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A team from Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona has developed a calibration management system that can save the Navy nearly \$65 million over the next six years. **C3**

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ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTESTS: TENS OF THOUSANDS CONFRONT POLICE



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Protesters in Suez, Egypt, seize weapons stored in a police station and ask the police officers inside to leave the building before they burn it down. They also set ablaze about 20 police trucks parked nearby.

Plans on to apply repeal of gay ban

MILITARY TRAINING: Pentagon leaders say implementation will start soon and completion this year is "a good goal."

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR AND PAULINE JELINEK
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Military training to apply the new law allowing gays to serve openly will begin in February and will move quickly, senior Pentagon leaders said Friday.

They said there is no intent to delay but would not guarantee full implementation of the repeal this year.

The hedge on scheduling came despite assertions by President Barack Obama in his State of the Union speech this week that the repeal of the 17-year-old ban will be finalized in 2011.

Gen. James Cartwright said he expects the military services to move expeditiously to train the bulk of their units, and that a year for completion is "a good goal."

Still, he added, "there's nothing that tells us that it's not reachable, but we have to allow for the fact that we may discover something between now and then."

Cartwright, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he expects the services will know within the first month of training how well they are doing and how quickly they will be able to proceed.

Cartwright and Clifford Stanley, the defense undersecretary for personnel, said the military services will have a lot of latitude to determine their training process and schedule.

Both men appeared unable to describe what would be unacceptable behavior from service members, such as those who might crack jokes about sexual orientation.

Instead, they said it will be up to individual unit commanders to make sure their troops are professional and respectful. In fact, Stanley said, as a commander on the battlefield, he would be more concerned about insuring that his troops are focused on their mission and that they come home alive.

"I'm not sure I'm going to be too concerned with your orientation," said Stanley, a retired two-star general in the Marine Corps.

Calling this a milestone event for the armed services, Defense Secretary Robert Gates in a memo Friday said a guiding principle is that "all personnel will be treated with respect."

Violence grows in Egypt

SPEECH TO NATION: A defiant president asks his Cabinet to resign and defends the police crackdown on demonstrators.

BY HAMZA HENDAWI AND HADEEL AL-SHALCHI
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — Egypt's embattled President Hosni Mubarak said early Saturday that he had asked his Cabinet to resign, and promised reforms in his first response to protesters who have mounted the biggest challenge ever to his 30-year rule.

But Mubarak also defended the crackdown by police on tens of thousands of demonstrators that drew harsh criticism from the Obama administration Friday and even a threat to reduce a \$1.5 billion program of foreign aid if Egypt escalated the use of force.

A somber-looking Mubarak called anti-government protests "part of a bigger plot to shake the stability and destroy legitimacy" of the political system.

The steps announced in a nationally televised speech fell short of protesters' demands for his ouster that have been a constant mantra during four straight days of dem-



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak appears on television saying he has asked his Cabinet to resign.

onstrations. "Out, out, out!" protesters chanted Friday in violent, chaotic scenes of battles with riot police.

They also demand remedies to widespread poverty in this nation of 80 million.

"We aspire for more democracy,

more effort to combat unemployment and poverty and combat corruption," he said.

But those words were likely to be interpreted as an attempt to cling to power rather than take concrete steps to solve some of the more pressing problems facing many

Egyptians, primarily unemployment and rapidly rising food prices.

Mubarak also defended the security forces' crackdown on protesters, saying he had given them instructions that the protesters be allowed to express their views. But, he said, acts of violence and vandalism left the security forces with no choice but to react to restore order.

He spoke minutes after the end of a day of protesters running rampant on the streets of Cairo, battling police with stones and firebombs, burning down the ruling party headquarters, and defying a night curfew enforced by a military deployment.

He said this week's protests struck fear in the heart of the majority of Egyptians concerned about the future of their country.

"Violence will not solve the problems we face or realize the objectives we aspire to," he said. "I will not shy away from taking any decision that maintains the security of every Egyptian," he vowed.

The government's attempts to suppress demonstrations appeared to be swiftly eroding support from the U.S. — suddenly

SEE EGYPT/C2

Uncertainty over Mideast helps push up oil prices

BY SANDY SHORE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil prices surged Friday as thousands continued to riot against the government in Egypt and unrest threatened to spread across the Middle East.

Benchmark oil rose \$3.70, or 4.3 percent, to settle at \$89.34 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil rose as high as \$89.73 a barrel at one point.

