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President Obama on Wednesday at West Point, where he laid out his foreign policy plan for his final two and a half years in office.

Severe Report Finds V.A. Hid Waiting Lists

By RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr. and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

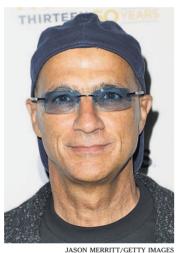
In the first confirmation that Department of Veterans Affairs administrators manipulated medical waiting lists at one and possibly more hospitals, the department's inspector general reported on Wednesday that 1,700 patients at the veterans medical center in Phoenix were not placed on the official waiting list for doctors' appointments and may never have received care.

The scathing report by Richard J. Griffin, the acting inspector general, validates allegations raised by whistle-blowers and others that Veterans Affairs officials in Phoenix employed artifices to cloak long waiting times for veterans seeking medical care. Mr. Griffin said the average waiting time in Phoenix for initial primary care appointments, 115 days, was nearly five times as ministrators had reported. He suggested that the falsified data may have led to more favorable performance reviews for hospital personnel, and he indicated that some instances of potentially manipulated data had

By BEN SISARIO

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple's new music impresario, Jimmy Iovine, didn't start out writing code or studying computer engineering, the usual path of a Silicon Valley mogul. Instead, his career began sweeping floors at New York City recording studios and fetching tea for John Lennon.

But Apple is betting that Mr. Iovine's four decades in the trenches of the recording industry, his knack for trend-spotting and his credibility with artists will help the company rejuvenate its music business nearly three years after the death of its cofounder, Steven P. Jobs.



STREAMING COMPETITION

A Master of Beats Lends Apple a Skilled Ear

Apple's deal for Beats aims at rivals that offer subscription-based music services. Page B1.

On Wednesday, after weeks of speculation, Apple said it would pay \$3 billion for Beats Electronics, the company that Mr. Iovine (pronounced eye-oh-VEEN) founded with the rap star Dr. Dre that includes the Beats by Dr. Dre headphone line and a fledgling streaming music service.

"We looked at the combination with Beats, and what we saw is a company that has incredible, rare talent," said Apple's chief execu-

tive, Timothy D. Cook, in a joint interview with Mr. Iovine and Dr. Dre at the company's headquarters here.

One of the most powerful figures in the music industry, Mr. Iovine, 61, brings to Apple deep celebrity connections and a devilmay-care attitude that stands in stark contrast to the businesslike manner of Mr. Cook.

Mr. Iovine's relationship with Apple dates to the beginnings of iTunes, when he became a friend and crucial advocate for Mr. Jobs as he tried to persuade nervous record executives to sell their songs à la carte.

'Jimmy was one of the first

Obama Warns U.S. Faces Diffuse Terrorism Threats

Tells West Point Cadets That Critics Misread His Cautious Reponse to World Crises

By MARK LANDLER

WEST POINT, N.Y. - President Obama tried once more to articulate his vision of the American role in the world on Wednesday, telling graduating cadets here that the nation they were being called to serve would seek to avoid military misadventures abroad, even as it confronts a new set of terrorist threats from the Middle East to Africa.

Speaking at the commencement of the United States Military Academy, Mr. Obama disputed critics who say his cautious response to crises like Syria's civil war and Russian aggression toward Ukraine had eroded America's leadership in the world. Those critics, he said, were "either misreading history or engaged in partisan politics."

But for a president who has promised to take the United States off a permanent war footing, Mr. Obama painted an unsettling portrait of the world, 13 years after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The nation, he said, had, in effect, traded Al Qaeda in Afghanistan for a more diffuse threat from extremists in Syria, Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen, Mali and other countries.

A day after announcing that the last American soldier would leave Afghanistan at the end of 2016, Mr. Obama told a new class of Army officers that some of them would be sent on murkier missions, helping endangered nations deal with their own terrorist groups.

A Salvo on Foreign Policy

President Obama's speech to Army cadets amounted to a rebuttal to his critics, both right and left. News analysis, Page A10

In the only new policy announcement of the speech, he called on Congress to finance what he called a Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund, with up to \$5 billion to provide training in these operations to vulnerable countries like Iraq, Lebanon and Turkey, all neighbors of Syria.

"We have to develop a strategy that matches this diffuse threat; one that expands our reach without sending forces that stretch our military too thin, or stirs up local resentments," Mr. Obama declared. "We need partners to fight terrorists alongside us."

The president has spoken before about the threat from terrorism, most notably in a speech last May at the National Defense University. But on those occasions he had taken pains to note that the threat was on a lesser scale than the Sept. 11 attacks and could be dealt with "smartly and proportionately."

On Wednesday, his language was more ominous: "For the foreseeable future," he said, "the most direct threat to America at home and abroad remains terrorism.'

Mr. Obama singled out Syria, which he said was becoming a Continued on Page A10

Terror's Front: Local Groups, Eyes on West

BV DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK and ERIC SCHMITT

CAIRO - The Benghazi militant group Ansar al-Shariah is under attack by a renegade former general trying to rid Libya of political Islam. But in response, the militia has taken aim squarely at Washington.

