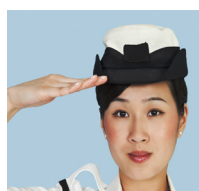


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Va-grown Christmas tree guide available

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — State agricultural officials have released a guide for finding Christmas trees grown in Virginia.

The guide is published by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. It is free to the public and includes information on Christmas tree farms across the state and lists them by city or county.

Among the varieties of trees in this year's guide are Fraser, Douglas, Canaan, and concolor fir; Norway and Colorado blue spruce; Scotch, Virginia, and white pine; and Leyland cypress and cedar.

Copies of the guide can be obtained by calling (804) 786-2285 and are available online at www.viriniagrown.com.



US mobility for young adults falls to 50-year low

HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. mobility for young adults has fallen to the lowest level in more than 50 years as cash-strapped 20-somethings shun home-buying and refrain from major moves in a weak job market.

The new 2013 figures from the Census Bureau, which reversed earlier signs of recovery, underscore the impact of the sluggish economy on young people, many of them college graduates, whom demographers sometimes refer to as "Generation Wait."

Burdened with college debt or toiling in low-wage jobs, they are delaying careers, marriage and having children. Waiting anxiously for their lucky break, they are staying put and doubling up with roommates or living with Mom and Dad, unable to make long-term plans or commit to buying a home — let alone pay a mortgage.

Many understood after the 2007-2009 recession that times would be tough. *Continued on Page 7 Young Adults*



Review: Pricy iPad Mini keeps Apple premier brand

ANICK JESDANUN
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple is probably one of the few companies that can pull off a price increase.

The new iPad Mini starts at \$399, or \$70 more than last year's model. For that price, you get a leap forward in power, speed and display.

There are plenty of cheaper choices out there, including tablets for just \$229 from Google and Amazon. None of them match Apple's iPads in app selection, design and cachet.

Apple started selling the new iPad Mini on Tuesday, 11 days after the full-size iPad Air came out. The starting price of last year's Mini has been cut to \$299. In both cases, versions with cellular access are available for \$130 more.

In many ways, the old iPad Mini was a 2011 full-size iPad 2 in a smaller casing. The old

iPad mini

with Retina display



Retina is Apple's term for a higher-resolution screen — in this case, one that sports four times the pixels in the same space as the older version. According to Apple, there are enough pixels such that the eyes shouldn't be able to discern the individual dots that form text and images. You get much sharper images — even sharper than on the iPad Air, which has a resolution of 264 pixels per inch compared with 326 in the new Mini. *Continued on Page 11 IPAD MINI*

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Women heading to Navy Riverine combat jobs

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CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Anna Schnatzmeyer's face is taut with concentration as she slowly maneuvers the Riverine assault boat away from the dock, using the complex controls to try and inch the 34-foot craft straight back without sliding sideways.

Her instructor, standing next to her, orders her forward again, and despite the slow, careful creep, the Navy boat knocks into the pier.

It's the first time she's ever piloted a boat. She's in full battle gear and the sun is beating off Mile Hammock Bay on the edge of Camp Lejeune. A stiff wind is tossing waves against the nearby shore. And the pressure is mounting.

By year's end, Schnatzmeyer and five others are expected to become the first women formally assigned to a Riverine combat company, a battlefield Navy job that is just now opening up to women. The three Riverine Delta Company units are used for combat operations, often called on to move quickly into shallow waters where they can insert forces for raids, or conduct rescue missions.

The Delta Company jobs are some of the first combat positions in the military to formally accept women, and breaking through the barriers hasn't been easy. So, here, in this tangle of coastal waterways, Schnatzmeyer and the two other women in the crewman course know all too well that the world is watching.

She's already passed the combat skills course, allowing her to be part of a Delta Company crew, as an intelligence analyst or maybe a gunner who controls one of the machine guns mounted on the boat, jobs that weren't open to women before. But this Riverine crewman course would allow her to be a boat captain or coxswain — crew leaders who drive the boat or direct the fight.

"Ever since I was little, this is what I wanted to do," said Schnatzmeyer, who was in grade school when terrorists attacked on 9/11. "My dad would take me to air shows and I would tell my family I wanted to be a soldier."

She was drawn to the combat, to the guns. "Growing up you want to join the branch and you want to do what you can to help, and then you realize, 'I can't go into combat,'" Schnatzmeyer said. "You think, what's the purpose of me being in the military? To sit at a desk?"

