	34-37-71	-1
Paula Creamer	36-36-72	-1
35-37-72	36-36-72	-1
Moriya Untch	35-37-72	-1
Christina Kim	36-36-72	-1
P.K. Kongkrachan	37-35-72	-1
Candice Kung	36-36-72	-1
Ilhee Lee	35-37-72	-1
Miriam Lee	35-37-72	-1
Kristy McPherson	35-37-72	-1
Beatriz Recari	36-36-72	-1
So Yeon Yu	37-35-72	-1
Alena Sharp	36-36-72	-1
Kenny Stabler	36-36-72	-1
Kris Tamulis	37-35-72	-1
36-36-72	37-35-72	-1
Michelle Wie	36-36-72	-1
Christel Boeijen	36-37-73	+1
Luisella Gregori	35-38-73	+1
Maria Hernandez	35-38-73	+1
35-38-73	35-38-73	+1
Joanna Klendzija	36-37-73	+1
36-37-73	36-37-73	+1
Mo Martin	36-37-73	+1
Alia M. Gholami	35-38-73	+1
Brooke Pancake	35-38-73	+1
35-38-73	35-38-73	+1
Gerina Pillay	35-38-73	+1
Bow-Gee Schreerfel	35-38-73	+1
Carolina Garcia	35-38-73	+1
35-38-73	35-38-73	+1
Mina Hariga	37-37-74	+2
Arny Janaganam	37-37-74	+2
Brittany Lang	37-37-74	+2
Min Lee	36-38-74	+2
Caroline Masson	37-37-74	+2
37-37-74	37-37-74	+2
Mika Miyazaki	37-37-74	+2
37-37-74	37-37-74	+2
Ryann O'Toole	38-36-74	+2
38-36-74	38-36-74	+2
Julia Sergas	39-35-74	+2
39-35-74	39-35-74	+2
Michelle Wie	36-38-74	+2
Alena Sharp	36-38-74	+2
Alia M. Gholami	35-40-75	+3
35-40-75	35-40-75	+3
Caroline Hedwall	35-40-75	+3
35-40-75	35-40-75	+3
Jennifer Johnson	38-38-75	+3
38-38-75	38-38-75	+3
Min Seo Kwak	38-38-75	+3
38-38-75	38-38-75	+3
Morgan Pressel	37-38-75	+3
37-38-75	37-38-75	+3
Ally Anderson	38-38-76	+4
38-38-76	38-38-76	+4
Nicklas Ekstrand	39-37-76	+4
39-37-76	39-37-76	+4
Haei Kang	38-38-76	+4
38-38-76	38-38-76	+4
Jennifer Rosales	38-38-76	+4
38-38-76	38-38-76	+4
Chella Choo	38-39-77	+5
38-39-77	38-39-77	+5
Victoria Elizabeth	38-39-77	+5
38-39-77	38-39-77	+5
Sandra Gal	39-38-77	+5
39-38-77	39-38-77	+5
Meena Lee	39-38-77	+5
39-38-77	39-38-77	+5
Seon Hwa Lee	40-37-77	+5
40-37-77	40-37-77	+5
Poranjan Phalgun	38-39-77	+5
38-39-77	38-39-77	+5
Brittany Lincicome	35-42-77	+5
35-42-77	35-42-77	+5
Kim Spinj	39-38-77	+5
39-38-77	39-38-77	+5
Thidapa Suwanphan	39-38-77	+5
39-38-77	39-38-77	+5
Cheyenne Woods	37-40-77	+5
37-40-77	37-40-77	+5
Katie Burnett	39-39-78	+6
39-39-78	39-39-78	+6
Christina Ochoa	36-42-78	+6
36-42-78	36-42-78	+6
Tiffany Joh	39-39-78	+6
39-39-78	39-39-78	+6
Morisa Ino	41-37-78	+6
41-37-78	41-37-78	+6

**At Glendale, Ariz.**  
**Pro Bowl**  
Sunday, Jan. 25  
Team Irvine 72, Team Carter 28

**At Glendale, Ariz.**  
**Super Bowl**  
Sunday, Feb. 1  
New England vs. Seattle

## Pro football

**NFL playoffs**  
**Wild-card games**  
Saturday, Jan. 3

Carolina 27, Arizona 16	33-35-68	-4
Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17	33-35-68	-4
Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10	33-35-68	-4
Dallas 24, Denver 21	33-35-68	-4

**Sunday, Jan. 4**  
Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10  
Dallas 24, Denver 21

**Divisional Playoffs**  
Sunday, Jan. 11

New England 35, Baltimore 31	33-35-68	-4
Seattle 31, Carolina 17	33-35-68	-4
Denver 31, Green Bay 23	33-35-68	-4
New York 31, Dallas 21	33-35-68	-4
Indianapolis 24, Baltimore 21	33-35-68	-4

**Conference Championships**  
Sunday, Jan. 18

Seattle 28, Green Bay 22	33-35-68	-4
New England 45, Indianapolis 7	33-35-68	-4

**Pro Bowl**  
Sunday, Jan. 25  
Team Irvine 72, Team Carter 28

**At Glendale, Ariz.**  
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**NFL injury report**  
NEW YORK - The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT - 100 percent not available; DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** - PATRIOTS: QB Tom Brady (knee), RB Marshawn Lynch (10), CB Brandon Browner (knee), LB Dont'a Hightower (shoulder), DT Chris Jones (knee), DE Seamus Power (knee), DE DeSean Jackson (knee), DE Bryan Stork (knee), PRIORS: QB Matt Ryan (ankle), SEAHAWKS: QUARTERBACK: S Earl Thomas (ankle), PROBABLE: DE Michael Bennett (not injury related), J Justin Britt (knee), C Clint Gresham (groin), RB Marshawn Lynch (10), DT Justin Britt (knee), CB Richard Sherman (elbow), G I.R. Sweezy (ankle).

**NFL calendar**  
Feb. 1 - Super Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.  
Feb. 16 - First day for teams to designate franchise or transition players.  
Feb. 17-23 - NFL combine, Indianapolis.

## College basketball

**Thursday's college scores**

Alburtus Magnus 72, North Rochelle 41	33-35-68	-4
Delaware 72, Towson 54	33-35-68	-4
Dartmouth 82, LIU Post 72	33-35-68	-4
Harford 60, Stony Brook 58	33-35-68	-4
Longwood 67, North Carolina 61	33-35-68	-4
Loyola (Md.) 57, Holy Cross 51	33-35-68	-4
Marquette 67, New Hampshire 66	33-35-68	-4
Marshall 77, Manhattan 38	33-35-68	-4
Roger Williams 54, W. New England 53	33-35-68	-4
St. Rose 79, Bentley 67	33-35-68	-4
Wilmington (Del.) 75, Chestnut Hill 69	33-35-68	-4

**SOUTH**  
Appalachian 57, Georgia Southern 74

Bethel (Tenn.) 76, Belhaven 68  
Campbellsville 87, FIS 38  
Clemson 69, Western Michigan 49  
FAU 71, Charlotte 68  
Florida Gulf Coast 71, Lipscomb 49  
Indiana State 54, Clark 49  
Kennesaw St. 46, North Florida 40  
Louisiana Tech 70, Mississippi 67  
Lehigh 88, West Virginia 56  
Middle Tennessee 57, North Carolina 57  
Louisiana College 70, Concordia-Austin 67

Ouilsville 78, Syracuse 58  
Louisiana 66, William Carey 57  
Marshall 67, Southern Miss 65  
McDaniel 74, Wainwright 60  
North Carolina 56, Lehigh 49  
Middle Tennessee, USA 53  
Mississippi 59, Vanderbilt 41  
Florida 70, Florida State 67  
North Carolina 56, Stet

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN/SPORTS BRIEFS

# Top seed Djokovic to meet Murray in final

## Defending champ Wawrinka comes up short to four-time Aussie winner

By JOHN PVE  
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic reached a fifth Australian Open final, avenged a long and arduous loss to Stan Wawrinka and ensured he'd renew an old rivalry with Andy Murray.

The top-ranked Djokovic was so absorbed in the moment, he lost track of the score during Friday's semifinal. His mental lapse after the third set probably cost him the fourth, but the four-time Australian Open champion recovered with three service breaks in the fifth set to beat defending champion Wawrinka 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

"Sometimes these things happen, you get carried away by a moment," Djokovic said, trying to explain his perplexed expression after he'd taken a lead of two sets to one. "I was very confused when I saw the security on the court."

"The circumstances, obviously playing Grand Slam semifinals against the defending champion ... a lot of emotions going around. Sometimes you can't keep track of the score."