"We remind America of their defeats in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia," Mohammed Ali al-Zahawi, the leader of Ansar al-Shariah, declared this week in a videotaped statement, warning that the United States would face it trie

Lyrical Witness to Jim Crow, and the Caged Bird

By MARGALIT FOX Maya Angelou, whose landmark book of 1969, "I Know Why he Caged Bird Sings" — a lvr ical, unsparing account of her childhood in the Jim Crow South was among the first autobiographies by a 20th-century black woman to reach a wide general readership, died on Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was 86. Her death was confirmed by her literary agent, Helen Brann. The cause was not immediately known, but Ms. Brann said Ms. Angelou had been frail for some time and had heart problems. In a statement, President Oba-ma said, "Today, Michelle and I join millions around the world in remembering one of the brightest lights of our time – a brilliant writer, a fierce friend and a truly phenomenal woman," adding, "She inspired my own mother to name my sister Maya." Though her memoirs, which eventually filled six volumes, garnered more critical praise than her poetry did, Ms. Angelou (pronounced AHN-zhe-low) very likely received her widest exposure on a chilly January day in 1993, when she delivered her inaugural poem, "On the Pulse of Morning," at the swearing-in of Bill Clinton, the nation's 42nd president. He, like Ms. Angelou, had grown up in Arkansas. It began



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Jimmy Iovine is joining Apple.

Right This Way, Sir, for Botox And a Quick Prostate Exam

By ANEMONA HARTOCOLLIS

From the gleaming limestone lobby to the chocolate and oxblood exam room walls to the percussive address, 555 Madison Avenue, a new clinic in Midtown Manhattan exudes masculinity, and that is no accident.

Still smelling of fresh paint, it is NYU Langone Medical Center's health center devoted to men, one of two such centers opened in the last two years by major New York hospitals, within 10 blocks of each other, and using marketing techniques common to lifestyle companies and luxury spas.

"The glass ceiling has been broken; now there's a health center just for men," goes one NYU Langone advertising slogan, with a tongue-in-cheek hint of transgression. Says another: "It's the gentlemen's club your wife would

approve of."

NYU Langone and other medical institutions have long had services devoted to women, an outgrowth of the belief that the male-dominated medical establishment had not paid enough attention to their particular needs.

Now men are beginning to get equal treatment as hospitals try to take advantage of an enormous untapped market: men who, studies show, avoid doctors for virtually anything short of a bullet wound. The new clinics offer one-stop shopping for services ranging from heart monitoring to hair removal to hormone therapy, from the life-prolonging to the life-enhancing, if medically debatable

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A Rock, A River, A Tree Hosts to species long since departed, Marked the mastodon, The dinosaur, who left dried tokens

Maya Angelou in 1969, the year of her landmark memoir.

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on the role of government.

A Defeat for Cleaner Energy

Ohio lawmakers reversed their support

for a law intended to phase in renewable

energy, a sign of an eroding consensus

Battle Over Book Sales Grows

Amazon and Hachette are stepping up

Of their sojourn here On our planet floor, Any broad alarm of their hastening doom Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.

But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly, forcefully,

Come, you may stand upon my Back and face your distant destiny, But seek no haven in my shadow, I will give you no hiding place down here.

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tervene in Libya.

Locked in a local battle for territory but with an eye cocked warily at the West, Mr. Zahawi is in many ways a prime example of the growing terrorist threat of "decentralized Al Qaeda affiliates and extremists" that President Obama described Wednesday in a speech at West Point. Although less able or inclined to strike the American homeland, this diffuse patchwork of groups now poses "the most direct threat" to the United States and its interests, especially abroad, Mr. Obama said.

Ansar al-Shariah of Benghazi, infamous for its role in the 2012 attack that killed Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, is one of thousands of independent militant groups that have sprung up in loosely governed, lawless or war-torn territories across the Middle East and Africa - in places like Libya, Mali, Somalia, northern Nigeria, the Egyptian Sinai, Yemen, Iraq and most of all Syria.

Most have primarily or exclusively local objectives, concerned with expanding their turf, overturning an autocratic state or de-

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American in Suicide Raid

A United States citizen conducted a suicide bombing in Syria, apparently a first for an American, officials said. Page A4.

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Le Pen on Mission in Brussels

Emboldened by victories in elections for the European Union Parliament, Marine Le Pen of France's National Front



hopes to forge an alliance of right-wing parties. PAGE A6

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Left Puts Pressure on Cuomo

Mayor Bill de Blasio has become a behind-the-scenes mediator as the governor tries to mollify liberals. PAGE A28

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A Move to Limit Gun Risks

After a mass shooting, California considers creating a type of restraining order for people deemed at risk of committing violence, to prevent them from buying or owning a gun. PAGE A18

Obama's Push to Limit Carbon

President Obama is to propose cutting coal power plants' carbon pollution, part of a plan that would also urge states to set up cap-and-trade systems. PAGE A20

Snowden Says He's a Patriot

In an NBC interview, Edward J. Snowden said he considered himself a patriot and criticized Russia on rights. PAGE A24

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Bad Day for Williams Sisters

Serena Williams, the No. 1 seed, lost to 20-year-old Garbiñe Muguruza, right, in the second round of the French Open. Ve-

nus Williams also lost to a youthful opponent.

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Mel Ottenberg is the stylist who has helped the singer become a major force in fashion. PAGE E1



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A Tribute Amid the Living

Unlike Gettysburg or Arlington, the Sept. 11 memorial is not singularly devoted to those who have died. PAGE C1



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