By lifting the ban on women in battlefield combat jobs, she said the Pentagon is now giving her and other women a chance. Riverine combat units, for example, went to war

in Iraq. They were not used in Afghanistan, where river combat operations weren't really needed.



At 23, the El Paso, Texas, native has been in the Navy just one year and is a master at arms 3. Neither she nor her boat buddy, Danielle Hinchliff, had any boating experience before they climbed aboard for the seven-week crewman course, which includes late night drills that require night-vision goggles and radar to pilot the craft across the dark and murky waters.

"There's a lot of eyes on us, you know. And we do have to ... uphold a lot of standards. We have to make sure that we do everything that we're supposed to," Hinchliff said. "For me, the hard part is driving the boat."

Watching from the dock, Lt. Michael Diehl agreed that learning to pilot the boat is a challenge.

They need to conquer a difficult mix of controls — the steering wheel, the throttle and the two rear buckets that can be angled up and down over the boat's jet drives allowing the captain to stop on a dime or move the craft laterally when needed.

"If you can't drive the boat slow, you definitely can't do the fun stuff and drive it fast," said Diehl, site director for the Riverine training. "This is where they build their mettle — being able to control the boat in a tight confined space, with other boats around, wind, currents and tides."

The difficulty was evident in the final result: All three women, including Schnatzmeyer and Hinchliff, and six of the men failed to pass the seven-week crewman course that would allow them to command the boats and the crews — more than a third of the 26-member class.

The military services are struggling to figure out how to move women into battlefield jobs, *Continued on Page 10* **WOMEN IN NAVY**

Navy christens next generation of aircraft carrier

BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The Navy christened the USS Gerald Ford with the traditional smashing of a bottle of sparkling wine across the bow of the ship — the most technologically advanced aircraft carrier the United States has built.

The Ford is the lead ship in the Navy's next class of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. It's designed to get more fighter planes in the sky in less time and to be ready to incorporate unmanned aircraft into its air wing. It's the first carrier redesign in four decades and is scheduled to join the fleet in 2016.

"She is truly a technological marvel," Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert said in a webcast ceremony at the Newport News, Va., shipyard where the Ford is being built. "She will carry unmanned aircraft, joint strike fighters, and she will deploy lasers."

The christening was one part tribute to the future of Naval warfare and one part tribute to the ship's namesake, former President Gerald R. Ford. Ford was a lieutenant commander aboard an aircraft carrier during World War II and frequently spoke fondly of his time in the Navy.

Ford's daughter, Susan Ford Bales, is the ship's sponsor and had the duty of smashing the wine bottle into the ship.

In her speech to shipyard workers, Navy personnel and other dignitaries, she said she hopes future generations of sailors will understand the integrity her father showed during his years of public service — much as the current crew has honored him. The ship's motto is 'Integrity at the helm.'

"Dad, their message fills this shipyard. You kept your promise. You healed the nation. You gave the American people a president that was a shining beacon of integrity at the helm," she said. "And as demonstrated by Capt. (John) Meier and by the crew and by this mighty carrier, the American people are forever grateful to you. And Dad, I'll always be proud."

Other speakers honoring Ford included former Vice President Dick Cheney and former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

The Ford — with a new nuclear power plant, electromagnetic catapults and an enhanced 5-acre flight deck — will leave dry dock and head to a pier at Newport News Shipbuilding next week. The Navy says construction on the ship is about 70 percent complete and will finish up in 2015. It will then undergo a series of sea trials before it is commissioned and becomes operational. Until then, the Navy will be down to a 10-carrier fleet following the USS Enterprise's deactivation last year.

The Ford is about \$2 billion over budget and is about 70 percent complete, with most of the remaining work occurring on its internal systems. The cost overruns are eating into the aircraft carrier's projected savings. The aircraft carrier was designed to operate with fewer crew members, which is expected to save \$4 billion over the ship's 50-year life span.



Portion of Civil War iron-clad ship recovered in GA

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Divers have recovered part of a Civil War Confederate ironclad ship from the Savannah River.

U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers crews retrieved the top portion of the CSS Georgia on Tuesday. The 64-square-foot section, known as the casemate, was a protective shell that covered the ship and could be seen from above water.

Officials say the ship was recovered ahead of the planned expansion of the Savannah harbor, which is awaiting congressional funding.

Army Corps of Engineers archaeologist Julie Morgan told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution the recovered portion of the ship will be taken to Texas A&M University.

WSAV-TV reports portions of the ship sit near Fort Jackson and archaeologist Stephen James told the station the ship was built in 1862.

