

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The shape of the bar may have looked like the Swiss Alps before, now it’s a bit more Holland.”

— British consumer Tony Mathews, describing the new look of Toblerone Swiss chocolate. The maker of the triangle-array bars has widened the spaces in some of its bars, offering about 10 percent less product for the same price
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MILITARY

Duterte approves joint exercises with US

By JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has approved the continuation of joint military exercises with U.S. forces, but the number of drills will be reduced and will exclude mock assaults, defense officials said Wednesday.

Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said Duterte also allowed the government to proceed with a 2014 defense accord with Washington permitting U.S. forces to be stationed temporarily at five designated Philippine military camps, along with their warships and planes.

Duterte had previously threatened to end military exercises with the U.S. and the presence of American forces in the country in about two years, saying the Philippines' still ill-equipped troops have not benefited from America's superior military.

Lorenzana said he and other security offi-

cials explained to the president at a Cabinet meeting on Monday how the Philippines benefits from the annual maneuvers.

“We presented to him the long years of bilateral relationship,” Lorenzana said. “The Armed Forces of the Philippines enumerated the benefits obtained from these exercises.”

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Molly Koscina cited the swift response of American forces after Typhoon Haiyan ravaged the central Philippines in 2013. U.S. personnel reached the area four hours after the Philippines sought help.

U.S. troops, aircraft and aid, along with those from other countries, have been credited with preventing more casualties after the powerful storm struck. Haiyan left more than 7,300 dead or missing.

“That can’t happen unless you have an alliance and that you train together and work together,” Koscina said.

Defense department public affairs chief

Arsenio Endolung said the changes in annual joint maneuvers will be discussed with American military officials led by U.S. Pacific Command chief Harry Harris Jr. at a Nov. 22 meeting in Manila.

Duterte ordered assault exercises to be discontinued, the defense department said.

Endolung said two naval exercises involving amphibious beach landing and boat raids may be stopped. A largescale exercise called Balikatan or shoulder to shoulder will be retained but will shift its focus to disaster response, humanitarian aid and counterterrorism, he said.

“We still have to discuss with the Americans what form this will take as it will be modified,” Lorenzana told The Associated Press.

Lorenzana said he expected no major change in the Philippines’ treaty alliance with the U.S. following the electoral victory of Donald Trump.

Marines hold servicewide one-day pause in operations

By TARA COPP
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — All Marine Corps units will hold a one-day pause in operations during a string of accidents and other incidents that have left 152 Marines dead during the last fiscal year.

Gen. Robert Neller, Marine Corps Commandant, announced the pause, which started Tuesday, in a message to commanders and enlisted leaders.

During the stand down, units are to take one day between Nov. 8 and Dec. 1 to discuss its operations and identify areas that can be improved.

During the last fiscal year, the Marine Corps has faced a string of helicopter and fighter jet crashes that killed pilots and crews, as well as high-profile training cases at the Parris Island training center in South Carolina that left at least one Marine recruit dead.

“This is our chance as professionals, from private to general, to pause, think, reflect, and discuss who we are and how we can improve, both as individuals and as a team,” Neller said in a prepared statement. “My goal is for Marines to understand their value to the organization, to know they have a voice, and for leaders to join them in the trenches to ensure we are focused on success.”

Overall, Marine Corps units “are doing extraordinarily well,” but training acci-

dents and destructive behavior by a small number of Marines leave room for improvement, according to Neller’s statement.

In fiscal year 2016, 53 of the 152 deaths were due to self-inflicted injuries across active-duty and reserve forces, a Marine Corps official said on the condition of anonymity.



Neller

have not had issues and learn from those practices.

The Marines recently released the results of an investigation of a January 2015 collision between two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters off the coast of Hawaii that killed 12 Marines.

The investigation found the crash was due to pilot error, though it also found that the pilots had not been provided adequate flight hours or night-vision training prior to the Jan. 14 crash.

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Littoral combat ship reaches San Diego

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Despite suffering a few wounds on its voyage from Alabama, the Navy’s new littoral combat ship Montgomery reached its homeport of San Diego on Tuesday.

“It’s a really excellent crew,” Navy Commodore Jerry Harrison, 47, commander of Littoral Combat Ship Squadron 1, said as he waited for the Montgomery’s 71 sailors to disembark. “Great teamwork, and they did a great job bringing this ship around.”

