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## 2 Marine copters collide off Hawaii

By COREY DICKSTEIN

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WASHINGTON — Two Marine Corps heavy lift helicopters that crashed off the coast of Hawaii were conducting a routine training flight with only their aircrews aboard when they apparently collided Thursday just before midnight.

The U.S. Coast Guard was searching a debris field early Friday afternoon about 2.5 miles off of the north-facing coast of Oahu, near the town of Haleiwa for the 12 missing Marines and the remnants of their CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters, said Lt. Scott Carr, a Coast Guard spokesman.

“There are no signs of survivors right now,” he said.

It was not immediately clear

Friday what caused the crash. Capt. Timothy Irish, a Marine spokesman, said the crews were conducting a “preplanned, routine training flight” that left from their home station at Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Oahu and planned to return to the same location. The debris field that the Coast Guard found was about 15 nautical miles from the base.

“Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families of all those involved in the mishap, and (we) express our deepest gratitude for the heroic, selfless actions of the civilian and military first responders,” Irish said.

It also was unclear how long the helicopters, assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Airlift Wing, were in

the air, Irish said. Marine Corps investigators had arrived at the site to begin an investigation, he said late Friday morning.

The Coast Guard received word of the downed aircraft at about 11:40 p.m., Hawaii time, Carr said.

A Coast Guard MH-65 Dolphin search-and-rescue helicopter crew located the debris field just after midnight.

High surf in the crash area was expected to complicate the search-and-rescue effort.

Carr said a high surf advisory was in place early Friday morning for the north-facing shore of Oahu, and waves in the area were reaching 10 to 15 feet high. They were expected to grow to 25 to 30 feet later Friday.

In addition to MH-65 helicopters, the Coast Guard dis-

patched an HC-130 Hercules airplane and two Coast Guard cutters — the Ahi and Kiska — to the area, Carr said. The Ahi is an 87-foot patrol boat based in Maui, and the Kiska is 110-foot patrol boat from Hilo.

A Navy helicopter and a Honolulu Fire Department helicopter and rescue boat also were searching the scene.

The crash is the latest in a string of recent deadly U.S. military helicopter mishaps. Eight Army aviators died in three helicopter crashes between Nov. 23 and Dec. 2. Army Forces Command briefly grounded all stateside aviation units to review flight operation and maintenance plans and procedures in early December.

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## Navy to launch first ‘Great Green Fleet’ vessels

By WYATT OLSON

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The Navy will launch the first vessels of its “Great Green Fleet” next week in San Diego.

Carrier Strike Group 3 and its flagship, the nuclear-powered supercarrier USS John C. Stennis, will deploy using alternative fuels.

“The ‘Great Green Fleet’ highlights how the Navy and Marine Corps are transforming our energy use to increase our combat capability, operational flexibility and resiliency so that we can go farther, stay longer and deliver more firepower,” Lt. Chika Onyekanne, a Navy spokesman, said in a statement.

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced the concept seven years ago. The initiative is named after President Theodore Roosevelt’s Great White Fleet, a convoy of destroyers that circled

the globe at the dawn of the 20th century in a show of American naval might.

Carrier Strike Group 3, the centerpiece of the initiative, will use alternative energy as part of its normally planned operations and exercises, Onyekanne said.

The Navy obtained about 78 million gallons of biofuel to power the “Great Green Fleet,” according to Biofuels Digest, an industry newsletter, adding that the Defense Logistics Agency paid \$2.05 per gallon.

The Navy has led the way in winnowing U.S. armed forces off a dependence on fossil fuels. Soon after becoming secretary in 2009, Mabus announced a goal of getting at least half the Navy’s energy from alternative sources by 2020. Testifying at a Senate hearing in 2012, Mabus argued that diversifying fuel sources would protect the Navy

from petroleum-supply and price shocks.

“Strategically, we are at risk because much of the fuel we use comes from volatile regions of the world,” he said. “We would never buy aircraft or ships from many of the places that supply us oil because some are unstable and some do not necessarily have our best interests at heart.”

President Barack Obama helped push ahead the goal of curtailing fossil fuel dependence with his 2011 national energy strategy called the Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future. Its objective was to reduce oil imports by a third by 2025. The policy included the greater use of advanced biofuels.