Prices shot up about \$2 a barrel in less than half an hour at midday after the White House expressed its concern about the violence in Egypt. The State Department ad-

vised Americans to avoid non-essential travel to Egypt, and many airlines canceled flights in and out of the country.

Anxious traders pulled money from other assets to buy oil, gold and the dollar, which are considered less risky in uncertain times.

"This is definitely a flight into safety," said Rich Ilczyszyn, a senior market strategist with futures brokers Lind-Waldock.

The uprising in Egypt follows protests this month that forced out the president of Tunisia. Anti-government protests have also rocked Lebanon and Yemen.

"I think it's just kind of the feeling that this could continue to spread, or just the whole nervousness about the region, not that there's any specific cutoff of supplies or anything like that," said Tom Bentz, an analyst at BNP Paribas Commodity Futures.

Bentz said a lot will depend on what happens over the next few days. "Are we going to see a regime change? Are we looking at cutoffs of supplies? I think it's just one of those things you have to watch closely," he said.

Oil prices started to rise earlier Friday after the Commerce De-

partment said the economy got stronger at the end of last year.

As gas prices stay above \$3 a gallon, however Americans already have started watching their budgets and adjusting their spending. Analysts are concerned that lingering high prices could affect the economic recovery.

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Gen. James E. Cartwright, right, and Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness Clifford Stanley brief the media.

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Chief Information Officer Terry A. Halvorsen, left, congratulates Dr. William Leubke after presenting the Inland facility with an award for excellence earlier this week.

Inland-made system saves Navy millions, wins award

INLAND: The innovation in calibration management replaces five information technology programs.

BY TROY CLARKE
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

A team from Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona received a top Navy Information Management/Information Technology Excellence Award at the 2011 DoN IT Conference on Tuesday for developing a calibration management system, projected to save the Navy nearly \$65 million by 2017.

The system, called the Metrology Bench-Top, or MET-BENCH, was praised by the

Navy's chief information officer, who presented the annual award that recognized outstanding contributions by individuals and teams who are transforming the Navy and Marine Corps through information technology.

"The award Corona got is a great example of innovation, efficiency and effectiveness," said Navy CIO Terry A. Halvorsen. "Calibration of equipment is very important in the fleet. This system will increase mission effectiveness while decreasing our expense."

Calibrations are critical to nearly every aspect of naval operations and help ensure

equipment functions properly and accurately, ranging from a ship's propulsion plant to an F/A-18 Hornet's laser target designators to night vision goggles.

METBENCH program manager Richard Schumacher said the system seamlessly integrates more than 136 automated calibration procedures for 835 items across the Naval Sea System Command's calibration footprint. "This significantly increases calibration efficiency and improves equipment availability for the Navy's 1.85 million pieces of test equipment needed to conduct about 800,000 calibrations." SEE AWARD/C4

Blood bank super donor knows he's giving life

HELPING: Riverside man began giving blood in 1983 and now donates platelets to aid others.

BY MARINA ROJAS
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

For some, the mere thought of having a shot sends shivers down the spine.

But for Riverside resident David Blair, 71, the needle has become a means to a life-saving end and is just a minor inconvenience he faces every other week at the LifeStream blood bank in Riverside.

Scheduled every other Friday to donate platelets and plasma, Blair began his journey in blood donation in 1983 when he came to the United States from Australia. A mobile unit had come to his place of employment, so he gave blood that day, which started his legacy of giving the gift of life.

Although he has donated 30 gallons of whole blood, Blair now donates platelets and plasma instead.

"My blood type is B positive, and any whole blood I donate can only be used by someone with the same type. Donating platelets and plasma is more beneficial since their use is more universal; they can be used for more people more frequently," said Blair.

Platelets are needed frequently, since they are important in the recovery of patients undergoing chemotherapy cancer treat-



MARINA ROJAS/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE
David Blair visits with donor Oradelle Lizer and nurse Leilani Lopez at the Riverside LifeStream blood donation center.

ments. Plasma is often times used for critical care in burns and surgical patients. Since both of these components facilitate healing in so many ways, donations are always welcomed.

Blair says his prime motivator in facing the needle every other week has been the realization that he could someday become the recipient. He is also very serious about keeping healthy, and is aware that by donating the platelets and plasma, his body will replenish what he has donated.

"I eat what I'm supposed to eat and have no troubles with giving blood," said Blair. In addition, he adds that the nurses at LifeStream strive to make the blood donation process comfortable. "I have no fear

of coming in here to donate because they are very good at what they do," he said.