Commissioned on Sept. 10 in Mobile, the Independence-class Montgomery was supposed to head to San Diego shortly afterward. But three days later, seawater leaked into the warship’s hydraulic cooling system. Then the ship lost one of its gas turbine engines and both port shafts.

The vessel continued under its own power to the Mayport Navy base near Jacksonville, Fla. With Hurricane Matthew bearing down on Oct. 4, however, the Navy ordered the Montgomery to ride out the storm at sea.

While under tow, a tug boat struck and cracked the ship’s trimaran aluminum hull, causing a “minor seawater intrusion” that the crew patched, according to the Navy.

After the hull was mended in Mayport, the Montgomery resumed its journey to San Diego. Then on Oct. 29, the ship struck a rock wall along the Panama Canal, causing a 1½-foot crack between the ship’s transom plates and port quarter, the Navy said.

Harrison said the incident remains under investigation, but that the vessel was under the control of Panamanian authorities when the mishap occurred.

The ship arrived in San Diego without further incident, following a brief stop in Manzanillo, Mexico.

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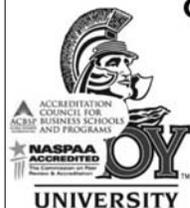
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ELECTION 2016

‘The people have spoken’

By SHARON COHEN
Associated Press

From Virginia coal country, as election results trickled in, Jimmy McDonald texted his boss to warn he might need a day off Wednesday. Celebrations, it seemed, were in order.

“Historic day,” his boss wrote back. “There’s still some good in America,” McDonald responded.

Just before midnight, he said he could barely believe it.

“The people have spoken,” he cheered. “The people said, ‘Enough is enough.’”

In a presidential contest that bitterly divided the nation, the election of Donald Trump to the White House left America’s voters just as polarized. For those watching as the results came in, there was exuberance, despair — and surprise on both sides of the political aisle.

McDonald was overjoyed. He’s vice president of collections at a bank in Tazewell, Va., where he spends his days working with neighbors who are losing cars, homes and businesses amid a collapsing coal economy. Trump is viewed a savior there, the man McDonald believes will deliver new prosperity to working-class communities.

“He’s going to bring back jobs. He’s going to bring back faith in America,” he said.

On the other side of the nation, Democrat Terry Zee Lee felt something far different.

“I fear for our country,” said Lee, 68, who earlier Tuesday had

no doubt in her mind that Hillary Clinton would be elected president. “I cannot imagine that as well as our country is doing right now, with all the improvements and all the gains we’ve had for equal opportunity and social justice — it just makes me sick to my stomach that my fellow Americans have that much hate and misogyny.”

Election night turned into a nail-biter for millions of Americans as the nation waited for the final tally of votes from a small number of states, mostly in the upper Midwest. But Trump victories in Ohio, Florida, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, along with traditional Republican strongholds, gave the real estate mogul the path he needed to win.

The final determination of who would become the nation’s 45th president extended an already long, acrimonious race.

In Hagerstown, Md., Sobhina Odin, an African-American who supported Clinton, wondered about the prospects of the nation coming back together after such a rancorous campaign. She joked that her son asked her, “You want to go to Canada for four years?”

But Odin said that on Wednesday, “I’m going to get up and go to work. And I’m just going to be like, he’s in the White House. And hopefully, four years from now, we’ll win it back.”

Even as Democrats sought to make sense of the outcome, Republicans pointed to Trump’s outsider status as part of his unorthodox appeal.

Joseeta Smith, 38, a Tazewell, Va., resident who’d never even registered to vote before this year, was so wowed by Trump that when she renewed her license plate, she got a personalized tag — “GO-TRUMP” — as a show of support.

“He’s not a politician. But that’s awesome because he always speaks whatever he thinks,” said Smith, who’s unemployed. “He’s completely determined to have his way, which is good and bad. Whatever he says he wants to make happen, he’s going to make happen.”

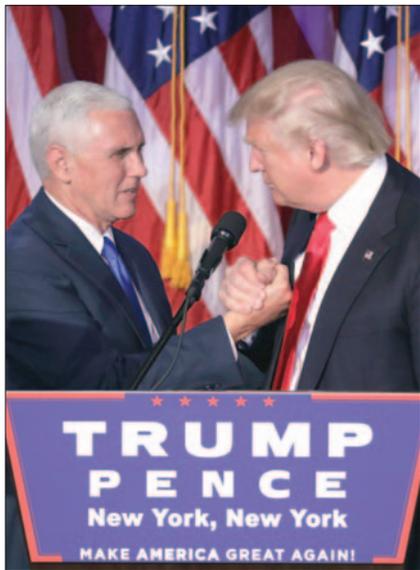
John Fusaro, 50, a Dallas resident who works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, believes Trump’s success reflects the public’s deep frustration with the so-called “establishment.”

