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> Egypt's new cabinet announces a 15 percent increase in salaries and pensions to appease the public <http://bit.ly/gCIP-WN> (via The Guardian)
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> Port delays and reduced banking services continue to deter cargo shipments to Egypt, but the country does not face any grain shortages <http://reut.rs/rBAFl> (via Reuters)
> "Egyptian politics remain as chaotic as Cairo's central square..." A description of the upheaval in Egypt <http://econ.st/eBAWsl> (via The Economist)

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Egypt's new cabinet meets to bring stability but protestors still resisting

CAIRO — Egypt's newly appointed cabinet met Monday as the government attempted to reassert stability over the turbulent country with protesters in Cairo's Tahrir Square continuing to resist the new administration. The cabinet met without the widely despised former interior minister, Habib al-Adly — replaced by another police general, Mahmud Wagdi — and some signs of freedom were becoming apparent for the large number of protesters detained over the last two weeks. Following widespread international outrage, a Google executive was scheduled to be released Monday afternoon, Egyptian television reported. Wael Ghonim, Google's head of marketing for the Middle East and North Africa, had traveled to Egypt from his home in Dubai and was believed arrested Jan. 27. Ghonim was arrested after joining the protests in central Cairo, according to Amnesty

International investigators who spoke to eyewitnesses. Ghonim announced on his Twitter feed before his arrest that he had been "brutally beaten up by police people." Not long before he disappeared, he wrote: "Very worried as it seems that government is planning a war crime tomorrow against people. We are all ready to die." The release of prisoners has been a key demand of opposition representatives who met with newly appointed Vice President Omar Suleiman. They also are looking immediately for greater press freedom, a lifting of emergency laws and restraint in the use of force against anti-government protesters, in addition to comprehensive political reforms. Government spokesman Magdy Rady said there has been so much instability that "some groups" may be holding detainees without the government's authorization.

AOL Inc. to buy Huffington Post

SAN FRANCISCO (MCT) — In a bid to make itself relevant again, struggling Internet pioneer AOL Inc. announced Sunday it would buy the Huffington Post for \$315 million in cash and stock. As part of the deal, Huffington Post co-founder Arianna Huffington will oversee a new group responsible for bringing together all editorial content from both companies, including news, technology, music and local media websites. The deal, which was signed Sunday with approval from the boards of both companies, is something of a gamble for AOL. The Huffington Post could give AOL a much-needed boost in talent, traffic and ad inventory. Perhaps more important, it could also give the company an image makeover. But it remains to be seen whether the acquisition will be the turning point AOL Chief Executive Tim Armstrong has been looking for in his strategy to transform AOL.

Assange says he won't get fair trial

LONDON (MCT) — Lawyers for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange argued Monday that their client should not be extradited to Sweden for questioning in alleged sex crimes, saying he was the victim of unduly aggressive prosecutors and would not be guaranteed a fair trial. On the opening day of a two-day hearing, Assange's legal team sought to downplay the severity of the molestation and rape accusations against him and to cast doubt on the credibility and authority of the Swedish prosecutor seeking his extradition. They called a witness who referred to her as an "ultra-radical feminist." But British prosecutors, acting on their Swedish colleagues' behalf, said the alleged crimes committed during Assange's liaisons with two women last August were serious enough to warrant his return to Stockholm to be interrogated and possibly charged.

Rep. Harman to resign from seat

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — U.S. Rep. Jane Harman, a leading congressional voice on anti-terrorism issues, plans to resign from Congress to head up the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a senior congressional source confirmed Monday. The California Democrat is expected to leave her seat soon to succeed former Rep. Lee Hamilton as head of the Washington-based think tank, though no date was immediately announced. Her departure comes after her party lost control of the House, and it creates a rare open congressional seat in the Los Angeles area, setting up a special election to choose her successor. Harman's departure was first reported by NBC News. Harman was sending an e-mail to constituents Monday notifying them of her decision. "I have always believed that the best solutions to tough problems require a bipartisan approach, and bipartisanship is the center's 'brand,'" she said in the e-mail.

Logos color SBP campaigns

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Every day, thousands of UNC students pass through the Pit. During election season, the Pit is filled with enthusiastic campaigners holding up unique designs promoting student body president candidates. Candidates said deciding on sign symbolism is an important part of the campaign process.

A personal touch

Student body president candidate Mary Cooper has campaigned with a picture of the Old Well bearing her initials, entwined much like the classic "N.C." of the University. "We wanted to choose something that represented Carolina that I could add my personal touch to," Cooper said. Mary Cooper's brother Jamie Cooper and UNC sophomore Asia Morris helped to create the logo. Jamie Cooper, a sophomore art major at the University of Georgia, said his sister asked him to help with the logo over winter break. "I thought her initials, M.C., were a lot like N.C.," Jamie Cooper said. "We decided to play off the already existing logos of North Carolina."

New York, New York

The Brooklyn Bridge plays prominently into student body president candidate Brooklyn Stephens' campaign. Depicting the iconic New York bridge and her name, Stephens' signs play into her central theme of building bridges between students and student government. "The connection was too good



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A-frames and posters decorate the Pit during election season. Most candidates try to add personal touches to convey their campaign message.

to resist," Stephens said. Lauren Talley, one of the logo's designers, said she started sketching the logo on receipt paper while working in Student Stores. "She's all about connecting people and involving people," Talley said.

Vote of confidence

Student body president candidate Ian Lee said his logo is clear and to the point. "The check is a vote of confidence," Lee said. "And the four colors signify a diverse and inclusive environment." Lee's campaign manager Cierra Hinton said Lee wants to get things done for the student body. "The check mark is connected to student voting, connected to getting things done," Hinton said.

A new beginning

Student body president candidate Rick Ingram's logo invites comparisons to the symbol for the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Like the federal logo, illustrated with gears, stars and a sprout, Ingram's is split into three sections — a sunrise, the Old Well and people. "It's a collection of the things that are important to us at Carolina," Ingram said. Ingram and his campaign manager Billy Kluttz said the logo similarities were coincidental. "Logos are fairly inconsequential in these student body president races," Ingram said.

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February 15:


"WHO NEEDS CEREMONIES OF MEMORY?: THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY"



Michael Kreyling will be speaking about his research around his new book that explores the cultural politics of memory in representations of the South through an examination of re-enacted memory in latter-day versions of the Civil War, the construction of white liberal southern-ness in post-Civil Rights fiction and works by authors such as Robert Penn Warren and W.E.B. Dubois.

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