In 2012, the Navy experimented with alternative fuel blends on roughly 40 ships, six submarines and 200 aircraft

that participated in the Rim of the Pacific exercise in Hawaii. The fleet was provided almost a million gallons of “hydro-treated” diesel fuel, a 50-50 blend of traditional petroleum-based fuel and biofuel made from waste cooking oil and algae oil.

Replacement fuels must be “drop-in” fuels, meaning they use infrastructure that’s already in place for transporting and distributing fuel, according to DOD policy. Modified fuels also must not necessitate modifications to weapons platforms, must be cost-competitive with petroleum and emit greenhouse gasses no worse than conventional fuels.

Biofuel can be produced from a variety of sources — crops, wood, vegetable oils, animal fats and algae.

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## Army lab's failures led to anthrax errors

USA Today

A brigadier general who led an Army biodefense lab in Utah is among a dozen people facing potential disciplinary actions — including loss of jobs — for egregious failures that contributed to the facility mistakenly shipping live anthrax to other labs for more than a decade, according to the military's accountability investigation report that was provided to USA Today.

"Over time, you see there is complacency that the leadership should have recognized and taken action to correct," Maj. Gen. Paul Ostrowski, who led the review team, said in an interview.

The review found that top

officials at the Dugway Proving Ground southwest of Salt Lake City had multiple warning signs of scientific and safety problems, yet they failed to take action despite earlier, serious incidents in the facility's labs during 2007-2011 involving anthrax, VX chemical nerve agent and poisonous Botulinum neurotoxin A.

The new Army report provides troubling details about lax operations at Dugway as staff worked with some of the world's most deadly pathogens and nerve agents.

Despite being a major testing facility for the Army's chemical and biological defense programs, Dugway had appointed an unqualified biosafety officer who lacked the education and

training to do the job. The facility failed to have a program to routinely test surfaces in its labs to ensure contamination hadn't been spread outside special bio-safety cabinets. And some staff "regularly manipulated data" in important records certifying that pathogens being shipped to other labs were killed and safe for other researchers to use without special protective equipment, the report said.

The review harshly singles out Brig. Gen. William King, who was in command at Dugway as a colonel from July 2009 to July 2011.

"Colonel King repeatedly deflected blame and minimized the severity of incidents," the report said.

## AF colonel charged with rape, assault

From wire reports

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Military prosecutors have charged an Air Force colonel in Colorado with rape, assault and adultery, according to court documents.

Col. Eugene Caughey, currently assigned to Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, was charged with misconduct dating back to 2013.

Caughey is accused of raping a woman at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., in late 2014 or early 2015 while "holding her against the wall and floor using physical strength or violence," according to the documents, which were released Thursday.

Prosecutors also said the 23-year Air Force veteran committed adultery several times and groped women on two occasions.

He's also charged with taking an obscene selfie. Prosecutors say Caughey photographed his own exposed genitalia "while in uniform and seated in his office."

The Air Force did not immediately grant a request by The Associated Press to speak with Caughey or his attorney, and a spokesman at Peterson said the military will not answer questions about the case.

Caughey and his lawyers told the AP through the Air Force that they did not want to comment.

Caughey is scheduled for a March 17 hearing to determine if there is sufficient evidence for a court-martial.

Information from The Associated Press and The Gazette of Colorado Springs, Colo., was used in this report.

## US, Iran aimed to avert crisis over sailors

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — It was nearly nightfall Tuesday and the two camouflaged U.S. Navy speedboats were off course in the Persian Gulf, possibly taking a shortcut through Iranian waters and apparently running out of gas on their more than 300-mile journey back to base.

When Iranian naval vessels approached, the 10 U.S. sailors aboard the two 50-foot-long riverine boats tried to make a run for it. But one boat developed engine trouble that slowed its escape, and the crew and both craft were quickly seized.

To complicate matters, U.S. officials said Thursday, the Navy crew inexplicably lost all radio and other communications

with the 5th Fleet's operations and command center during the tense encounter, leaving the Pentagon in the dark.

The result was the 16-hour detention of all 10 U.S. crewmembers by the Iranian military, an incident that provoked international headlines and several rounds of high-level diplomacy before the quiet release of the sailors and their vessels on Wednesday.

The mechanical problems, according to a more complete account from U.S. officials, were only part of a litany of troubles that befell the U.S. Navy that evening in the middle of one of the most volatile waterways in the world.