“I think people are just tired of these people in Washington thinking we work for them, when they work for us,” he said.

Fusaro stayed up late watching the results come in — feeling, like much of America, stunned.

“When this first started, I didn’t think Trump would get this far, and I’m kind of a little bit in shock. But I’m very relieved. He’s had no support from the Republican establishment, or very little support. He had a lot of negative media. And despite all that, he’s done very well. That’s just a testament to the man’s will and ability.”

Fusaro had no illusions, however, about what it might take to begin healing the fractured electorate.



JOHN LOCHER/AP

President-elect Donald Trump shakes hands with Vice President-elect Mike Pence as he gives his acceptance speech during his election night rally early Wednesday morning in New York.

Trump, he said, must appeal for unity.

“I think he just needs to get out there and let them know that he’s not the monster that he’s been made out to be, and he will

work for every American,” Fusaro said. “And hopefully they’ll begin to trust him once he gets in office. That’s what I’m hoping for anyway.”

Troops’ reaction to results: Like ‘day Osama was killed’

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF
The Washington Post

Like many Americans, active-duty servicemembers stationed around the world were stunned at Tuesday’s night’s presidential race results.

“More than one person has compared it to the day Osama [bin Laden] was killed,” said one Army officer, referring to the day the al-Qaeda leader was killed during a raid by U.S. Navy SEALs. “I guess there’s a feeling among soldiers that Trump will care about them and fix everything they see as broken about the Army.”

The officer, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity because of his active-duty status, also passed on a Snapchat image from a fellow Army officer. The picture depicted an alcoholic beverage with white text superimposed over the half-full glass that said: “Taking flag off wall, resigning commission tomorrow.”

As a traditionally Republican stalwart, the U.S. military appears to be embracing real estate executive Donald Trump’s Wednesday presidential win, though there is also a healthy amount of reservation as well, according to nearly a dozen active-duty servicemembers interviewed for this report.

Pictures and videos were also circulating of soldiers celebrating the victory across the United States. At the Army’s National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., soldiers cheered in their barracks as Trump’s electoral vote count breached 270.

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Army officer

Overseas in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, however, the response was more muted. A soldier serving in southern Afghanistan said that the election was barely discussed at his small base. Afghanistan in particular received hardly any attention during the presidential race. The soldier said troops were more focused on what was going to be for dinner last night.

Outside Mosul, Iraq’s second-largest city and the site of a bloody campaign against the Islamic State, BuzzFeed’s Mike Giglio tweeted a few impressions from the soldiers with whom he was embedded.

“Last night no one wanted to sleep. We stayed up on the phones trying to watch results come back,” he quoted one soldier as saying.

“Our TV screen: drone footage on one half, FOX & CNN on the other,” another soldier said.

Many in uniform said that they see support for Trump, with his vague foreign policy goals, as more of a referendum on former secretary of state Hillary Clinton, who many rank-and-file troops view with suspicion for handling classified material in a manner that would garner severe

punishments if they had acted in a similar manner. They also said that they see Trump as a candidate that could usher in serious change on the military’s cultural issues, including gender integration.

Servicemembers interviewed for this report spoke of what they see as a groundswell of potential for Trump reversing the effects of the 2013 sequester and an announcement that same year by the Obama administration that opened all combat jobs to women. The decision was finalized by Defense Secretary Ash Carter in December 2015.

Two active-duty enlisted infantry Marines, one at a sniper school and another in an infantry battalion, said some members of their units hope Trump looks at the data provided by the Marine Corps on its gender integration studies and comes to a conclusion that isn’t “political” and hopefully reverses the decision to allow women in combat roles.

In 2014, the Marines started a nine-month experiment with a gender-integrated infantry unit that concluded with mixed results.

A female Army lieutenant, who also

spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that she was worried about losing some of the gains that women in the military have made in recent years.

She said that she didn’t trust Vice President-elect Mike Pence to believe in gender equality.