Djokovic has a 100 percent winning record in finals at Melbourne Park, claiming his first Grand Slam here in 2008 and winning three straight titles from 2011 before losing in the quarterfinals last year to Wawrinka. Only Roger Federer and Stefan Edberg had reached five men's finals at the Australian in the Open era.

The previous two meetings between Djokovic and Wawrinka at the Australian Open had gone to



PHOTOS BY BERNAT ARMANAGE, ABOVE, AND ROB GRIFFITH, RIGHT/AP

**Stan Wawrinka, above, waves as he leaves Rod Laver Arena after his semifinal loss to Novak Djokovic of Serbia, right, at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, on Friday.**

five sets and lasted a combined nine hours. Friday's match lacked that kind of intensity and memorable moments.

"Strange," Wawrinka said. "Not the best."

At times Wawrinka got on top of Djokovic, who sometimes looked lethargic. Despite dropping serve in four of the five sets, Djokovic kept his composure in the 3-hour, 30-minute match as Wawrinka blasted 42 winners but offset that with 69 unforced errors.

The momentum shifted suddenly in three of the five sets,



with both players struggling to turn service breaks into big leads and wasting breakpoint opportunities. Djokovic hit 27 winners — none in the fourth set — and finished with 49 unforced errors. "The battle was great ... in terms of fighting from both sides," Djokovic said, "but the level of performance was not where I wanted it to be."

It was good enough to increase his career record to 17 wins in 20 matches against Wawrinka, who won his first major title here last year. The Swiss player didn't ad-

vance past the quarterfinals at his next three Grand Slam events, and will drop to No. 9 when the next rankings are released.

"There's no pressure for that," Wawrinka said of the burden of defending a title. "But, no, for sure we had some great battles here last two years. ... He was there playing good enough to win and he deserve to win and play the final."

Murray is moving in the other direction, restoring his position in the so-called Big Four of major winners that includes Djokovic, No. 2 Federer and No. 3 Rafael

Nadal, who dominated the Grand Slam titles for so long.

Sixth-seeded Murray, who has lost three Australian Open finals, moved into the championship match with a fiery four-set win over No. 7 Tomas Berdych on Thursday night.

Djokovic has beaten Murray in seven of their last eight matches and is 15-8 overall, but they're level in Grand Slam finals with two wins apiece — Djokovic in Australia in 2011 and '13 and Murray at the 2012 U.S. Open and Wimbledon in 2013.

## Briefly

# 3-time Boston Marathon champion hit with 2-year ban

The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Rita Jeptoo, a three-time winner of the Boston Marathon and two-time Chicago Marathon champion, was handed a two-year doping ban Friday in a case that has cast a shadow over Kenya's famed distance runners.

Jeptoo tested positive for the blood-booster EPO in an out-of-competition test last September, a few weeks before winning her second straight Chicago Marathon title. Both the "A" and "B" samples were positive.

Athletics Kenya announced Friday that Jeptoo was suspended from all competition until Oct. 29, 2016. The sanction rules her out of this year's world championships in Beijing and next year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The 33-year-old Jeptoo is the biggest name among dozens of Kenyan athletes who have failed drug

tests in recent years. The World Anti-Doping Agency has urged Kenya to step up its drug-testing program and is working with the east African country to help set up a national anti-doping body. Kenya has been under close scrutiny since German broadcaster ARD alleged in 2012 that doping was common among the country's distance runners.

## Pot charge dropped against Patriots' Blount

PITTSBURGH — Prosecutors have dropped a marijuana charge against New England Patriots running back LeGarrette Blount that stemmed from an August arrest with former Pittsburgh Steelers teammate Le'Veon Bell.

A district judge near Pittsburgh last month told Blount the charge would go away if the player completed 50 hours of community

service by Feb. 4.

Blount won't have to appear in court near Pittsburgh next week and can now concentrate on Sunday's Super Bowl against the Seattle Seahawks.

In other NFL news: ■ Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll says it will be Richard Sherman's decision whether to play in Sunday's Super Bowl if his pregnant girlfriend goes into labor with the couple's first child sooner than expected.

Carroll said during a joint press conference with New England coach Bill Belichick on Friday that family comes first and "if (Sherman) is faced with that decision, we'll support him."

## Woods matches his worst 9-hole score

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Tiger Woods matched his worst 9-hole score on the PGA Tour with a 44

on the back nine Friday at the Phoenix Open.

With the front nine still to play, Woods was 10 over for the tournament and tied for last with Arizona club pro Michael Hopper.

Woods also shot 44 on the back nine at the Memorial two years ago.

Woods took a double bogey on the 14th with a tee shot into a desert bush and a bad chip. He made triple bogey on the par-5 15th with a tee shot into the water, a bunker shot over the green and a flubbed chip.

## Wichita State baseball program on probation

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Wichita State's baseball program was placed on probation Thursday after the NCAA found that the Shockers used 21 players who received impermissible benefits

over a two-year period.

The school self-reported the violations last year, likely resulting in lighter sanctions. Still, the NCAA decided that Wichita State's storied program would need to vacate wins from the 2012 and 2013 seasons — including its 2013 NCAA tournament appearance — in which the players participated. The NCAA did not say how many wins were complied with the use of ineligible players.

Wichita State said it will appeal the decision to vacate the wins.

"The student-athletes involved acted without guilty knowledge. It seems unfair to permanently tarnish the records they achieved as a team," said Wichita State President John Bardo, adding that the school would not appeal any of the other sanctions.

NHL

Roundup

# Sharks explode, double up Ducks

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Jose put the game away with an impressive burst in the second period. When it comes to the Anaheim Ducks, the Sharks rise to the occasion.

Patrick Marleau, Barclay Goodrow and James Sheppard each had a goal and an assist, and the Sharks beat the Ducks 6-3 on Thursday night.

Joe Pavelski scored in the first as the Sharks improved to 4-0-1 against the division-leading Ducks this season. Antti Niemi made 25 stops in his third consecutive win, helping San Jose extend its home winning streak against Anaheim to seven.

“You start off good against a team the first few times playing them and you feel like you may have your number,” Sharks center Andrew Desjardins said. “You feel like you’re playing good against them. Sometimes that’s just the way it goes. They’re ahead of us, too, so it’s like we get up for these games.”

San Jose scored five times in the second and matched its season-high in goals for the third time, twice against the Ducks. The Sharks have outscored their rivals 21-11 this season.

“Everyone was going,” Pavelski said. “When we had our chances we scored, and that’s big. You get those nights when you can finish on a few of your odd-man rushes, and they just kept coming.”

Andrew Cogliano, Matt Beleskey and Patrick Marleau scored for the Ducks, who allowed six goals in their previous five games. Anaheim had won six in a row.

Ducks goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov made 19 saves before being replaced by Frederik Andersen late in the second period.

“I felt good. I just wasn’t able to make one or two more saves

in that period,” Bryzgalov said. “They scored a goal on a power play, then we kill off a penalty and then they scored again. You have to make sure not to let them get to the rebound but I didn’t have much time to find the puck.”

**Blues 5, Predators 4 (SO):** Kevin Shattenkirk scored in the shootout, lifting host St. Louis to the win.

**Lightning 5, Red Wings 1:** Cedric Paquette had three goals, sending host Tampa Bay to a franchise-record ninth consecutive home win.

**Stars 6, Senators 3:** Jamie Benn scored two goals, and visiting Dallas beat Ottawa in Jason Spezza’s first game in his former hometown since he was traded in the offseason.

**Bruins 5, Islanders 2:** Kevan Miller scored the go-ahead goal late in the second period, and Tuukka Rask stopped 43 shots in Boston’s road victory.

**Coyotes 3, Maple Leafs 1:** Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored off the opening faceoff of the third period, and Arizona rallied for the road win.

**Canadiens 1, Rangers 0:** Max Pacioretty scored with 4:17 left, sending Montreal to the road win.

**Wild 1, Flames 0:** Zach Parise scored in the first period for visiting Minnesota, and Devan Dubnyk stopped 30 shots.

**Flyers 5, Jets 2:** Wayne Simmonds, Chris VandeVelde, Nick Schultz and Brayden Schenn scored, leading host Philadelphia to its fourth win in five games.

**Panthers 3, Blue Jackets 2:** Sean Bergenheim scored late in the third period, and host Florida snapped a five-game losing streak.