The situation became only

more complicated when a U.S. aircraft carrier task force led by the Harry S. Truman, on patrol in the gulf, quickly launched search helicopters into Iranian airspace. That served to further alarm Tehran, even as U.S. officials began considering a possible rescue operation.

That sparked a frantic series of phone calls between top State Department and Pentagon officials, backed by the White House, and their Iranian counterparts as both sides sought to prevent an apparent accident from escalating into a hostage standoff and a potential armed confrontation.

The eventual release of the Americans defused the budding crisis.

## Police: Islamic State funded Jakarta attack

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An audacious attack by suicide bombers in the heart of Indonesia's capital was funded by the Islamic State group, police said Friday, as they seized an Islamic State flag from the home of one of the attackers and carried

out raids across the country in which one suspected militant was killed.

National police chief Gen. Badrodin Haiti told reporters that Thursday's attack was funded by the Islamic State group through Bahrun Naim, an Indonesian who spent one year in jail for illegal possession of weapons in 2011 and is now in Syria fighting for the

militant group.

Supporters of the Islamic State group also circulated a claim of responsibility for the attack on Twitter late Thursday. The radical group has attracted some 30,000 foreign fighters from around the world, including a few hundred Indonesians and Malaysians.

From The Associated Press

# Eagles, 49ers hire new coaches

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The San Francisco 49ers picked up rejected Philadelphia coach Chip Kelly on Thursday while the Eagles replaced him with Doug Pederson, the offensive coordinator for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Pederson accepted the Eagles' offer, a person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Eagles have not officially announced the hiring. Pederson, who didn't interview with any other teams, can't be officially hired while the Chiefs are in the NFL playoffs. Kansas City plays at New England on Saturday.

Pederson isn't a popular choice in a city that hasn't celebrated an NFL championship since 1960. Fans were hoping for a big-name coach (Tom Coughlin) or a hot, young coordinator (Adam Gase) to replace Kelly, who was fired five days before the regular season ended.

Instead, owner Jeffrey Lurie and his staff went for someone quite familiar to the organization. Pederson, a former quarterback, started his first NFL game with the Eagles and got his first NFL assistant coaching job in Philadelphia.

The New York Giants replaced Coughlin with 38-year-old Ben McAdoo, their of-

fensive coordinator for the past two seasons.

McAdoo faces a big challenge. After winning their second Super Bowl under Coughlin, the Giants have missed the playoffs for the past four seasons. They have posted losing records in the past three seasons, going 6-10 the past two.

McAdoo's offense has been one of the few bright spots for the team the past two years.

Under his leadership, Eli Manning threw 65 touchdowns and 28 interceptions.

The Giants' 420 points this past season was the fifth-highest total in franchise history, and their 5,952 net yards was the third-highest total. They set franchise records for pass attempts (623), completions (392), and their 36 touchdown passes were the second-highest total in Giants' history.

Coughlin interviewed for the Eagles, but it didn't seem the 69-year-old two-time Super Bowl champion would fit in there. Neither did he fit with the 49ers, who plumped for Kelly, the kind of offensive-minded, experienced coach they have long sought.

Kelly faces the daunting challenge of transforming the once-proud franchise into an immediate contender again.

Kelly, who had personnel control with the Eagles and frustrated some of his

players, won't be introduced in a news conference until next week at Levi's Stadium based on scheduling conflicts and Kelly working to immediately build his staff.

Kelly replaces fired coach Jim Tomsula, promoted from his defensive line duties last January to succeed Jim Harbaugh before going 5-11 — a move general manager Trent Baalke said this month wound up being the wrong one, in hindsight.

With his 26 years of coaching experience, Kelly emerged as the favorite among candidates including former Raiders, Broncos and Redskins coach Mike Shanahan, Coughlin and former Raiders coach Hue Jackson, who was hired to coach the Cleveland Browns on Wednesday.

The 52-year-old Kelly was fired by Philadelphia with one game left in his third season as coach. The former University of Oregon coach was 6-9 in 2015 following two 10-6 seasons, prompting Eagles CEO Jeffrey Lurie to make a change.

Pederson started nine games at quarterback for the Eagles in 1999, grooming Donovan McNabb to take over the job for Andy Reid's team. He returned to Philly a decade later to work for Reid. Pederson followed Reid to Kansas City in 2013 and was promoted to offensive coordinator.

## Pittsburgh WR Brown out with concussion

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers have ruled out All-Pro wide receiver Antonio Brown from Sunday's AFC divisional playoff game against Denver while he recovers from a concussion.