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Study: Record number of foreign students hit US

KIMBERLY HEFLING - AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Chinese students are flocking to U.S. colleges and universities, helping to drive the number of international students studying in America to record levels.

Similarly, all-time high numbers of American students are studying abroad, although there are far fewer and they tend to do much shorter stints than students coming to the United States.

The findings are in an analysis being released Monday that was conducted by a nonprofit group that worked with the State Department.

They say international education programs do more than advance cultural enrichment; they also are an economic boon to communities that host foreign students and to the students themselves, who improve their job competitiveness.

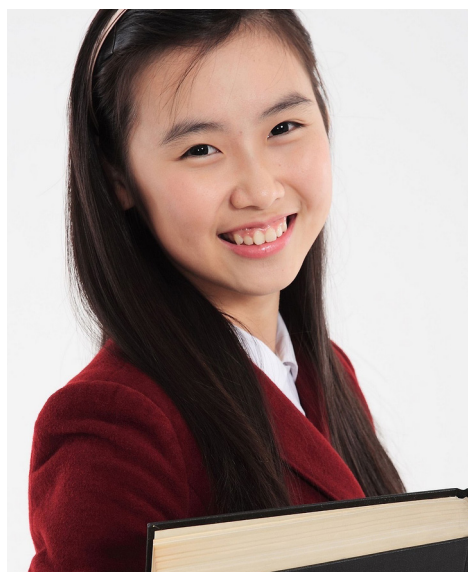
Foreign students contribute about \$24 billion annually to the U.S. economy and about two-thirds of them primarily pay their own way or their families do, according to the Institute of International Education and the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

All told, 819,644 students came to the United States to study abroad in the 2012-13 school year. The highest numbers were from China, India, South Korea, Saudi Arabia and Canada. That's a record high, with a 7 percent increase from a year earlier and 40 percent from more than a decade ago. Despite the increases, international students make up less than 4 percent of all students.

There was some slowdown in the number of students coming to the United States in the years after the Sept. 11 attacks, in part because of visa issues, but the number has since rebounded.

About 235,000 of the international students were from China, a 21 percent increase. A burgeoning middle class combined with a view that America has quality colleges and universities were factors cited as driving the demand. About one-third studied business and management once they arrived, the report said.

"Chinese students and their parents are looking for high quality education, get the importance of international education, and it's making America the No. 1 destination because we actually have the capacity to absorb interna-



tional students," said Allan Goodman, president and CEO of the institute.

The number of students from Saudi Arabia studying in the United States jumped 30 percent, to 45,000. These students are largely funded by a Saudi government scholarship program nearly in its 10th year, the report said.

The top destinations for international students were the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in Champaign, Ill., Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., New York University, and Columbia University in New York.

By contrast, 283,332 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit — a 3 percent increase from a year earlier. In the past 20 years, the number of U.S. students studying abroad has tripled. But less than 10 percent of American students study abroad during their college years. The United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, France and China were the top destinations.

Attention tied to the Beijing Olympics and more classes taught in English are factors starting to drive more American students to China, Goodman said. A State Department program called 100,000 Strong, which officially started in 2010, aims to send 100,000 American students to China over a four-year period.

The report found that 14,887 Americans studied in China in 2011-2012 — a 2 percent increase, but that doesn't include students going to China for noncredit programs.

"We encourage study abroad whether it's short term, long term, whether it's credit, noncredit," said Evan Ryan, a State Department official, on a conference call with reporters.

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Oceaneering International plans Va expansion

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A company that provides products and services to the offshore oil and gas industry plans to expand its presence in Chesapeake, creating 70 jobs and retaining more than 460.

Gov. Bob McDonnell says Oceaneering International Inc. will consolidate its engineering, manufacturing, and administrative operations at a new 150,000-square-foot facility.

The facility will be developed by Armada Hoffer Properties, which will invest about \$25 million to accommodate this expansion.

Oceaneering International was originally founded in 1964 as a diving business in the Gulf of Mexico.

Its marine services division in Chesapeake focuses on submarines, deep submergence systems and air cushion landing craft.

McDonnell approved a \$750,000 grant from the Governor's Opportunity Fund for the project. He also approved a \$750,000 performance-based grant from the Virginia Investment Partnership program.

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Oldest fossil found: Meet your microbial mom

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — What may be the oldest complete fossil on Earth paints a smelly but colorful picture of our microbial ancestors from nearly 3.5 billion years ago.

The fossil is the remains of what once was a purple-and-green slimy, smelly mat of single cell microbes that worked, lived and even communicated together in what is an awful lot like a prehistoric microscopic society. Nora Noffke of Old Dominion University in Virginia found the remnants of this life in sandstone rock in western Australia.