**Oilers 3, Sabres 2:** Anton Lander scored his first goal of the season for host Edmonton, and also had two assists.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA	
Tampa Bay	50	21	14	4	66	153/123
Montreal	47	31	13	3	65	127/108
Norfolk	49	28	12	4	65	145/128
Boston	49	26	16	7	59	131/123
Florida	49	22	14	10	44	114/122
Toronto	50	22	24	4	48	144/126
Ottawa	47	19	19	9	47	129/134
Buffalo	49	14	32	3	31	92/174

Metropolitan Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA	
N.Y. Islanders	48	27	13	8	62	143/124
Pittsburgh	48	25	14	9	59	144/124
Washington	48	25	14	9	59	144/124
N.J. Devils	48	23	15	2	56	135/111
Philadelphia	50	21	22	7	49	139/151
Columbus	47	17	23	6	45	115/151
New Jersey	48	18	22	8	44	109/135
Carolina	47	17	25	5	39	102/122

### Western Conference

Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA	
Nashville	47	31	10	6	68	145/112
St. Louis	47	30	13	6	64	153/113
Chicago	48	30	16	2	62	151/117
Winnipeg	50	26	16	8	60	140/122
Colorado	48	22	19	7	51	152/151
Colorado	49	20	18	11	51	128/141
Minnesota	48	22	20	6	50	131/138

Pacific Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA	
San Jose	49	32	17	6	70	146/139
Vancouver	46	26	17	3	55	124/118
Edmonton	48	25	17	6	54	133/129
Los Angeles	48	21	15	12	54	133/129
San Jose	48	17	26	5	44	115/151
Edmonton	49	13	27	9	35	113/162

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

### Thursday's games

St. Louis 5, Nashville 4, SO  
Boston 5, N.Y. Islanders 2  
Edmonton 3, Rangers 0  
Philadelphia 5, Winnipeg 2  
Arizona 3, Toronto 1  
Dallas 5, Detroit 1  
Dallas 5, Columbus 2  
Minnesota 1, Calgary 0  
Edmonton 3, Vancouver 1  
San Jose 6, Anaheim 3

### Friday's games

Pittsburgh at Carolina  
St. Louis at Carolina  
Nashville at Colorado  
Buffalo at Vancouver  
Chicago at Anaheim

### Tuesday's games

Washington at Montreal  
Philadelphia at Detroit  
Arizona at Ottawa  
Edmonton at Vancouver  
Toronto at Philadelphia  
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers  
Dallas at Tampa Bay  
Los Angeles at Calgary  
Chicago at San Jose

### Sunday's games

Arizona at Montreal  
St. Louis at Washington  
Nashville at Pittsburgh  
Minnesota at Vancouver

### Thursday

**Bruins 5, Islanders 2**  
Boston 5, Islanders 2 1-2-5  
First Period—1, Boston, R.Smith 10 (Lucic, Krug); 13:59, 2, Boston, Bergeron 12 (Hamilton, R.Smith), 16:09 (pp).  
Second Period—1, Boston, Bergeron 12 (Lucic, Krug); 13:59, 2, Boston, Bergeron 12 (Hamilton, R.Smith), 16:09 (pp).  
Third Period—5, Boston, Krug 10 (Lucic, Krug); 1:46, 7, Boston, Lucic 10 (Krug, Chara), 17:54 (en-sh).

**Notes**—Goalkeeping 11-16-6=33. N.Y. Islanders 15-16-14.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Boston 0 of 3; Islanders 0 of 2.  
**Goals**—Boston, Rask 21-11-7 (45 shots-45 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Halak 26-10 (32-28).  
**Shots on Goal**—Montreal 11-8-7=26. N.Y. Rangers 10-6-8=24.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Montreal 0 of 3; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 2.  
**Goals**—Montreal, Price 26-10-2 (24 shots-24 saves). Florida, Lundqvist 23-11-3 (26-25).  
**A**—15-17.0 (16,170). T—2:26.

### Canadiens 1, Rangers 0

Montreal 0 0 1-1  
N.Y. Rangers 0 0 2-2  
First Period—1, Montreal, Pacioretty 22 (Weise, Emelin), 15:43.  
**Shots on Goal**—Montreal 11-8-7=26. N.Y. Rangers 10-6-8=24.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Montreal 0 of 3; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 2.  
**Goals**—Montreal, Price 26-10-2 (24 shots-24 saves). Florida, Lundqvist 23-11-3 (26-25).  
**A**—15-16.0 (16,170). T—2:26.

### Panthers 3, Blue Jackets 2

Columbus 2 2 1-2  
Florida 0 0 1-3  
Second Period—1, Columbus, Johnson 5 (Atkinson, Foligno), 1:08, 2, Florida, Hrbertau 9 (Boyes, Barkow), 2:49, 3, Florida, Eskilund (Campbell, Belland), 11:26, 4, Columbus, Wernberg 2 (Anisimov, Anderson), 18:34.  
**Third Period**—5, Florida, Bergenheim 8 (Kulikov, Petracca), 13:08 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—Columbus 13-8-12=33. Florida 13-11-7=31.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Columbus 0 of 2; Florida 1 of 3.  
**Goals**—Columbus, McElhinney 5-7-1 (31 shots-28 saves). Florida, Luongo 18-11-8 (33-31).  
**A**—7-19.7 (17,040). T—2:25.



CHRIS LEE, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

St. Louis defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk reacts Thursday after scoring the decisive goal in a shootout against Nashville in St. Louis.

### Flyers 5, Jets 2

Winnipeg 2 0 0-2  
Philadelphia 2 1 2-5  
First Period—1, Philadelphia, VandeVelde 7 (Dell Zotto, L.Schenn), 7:02, 2, Winnipeg, Perreault 16 (Finnegan, 8:20), 3, Philadelphia, Simmonds 18 (Voracek, Schenn), 11:39 (pp), 4, Winnipeg, Perreault 17 (Byfuglien, Scheffels), 16:57 (pp).  
Second Period—5, Philadelphia, Schultz 1 (Straka, White), 3:18.  
Third Period—4, Philadelphia, B.Schenn 11 (Simmonds), 4:12, 7, Philadelphia, Couturier 11, 18:19 (en-sh).  
**Shots on Goal**—Winnipeg 14-11-13=38. Philadelphia 10-15-7=32.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Winnipeg 1 of 5; Philadelphia 1 of 5.  
**Goals**—Winnipeg, Hutchinson 14-5-2 (31 shots-24 saves). Toronto, Bernier 15-14-5 (45-42).  
**A**—15-67.3 (18,541). T—2:31.

### Coyotes 3, Maple Leafs 1

Arizona 0 0 3-3  
Toronto 0 1 0-1  
First Period—1, Toronto, Kessel 20 (van Riemsdijk, Rutherford), 6:23.  
Third Period—3, Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 13 (Korpikoski), 3:05 (sh), 3, Arizona, Hunz 8 (Gagner), 3:47, 4, Arizona, Gagner 8 (Yandier, Eater), 16:30 (pp).  
**Shots on Goal**—Arizona 21-13-4=35. Toronto 9-6-10=25.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Arizona 1 of 4; Toronto 0 of 1.  
**Goals**—Arizona, M.Smith 8-20-4 (25 shots-24 saves). Toronto, Bernier 15-14-5 (45-42).  
**A**—18-83.7 (18,819). T—2:34.

### Stars 6, Senators 3

Dallas 3 0 3-6  
Tampa Bay 2 2 1-3  
First Period—1, Dallas, JaBlanco 15 (Klingberg, Eaves), 7:27 (pp), 2, Dallas, Sevcov 10 (Daley, Scriver), 8:11, Dallas, Hemsky 8 (Daley, Scriver), 11:58 (pp), 4, Ottawa, Zibanejad 12 (Ryan, Marchant), 16:02, 5, Ottawa, Ryan 13 (Cecic), 18:30 (pp).  
Second Period—6, Ottawa, Chiasson 8 (Turris), 2:45, 7, Dallas, Klingberg 7, 10:51, 8, Dallas, Daley 12 (Eakin), 13:08 (en-sh), 9, Dallas, JaBlanco 16, 19:33 (en-sh).  
**Shots on Goal**—Dallas 12-16-41=65. Ottawa 8-8-12=28.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Dallas 2 of 3; Tampa Bay 1 of 2.  
**Goals**—Dallas, Lehtonen 20-11-7 (28 shots-24 saves). 7, Ottawa, Lehner 6-9-2 (39-35).  
**A**—18-75.2 (19,153). T—2:30.