Brown left last weekend's wild-card win over Cincinnati after taking a shot to the head from Bengals linebacker Vontaze Burfict. Brown has not practiced all week while following the NFL's concussion protocol.

Brown had made 55 consecutive starts for Pittsburgh.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger remains questionable for the showdown with the Broncos. Roethlisberger is dealing with a sprained right shoulder. He was limited in practice on Wednesday and Thursday. The team hopes he can throw during Friday's workout.

In other NFL news:

■ The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are turning their rebuilding project over to Dirk Koetter.

The longtime NFL offensive coordinator on Friday became the team's fifth coach since 2008, succeeding Lovie Smith, who was fired after going 8-24 over the past two seasons.

■ The Detroit Lions retained coach Jim Caldwell for a third season, giving him a chance to work with new general manager Bob Quinn.

Caldwell is 18-15, including a wild-card loss last year, in two seasons with the Lions. Detroit dropped six of its first seven games in 2015 before finishing 7-9.

# Preparations different for reigning champs

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic is in the kind of form that has rivals no less than Rafael Nadal describing it as being close to perfection. Serena Williams has been injured, has hardly played since the U.S. Open and had to withdraw from her only tune-up event ahead of the Australian Open.

The preparations of the reigning champions couldn't be more contrasting in the week leading up to the first Grand Slam tournament of the year.

They have one thing in common, though: they're both favorites to win again, having each won three of the four majors in 2015. Serena Williams has won six Australian titles, Djokovic has won five — neither player has lost a final at Melbourne Park.

At a ceremony preceding the tournament draw on Friday, Williams and Djokovic posed for photos with the Australian Open trophies in front of Rod Laver Arena.

It was only when told they had to hand back the trophies that Djokovic replied, half-jokingly, "What do you mean they're not ours?" His intentions are clear.

In some ways, Williams' condition reflects the state of play in the upper ranks of the women's game. Most players in the top 10 have withdrawn from a tournament or retired from a match in the first two weeks of the season.

Williams played one set at the Hopman Cup, where she was hampered by inflammation in her left knee. No. 2 Simona Halep (Achilles tendon) and Maria Sharapova (left forearm) withdrew from

the Brisbane International without playing a match, and No. 3 Garbine Muguruza retired during her first match with an injured foot.

Agnieszka Radwanska (leg) and Petra Kvitova (illness) withdrew from other warmup tournaments and No. 9 Lucie Safarova announced she wasn't competing in Australia due to a bacterial infection. Angelique Kerber reached the final in Brisbane, where she lost to resurgent two-time Aussie Open champ Victoria Azarenka, before withdrawing from Sydney, where Halep returned to action.

Williams and Sharapova have been practicing at Melbourne Park, showing few signs of injury. Williams had a break after her semifinal loss at the U.S. Open cost her a calendar-year Grand Slam, but said she'd started hitting again in October "because I was really missing it."

She said at the Hopman Cup her knee problem was a mere "bump" in the road.

"Everything is actually really well. Feeling really good. Excited about it," she added on Friday. "OK. I'm ready now."

She'd better be, after the draw created a challenging path to another title.

Williams will open against Camila Giorgi of Italy, who finished 2015 at No. 34 and was the highest-ranked player who was not seeded at Melbourne Park, on Monday. She could also meet former No. 1-ranked Caroline Wozniacki in the fourth round and No. 5 Sharapova in the quarterfinals — a rematch of the 2015 final.

Sharapova, the 2008 champion, said her restricted preparation was purely precautionary.

"I think everyone sees the bigger pic-

ture," she said. "You want to do what you can to be healthy and be a part of the Grand Slam so sometimes that's a decision you have to make."

The absences left the door ajar for Azarenka to win her first title since 2013, and demonstrate a renewed confidence after two injury-interrupted seasons. The former No. 1-ranked Azarenka was seeded No. 14 and ended up on the bottom half of the draw with No. 2 Halep, No. 3 Muguruza and No. 8 Venus Williams, avoiding Serena Williams and Sharapova.

While much was made of Serena Williams' near miss of the Grand Slam, Djokovic was only one defeat from a perfect Grand Slam season, too. He lost French Open final to Stan Wawrinka and finished 27-1 in Grand Slam play and 82-6 overall in 2015 — four of his six losses were in finals. He opened 2016 with a crushing 6-1, 6-2 over 14-time major winner Nadal in the Qatar Open final.