This is likely an ancestor of ours, researchers said.

This tiny fossilized mat, about one-third of an inch thick, would be about 300 million years older than previous complete ancient fossils and about the

same age as less complete and still debatable fossils, said study co-author Robert Hazen, a mineralogist at the Carnegie Institution of Science in Washington. He said life on the mat probably had turned sunlight into energy, but unlike life now, probably producing "horribly smelly" sulfur instead of oxygen.

The research was published online last week in the journal *Astrobiology*.

NASA astrobiologist Abigail Allwood, who found slightly younger fossils a few years ago, said it is challenging to prove the fossil contained life. But Hazen said they used dozens of criteria to show that the microscopic features fit with what science knows about ancient life.

If you had walked the Australian beaches of 3.5 billion years ago you would see this "slimy mass of purple or brown fibers emitting this stench of sulfur compounds but living very happily," Hazen said. "This is not a place you would want to go to on your summer vacation."

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Library to preserve Archive of Public Broadcasting

BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early interviews with John F. Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey and Ronald Reagan are part of a collection of public broadcast recordings dating to the 1950s that will be preserved at the Library of Congress.

Under a project funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and announced Thursday, 40,000 hours of radio and television content is being digitized for long-term preservation at the library. It will become the American Archive of Public Broadcasting and will be housed at the library's National Audio-Visual Conservation Center in underground vaults in Culpeper, Va.

Recordings of Kennedy and Humphrey come from Twin Cities Public Television's coverage of the 1960 presidential primaries. There is also a commentary by George Lucas on his first "Star Wars" movies from KUSC in Los Angeles and 1967 interviews with then-California Gov. Ronald Reagan from Boston's WGBH.

The archive, made up of contributions from about 120 stations nationwide, also is rich with regional programming, curators said. There is a series on the history of southwest Florida, films of performances of an acclaimed organist at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City and shows on the space program.

"It's an incredible collection for local and regional history that has not been shown to the rest of the country," said curator Alan Gevinson of the library's audio-visual conservation center. "A lot of what stations picked as what they really wanted to preserve were shows about their own areas."

Public, education-related radio dates to the 1920s, and public TV goes back to the 1950s — before the creation of NPR and PBS.

"But as far as archiving, nothing really had been done, and certainly not at this scale, until now," Gevinson said.

Public broadcasting officials began creating an inventory of significant recordings held by stations in 2007, resulting in 2.5 million records. That



list was narrowed for the archive.

To date, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has spent about \$8.5 million on the archive project. It awarded a \$1.1 million grant to the Library of Congress and WGBH to house the archive.

The project will make the recordings available to researchers and the public at both the library and WGBH in Boston over the next two years. The station helped coordinate the archival project.

Digitized recordings will eventually be made available online with the permission of copyright holders, Gevinson said. The library also hopes to create exhibits based on the collection.

Congress urged the creation of a public broadcast archive at the time when stations were converting to digital transmission and encouraged the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to spend some federal funds on the project.

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“When they do the same stuff we’re doing, same PT (physical training), same grades, when they’re proving themselves that they can hang out with the big boys, that’s very understandable and that’s all we care about,” said the E-4 sailor from Fort Worth, Texas. “I feel that if they can do the things it takes to save one of our lives as much as we’re going to do the same for them ... I mean, it’s all equal opportunity.”

Senior Navy leaders acknowledge that the women at Camp Lejeune may have a better chance of moving into the Navy Riverine jobs than other women have in passing the Marine’s infantry officer course or achieving some of the Army’s armor and infantry jobs.

“I think for us, we have probably an easier ability with the physical standards for service in our environment than you would in ground combat,” said Adm. Mark Ferguson, vice chief of naval operations. Women in the other services may have a more difficult time meeting some of the upper body strength demands and other physical requirements for Army and Marine combat jobs, he said.

Altogether, 15 women have passed the Riverine combat skills course since they

were first allowed to participate about a year ago. Six of those women — including Schnatzmeyer — have been assigned to Delta Company in Coastal Riverine Squadron 2, based in Portsmouth, Va. They have begun training with the unit with the expectation that they will be formally admitted later this year.

The combat course pushed Schnatzmeyer to her limits. The physical training, with its constant runs, situps, pushups, obstacle course and slogs through night navigation and shooting made her “sore for days straight.” It was OK to be last, she said, “but you can’t stop, you can’t give up.”