### Lightning 5, Red Wings 1

Detroit 1 0 0-1  
Tampa Bay 2 2 1-3  
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Paquette 7 (Killorn, Garrison), 2:53, 2, Detroit, Helm 9 (Killorn, Garrison), 4:02, 3, Tampa Bay, Paquette 8 (Drouin, Killorn), 19:23.  
Second Period—4, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 27 (Stralman, Drouin), 4:18 (pp), 5, Tampa Bay, Paquette 9, 11:03 (sh), 6, Tampa Bay, Barberio 1 (Sustich, Johnson), 17:39.  
**Shots on Goal**—Detroit 8-7-13=28. Tampa Bay 19-7-17=32.  
**Goals**—Detroit, Mrazek 10-4-1 (15 shots-10 saves). Michigan (Detroit), 17-17, 17, Tampa Bay, Bishop 25-8-2 (28-27).  
**A**—19-20.4 (19,204). T—2:29.

### Blues 5, Predators 4 (SO)

Nashville 1 2 1 0-4  
St. Louis 1 2 1 0-5  
**St. Louis won shootout 2-1.**  
First Period—1, Nashville, Fisher 10 (Gost, Weber), 12:49 (pp).  
Second Period—2, Nashville, Forsberg 10 (Joshi, Jarrold), 5:36, 3, St. Louis, Schwartz 17 (Tarasenko, Gunnarsson), 8:22, 4, St. Louis, Oshie 14 (Gustafson Backes), 12:36, 5, St. Louis, Ott 2 (Shattenkirk, Berglund), 13:02, 6, Nashville, Fisher 11 (Joshi, Jarrold), 15:32 (sh), 7, Third Period—8, Nashville, Neal 16 (Fisher, Wharton), 17:22.  
**Shots on Goal**—Nashville 1, Cullen 9, Smith 9, Josi 6, Neal 9, St. Louis 2 (Oshie G, Tarasenko NG, Steen NG, Shattenkirk).

**Power-play opportunities**—Nashville 1 of 4; St. Louis 1 of 5.  
**Goals**—Nashville, Hutton 2-4-2 (35 shots-31 saves). St. Louis, Elliott 14-4-5 (57-47).  
**A**—19-47.7 (19,150). T—2:48.

### Wild 1, Flames 0

Minnesota 1 0 0-1  
Calgary 0 0 0-0  
First Period—1, Minnesota, 0-0-0 (0 shots-0 saves). Calgary, Hiller 14-14-2 (32-31).  
**Power-play opportunities**—Minnesota 0 of 1; Calgary 0 of 1.  
**Goals**—Minnesota, Dubnyk 13-6-2 (30 shots-30 saves). Calgary, Hiller 14-14-2 (32-31).  
**A**—18-289 (19,289). T—2:23.

### Oilers 3, Sabres 2

Buffalo 1 0 1-2  
Edmonton 1 0 1-2  
First Period—1, Buffalo, Myers 2 (Minnelli, Girotto), 2:22, 2, Edmonton, Fraser 6 (Lander, Gazdic), 12:27, 3, Edmonton, Kiehlman 1 (Lander, Fraser), 15:02.  
Third Period—4, Edmonton, Lander 1 (Purcell, Fraser), 7:52, 5, Buffalo, Ristolainen 6 (Girotto, Gimpenski), 17:58.  
**Shots on Goal**—Buffalo 8-8-20=36. Edmonton 12-12-10=34.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Buffalo 0 of 1; Edmonton 0 of 1.  
**Goals**—Edmonton, Horro 11-19-12 (34 shots-31 saves). Edmonton, Scriver 9-5-17 (40-30).  
**A**—16-83.9 (18,833). T—2:16.

### Sharks 6, Ducks 3

Anaheim 1 0 2-3  
San Jose 1 5 0-6  
First Period—1, Anaheim, Goggin 6 (Rakell, Silverberg), 4:57, 2, San Jose, Pavelski 25 (Thornton, Marleau), 7:23 (pp).  
Second Period—3, San Jose, Goodrow 3 (Sheppard, Miller), 2:23, 3, San Jose, Marleau 10 (Burns, Thornton), 6:16, 5, Anaheim, Andersen 1 (Goggin, Marleau), James Sheppard 5 (Goodrow, Herti), 14:30, 6, Anaheim, Dillon 2 (Niemi, Thornton), 16:07 (sh).  
Third Period—8, Anaheim, Beleskey 19 (Edler, Palmieri), 1:23, 9, Anaheim, Marleau 6 (Lindholm), 18:50.  
**Shots on Goal**—Anaheim 14-9-28=51. San Jose 19-17-33.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Anaheim 0 of 2; San Jose 1 of 5.  
**Goals**—Anaheim, Bryzgalov 1-3-0 (25 shots-19 saves). Anaheim, 1:57 (28-25), 8-8). San Jose, Niemi 20-11-5 (28-25).  
**A**—17-156.2 (17,562). T—2:22.



MARCO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Anaheim goalie Frederik Andersen, right, deflects a shot from San Jose's Matt Nieto during Thursday's game in San Jose, Calif.

NBA

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Toronto	18	17	.514
Brooklyn	17	20	.459
Boston	12	27	.305
Philadelphia	9	37	.196
New York	8	39	.171

Southeast Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	38	8	.826
Washington	16	26	.381
Miami	20	24	.455
Charlotte	17	27	.385
Orlando	15	34	.306

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago	18	22	.448
Cleveland	27	10	.730
Milwaukee	24	14	.630
Detroit	10	30	.250
Indiana	17	21	.444

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Memphis	34	12	.739
Houston	32	14	.696
San Antonio	30	17	.638
Dallas	30	17	.638
New Orleans	28	19	.596

Northwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Portland	22	18	.556
Oklahoma City	23	20	.530
L.A. Clippers	14	29	.326
Utah	16	30	.348
Minnesota	8	37	.178

Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Golden State	36	7	.837
L.A. Lakers	24	19	.558
Phoenix	20	27	.426
Sacramento	18	29	.385
L.A. Lakers	13	34	.277

Thursday's games			
Game	Score	OT	Final
Milwaukee 115, Orlando 100	115-100		
Indiana 103, New York 82	103-82		
Memphis 99, Denver 62	99-62		
L.A. Lakers 123, Chicago 118, 2OT	123-118	2OT	
Portland at Philadelphia			
Minnesota at Atlanta			
Houston at Boston			
Toronto at Brooklyn			
Sacramento at Cleveland			
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans			
Dallas at Miami			
Golden State at Utah			
Chicago at Phoenix			

Saturday's games			
Game	Score	OT	Final
Toronto at Washington			
Dallas at Orlando			
Sacramento at Indiana			
Philadelphia at Atlanta			
Houston at Detroit			
Oklahoma City at Memphis			
Cleveland at Minnesota			
Portland at Milwaukee			
Charlotte at Denver			
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio			
Phoenix at Golden State			

Thursday

Lakers 123, Bulls 118 (2OT)

**CHICAGO** — Mirovic 0-2 0-0 0, Gasol 8-14 4-5 20, Noah 4-7 1-1 8, Rose 7-26 2-17, Butler 9-17 16-18 35, Hinrich 1-4 0-0 2, Gibson 3-6 2-8, Snell 4-12 1-3 10, Brooks 6-15 0-15, Moore 1-1 0-2, McDermott 0-0 0-0. Totals 43-106 26-32 116.

**L.A. LAKERS** — Kelly 1-3 0-3, Hill 11-22 4-6 26, Sacre 3-6 3-4 9, Clarkson 6-15 5-8, 18, 6-19 9, 19 23, Brewer 8-14 0-0 16, Lin 5-11 2-11, Johnson 3-9 1-7 12, Davis 17-22 10, Totals 59-106 20-25 125.

**CHICAGO 19 29 22 8 11-22**  
**L.A. Lakers 28 31 21 18 8 17-123**  
 Three-Point Goals—Chicago, 6-25 (Brooks 3-6, Snell 1-5, Butler 1-5, Rose 1-7, Mirovic 0-1, Hinrich 0-2); L.A., Lakers 3-9 (Kelly 1-1, Clarkson 1-1, Ellington 1-4, Johnson 0-1). Fouled Out—Sacre, Rebounds—Chicago 63, (Noah) 17, L.A. Lakers 65 (Hill) 12, Assists—Chicago 25 (Lin) 5, L.A. Lakers 26 (Lin) 5, Total Fouls—Chicago 21, L.A. Lakers 27. Timeout—Brooklyn 1, Ejected—Brooks, A-18-97 (18:97).