"I played against a player who did everything perfect," Nadal said. "I know nobody playing tennis like this ever. Since I know this sport, I never saw somebody playing at this level."

"When I say perfect, it's not one thing in particular. It's everything."

Djokovic opens against Chung Hyeon of South Korea, and could meet 2014 U.S. Open finalist Kei Nishikori in the quarterfinals and four-time Australian champion Roger Federer in the semis. No. 2 Andy Murray, who has lost four Australian Open finals including the 2015 edition, is on the bottom half of the draw with Nadal and Wawrinka.

## Singh tied for early lead in Sony Open

HONOLULU — Vijay Singh opened with a 7-under 63 for a five-way share of the lead and a score just good enough to beat players in his own age group at the Sony Open.

Singh, who turns 53 next month and could be the oldest PGA Tour winner in history, narrowly missed an 8-foot eagle putt on his final hole Thursday and still posted his best score in 19 years playing Waialae Country Club.

He was tied with Brandt Snedeker, Kevin Kisner, Ricky Barnes and Morgan Hoffmann.

## Russians deny Putin's role in track doping

MOSCOW — The head of the Russian Olympic Committee said it was "baffling" to think that Vladimir Putin may have been consulted on doping by Russian athletes.

A World Anti-Doping Agency commission's report published Thursday said former IAAF president Lamine Diack told a lawyer he would consult Putin, "with whom he had struck up a friendship," to discuss doping cases against nine Russians ahead of the 2013 world championships in Moscow.

The report says the processing of the cases was deliberately delayed, though none competed at the 2013 worlds and all were banned after further delays.

ROC president Alexander Zhukov, who is also a senior Russian politician, said the mention of Putin in the report is not backed up by evidence and raises doubt over the commission's other findings.

— Associated Press



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# Spurs stay unbeaten at home

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker had 24 points and the San Antonio Spurs used a furious start to the fourth quarter to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 99-95 on Thursday night, remaining undefeated at home this season and avenging their previous loss in their own building.

Kawhi Leonard added 20 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio, which has won 10 straight overall.

LeBron James had 22 points and Tristan Thompson added 18 points and 14 rebounds for Cleveland, which has won eight in a row.

The Spurs extended their home winning streak to 23 games to begin the season. San Antonio has won 32 straight at home dating to 2015.

The team's last loss at home came against the Cavaliers on March 12 last year when Kyrie Irving scored 57 points in a 128-125 overtime victory.

Irving was limited to 16 points on 6-for-16 shooting this time.

**Bulls 115, 76ers 111(OT):** Jimmy Butler scored a career-high 53 points and E'Twaun Moore had seven of his 14 in overtime to lead Chicago over host Philadelphia.

Butler also had 10 rebounds and six assists while making 15 of 30 field goals and 21 of 25 free throws to help the Bulls snap a three-game losing streak. He became the first Chicago player to score 50 points since Jamal Crawford in 2004.

Robert Covington scored 25 points and Ish Smith had 24 for the 76ers, who fell to 4-37.

Chicago was without star guard Derrick

Rose (knee) and starting center Pau Gasol (rest).

**Warriors 116, Lakers 98:** Stephen Curry scored 26 points, with his first eight baskets coming on three-pointers, and Golden State beat Los Angeles in what was likely Kobe Bryant's last game in Oakland.

Bryant had eight points, six rebounds and three assists in 28 minutes. It was the Lakers' final regular-season visit to Oracle Arena, and Bryant plans to retire after the season.

Curry put the Warriors ahead 84-70 on a breakaway dunk off a long pass from Andre Iguodala in the closing seconds of the third quarter for his first score inside the three-point line. The Reigning MVP Curry made eight threes for the eighth time this season and the 18th time in his career — most in NBA history.

Draymond Green had seven points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals for Golden State after missing Wednesday night's loss in Denver for rest.

**Raptors 106, Magic 103 (OT):** Kyle Lowry scored 24 points, Cory Joseph added 19 and Toronto beat Orlando in overtime at O2 Arena in London.

DeMar DeRozan had 13 points and 11 rebounds to help the Raptors win their fourth straight game.

Victor Oladipo scored 27 points and Evan Fournier had 21 for Orlando. The Magic lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Nikola Vucevic's last-second shot from near halfcourt bounced off the rim. Vucevic had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Orlando.

