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Syria peace talks remained at an impasse amid flaring tensions between Russia and the U.S. **A6**

Rhode Island officials and unions reached a tentative accord to water down a sweeping pension-overhaul law. **A3**

Biden acknowledged congressional Democrats' opposition to Obama's trade agenda but defended a Pacific pact. **A2**

Obama called for creating a \$1 billion climate-change fund, a proposal unlikely to gain traction in Congress. **A5**

Kerry said he received commitments from China on further steps to press North Korea over its nuclear program. **A9**

The NSA's departing chief said the agency will send data-storage proposals to the White House in the coming week. **A3**

Afghan presidential candidates and election experts worry that the vote set for April could be rigged. **A6**

Two Turkish citizens were charged with distributing illegal prescription drugs in the U.S. **B3**

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The UAW was dealt a stinging defeat as it fell short in an election to organize workers at Volkswagen's plant in Chattanooga, Tenn. **A1**

The Dow rose 126.80 to 16154.39 and gained 2.3% for the week, its best weekly showing so far this year, despite mixed economic signs. **A1**

U.S. industrial output fell 0.3% in January, with the unexpected drop partly blamed on the severe weather. **A2**

Euro-zone GDP grew at a 1.1% annual rate in the fourth quarter, below the pace needed to ease unemployment. **A7**

Brazilian data suggested that growth has weakened over the past two quarters. **A7**

Target staffers raised concerns about its payment card system at least two months before a security breach. **B1**

Occidental Petroleum is re-evaluating its relationship with a top oil trader. **B1**

Berkshire Hathaway has joined the investment frenzy around cable firms, disclosing a stake in Liberty Global. **B2**

Federal regulators will let banks provide services to marijuana-related businesses operating under state laws. **B2**

Fed Chairwoman Yellen's husband quit the board of a center funded by UBS. **B2**

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Gold Medal Hopes Turned Upside Down for Skier From Down Under



TOPSY-TURVY: The former gold medalist in women's aerials, Australia's Lydia Lassila, took bronze Friday at the Winter Olympics. Meanwhile, members of the U.S. speedskating team decided to abandon their embattled Under Armour racing suits. See coverage of Sochi 2014 on A11-13 and at WSJ.com.

Saudis to Give Syrian Rebels Mobile Antiaircraft Missiles

BY MARIA ABI-HABIB AND STACY MEICHTRY

AMMAN, Jordan—Washington's Arab allies, disappointed with Syria peace talks, have agreed to provide rebels there with more sophisticated weaponry, including shoulder-fired missiles that can take down jets, according to Western and Arab diplomats and opposition figures.

Saudi Arabia has offered to

give the opposition for the first time Chinese man-portable air defense systems, or Manpads, and antitank guided missiles from Russia, according to an Arab diplomat and several opposition figures with knowledge of the efforts. Saudi officials couldn't be reached for comment.

The U.S. has long opposed arming rebels with antiaircraft missiles for fear they could fall into the hands of extremists who might use them against the West

or commercial airlines. The Saudis have held off supplying them in the past because of U.S. opposition. A senior Obama administration official said Friday that the U.S. objection remains the same. "There hasn't been a change internally on our view," the official said.

The U.S. for its part has stepped up financial support, handing over millions of dollars in new aid to pay fighters' salaries, said rebel commanders who

received some of the money. The U.S. wouldn't comment on any payments.

The focus of the new rebel military push is to retake the southern suburbs of Damascus in hopes of forcing the regime to accept a political resolution to the war by agreeing to a transitional government without President Bashar al-Assad.

But if the Manpads are supplied in the quantities needed, Please turn to page A6

Stocks Turn In Top Week Of Year

BY TOMI KILGORE AND DAN STRUMPF

U.S. stocks jumped Friday as investors pushed major indexes to their strongest weekly gains so far this year despite mixed signs of economic growth.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 126.80 points, or 0.8%, to 16154.39 on Friday. The Dow's weekly surge of 360.31 points, or 2.3%, was the index's biggest gain since December.

The gains have largely erased the losses suffered when stocks tumbled in late January, with the overall stock market rebounding nearly as fast as it fell.

The S&P 500 index is up 5.6% in the past nine trading days, after falling 5.6% in eight sessions to its low on Feb. 3.

For some analysts and investors, the most remarkable part of this week's rally is that it was fueled without much positive news. Economic data continued to show a nation in the midst of a patchy recovery, while corporate earnings were hit-and-miss.

Yet the overall stock market's gains underscore the belief by many investors that the economy and companies will grow enough to justify keeping stocks at relatively high levels.

Stocks also got a lift from Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen, who during her first speech to Congress fed some worries that the Fed might shift the pace of its plan to dial back its bond-buying push.

