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The jurors convicted 11 of the 12 defendants of racketeering, a felony that carries up to 20 years in prison. The dozen educators who stood trial were indicted in 2013 after years of questions about how Atlanta students had substantially improved their scores on the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test, a standardized examination given throughout Georgia. Prosecutors said the educators participated in a wide-ranging conspiracy to artificially inflate student scores and give a false sense that struggling schools were improving, in order to protect their jobs or win bonuses or favor from their superiors. Read “[Atlanta Educators Convicted in School Cheating Scandal](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/02/us/verdict-reached-in-atlanta-school-testing-trial.html)” to learn more.

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A small group of militants, most likely between four and 10, roved from dorm to dorm, separating Christian from Muslim students and killing the Christians, the authorities said. The Shabab has killed hundreds of Kenyans — on country buses, in churches, in remote coastal towns and inside one of Kenya’s fanciest malls during a devastating siege in 2013 that left 67 people dead and rattled Kenya’s prized image as a cornerstone of stability in this part of Africa. Read “[Somali Militants Kill 147 at Kenyan University](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/03/world/africa/garissa-university-college-shooting-in-kenya.html)” to learn more.

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After two years of negotiations, capped by eight tumultuous days and nights of talks that appeared on the brink of breakdown several times, Secretary of State John Kerry and his Iranian counterpart, Mohammad Javad Zarif, announced the plan, which, if carried out, would keep Iran’s nuclear facilities open under strict production limits, and which holds the potential of reordering America’s relationship with a country that has been an avowed adversary for 35 years. Read “[Iran Agrees to Detailed Nuclear Outline, First Step Toward a Wider Deal](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/03/world/middleeast/iran-nuclear-talks.html)” to learn more.

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The officer, Michael T. Slager, 33, said he had feared for his life because the man had taken his stun gun in a scuffle after a traffic stop on April 4. A video, however, shows the officer firing eight times as the man, Walter L. Scott, 50, fled. Read “[South Carolina Officer Is Charged With Murder of Walter Scott](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/08/us/south-carolina-officer-is-charged-with-murder-in-black-mans-death.html)” and “[After 8 Shots in North Charleston, Michael Slager Becomes an Officer Scorned](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/13/us/after-8-shots-a-quiet-officer-now-scorned.html)” to learn more.

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The verdicts set the stage for a second, more contentious phase of the trial, in which the same jury will decide whether to sentence Mr. Tsarnaev, 21, to life in prison or death. Read “[Dzhokhar Tsarnaev Is Guilty on All 30 Counts in Boston Marathon Bombing](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/09/us/dzhokhar-tsarnaev-verdict-boston-marathan-bombing-trial.html)” to learn more.

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He called his meeting with Mr. Castro “candid and fruitful,” and said work would continue on the goal he announced in December of re-establishing diplomatic relations and reopening embassies in Havana and Washington. Still, Mr. Obama said crucial steps in the normalization process would not be completed rapidly. He stopped short of announcing a final decision, now widely expected, to remove Cuba from the United States’ list of state sponsors of terrorism, saying he wanted to study it further. Read “[Obama Meets Raúl Castro, Making History](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/12/world/americas/obama-cuba-summit-of-the-americas.html)” to learn more.

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“ ‘With this initiative, we’re hoping to educate players about the enormous toll they might pay by leaving the game,' said [N.F.L. Commissioner Roger] Goodell, adding that the league will highlight the full and potentially debilitating consequences of retirement, which include the frequent and often permanent loss of endorsements that have recently affected a number of high-profile former players. ‘Sadly, most N.F.L. players will find that, without football, they’ll have completely fallen apart financially by the time they’re in their 40s, and sometimes even earlier than that. We’ve also seen that over time, their public profile begins to wear down, and it’s truly heartbreaking to see them become totally unrecognizable to the fans who once loved and knew them so well,’”[writes The Onion.](http://www.theonion.com/articles/nfl-launches-new-campaign-warning-players-about-lo%2C38247/)

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| The protesters claimed the movie is anti-Muslim and accused protagonist Chris Kyle of being a "racist." |

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| **https://www.billoreilly.com/images/icons/small/correct_check.pngCorrect**  | 10. President Obama has implied that his daughter Malia's childhood asthma was caused by what? |
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|  | Sugary candy |
| **ANSWER:**  | Global warming |
|  | Lack of exercise |
|  | Chicago's cold weather |
|  | His longstanding Marlboro habit |

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| Health experts say there is probably no connection whatsoever. |

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