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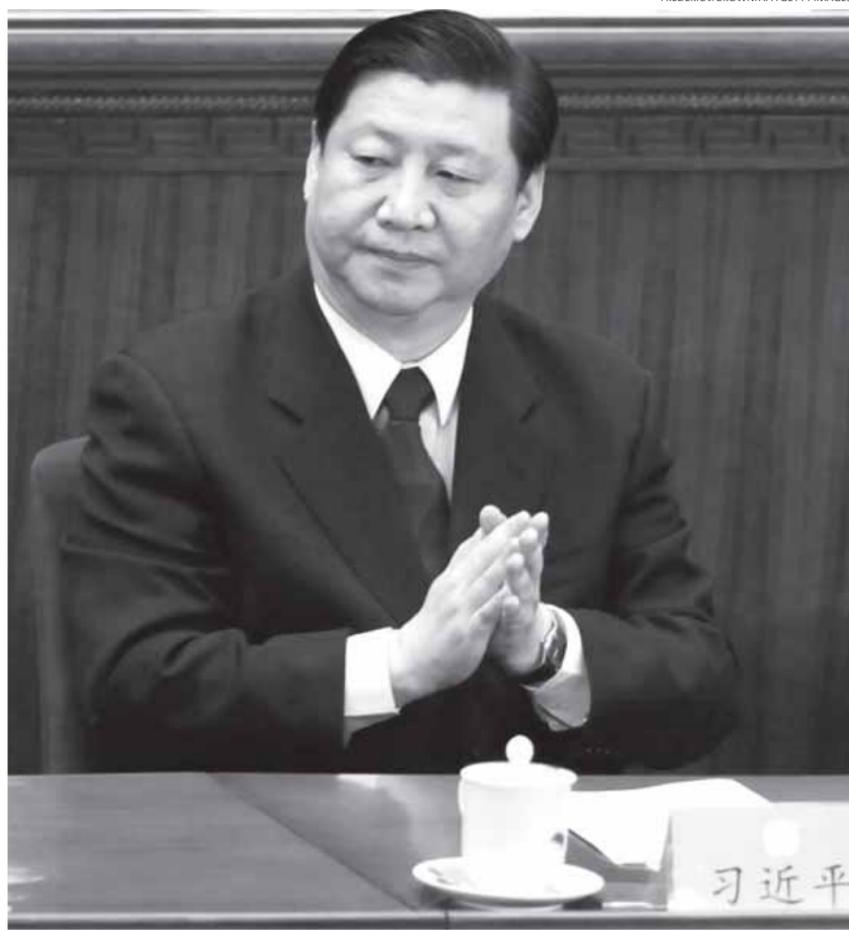
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Xi Jinping, the cadre anointed to lead the Communist Party, attending a political conference in Beijing in 2008. Xi's plans to resolve the economic and social contradictions created by Party rule remain unclear.

Getting to Know Xi Jinping, the Chinese Regime's Next Boss

NEWS ANALYSIS

BY MATTHEW ROBERTSON
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People's Republic of China Vice Chairman Xi Jinping will meet with President Obama at the White

House on Tuesday, as U.S. leaders begin to get to know the man who is ticketed to lead the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) for the next decade.

The West often knows relatively little about the leaders of the CCP as they ascend to power, as their most revealing actions are typically performed well out of sight. The public personae of these lead-

ers are carefully stage managed to support the regime's propaganda.

In the case of Xi, he does not seem to be an advocate for any clear program for the CCP or China, and this apparently clean slate may be part of his attraction to leaders of a Party driven into competing factions.

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Israeli Embassies Targeted by Bombers

BY JACK PHILLIPS
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A bomb was set off at the Israeli Embassy in India, leaving one woman injured, and another bomb was diffused at the country's embassy in Georgia on Monday, with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blaming them on Iran and its ally Hezbollah.

"Iran is behind these attacks; it is the largest exporter of terrorism in the world," Netanyahu said in a statement, adding that Tehran and Lebanon-based Hezbollah were behind terror plots targeting Jews in other countries, including Thailand, Azerbaijan.

"In each instance we succeeded in foiling the attacks in cooperation with local authorities," he said.