The precipitous drop in stock Please turn to page A2

GLOBAL GLUTTONY

As World's Kids Get Fatter, Doctors Turn to the Knife

BY SHIRLEY S. WANG

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia—Daifailuh al-Bugami was just a year old when his parents noticed that his lips turned blue as he slept at night. It was his weight, doctors said, putting pressure on his delicate airways.

Now Daifailuh is 3, and at 61 pounds he is nearly double the typical weight of a child his age. So the Bugamis are planning the once unthinkable: To have their toddler undergo bariatric surgery to permanently remove part of his stomach in hopes of reducing his appetite and staving off a lifetime of health problems.

That such a young child would be considered for weight-loss surgery—something U.S. surgeons generally won't do—underscores the growing health crisis here and elsewhere in the Middle East. Widespread access to unhealthy foods, coupled with sedentary behavior brought on by wealth and the absence of a dieting and exercise

Saudi Trouble

Saudi Arabia faces a growing weight-related health crisis.

Overall obesity rate*	35.2%
Obesity rate for school-age children	9.3%
Obesity rate for preschool-age children	6.0%
Bariatric surgeries in 2012	11,000

*Body-mass index of 30 or more
Sources: United Nations; Saudi Journal of Obesity; Aayed Alqahtani
The Wall Street Journal

culture, have caused obesity levels in Saudi Arabia and many other Gulf states to approach or even exceed those in Western countries.

While solid national data are hard to come by, some experts say that obesity has turned into a serious health problem for Saudi children, with an estimated 9.3% of school-age youths meeting the World Health Organization's body-mass-index criteria for obesity, according to research published in 2013 in the Saudi Journal of Obesity. About 18% of school-age children in the U.S. were considered obese in 2010, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion. Daifailuh's doctor, Aayed Alqahtani, is a leading advocate of a radical approach to the problem. Patients travel to him from across the country and the Gulf region. Over the past seven years, he has performed bariatric surgery on nearly 100 children Please turn to page A10

Union Suffers Big Loss At Tennessee VW Plant

BY NEAL E. BOUDETTE

The United Auto Workers union suffered a crushing defeat Friday, falling short in an election in which it seemed to have a clear path to organizing workers at Volkswagen AG's plant in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The setback is a bitter defeat because the union had the cooperation of Volkswagen management and the aid of Germany's powerful IG Metall union, yet it failed to win a majority among the plants 1,550 hourly workers.

Volkswagen workers rejected the union by a vote of 712 to 626. The defeat raises questions about the future of a union that for years has suffered from declining membership and influ-

ence, and almost certainly leaves its president, Bob King, who had vowed to organize at least one foreign auto maker by the time he retires in June, with a tarnished legacy.

"If the union can't win [in Chattanooga], it can't win anywhere," said Steve Silvia, an economics and trade professor at American University who has studied labor unions.

A win would have marked the first time the union has been able to organize a foreign-owned auto plant in the U.S., and would have been particularly meaningful, because the vote was set in a right-to-work state in the South, where antiunion sentiment is strong and all past UAW orga-

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Here's the Skinny on NBC's Olympic Latte Secret

Network's Private Coffee Bar Stirs Envy Inside Restricted Java Zone

BY PAUL SONNE AND ANTON TROIANOVSKI

SOCHI, Russia—After 10 days in Russia's sparse Olympic frontier, Sonari Grinton glimpsed a beautiful green siren: the Starbucks mermaid on a crisp white coffee cup.

Was she a mirage? Starbucks isn't an Olympic sponsor and is therefore forbidden to have an official presence here. The nearest Starbucks is about 350 miles away by car in a little-known city called Rostov-on-Don. The only branded coffee player is supposed to be McDonald's Corp., which has been gaining grounds globally with its McCafé outlets. Olympic sponsors such as McDonald's usually de-

fend their turf more fiercely than a Team Canada goalie.

But after Mr. Grinton, a journalist for NPR, trued the mystery cup for several hundred feet, its owner told him that he was out of luck. It came from the "office," she said—the Olympic broadcasting center where NBC has its own secret Starbucks.

The media giant, which paid \$775 million for exclusive U.S. broadcasting rights for the Games, has erected the Sochi Starbucks in its cordoned-off area of the Olympic media center. Baristas serve the free java 24-hours-a-day to the roughly



2,500 people NBC says it sent here.

Bringing in the joe is a delicate exercise. NBC flies in a rotating crew of some 15 baristas from Starbucks coffee shops in Russia, sets them up with accommodations in Sochi, and pays their regular wages. As with past Games, Starbucks has gladly cooperated with the effort.

All told, the barista battalion is larger than the Sochi Olympic teams of some 57 countries.

One barista working at the covert facility next to the NBC cafeteria on Friday night said she had come from Moscow; another one Please turn to page A10

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