Navy leaders say they’re not concerned about the failure rate on the crewman course because the sailors can eventually be taught to handle the boat. And even though she’s already getting a spot in the Delta company, Schnatzmeyer says she’s not giving up on that crewman course.

“I would like to go for it again,” she said, adding. “For us, the biggest stress is proving to the guys we can hack it. They support you, they push you, it makes it easier.”

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“Many young adults, especially those without college degrees, are still stuck in place.”

“For them, low mobility might be more than a temporary lull and could turn into the ‘new normal.’”

The wait continues for Eric Hall, 30, of Decatur, Ga. After picking up a master’s degree in public health in 2008, Hall moved from California to the Atlanta suburb with the plan of living with his parents for about six months.

Five years later, after struggling to find work in his field and switching his career path last year from health management to teaching kindergarten, Hall has opted to remain at his parents’ home until he can pay off more debt. He is now studying to earn a doctorate in education, amassing college debt of more than \$110,000.

“It’s a bit restraining after going away to college two times, but I’m saving and my mom’s been very understanding,” said Hall, who is optimistic he’ll soon be financially stable enough to live on his own. “Maybe next summer.”

Associated Press writer Travis Loller in Nashville, Tenn., contributed to this report.

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Families linked to 1943 Albania crash reunite

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — The last remaining survivor of a 1943 military crash landing and rescue from Nazi-controlled Albania was a featured guest at a Veterans Day weekend reunion in Arlington National Cemetery.

Harold Hayes, now 91 years old, was one of about 30 Army medics and nurses forced to crash land in Albania in November 1943. He and the others survived and were eventually rescued from behind enemy lines with help from families connected to the Albanian resistance.

At the cemetery’s Women in Military Service for America Memorial Saturday, Hayes and families of the crash survivors and the Albanians who came to their aid gathered for a reunion.

The previously classified story is told in a recent book “The Secret Rescue” by Cate Lineberry.

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Is Virginia ready for climate change?

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Activists met in Norfolk in November on the threat climate change poses to Virginia's coastal communities.

The conference is intended to examine the state's readiness for rising sea levels and other changes related to the globe's changing climate. The session brought together a regional planner, academics and climate activists.

Virginia's coast is especially vulnerable to climate change. This year, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science submitted a report to state lawmakers on ways to address coastal flooding.

The problem is more pronounced in Virginia because the land along the coast is slowly sinking. In Hampton Roads and other coastal communities, flooding is commonplace during major storms and is expected to worsen over the next 20 to 50 years.

Norfolk Airport Passenger Traffic Declines

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Passenger traffic at Norfolk International Airport is down compared to 2012.

The airport says passenger traffic decreased by more than 10,000 passengers in October compared with the same month last year. That's a decrease of nearly 4 percent. From January to October,

passenger traffic was nearly 6 percent lower than traffic during the same ten-month period last year.

The airport also experienced more than a 14 percent decline in cargo activity in October. For the January to October period, cargo activity has decreased more than 16 percent.

Virginia's Fort Lee Opens Youth Center

PETERSBURG, Va. (AP) — Fort Lee opens a \$7 million facility for after-school programs.

Soldiers' children who are in middle and high school can use the 21,000-square-foot-facility on weekday afternoons and early evenings.

The center also will accommodate summer camps and other youth services.

Virginia Tech Police Chief Stepping Down

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech police chief Wendell Flinchum is stepping down early next year.

Vice president for administration Sherwood Wilson announced Flinchum's pending departure Thursday in a news release posted on the university's website.

Wilson says Maj. Kevin Foust will serve as acting chief, effective Feb. 1, 2013. The university plans to conduct a national search to replace Flinchum.

Flinchum says in note to the university police department that it's time to transition to a new phase in his life.

Flinchum has served as Virginia Tech's police chief since 2006. He joined the police department in 1985 as a patrolman.

WWII Doolittle Raiders making final toast

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — U.S. military leaders are among thousands who have joined in a tribute to World War II's Doolittle Raiders, the World War II airmen whose daring bombing attack on Japan helped boost American morale.

A flyover by five B-25 bombers helped cap a Saturday memorial service in which a wreath was placed at the Doolittle Raider monument outside the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Dayton in southwest Ohio.

Three of the four surviving Raiders plan a final ceremonial toast to fallen comrades Saturday evening. The fourth couldn't travel because of health issues.

Commander James "Jimmy" Doolittle commanded the daring mission credited with throwing the Japanese off balance after a string of military successes.