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Ed Christino, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/AP  
**Lakers' fan Cindy Zimmerle, of Fountain Valley, Calif., is all smiles as she holds a T-shirt honoring Pau Gasol before the start of Thursday's game between the Lakers and the Bulls at Staples Center.**

Grizzlies 99, Nuggets 69

**DENVER** — Chandler 5-11 0-10, Fairied 5-11 0-10, Nurkic 0-7 0-0, Lawson 3-3 1-9, Afflalo 3-5 0-7, Gallinari 3-7 1-1 8, Nelson 1-4 0-2, Hickson 2-5 0-4, Foye 0-2 2-2, Arthur 3-7 1-2 7, Gee 5-9 0-6, McGee 1-2 0-2, Harris 0-6 2-2 2, Totals 29-67 0-69.

**MEMPHIS** — J.Green 4-9 3-13, Randolph 6-14 3-4 15, Gasol 4-8 2-2 10, Udrih 5-10 0-11, Lee 5-10 1-3 11, Allen 3-9 2-4 8, Koufos 3-5 0-6, Calathes 5-10 1-2 11, Carter 1-2 2-4, Luevy 2-5 2-4 5, Adams 0-3 0-0 0, Thomas 1-1 2-2 4, Totals 39-88 18-27 59.

**Denver** 11 24 14 20-69  
**Memphis** 26 24 24 25-99  
 Three-Point Goals—Denver 2-25 (Afflalo 1-2, Gallinari 1-3, Gee 0-1, Arthur 0-2, Nelson 0-2, Harris 0-3, Lawson 0-3, Chandler 0-5, Foye 0-2), Memphis 3-16 (J.Green 2-6, Udrih 1-2, Calathes 0-1, Adams 0-1, Leav 0-1, Lee 0-2, Carter 0-2). Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Denver 52 (Fairied) 7, Memphis 65 (Randolph) 17, Assists—Denver 19 (Lawson) 6, Memphis 17 (Calathes) 5, Total Fouls—Denver 15, Memphis 11, A-16-76 (16:15).

Bucks 115, Magic 100

**MILWAUKEE** — Antetokunmpo 3-7 4-5 10, Dudley 6-10 2-3 17, Henson 6-10 0-12, Knight 7-14 0-0 16, Middleton 7-12 0-17, Martin 12-15 0-0, Mayo 12-2 1-3, O'Bryant 2-6 0-4, Gutierrez 1-2 1-2 3, Bosh 0-5 5-13, Totals 57-115 11-15.

**ORLANDO** — A.Gordon 1-2 4-4 4, Frye 0-1 0-0 0, Vucevic 8-19 1-17, Payton 6-10 3-4 15, Oladipo 6-17 3-17 21, Harris 2-12 3-4 7, Fournier 5-10 0-1 11, O'Quinn 2-2 2-7, Green 6-8 1-2 16, A.Gordon 0-1 0-0 0, Dedmon 1-1 0-2 0, Ridnour 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 37-82 21-30 100.

**Milwaukee** 28 31 17-115  
**Orlando** 18 26 27-100

Three-Point Goals—Milwaukee 12-25 (Middleton 3-5, Dudley 3-6, Bayless 2, 2, Knight 2-5, Mayo 2-7), Orlando 5-18 (Green 3-5, O'Quinn 1-1, Fournier 1-4, B.Gordon 0-1, Frye 0-1, Harris 0-2, Oladipo 0-4). Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Milwaukee 42 (Henson) 11, Orlando 59 (Vucevic) 14, Assists—Milwaukee 29 (Knight) 9, Orlando 14 (Payton) 6, Total Fouls—Milwaukee 24, Orlando 18, Technical Fouls—Dedmon, A-16-071 (16:00).

Pacers 103, Knicks 82

**NEW YORK** — Anthony 7-16 2-2 18, Amundson 5-10 1-3 17, Smith 3-6 2-2 8, Gallaway 2-10 0-6 4, Calderon 4-7 0-0 9, Thomas 4-10 0-0 8, Hardaway 1-3 3-4 11, Acy 1-4 1-2 3, Larkin 3-4 0-2, Early 1-5 0-2, Totals 34-81 13-82.

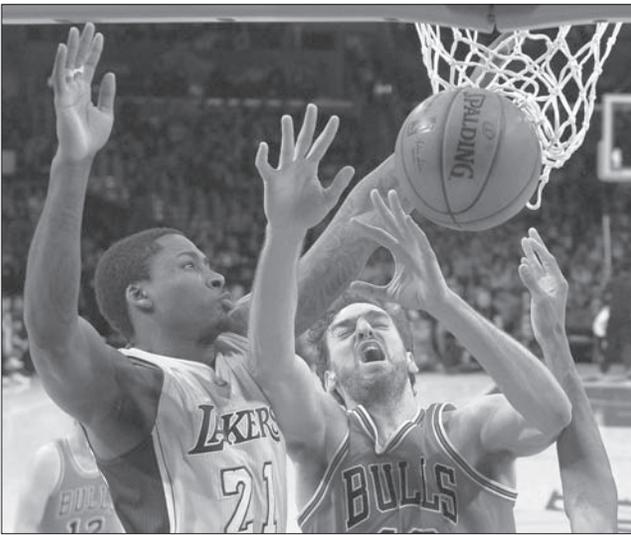
**INDIANA** — S.Hill 4-9 0-10 0, West 3-8 4-4 10, Hibbert 9-11 0-18, Watson 3-9 0-7, Stuckey 8-13 5-5 22, Mahinmi 4-6 0-5 8, Miles 2-6 0-0 5, G.Hill 2-5 4-8, Rudez 2-4 0-5, Allen 4-5 0-0 8, Copeland 1-3 0-2 2, Totals 42-79 13-103.

**New York** 20 22 35 14-103  
**Indiana** 22 22 35 14-103

Three-Point Goals—New York 5-16 (Hardaway 2-4, Smith 2-2, Calderon 1-1, Early 0-1, Smith 0-1, Acy 0-1, Larkin 0-1, Gallaway 0-3), Indiana 6-18 (S.Hill 3-5, Stuckey 1-2, Rudez 1-3, Miles 1-4, Watson 1-4, G.Hill 0-1, Copeland 0-1), Foye 0-0—None, Rebounds—New York 39 (Smith) 7, Indiana 54 (Mahinmi, Hibbert) 10, Assists—New York 22 (Calderon) 6, Indiana 25 (West) 6, Total Fouls—New York 18, Indiana 16, A-15-665 (15:00).

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MARK J. TERRILL/AP  
**Chicago Bulls forward Pau Gasol, right, is defended by Lakers forward Ed Davis during the first half of Thursday's game in Los Angeles. Gasol had 20 points and 10 rebounds in his first game back in LA since leaving for Chicago as a free agent in the offseason, but it wasn't enough to keep the Lakers from a 123-118 double-overtime victory.**

Roundup

LA tops Chicago in 2OT  
 Lakers spoil Bulls F Gasol's return to Staples Center

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When the Los Angeles Lakers blew a nine-point lead in 70 seconds late in regulation, they certainly seemed to be careening straight toward another loss in overtime.

That's when the young, patchwork Lakers discovered a poise they've never had before — just in time to avoid a historic defeat.

Jordan Hill scored 26 points and forced the second overtime with a clutch jumper, and the Lakers snapped their nine-game losing streak in thrilling fashion with a 123-118 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Thursday night.

Wayne Ellington scored 23 points and rookie Jordan Clarkson added 18 for the Lakers, who held off the Bulls for their first victory since Jan. 9. With big late baskets from everybody in their unassuming lineup, the Lakers avoided matching the 1994 squad coached by Magic Johnson for the longest skid in the 16-time champion franchise's history.

Carlos Boozer had 16 points against his former team for the Lakers, who got their first win since Kobe Bryant was lost for the season with a torn right rotator cuff.

And it was fairly packed with drama. After fellow Lakers big man Pau Gasol tied it with 11 seconds left in regulation, Hill's short hook shot at the buzzer rattled out. Hill hit a tying 20-footer with 16 seconds left in the first overtime, and Derrick Rose badly missed his 20-footer at the first OT buzzer.

"It felt good to have the win, but I wish it didn't have to go two overtimes," Clarkson said. "I should have taken care of the ball and been more aggressive, but we got it done."

Ellington hit two early shots in the second overtime to put the Lakers up for good. Los Angeles made five of its seven shots in the second OT while

holding on.

All-Star Jimmy Butler matched his career high with 35 points for the Bulls, who rallied to force the first overtime, but couldn't finish it.

Gasol had 20 points and 10 rebounds in his Staples Center return against the Lakers, and he forced the first overtime with the tying tip-in.

**Grizzlies 99, Nuggets 69:** Zach Randolph had 15 points and 17 rebounds, Jeff Green added 13 points and host Memphis won its fifth straight.