Before the game, and after the playing of

"O Canada," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and "God Save the Queen," Lowry and Vucevic stood at center court and briefly spoke to the London crowd, thanking fans for their support.

**Grizzlies 103, Pistons 101:** Mario Chalmers scored 25 points, including a leaning 19-foot jumper with less than a second left to give host Memphis a victory over Detroit.

Chalmers was fouled on the play and missed the ensuing free throw. The shot appeared to miss the front of the rim, and the clock ran out with players scrambling for the rebound.

Chalmers' basket meant the Pistons lost both games to Memphis this season on a late shot. Matt Barnes' heave from halfcourt with 1.1 seconds left gave the Grizzlies a 93-92 victory on Dec. 9.

Marc Gasol had 19 points for Memphis, and Barnes scored 18. Jeff Green finished with 16.

Rookie forward Stanley Johnson led the Pistons with 19 points.

**Kings 103, Jazz 101:** Rudy Gay scored 24 points and hit the game-winning shot with 0.9 seconds remaining to lift visiting Sacramento over Utah.

DeMarcus Cousins had his 21st double-double of the season with 36 points and 17 rebounds. Rajon Rondo added 13 assists and six rebounds for the Kings, one game behind Utah for the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference playoff race. Gay hit a 17-foot fadeaway after Joe Ingles' 3-pointer tied the score at 101 with 4.1 seconds left.

Rookie forward Trey Lyles scored a career-high 19 points for the Jazz, and Gordon Hayward had 21 despite shooting 4 for 17 from the field

# Hawkeyes knock off Spartans

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Iowa proved it could beat, dominate in fact, Michigan State even with Denzel Valentine on the court.

Peter Jok scored 19 of his 23 points in the first half to help the 16th-ranked Hawkeyes build a huge lead that helped them rout the fourth-ranked Spartans 76-59 on Thursday night.

"Pete has that ability to get going," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said. "We found him early and we kept going to him."

Iowa (13-3, 4-0 Big Ten) humbled the Spartans for the second time in two weeks and defeated them on the road for the first time since 1993, ending an 18-game losing streak.

"To beat one of the best teams in the Big Ten on their home court is big," Jarrod Uthoff said. "It doesn't matter what happened 23 years ago."

Valentine had a relatively lackluster game with 14 points, five assists and four rebounds. He played in his second straight game since returning from a four-game absence while recovering from knee surgery.

Valentine watched from the bench on Dec. 29 when the Hawkeyes beat the then-top ranked Spartans 83-70.

McCaffery insisted it didn't make much of a difference to have Valentine on the court.

That was clear.

With or without Valentine, the Hawkeyes have shot better and hustled more than Michigan State.

Michigan State (16-2, 3-2) was down by 22 points at halftime, its largest deficit at home since at least the 1996-97 season and its biggest anywhere in the regular season since trailing at Michigan by 23 points at halftime in 1997, according to STATS.

**No. 18 Arizona 99, Washington 67:** Ryan Anderson scored 21 points and Kaleb Tarczewski had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the host Wildcats.

Playing its first game without star freshman Allonzo Trier (hand), Arizona (14-3, 2-2 Pac-12) traded baskets with Washington in the first half before running pulling away in the second.

Arizona had a 43-26 advantage on the glass against the Pac-12's top rebounding team and shot 60 percent to extend its home winning streak to a nation-best 48 games.

**No. 21 Louisville 59, No. 20 Pittsburgh 41:** Chinanu Onuaku had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the host Cardinals.

The sophomore center had his fourth consecutive double-double to go with three blocks. Damion Lee scored 18 points for Louisville (14-3, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Pitt (14-2, 3-1) saw its 10-game winning streak snapped in by far its worst outing of the season. Michael Young led the Panthers with 18 points and eight rebounds.

**BYU 69, No. 25 Gonzaga 68:** Nick Emery hit a three-pointer with 1:38 left — his only basket of the game — for the lead and the visiting Cougars hung on.

Kyle Collinsworth scored 20 points and Chase Fischer added 18 for BYU (13-5, 4-1 West Coast Conference), which upset Gonzaga at home for the second straight season.

Kyle Wiltjer scored 35 points for Gonzaga (13-4, 5-1), which saw a seven-game winning streak snapped.

# Blackhawks stretch streak to 9 games

Associated Press

MONTREAL — After moving into second place on the career wins list, Chicago Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville had good news for the list's leader, Scotty Bowman.