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And while last year's iPad Mini used the same A5 processing chip as the 2011 iPad 2, this year's model shares the speedy, A7 chip found in the iPad Air as well as the new iPhone 5S. Apple says graphics are up to eight times faster than last year's model and other tasks are up to four times as speedy. By contrast, the Air has only twice the speed as the previous full-size model.

Like the Air, the new Mini also has a second microphone for better audio recording and two Wi-Fi antennas for up to twice the speed.

In my tests, I found small text on websites much easier to read on the new Mini. White letters over a black background look faded on last year's Mini. They look clear and sharp on the new one. The differences are harder to glean with images and video. A blurry photo isn't going to look sharper just because there are more pixels. But at least it won't be surrounded by fuzzy captions.

As for speed, you won't notice much difference for everyday tasks. Apps do launch a tad faster on the new Mini, and Web pages load slightly faster. Where you'll notice the speed gains are in games and other data-intensive apps — many of which have yet to be written to fully take advantage of the A7 chip's power. As for the dual Wi-Fi antennas, I didn't find video downloads faster on the speedy Wi-Fi network at work, but I did see significant improvement when I tested the full-size devices on my irritable network at home.

Unfortunately, like the Air, the new Mini also lacks some features made possible by the A7 chip. That includes a fingerprint sensor for bypassing four-digit security codes and a camera that can take up to 10 photos per second. For now, that's found only in the iPhone 5S.

That's not a deal-breaker for me, though.

What might be is the price.



It's difficult to spend nearly twice more than Google Inc.'s Nexus 7 or Amazon.com Inc.'s 7-inch Kindle Fire HDX. Both are excellent tablets with a screen resolution that's about the same as the new iPad Mini. (Those two devices have fewer pixels, but also smaller screens, so their densities are comparable.)

The 7-inch screens, measured diagonally, aren't as large as the iPad Mini's 7.9 inches. You get about 35 percent more screen space on the Mini.

But the Nexus and Kindle devices are both lighter than the new iPad Mini, which got 7 percent heavier than last year's model because it has a larger battery to power the better display, while keeping battery life at 10 hours for Wi-Fi Web surfing. The new iPad mini is 11.7 ounces, compared with 10.9 ounces for last year's model, 10.7 ounces for the Kindle and 10.2 ounces for the Nexus.

The new Mini is also a tad thicker than last year's model, but slimmer than Google's and Amazon's tablets.

If you're watching your budget, consider those rivals or even the older Mini without the sharper display.

But if you're looking for a top-notch experience, you can't go wrong with the new Mini, even with the higher price tag.

Several leading apps come to Apple devices first, and they are more likely than Android apps to be adapted for tablet screens. With many Android apps, you simply get a blown-up version of the phone app. You'll appreciate using those apps on the new Mini's improved display.

In a sense, if price isn't an issue, the bigger question will be whether to pay \$399 for the Mini or \$499 for the Air, which has a 9.7-inch screen. Size is the main difference between the two models, whereas there were greater differences in display and speed last year. The new device has caught up to the point that it deserves to be called a Mini version of the full-size iPad.

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But few say they expected to be in economic limbo more than four years later.

"I'm constantly looking for other jobs," says Jeremy Bills, 27, of Nashville, Tenn., who graduated from Vanderbilt University in May 2011 with a master's degree in human and organizational development. Originally from Tampa, Fla., Bills has stayed put in his college town in hopes of finding a job in management consulting or human resources. Instead, he has mostly found odd jobs like pulling weeds and dog-sitting.

Bills says he pursued a master's degree to bolster his credentials after getting his college diploma in 2008, shortly before the financial meltdown. Instead, he finds himself still struggling financially and worrying that the skills he learned in school — where he incurred \$20,000 in student loan debt — are "kind of atrophying right now."

"It's not like riding a bicycle. You can't just jump into a career position so many years after training," said Bills, who now works at a nonprofit organization making \$12 an hour and is looking for a second job.

Among adults ages 25-29, just 4.9 million, or 23.3 percent, moved in the 12 months ending March 2013. That's

down from 24.6 percent in the same period the year before. It was the lowest level since at least 1963. The peak of 36.7 percent came in 1965, during the nation's youth counterculture movement.

The past year's decline in migration came after a modest increase from 2011 to 2012, a sign that young adults remain tentative about testing the job market in other cities.

By metropolitan area, Portland, Ore., Austin, Texas, and Houston were among the top gainers in young adults, reflecting stronger local economies. Among college graduates 25 and older, Denver and Washington, D.C., topped the list of destinations.