Courtney Lee, Nick Calathes and Beno Udrih, starting in place of the injured Mike Conley, scored 11 apiece, while Marc Gasol had 10 points.

Wilson Chandler and Kenneth Faried each scored 10 points for Denver, which lost for the eighth time in the last nine.

**Bucks 115, Magic 100:** Jerry Bayless scored 19 points, Jared Dudley and Kris Middleton had 17 apiece and Milwaukee trailed a 17-game losing streak in Orlando.

The Bucks never trailed and played seven players in double figures, including all five starters.

The Magic have lost seven straight and 13 of their last 15 games. Victor Oladipo led Orlando with 21 points. Nik Vucevic added 17 points and 14 rebounds.

**Pacers 103, Knicks 82:** Rodney Stuckey scored 22 points, Roy Hibbert had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Indiana roved visiting New York.

The struggling Pacers (17-31) picked up their most lopsided home victory of the season by winning for only the second time in 10 games.

Carmelo Anthony scored 18 points, 12 in the first 9 minutes for the Knicks (9-38). Lou Amundson added 17 as New York managed just 33 second-half points and fell behind Philadelphia for the worst record in the East.

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Kentucky's Karl-Anthony Towns, left, pushes past Missouri's D'Angelo Allen on a drive to the basket during the first half of Thursday's game in Columbia, Mo.

L.G. PATTERSON/AP

## Kentucky gets past Mizzou

### Harrison twins lead way for unbeaten No. 1 Wildcats

By Dave Skretta  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The way his team rolled over Missouri when they met a couple of weeks ago, Kentucky coach John Calipari anticipated the Tigers throwing a few haymakers in the rematch.

They wound up playing so physically that three Tigers fouled out.

The top-ranked Wildcats took advantage of their parade to the foul line, too, racking up free points during a decisive second-half run that gave them a 69-53 victory Thursday night.

"It's going to be like you saw today. We just have to play through the physical play," said Calipari, whose team waxed the Tigers by 49 points on Jan. 13. "You don't beat somebody like we did there and — they came back

and played like I would have expected them to play."

In other words, a whole lot better. But still not good enough. Andrew Harrison had 15 points and twin brother Aaron Harrison had 11 for the Wildcats, who improved to 20-0 for the third time in school history. They are just five wins away from matching the record start achieved by Adolph Rupp's team in 1953-54.

As usual, Kentucky (7-0 SEC) won with defense. Missouri turned the ball over 15 times and shot just 38 percent from the field in the second half, when the game was largely decided.

"We beat them pretty bad last time," Andrew Harrison acknowledged, "but we know they're a better team than they played at Rupp, so we had to come in and play as hard as we could."

Wes Clark scored 19 points

for the Tigers (7-13, 1-6), who have lost six straight for the first time since 2006. Johnathan Williams III added 10 points and five rebounds.

Five players fouled out in the mucky game, resulting in a combined 57 free throws.

"I'm not happy losing, but we played a lot better," Tigers coach Kim Anderson said. "All I can ask is these guys keep fighting, and that's what they do, that's what they've done. And it's not always pretty, but they didn't quit. They kept fighting."

Kentucky only hit two three-pointers, one each from Aaron Harrison and Dominique Hawkins. The Tigers only hit four from the arc, three of those from Clark. The majority of the game was played in the paint, where the teams combined for 48 points.

## AP Top 25 roundup

# Gonzaga extends home streak to 37

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Kevin Pangos launched a long three-pointer that missed early in the second half against Portland.

But third-ranked Gonzaga rebounded the ball and it came back out to Pangos, who shot from about the same place and sank that three to help break open a close game and lift the Bulldogs to a 64-46 victory Thursday night.

"He's an amazing player and a more amazing person," coach Mark Few said of Pangos, who became the leading three-point shooter in school history earlier in the game.

Few noted that Pangos practices his shooting every night, long after practice has ended.

"There's a reason this happens," Few said. "He comes down here every single night."

Domantas Sabonis had 13 points and 11 rebounds as the Bulldogs extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 37 games dating to 2012.

Przemek Karnowski added 10 points and 11 rebounds for Gonzaga (21-1, 10-0 West Coast Conference), whose only loss was in overtime at then-No. 3 Arizona. It is the best start in program history.

Kyle Wiltjer scored 11 points and Pangos had 10 for Gonzaga, which has won 14 straight games and beaten Portland in 37 of their last 39 meetings.

Bryce Pressley and Bobby Sharp each scored nine points to lead Portland (12-10, 3-7), which has lost five of six. The Pilots shot just 30 percent (18-for-61) in the game, 22.6 percent in the second half.

The Zags broke open a tight game with a 21-2 run midway through the second half while holding Portland without a field goal for more than 12 minutes.

"We started breaking down defensively, and they kept defending," Portland coach Eric Reveno



YOUNG KWAK/AP

Gonzaga's Kevin Pangos shoots the leading three-point buzzer in school history during the Bulldogs' 64-46 win over Portland on Thursday.

said. "It was the cumulative effect of the way they challenged us."

The Zags lead the nation in field-goal shooting at 53.3 percent, but shot just 41 percent against the Pilots.

"We've had games where the defense has won it for us," Few said. "Tonight we were not using each other and were taking (shots) early."

"We did not move and share it like we have this year," he added.

**UCLA 69, No. 11 Utah 59:** Norman Powell scored 23 points and the host Bruins defeated the Utes for their first win over a Top 25 opponent this season.

Bryce Alford had 14 points and seven assists, and Isaac Hamilton added 11 points for the Bruins (12-9, 3-5 Pac-12). UCLA held a 33-30 halftime advantage and led the entire second half.

Delon Wright scored 15 points and Brandon Taylor had 14 for the Utes (16-4, 6-2). Utah has not beaten UCLA in Los Angeles since 1961.



PAUL VERNON/AP

Ohio State coach Thad Matta talks to his players during the first half against Maryland in Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday. Ohio State won 80-56.

## Buckeyes rough up No. 16 Terrapins

By Rusty Miller  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State coach Thad Matta has been wondering about his team's toughness.

Not anymore.

Marc Loving matched his career high with 19 points and D'Angelo Russell added 18 points and 14 rebounds to lead Ohio State to an 80-56 victory over No. 16 Maryland on Thursday night.

The Buckeyes (17-5, 6-3 Big Ten), at times a timid bunch on the boards this season, dominated the Terrapins (18-4, 6-3) on the glass (51-32) and on defense.

"We played tougher," Matta said. "We were quick to the ball. For the most part, guys did what they were supposed to. We rebounded the ball well, we rebounded out of our area. We did a good job of the rota-

tions defensively and walled guys up."

The doubts now belong to the Terrapins. "I guess we weren't tough enough," swingman Evan Smotrycz said. "It's as simple as that."

Coach Mark Turgeon added, "I don't know if I've ever had a team get out-rebounded like that. I'll have to look. I doubt it."

Jae'Sean Tate, starting his third game in a row, added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Buckeyes, who have won three in a row — including the last two over ranked opponents at home.

Loving was benched last week after a sorry defensive effort. He responded by hitting all five of his three-pointers as the Buckeyes went 10-for-17 behind the arc.

"My role didn't change," he said, "not starting." "It was a good night. I was able to knock some shots down."

Russell, the nation's leading freshman scorer, flirted with a triple-double. He also had six assists and two steals, and didn't commit a turnover in 34 minutes.

Dez Wells had 12 points and Jake Layman 10 for Maryland, which had won four of five.

It was supposed to be a battle between two of the top freshmen in the Big Ten, if not the country. But Russell's play easily eclipsed that of Maryland's leading scorer, 6-foot-3 Melo Trimble, who came in averaging 16.3 points per game.

Trimble had a forgettable night. He missed all eight shots from the field, including four three-pointers, and ended up with three points, one rebound and one assist.

"He's a terrific player," Matta said. "I'd like to say we had a lot to do with it, but he just sort of had one of those nights."

## SUPER BOWL



RICK OSENTOSKI/AP

NFL referee Bill Vinovich gestures during a game between the Cleveland Browns and the Washington Redskins on Dec. 16, 2012 in Cleveland. Vinovich will be the referee at Sunday's Super Bowl.

# Vinovich survives health scare to get to big game

By JOHN MARSHALL  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — One moment Bill Vinovich was lifting weights to stay in shape for the NFL season, the next he was on a hospital bed overhearing doctors say the next 48 hours would determine if he would live.

Eleven days of intensive care followed, then weeks of home rest, months of working himself back into shape.

Three years later, he will be the referee at Sunday's Super Bowl in Arizona.