According to the American Red Cross, 4.5 million Americans need a blood transfusion each year. Less than 10 percent of the population donates blood, but if 1 percent more of all Americans would take the time to donate, blood shortages would disappear.

One blood donation can save up to three lives.

"About 80 percent of the people who call to ask about the process ask how much is paid for blood donations. Blood is never paid for, it's an act of volunteerism that is practiced here at the highest level; after all, what else is better than being a part of something that helps bring relief to people who are suffering?" said Blair.



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Red Cross technician Lana Ramos, left, monitors Melissa Moyer while she donates blood during the Battle of the Badges fifth annual blood drive. Moyer learned of the event through the Riverside Police Department's Facebook page.

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Christian preacher turned atheist to speak

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John W. Loftus, a former Christian preacher, will describe his journey from believer to atheist at the annual Darwin Day Celebration in Riverside to be held Feb. 9.

Sponsored by Inland Empire Atheist and Agnostics and Skeptics, the event will

be held at the Universalist Unitarian Church at Mission Inn Avenue and Lemon Street. The meeting will begin with a social hour and book signing at 6 p.m., followed by the lecture at 7.

An ordained minister of the Church of Christ, Loftus holds degrees in philosophy, theology and philoso-

phy of religion and was an ardent defender of the faith for almost two decades.

He is the founder of the blog "Debunking Christianity" and the author of "Why I Became an Atheist: A Former Preacher Rejects Christianity" and other works.

Loftus has been a frequent lecturer to audiences

across the country and in Canada. He has also debated Christian apologists including Dinesh D'Souza, defender of Christianity and conservative writer and speaker.

A voluntary admission charge of \$10 (students, fixed income, unemployed \$5) is payable at the door.

Children's book penned by local teacher released

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A children's book written by a local first-grade teacher Rachelle Karagulleyan was released this week.

"Mo, the Mischievous Mongoose" tells the story of a little mongoose who takes items from others, hides them, and then watches as the chaos unravels. Despite stern scoldings from his parents, Mo just won't change his ways, that is, until his little sister hatches a mischievous trick of her own.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting BarnesandNoble.com or amazon.com

This is also an eLIVE title, meaning each book contains a code redeem-

able for a free audio book version from TatePublishing.com.

Karagulleyan, of Riverside, has a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, and has taught first grade for the past 10 years.

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REID PARK LITTLE LEAGUE SPRING REGISTRATION, Saturday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m. Reid Park Little League, 701 N. Orange St, Riverside. \$70 per player.

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WHEELS TO WARBIRDS CRUISE, Saturday, Jan. 29, 8 a.m. Riverside Municipal Airport Hangar "S", 6936 Flight Rd., Riverside. Free. 951-354-7954, 909-838-4693, Cruisin' Hotline 1-866-924-4490.

CLASSICAL

DANIEL BERNARD ROUMAIN AND DJ SCIENTIFIC: "WOODBOX BEATS AND BALLADRY", Saturday, Jan. 29, 8 p.m. Barbara and Art Culver Center of the Arts, 3834 Main Street, Riverside. Free concert reservations recommended. 951-827-4629.

UCR ORCHESTRA, Saturday, Jan. 29, 8 p.m. UC Riverside Fine Arts, 900 University Ave., Riverside. \$10. 951-827-1012.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS
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UCR LUNAR FESTIVAL BOOK SALE, Saturday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m. Universalist Unitarian Church of Riverside, 3657 Lemon St., Riverside. Free to view.

FUNK
GROOVESESSION, Saturday, Jan. 29, 9 p.m. Lake Alice Saloon and Eatery, 3616 University Ave., Riverside. \$6. 951-686-7343.

MUSIC
"THE SOUND OF MUSIC," Saturday, Jan. 29, 2 p.m. Landis Performing Arts Center, 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside. \$48, \$41, \$34, and \$27. 951-222-8100.

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"SPAMALOT" Saturday, Jan. 29, 2 p.m. Fox Performing Arts Center, 3801 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. 951-788-3944.

PERFORMING ARTS
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tions per year," Schumacher said.

The METBENCH team took the unique system from concept to sea trial within 12 months and completed installation for the surface fleet last September. The new single system replaces five existing IT systems is currently aboard 144 surface ships.

The full system capability, including the lab management function, will be up and running at NAVSEA enterprise calibration laborato-

ries during fiscal years 2012-2014.

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Halverson says Corona's approach is exactly what the Navy needs and why the METBENCH team received the award.

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