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## Pakistan closes NATO supply route

### Protests U.S. air strike that killed 3 of its soldiers

By Alex Rodriguez, David S. Cloud and Laura King  
Los Angeles Times

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's closure of a border crossing to NATO supply convoys after a deadly air strike Thursday sent a blunt signal to Washington not to overstep as it looks for a new strategy to deal with Afghan insurgents that operate from Pakistani territory.

It also reflected a growing rift between the two governments prompted by Pakistan's unwillingness to move against insurgents strongholds in North Waziristan, which has led U.S. commanders in Afghanistan to adopt a more aggressive stance about attacking across the border when it has clear evidence that insurgents are moving back and forth, senior U.S. military officials in Afghanistan said.

The CIA also has stepped up drone strikes in North Waziristan over the past month.

The Pakistani move to close Torkham Gate, a narrow border crossing into Afghanistan through which hundreds of trucks carrying NATO supplies move every week, appeared unlikely to cause a permanent rift in the relationship between Islamabad and Washington.

"We hope the Torkham closure is temporary and are

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**RAHM EMANUEL** is stepping down from his position today as White House Chief of Staff to run for Chicago mayor.  
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## Saved by a bailout, AIG finalizes plan to repay U.S.

By Brady Dennis  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Treasury and American International Group have finalized a deal aimed at restoring the troubled insurance giant to independence and repaying the massive taxpayer investment that rescued the company two years ago.

"This is a pivotal milestone as we deliver on our long-standing promise to repay taxpayers, and we thank the American people for their support," Chief Executive Robert Benmosche said in

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# City, medics sued over death

## Crews ignored ailing Hazelwood man during snowstorm

By Jonathan D. Silver  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When Curtis L. Mitchell died during February's snowstorms after paramedics failed to reach his Hazelwood home, contrite Pittsburgh officials swiftly apologized, meted out discipline and pledged change.

That was not enough to satisfy Mr. Mitchell's adult children and ease the pain of what one of their attorneys called the "inhumane" treatment of their father.

After suggesting a \$500,000 settlement to the city and being rebuffed, attorneys for

Jeremiah C. Mitchell and Theresa E. Thornton on Thursday resorted to the courts, suing Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and eight current or former emergency workers.

Now, attorney Alan H. Perer said, there is no limit to how much money the family might get.

"That's our system in this country. We aren't going to bring someone back to life. But it's about being accountable, being responsible," said Mr. Perer, who along with Paul A. Ellis, is representing Ms. Thornton.

"It's inhumane, the way he

was treated," Mr. Perer said during a news conference at his 25th-story office in One Oxford Centre, Downtown. "This case represented an outrageous breakdown of the entire EMS and 911 system from the very top down."

The episode, in which paramedics would not wade through snowdrifts and instead asked the ailing 50-year-old Mr. Mitchell to walk to them, proved embarrassing to the city, particularly because of the attitude of some emergency workers. Several paramedics

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Theresa Thornton, right, daughter of Curtis Mitchell, who died in February after 10 calls made to 911 during a winter storm, sits with attorneys Alan Perer, left, and Paul Ellis during a news conference Thursday about a lawsuit filed against the city of Pittsburgh.

## MAKING A CASE FOR SAINTHOOD



John Heller/Post-Gazette

Father Robert Joerger, regional provincial for the Passionist order, venerates the tomb of Father Theodore Foley during the ceremony for the solemn announcement of Foley's possible canonization for sainthood. Story, Page B-2.

## AN APPRECIATION

### Tony Curtis, classy man underrated as an actor

By Barry Paris  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The first time I met Tony Curtis in Los Angeles to discuss co-writing his autobiography, I told him — by way of clumsy introduction — that at age 11, my best friend and I went to see his 1958 action film "The Vikings" three times in two days, adding, "We desperately wanted to BE Tony Curtis."

He nodded and replied: "So did I."

It was a typically wry, self-effacing, truthful thing to say. He was, after all, not really "Tony Curtis." He was Bernie Schwartz of the Bronx, born to Hungarian Jewish immigrants Manual and Helen on June 3, 1925.

He died Wednesday, at 85, of cardiac arrest at his home near Las Vegas. Being and becoming "Tony Curtis" would be a lifetime process that took him from the depths of poverty in the Depression to the heights of Hollywood stardom, and more fine performances than he was ever given credit for in some 120 films.

Mr. Curtis joined the Navy in 1943, serving in the South Pacific. After the war, he took acting classes at the Dramatic Workshop of the New School, where fellow students included Walter Matthau, Harry Belafonte and Bea Arthur. Spotted in an off-Broadway production, he was signed by a talent agent to a contract with Universal Pictures, who changed his name, taught him how to fence, and gave him the courage to approach starlets with the line, "I've been assigned by Universal to teach you how to kiss."

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## Hearings question practices of for-profit colleges

By Daniel Malloy  
Post-Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Working in career services at the Pittsburgh Art Institute's online division, Kathleen Bittel said she saw a co-worker give a false salary for one graduate and alter an e-mail of another.

In team meetings, she said, supervisors would help brain-

storm ideas to show graduates had jobs in their field — for example, someone who sold video games at Toys-R-Us would be using training from a video game design degree, or someone who drew the specials board at Starbucks would be using graphic design knowledge.

Testifying before the U.S. Senate on Thursday, Ms. Bittel, who lives in Westmoreland

County, said these examples were the result of an incentive-based quota system for recruiting students and placing graduates in jobs that created a pressurized atmosphere in which abuse and fraud were rampant.

"I stand to lose everything by coming here to see you today," she said. "Yet I am willing to risk all that I have to stop the unethical funneling of tax dol-

lars through low-income individuals to further fill the coffers of mega-rich corporations."

The hearing was part of a wide-ranging inquiry by Sen. Tom Harkin's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee into for-profit colleges, which have exploded in popularity and profit in recent

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## POLICE PROTEST

Ecuador's President Rafael Correa, center, runs away from tear gas with a gas mask on his head Thursday during a protest of police officers and soldiers at a police base in Quito, Ecuador, against a new law that cuts their benefits. Mr. Correa was hospitalized due to the effects of tear gas after being shouted down and pelted with water as he tried to speak with a group of police protesters.



Patricio Realpe/Associated Press

## Law that sent students out of Duquesne illegal

By Mary Niederberger  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Three years after the emotional closing of Duquesne High School and the reassignment of its students to West Mifflin Area and East Allegheny high schools, the state Supreme Court has ruled that the legislation that made the reassignments possible is unconstitutional.

In a 12-page opinion, the

Supreme Court justices agreed with the West Mifflin Area and East Allegheny school districts, writing that the law enabling the transfer of the Duquesne students was so narrowly constructed that it applied only to that district and therefore amounted to "special legislation," which is prohibited by the state constitution.

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Breezy with mixture of sun and cloudy. High 64, low 51.  
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