"I never gave up," Vinovich said.

It was April 2007, right after tax season when Vinovich, a certified public accountant, was bench-pressing as part of preparations for his fourth season as an NFL referee.

He suddenly felt like someone had thrust two knives into his back, a pain that dropped to him to ground and sent him to the hospital.

A CAT scan revealed Vinovich had suffered an aortic dissection, a tear inside the interior wall of the descending aorta, the major artery that carries blood out of the heart. The tear causes blood to flow between the layers of the blood vessel wall and can lead to aortic rupture or decreased blood flow to organs.

The doctors told him it was inoperable.

Officiating a football game was not on his mind.

Whether he would live was.

"It was a scary time," he said.

Once Vinovich got through the hanging-by-a-thread 48-hour window, he was told the survival rate for someone with a dissection that severe was about 2 percent.

He was lucky.

They also told him he would never be allowed to officiate a game again.

He was devastated.

"I started to cry," he said.

But he wasn't going to let it stop him.

A third-generation official — his father and grandfather worked football games for more than 30 years — calling games was in his blood and he was going to prove them wrong.

Once Vinovich got through the touch-and-go of the initial injury, he started working his way back in shape.

The first couple of years, anything strenuous would wear him out. He also had a setback in 2011, when doctors had to repair an aneurysm in the ascending aorta in his heart.

He kept pushing forward.

"I knew my body, I knew I could do it again," Vinovich said.

He did.

Vinovich's persistence paid off in May 2012, when he received an email from the league saying he had been approved for the 2012 season.

"I was almost stunned," he said. "It brought tears to my eyes."

Vinovich had a good enough first season back to work a divisional playoff game between Baltimore and Denver, and was the alternate referee for the Super Bowl.

This season, he was the referee in the divisional playoff between Baltimore and New England, a game that included a bizarre formation in which the Patriots lined up a running back as an ineligible receiver.

Vinovich managed that game well despite the controversy surrounding it, and his grade from the season was good enough to earn him the Super Bowl nod.

## Unsung: Neither team has a big-name receiver

### FROM BACK PAGE

Baldwin has calmed down as the Big Game approaches. He even said he'd rather Marshawn Lynch win the MVP award on Sunday.

"We are not about statistics here, obviously," Baldwin said. "We only care about winning games and winning championships. We know the formula that we have put in place is if Marshawn wins the MVP then we have done our job on offense. That means that we have controlled the pace of the game."

There's no Megatron, Dez Bryant or A.J. Green on the Patriots, either. They also have an unheralded group of receivers.

Julian Edelman led New England with 92 catches, but he was 25th in the league in yards receiving with 972. Brandon LaFell had 74 catches for 953 yards. Tom Brady has only had one elite receiver — Randy Moss — in his career and they set records together during New England's 16-0 regular season in 2007.

"It's a really selfless group, guys that are always putting the team first," Brady said. "Everybody has a little different skillset. I think that once we hit our stride and everybody found a role for themselves, they really embraced their role. None of them have really played in a Super Bowl before. Hopefully we bring our excitement and as much enthusiasm as possible and we go out and play as best as we possibly can."

Jermaine Kearse, Seattle's No. 2 wideout, had 38 catches for 537 yards and one TD in the regular season. But Kearse had three catches for a career-best 129 yards and one TD in a 31-17 playoff win over Carolina. Kearse then caught a 35-yard TD pass in

overtime to win the NFC championship game.

"It's just about maximizing opportunities," Kearse said. "Just whenever you have an opportunity you've got to make the most of it. I just try to go out there and compete no matter what the stage is if it's regular season or it's a preseason game or it's a playoff game."

The Seahawks thought they got a legitimate No. 1 receiver when they acquired Percy Harvin from Minnesota in March 2013 for a trio of draft picks, including a first-rounder.

But Harvin missed the first 2½ months that year and was traded to the New York Jets last October. His departure opened the way for Baldwin and Kearse.

"Obviously we would get more opportunities because we were down a guy, but it was just business as usual for us," Baldwin said.

Golden Tate was Seattle's top wideout last year. He had 64 catches for 898 yards and one TD in an offense built on Lynch's running and Russell Wilson's scrambling.

Tate signed a lucrative deal in free agency with Detroit and made his first Pro Bowl this year after catching 99 passes for 1,331 yards and four TDs. Since Tate proved he could thrive in a pass-heavy offense, perhaps Baldwin will try to do the same in two years when he's an unrestricted free agent.

For now, earning another Super Bowl ring is all that matters.

"I'm just trying to focus on the task at hand and living in the moment," Baldwin said. "I don't really think I will be able to fathom what we are doing yet (until) a couple years down the line."



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Julian Edelman led New England this season with 92 receptions, but he was 25th in the league in receiving yards with 972.

## SUPER BOWL

## Seahawks' RB Lynch fires back at critics

Seattle star opens up on reluctance to speak to media

By ROB MAADDI  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Marshawn Lynch changed the script and fired back at his critics.

After two days of giving only scripted answers, the Seattle Seahawks' star running back gave his most extensive comments of Super Bowl week, mostly telling reporters why he won't talk to them.

"I don't know what story y'all trying to get out of me. I don't know what image y'all trying to portray of me," Lynch said Thursday. "But it don't matter what y'all think, what y'all say about me because when I go home at night, the same people that I look in the face — my family that I love, that's all that really matter to me. So y'all can go make up whatever y'all want to make up because I don't say enough for y'all to go and put anything out on me."

When Lynch arrived at the podium, a man with a reporter's credential who said he was a teacher asked him to give his students a "shoutout."

But Lynch wouldn't bite and began his unscripted statement.

"Y'all shove cameras and microphones down my throat," Lynch continued. "But when I'm at home in my environment, I don't see y'all, but y'all mad at me. And if you ain't mad at me, then what y'all here for? I ain't got nothing for y'all, though. I told y'all that."

Lynch, who had spurned reporters' efforts to get him to talk at mandatory news conferences Tuesday and Wednesday, seemed



MATT YORK/AP

Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch adjusts his cap during an interview on Thursday in Phoenix. The NFL may not like those "Beast Mode" caps Lynch has been wearing during his Super Bowl press appearances, but the fans apparently do. As the league reportedly considers fining Lynch for promoting an unauthorized brand, the New Era Cap Co. is busy making more of the caps after they quickly sold out on Lynch's website.

frustrated that they were still trying.

"I'm here preparing for a game. And y'all want to ask me these questions, which is understandable. I could get down with that.

But I told y'all I'm not about to say nothing... All of my requirements are fulfilled."

Lynch praised his teammates, his hometown of Oakland, Calif., and his Family First Foundation.

When asked who the best player on the Seahawks was, he said: "All of them."

As he has all week, Lynch stayed five minutes before leaving.

Lynch again wore a "Beast

Mode" baseball cap and told everyone where they could buy one. The two hats he already wore this week have sold out on Lynch's website, where they're part of his Beast Mode apparel line.



MARK HOFFMAN/TNS

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant's controversial overturned touchdown catch against the Green Bay Packers has spurred talk that the NFL could make changes to its rulebook this offseason.

## Lions propose expanding replay

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Changes could be afoot for the NFL rule book. Starting with what is a catch and what is pass interference.

Two plays in the postseason have made those hot subjects, NFL football operations chief Troy Vincent said Thursday. That really hit home when Vincent heard a caller to a talk radio show suggest fans needed to watch games with a rule book at their side.

"No question this and coaches' challenges will be the topics," Vincent said, looking ahead to next month's discussions by the league's influential competition committee.

The Detroit Lions, feeling burned by a non-interference call in a playoff loss to Dallas, already have proposed expanding the use of instant replay for coaches' challenges. Dean Blandino, the NFL's officiating director, said the competition committee will look into adding to what calls are reviewable, as it does each year.

That committee, which makes recommendations to the 32 owners on rules changes, also will re-examine the "process of the catch" rule that cost the Cowboys' Dez Bry-

ant in a postseason loss to Green Bay.

Blandino, who like Vincent is on the powerful committee, said its members "look at any situation ... any time a team brings up an issue that has to be looked into."

A contraction of the massive rule book also will be considered, but Vincent warned that for any proposed changes, every conceivable effect needs to be examined.

"How do we create that culture for everyone of clarity and consistency?" Vincent said, noting it's a major challenge. "That's where the wisdom comes in — how we got to here, and how do we adjust to keep this or this from happening as a result (of changes)?"

Public consternation over officiating this season became an uproar in the playoffs after the non-call in Detroit-Dallas, and the replay reversal in Dallas-Green Bay.