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Investigators work the scene of a vehicle that exploded near the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi, India, on Feb. 13.



Sher Khan (background) and China Doll enjoying a respite in their enclosure on the lake. There is water to play in and enhancement programs that let them enjoy life.

Big Cat Rescue: Caring for Jungle Pets

BY JOHN CHRISTOPHER FINE

"Sher Khan was bred to be a white tiger. He's not white so they rejected him. He languished for four months in a pet carrier," Phyllis Midaugh said. Phyllis is a retired teacher and dedicated volunteer at Tampa's Big Cat Rescue. She was just promoted to Senior Animal Caretaker at the center and proudly wears her new green sweatshirt.

"Our volunteers wear red, yellow, green, and blue. Blue is the master." Phyllis was overjoyed with her new status, earned after four years of volunteer work. It meant that she can now clean the enclosures of lions, tigers, and leopards without going inside. "I go around the outside with a bucket and plastic bags. I use a ten-foot pole with a hoop at the end."

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Obama Sets Priorities with 2013 Budget Plan

\$4 trillion in deficit cuts over next decade

BY SHAR ADAMS
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WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama has released his 2013 budget, putting in place the priorities he laid out in his State of the Union while treading a fine line between cuts to reduce the deficit and spending to stimulate economic growth.

"In the State of the Union, I outlined a blueprint for an economy that is built to last—an economy built on new manufacturing, and new sources of energy, and new skills and education for the American people," the president told some 800 students assembled at a community college in Virginia, Feb. 13.

"Today, we're releasing the details of that blueprint in the form of next year's budget."

The president outlined \$4 trillion in cuts to the deficit over the next decade seeking to reassure those

“We've got to do everything in our power to keep this recovery on track.”

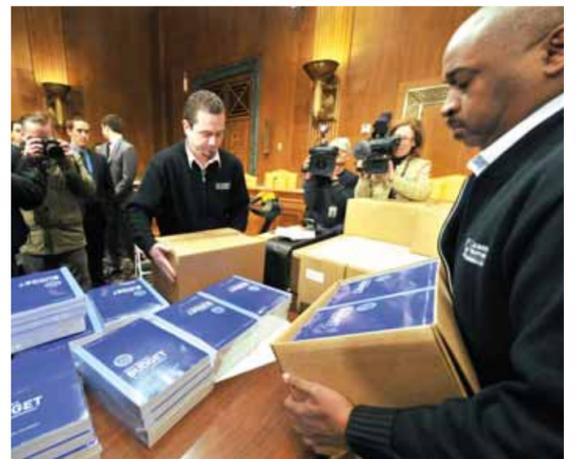
PRESIDENT OBAMA

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concerned about American debt. The United States presently holds a combined public and intra-governmental debt of \$15 trillion, surpassing last year's gross domestic product (GDP) of \$15.09 trillion according to U.S. government data.

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Government printing office workers open cartons containing President Barack Obama's fiscal year 2013 budget as it is delivered to Congress Feb. 13 on Capitol Hill.

Apple Shares Climb Above \$500

BY FRANKLIN YU
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NEW YORK—Shares of Apple Inc. soared on Monday to above \$500 per share for the first time, buoyed by positive earnings and a broad market rally driven by progress in Greek debt talks.

Apple climbed 1.9 percent to finish at \$502.60 on Monday afternoon. All major U.S. indices also rallied, with the Dow gaining 0.57 percent to 12,874 points. The S&P 500 Index gained 0.7 percent, and the Nasdaq Composite Index rallied 0.95 percent.

Apple rallied after the Greek Parliament approved new austerity measures demanded by the eurozone, which would clear the way for a new bailout for the debt-ridden country. The news sent broader markets in the United States and Europe higher on Monday, extending the bull market of 2012.

So far this year, Apple shares are up by more than 20 percent, partly due to a knockout quarter on stellar iPhone sales. In addition, investors are eagerly awaiting the upcoming iPad 3 tablet computer, which is rumored to be unveiled in March.

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“In the U.S. we have more tigers in captivity than exist in the world.”

Jeff Kremer, a Big Cat rescue program director