Demographers say the delays in traditional markers of adulthood — full-time careers and homeownership — may prove to be longer-lasting.

Roughly 1 in 5 young adults ages 25 to 34 is now disconnected from work and school.

"Young adulthood has grown much more complex and protracted, with a huge number struggling to reach financial independence," said Mark Mather, an associate vice president at the private Population Reference Bureau. "Many will get there, but at much later ages than we've seen in the past. More and more we're seeing many young adults routinely wait un-



til their 30s to leave the parental nest."

The overall decline in migration among young adults is being driven largely by a drop in local moves within a county, which fell to the lowest level on record. Out-of-state moves also fell, from 3.8 percent in 2012 to 3.4 percent, but remained higher than a 2010 low of 3.2 percent.

Young adults typically make long-distance moves to seek a new career, while those who make local moves often do so when buying a home.

While homeownership across all age groups fell by 3 percentage points

to 65 percent from 2007 to 2012, the drop-off among adults 25-29 was much larger — more than 6 percentage points, from 40.6 percent to 34.3 percent. That reflects in part tighter lines of credit after the 2006 housing bust. Declines in homeownership for those ages 40 and older over in that five-year period were more modest.

The District of Columbia, with its high share of young adults, had the lowest homeownership rate across all age groups at 41.6 percent, followed by New York at 53.9 percent. West Virginia had the highest homeownership rate at 72.9 percent.

In terms of births, the birth rate for all women of childbearing age — 63 births per 1,000 women — was essentially flat in 2012 from the year before.

Meanwhile, overall migration among adults 55 and older held steady at 4.4 percent from 2012 to 2013, up from a low of 4 percent in 2011. Metro areas with the biggest gains included Phoenix, Atlanta, Denver and several in Florida. Many cities in the Northeast, Midwest and coastal areas posted losses.

"The post-recession period has given a bigger boost to seniors than to young adults in their willingness to try out new places for retirement," said William H. Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution who analyzed the figures. *Contd on Pg 12 YOUNG ADULTS*

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including infantry, armor and elite commando positions. They are devising updated physical and mental standards — equal for men and women — for thousands of combat jobs and they have until Jan. 1, 2016, to open as many jobs as possible to women, and to explain why if they decide to keep some closed.

The common requirements for men and women for each post would be based on specific tasks. Military officials say standards will not be lowered in order to bring women into any combat posts.

The Navy — which has nearly 69,000 women on active duty — is about to open up about 270 jobs in the Coastal Riverine Force to women. The service plans to let women serve in all but a “very limited number” of Navy positions. The bulk of the 22,000 Navy jobs closed to women — roughly 19,000 — are on older ships where it would be too costly to build new, separate facilities for women. The remaining 3,000 are in special operations units, which may be more difficult to fill because of the strenuous physical requirements.

Over the spring and summer, in highly public fashion, women in successive attempts washed out of the Marine’s grueling infantry officer course. The fact that dozens of men also failed gets little notice.

The military men watching the transition offer public support, but often add subtle caveats that belie an underlying uncertainty. Most are young and are willing to see women competing for the combat jobs, but they want to be sure that those who get in are worthy.

Instructor Jerry Gray is a former Marine and has been teaching the Riverine course for seven years. As far as he’s concerned he has 26 students who either make the grade or don’t.

“There’s a standard for combat, there’s a standard for a combat billet. As long as they are required to perform the same standards as a guy, good on them



and let them go,” said Gray, adding that the men in the class seem to accept the women. “It’s going to be up to the individual once they are in a combat situation, how they handle it. But a guy’s going to crack just as easily as anybody else.”

Would he want a woman in combat next to him?

“I’m not going to lie, I would accept it, but I know myself, I would be much more protective, it’s just my nature. Chivalry is not dead,” Gray said. But, he added, “I haven’t seen it in this class. They seem to accept them as a peer, with the same expectations of them as they do of any of the guys.”

Further down the dock, Dalton King, one of 23 men in the course, wraps up his first training session piloting a boat. So far, having women in the course doesn’t faze him.

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Browns rookie Gilkey knows pain of being bullied

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BEREA, Ohio

(AP) — Ridiculed as an awkward high school kid, Garrett Gilkey knows the pain of being bullied.

The tears. The self-doubt. The longing to belong.

But Cleveland's rookie offensive lineman, who has become an anti-bullying advocate, can't fathom the suffering endured by Miami's Jonathan Martin, who left the team last week because of emotional issues. The team has since suspended teammate Richie Incognito for his treatment of Martin.