"Scotty's safe," Quenneville quipped.

He's the only one. Quenneville won his 783rd game. Corey Crawford made 39 saves in his hometown and the Blackhawks beat the Montreal Canadiens 2-1 on Thursday night for their ninth straight win.

Quenneville broke a tie with Al Arbour but is still a ways off Bowman's record of 1,244 wins.

"It's pretty amazing," said Toews, who has won three Stanley Cups under Quenneville in Chicago. "There's been a lot of great coaches and the amount of wins he has is so rare."

"To be part of it is something special. I've played for him pretty much my entire career and it means a lot to be part of something like that. The success we've had in the playoffs goes with it."

Toews and Ryan Garbutt scored first-period goals and Crawford starred in front of family and friends. The goalie is from nearby Chateauguay, Quebec, and is 4-0-2 in six career meetings with the Canadiens.

**Capitals 4, Canucks 1:** On the night Alex Ovechkin was honored for his 500th goal, fellow Russian forward Evgeny Kuznetsov had two goals and an assist and host Washington beat Vancouver for its fifth straight victory.

Kuznetsov scored his 14th and 15th goals of the season and set up Tom Wilson on a night the Capitals got a rare

goal from defenseman Karl Alzner and 29 saves from Braden Holtby.

Holtby has gotten the Capitals at least a point in each of his past 22 games and passed Don Beaupre for second in franchise history with his 129th win.

**Islanders 3, Rangers 1:** At New York, Brock Nelson and Nick Leddy scored 2:24 apart early in the third period to rally the Islanders to a victory over the crosstown-rival Rangers.

Jaroslav Halak stopped 34 shots to beat Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist for the eighth straight time, including five wins with the Islanders. Kyle Okposo added an empty-netter with less than 2 seconds left.

Marc Staal scored late in the second period for the Rangers and Lundqvist finished with 29 saves.

**Avalanche 3, Devils 0:** Calvin Pickard stopped 27 shots for his first NHL shutout, Matt Duchene scored 51 seconds in and host Colorado beat New Jersey.

Defenseman Tyson Barrie added a short-handed goal and Carl Soderberg an empty-netter to help the Avalanche improve to 9-0-1 in their last 10 games against New Jersey. The Devils haven't won at the Pepsi Center since March 15, 2008.

Pickard started and gave a breather to regular goalie Semyon Varlamov, who's allowed 14 goals over his last four games.

**Red Wings 3, Coyotes 2 (OT):** Danny DeKeyser scored in overtime and visiting Detroit used two third-period power-play goals to rally and beat Arizona.

Rookie Dylan Larkin kept the puck on a rush that ended behind the net, spun

around and fed DeKeyser for a wrist shot over Louis Domingue's shoulder with 2:52 left.

Pavel Datsyuk and Gustav Nyquist scored in the third to help the Red Wings come back from a 2-0 deficit. Petr Mrazek stopped 27 shots, and Detroit finished with five wins during a six-game trip.

**Jets 5, Predators 4 (OT):** Blake Wheeler scored 51 seconds into overtime and host Winnipeg overcame a three-goal third-period collapse to beat Nashville.

Dustin Byfuglien scored twice in regulation and Bryan Little and Nikolaj Ehlers added goals for Winnipeg. Rookie Connor Hellebuyck stopped 31 shots.

Ryan Johansen cut Nashville's deficit to 4-2 with 10:59 remaining, and after Eric Nystrom scored, James Neal tied it with 14 seconds left. Kevin Fiala scored in the first period and Pekka Rinne made 19 saves for the Predators.

**Hurricanes 4, Blues 1:** Jeff Skinner had a goal and an assist and visiting Carolina beat St. Louis to extend its season-high winning streak to four games.

Brett Pesce, Brock McGinn and Riley Nash also scored and Eddie Lack made 23 saves for Carolina.

Jori Lehtera scored for St. Louis, but the Blues ended a two-game winning streak. Brian Elliott made 21 saves before being replaced in the third period by Jordan Binnington, who made three saves in his NHL debut.

**Sharks 2, Oilers 1 (SO):** Joe Pavelski and Joonas Donskoi scored for host San Jose in the shootout and Martin Jones stopped both Edmonton attempts.

Marc-Edouard Vlasic scored in the first period to help the Sharks win their fourth straight.