Blandino said Thursday the officiating rate of accuracy was on par with last season, although he didn't indicate what that rate was. He noted the league is "keenly aware" of the impact an officiating mistake can have on the outcome of games.

Which could lead to expanded use of re-

play reviews, although the league is loath to add too much and slow the games to a crawl.

"Absolutely there are discussions going back to last season," Blandino said, "and adding to the list of reviewable plays. We've stayed away from areas that involved subjective judgments: holding, pass interference. As technology has improved, all that begs the question, 'Can we eliminate some mistakes that happen in a game?'"

"There are several proposals from the clubs and they will be discussed with the competition committee."

Penalties were up two per game in 2014, which doesn't seem like much considering the heavy emphasis on defensive holding calls. After a preseason and early season in which teams struggled to avoid flags, those calls diminished as the players and coaches adapted.

The length of games decreased for the first time since 2008, which Blandino attributed to wireless communications among officiating crew members, and league headquarters consulting with referees on video replays.

## SUPER BOWL

# Hoodie and scowl mask Belichick's impact

'Evil Genius' is simply the winningest coach in NFL postseason history

By **BARRY WILNER**  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — He's been called the Evil Genius, and he's been fined for spying on an opponent. And now there are questions about deflated footballs.

Any visual portrait of Bill Belichick likely has him wearing a hoodie — and a scowl. Many of his media duties are marked by terse answers or outright stonewalling.

All of which masks the impact and longevity of the New England Patriots boss, the winningest coach in postseason NFL history.

Belichick is about to lead his team into its sixth Super Bowl in 14 seasons. No one, not Chuck Noll or Tom Landry or Marv Levy or Bill Walsh — all Hall of Famers — managed that. Since Belichick took over the Patriots in 2000 after a five-season flop as head man in Cleveland, there have been 119 coaching changes.

In the AFC East alone, which the Patriots have won 12 of 14 seasons, 17 coaches have come and gone, according to STATS.

Belichick is the constant. "I think Coach is always pretty consistent with how he's dealt with our team," Tom Brady said. "You don't ride the highs and lows of the season. Whether it's one win or one loss, you just try to get better and make improvements, and you've got to play your best at the end.

"It's hard to make our team. Coach Belichick puts a lot of pressure on guys in training camp. If you make the team, you know that you have the confidence of the coaches that you can help us win. Everybody's got a skill. Everybody's got a skill set. Whoever is on the field has to be able to go out there and perform their job."

In the face of the controversies and criticisms the Patriots have faced during his tenure, Belich-

## Did you know

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SOURCE: The Associated Press

ick's approach remains the same. Yes, he often comes off as ornery, but that's because he'd rather be coaching, rather than teaching, rather than dissecting film.

But according to Vince Wilfork, other than Brady the longest-tenured Patriot, Belichick has changed somewhat. Out of necessity.

"Yeah, I've seen the difference in Bill in the 11 years that I have been here, and I tell him he is getting soft," the defensive tackle joked. "But this is a different era of football now with how the team is shaped up, and now a lot of guys are younger guys. You don't really have that veteran team that he used to have. When I first came in the league, he had a veteran team that didn't take much to get those guys going.

"But he's more understanding now. I think when you get so used to having a certain quality of players and it changes, it's hard for you to adapt to change. And I think Bill had to do a good job of that ever since I've been in the league because we've changed so much."

Pretty much every successful Super Bowl coach had to follow that path. Certainly Noll did as Pittsburgh evolved from the Steel Curtain-dominated squads



JULIO CORTAZ/AP

**When the cameras are on, New England coach Bill Belichick is the perfect antidote to insomnia. His dour demeanor and subdued personal style mask a simple fact — Belichick is the winningest postseason coach the NFL has ever witnessed.**

to a high-scoring bunch. So did Landry, several times, depending on if he had a Dooomsday Defense or a potent attack built around Roger Staubach.

Belichick's first Super Bowl team back in 2001 was fundamentally sound on both sides of the ball, but far more aggressive on defense, his specialty. Indeed, Brady was almost a caretaker that season.

Belichick knew he had something very special in Brady, though, and when the quarterback rapidly developed, the coach loosened the reins. When they won their consecutive titles for

the 2003 and 2004 seasons, Brady was a budding star.

When Belichick recognized that, he built an unstoppable offense around Brady. In some ways, he was ahead of the game, again. While the NFL was evolving into a pass-crazy league, the Patriots already were there with Brady throwing to Randy Moss and Wes Welker.

By 2007, Brady was the best quarterback in the league, breaking records and guiding New England to a perfect regular season.

Don't think other coaches around the NFL haven't paid attention. His counterpart in this

Super Bowl, Seattle's Pete Carroll, actually was replaced in New England by Belichick.

"I know that when (owner Robert Kraft) was making his choice to hire coach Belichick, I had one opportunity to say something to him about that," Carroll said. "And I thought that was really a unique hire, a special hire and a guy that would really fit in well if (Kraft) let him do what he was capable of doing. I think Bill is a very open, free-thinker and a guy that needs that kind of control to be at his best.

"It's worked historically and in extraordinary fashion."



TED S. WARREN/AP

**Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll has a reputation as a coach who can get a bit touchy feely, but he's used that player-friendly style to build an intense brand of team loyalty.**

# Carroll used firing as motivation

By **TIM BOOTH**  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Looking back at the championships he won at Southern Cal and the Super Bowl title a season ago with Seattle, Pete Carroll can see exactly where the foundation for all that success was built.

The 2000 football season was the only time since 1972 that Carroll did not work in coaching in some capacity, whether it was as a graduate assistant, position coach, coordinator or head coach. He'd just been fired by New England after going 8-8 in his third season there, placing Carroll into the fraternity of twice-fired NFL head coaches. Carroll had ideas for how he wanted to run a team, but never solidified the guiding principles.

Getting fired might not have seemed necessary at the time, but proved vital in

creating Carroll's future.

"I'll never know that and I'm going to take it for the way it happened was necessary," Carroll said. "The pain and the struggle and the hardship and then the challenges of bouncing back were all part of the rebirth of that — of the philosophy and a mentality."

Fifteen years after being dismissed by Robert Kraft and New England, Carroll will face the Patriots as he tries to join another rare fraternity of coaches who have led teams to consecutive Super Bowl titles.

That year out of football was the birth of "Win Forever" and all the other catch phrases that go along with being part of a Carroll-coached program. And much like last year's Super Bowl in New York, where Carroll got his first NFL head coaching job with the Jets, this trip to the championship game brings another chapter of his career full circle.

"It gave me an opportunity to really collect my thoughts about moving forward and to get pointed in the direction that, really, we have maintained since," Carroll said. "I had a tremendous opportunity to reflect on the time that I had had."

What is most telling about Carroll's approach is that 15 years later it's still relevant. And while Carroll is set in his beliefs — the results are hard to argue against — that should not be taken for inflexibility. He's taken a give-and-take approach with the personalities he coaches, while they have bought in to what he preaches.

"He allows his players to bump their heads and scrape their knees, and learn from their experiences on and off the field," Richard Sherman said. "He gives us a chance. He trusts his players more than I think a lot of coaches do, and we appreciate him for that."

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# Unsung and unconcerned

## Receivers fly under radar

By **ROB MAADDI***The Associated Press*

PHOENIX — Doug Baldwin led the Seattle Seahawks in catches and yards receiving.

He ranked 42nd in the NFL in both categories.

Forty-second.

It's no surprise that Hall of Famer and the NFL Network's Deion Sanders dissed Baldwin and the rest of Seattle's receiving group.

Few analysts give them any credit. So after Baldwin had six catches for 106 yards in the NFC championship game against Green Bay, he directed one of his rants toward Sanders.

"That's just what 'pedestrian, average, mediocre' receivers do. What's up, my man Deion Sanders?" Baldwin said right after the game.

Criticism of Seattle's receivers comes from ex-players-turned-broadcasters, other reporters and plenty of fans on social media.

"It's thrown in my face day in and day out," Baldwin said. "I have friends that text-message me whatever is out there. I don't mind it because I use it for extra motivation. I have a shirt underneath my sweatshirt that says, 'Pedestrians with attitude.' We enjoy the label because we embrace it."

The New England Patriots aren't saying anything this week to motivate Baldwin even more going into Sunday's Super Bowl.

"They work hard, they play hard and they are very passionate," Patriots safety Patrick Chung said of Seattle's receivers. "I see that on film. I'm not going to label them. You can say what you want to say about them, but they are here for a reason. They are here because they are good and they can make plays."

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Seattle receiver  
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