"I can't imagine what he has gone through the past year and a half," Gilkey said of Martin on Tuesday as the troubling situation with the Dolphins became a bye-week topic for the Browns. "I don't care if you're a 24-year-old NFL lineman, bullying is the same as if you were a 9-year-old girl. I can't help but feel for Martin, knowing that it was a very real battle and I've felt that battle growing up.

"I know that struggle and I can't imagine that in such a high-stress job and having to go through that."

It hasn't been easy, but Gilkey, a seventh-round draft pick from Chadron State, has been able to move on from the traumatic taunts and pranks of his youth. Gilkey spoke openly about being booed during a school assembly for being on the scholastic team, having someone urinate in his baseball

glove and once being pinned down and having a "soiled bodily device thrown in my mouth."

Gilkey has empathy for Martin, who allegedly received racist and threatening text messages from Incognito.

"It's one thing when you're a little kid and you go to your parents back at home," said Gilkey, who was forced to transfer in high school to escape harassment. "In the NFL, your familiarities are small and the likelihood of having family and friends near you and by you is very small, so being on your own essentially and having to constantly being scared or however you're going to be hazed or ridiculed or made fun of, it doesn't matter how old you are or how big you are, no one should have to go through that."

Three weeks ago, Gilkey spoke to a group of middle school students in Peninsula, Ohio, never thinking his message of tolerance and togetherness would become something he and his teammates would be addressing in the context of the Miami mess.

In explaining how bullying can break someone, Gilkey equated a person to being like a sponge with the capacity to handle only so much.

"One of the key messages that I gave was essentially the school is like a team and you have to lean on each other if it's going to function the way it's supposed to," he said. "I can't help but have empathy for Martin, knowing that a team is supposed to be a unit. It's supposed to function together as one and those feelings of separation can be very damaging, and evidently it's just a matter of time when the sponge has to release."

Gilkey characterized Cleveland's locker room as being "healthy" and



other than having to sing a country and western song in front of the team, he has not been subjected to any "hazing" during his first year as a pro.

"There's a difference between being heckled by veteran teammates or joked around with by older teammates when there is as relationship there," Gilkey said. "When you have a relationship with guys and you are able to talk to guys and have a close relationship, that's different. It's like having an older brother. You love your younger brother, and you're going to pick on your little brother, and so I think that is the difference. When there is no relationship in the context, it creates bullying."

Browns linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said every NFL player goes through some rite of passage, but it's usually something as innocent as bringing doughnuts for the veterans, or, in his case, baby-sitting former teammate Andra Davis' kids.

Jackson said there is an understanding of the line between what's suitable and what's off limits and the Browns know not to cross it.

"There's obviously the rookie haz-

ing where you shave a guy's head or things like that," Jackson said. "That's all fun. Your hair grows back. We wouldn't cut off Garrett Gilkey's hair because he has long hair. You wouldn't do that to a guy. It's all in fun. You've got to have fun.

"When a guy feels like he's being singled out, that's not acceptable at all."

Gilkey isn't surprised by reports that Incognito, who has been suspended indefinitely by the Dolphins, claims he was once bullied.

"It can be a vicious circle," he said. "A lot of times with individuals who were bullied they have this cycle where they struggle to find that affirmation. So later on you will see kids who were bullied will bully other children because of that inner struggle for affirmation."

Gilkey said his strong faith has allowed him to become mentally strong.

He prays Martin will one day have the strength to move on, too.

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Comcast kicking off Internet access program in Va

HMOND, Va. (AP) — Comcast is kicking off the third year of a program aimed at making sure low-income families in Virginia have Internet access.

The program offers low-cost home Internet service, a voucher to help buy a computer, and access to free training on digital literacy.



To date, more than 4,300 families in Virginia have been connected to the Internet through the program.

Officials say Internet access is important for students and families to help close the digital divide.

Comcast is working with several organizations to promote the program in Virginia, including Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Urban League and the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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Right on time: Va. baby born on 11-12-13 at 14:15

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A Virginia Beach infant arrived in the world right on time.

Media outlets report that Isabella Grace Macera was born on Tuesday at 2:15 p.m. That's 11-12-13 at 14:15 in military time.

The baby's parents, Anthony and Mary Macera, say they didn't think about the time of her birth at Sentara Princess Anne Hospital until a nurse noticed it.

Mary Macera says her daughter's timing is "very cool." She says Isabella will be able to tell her friends about it when she's older.

Isabella weighed in at 9 pounds and 3 ounces. She is the couple's first girl and third child.

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