At the Pentagon and higher headquarters, where the military’s bureaucracy is a maze of offices and acronyms, troops stationed there are worried that Trump might not have the firmest grasp on how the defense of the country actually works, and they said that they are increasingly concerned about how mission priorities and resources might be shuffled — for better or for worse — in the coming months.

It is unclear and probably difficult to say whether Trump’s support is split between officer and enlisted lines, as those interviewed for this report said. Sockets of both supported and decried the candidate.

On Wednesday morning, Carter issued a statement about the election to the Pentagon, but the short paragraph did not mention Trump by name.

“I am very proud of the way each and every one of you conducted yourselves during this campaign, standing apart from politics and instead focusing on your sacred mission of providing security,” Carter said. “I am committed to overseeing the orderly transition to the next Commander-in-Chief. I know I can count on you to execute all your duties with the excellence our citizens know they can expect.”

ELECTION 2016

Trump has list of promises to keep

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It all starts with the wall.

Donald Trump's vow to build a wall along the border with Mexico, to make Mexico pay for it and to achieve iron-fisted control over illegal immigration stands as his leading promise, one that rang from the rafters countless times. But he owes his supporters—and now the country — much more than that.

While a lot of his agenda will be a hard sell, he won't have the excuse used by many presidents whose promises have fallen short — a Congress in the hands of the opposing party. Trump will take office with a unified government, both the Senate and House under Republican control.

A look at some of his IOUs:

Education

Trump promises to spend \$20 billion during his first year to help states expand school choice programs. He wants states to divert an additional \$110 billion of their own education money to help parents who want their children to go to other schools.

And he owes college students a big, and expensive, leg up. He says

he will cap student loan payments at 12.5 percent of a borrower's income, with loan forgiveness if they make payments for 15 years.

Child care

Trump promises six weeks of leave for new mothers, with the government paying wages equivalent to unemployment benefits. His plan also provides for a new income tax deduction for child care expenses, other tax benefits and a new rebate or tax credit for low-income families.

Foreign policy

Trump's "America first" ethos means alliances and coalitions will not pass muster with him unless they produce a net benefit to the U.S. He speaks of a less interventionist approach to crises abroad — with the exception of his vow to crush the Islamic State group. Yet he also promises to spend much more to restore what he sees as depleted armed forces.

Energy

Trump vows to cut regulations as part of his effort to "unleash American energy." This means allowing unfettered production of oil, clean coal, natural gas and other sources to push the U.S. to-

ward energy independence and create jobs. In particular, he owes coal miners a revival of their livelihood, even though the industry's decline is in large measure due to the rise of natural gas, which he also supports. He pledges to rescind the Clean Power Plan, a key element of President Barack Obama's strategy to fight climate change.

Health care

He's vowed to repeal Obama's health care law and replace it with something more affordable. With a Republican Congress, the pressure will be on to do so. It remains to be seen how far lawmakers and the president will actually go to untangle a law that has sunk some roots, and Democrats won't be voiceless on this or other issues.

Iran

Trump promises to renegotiate or withdraw from the multilateral deal that eased sanctions on Iran in return for controls on its nuclear program.

Social Security

Trump has promised not to cut Social Security.

Supreme Court

Trump promises to nominate justices who are open to overturning the constitutional right to abortion and who support Second Amendment gun rights.

Immigration

Trump promises to stop the influx of Syrian refugees into the U.S., and somehow to help them overseas. He vows to deport people convicted of serious crimes who are in the U.S. illegally. And there's that wall, which Mexicans insist they won't pay for. But the fate of millions of people who are in the country illegally is a gray area — he's not promising to deport them but also not saying he would give them legal status. He'd ban immigration of people from areas prone to extremism, but how that would be defined is unclear.

Trade

Trump promises to renegotiate or withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement. He also vows to oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal and to slap stinging tariffs on countries that the U.S. judges to be trading unfairly. China faces the risk of steep penalties — and



AP

President-elect Donald Trump has said he would nominate people who support gun rights as justices to the Supreme Court.

U.S. consumers would pay higher prices as a result — if his vow is carried through.

Veterans

Trump promises to expand programs that allow veterans to choose their doctor — regardless of whether they're affiliated with the VA — and still receive government-paid medical care. He's pledged to fire or discipline VA employees who fail veterans or breach the public trust. He also would increase mental health professionals and create a "White House hotline" dedicated to veterans. If a valid complaint is not addressed, "I will pick up the phone and fix it myself if I have to," Trump pledged.

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Win could have big impact on Supreme Court

By **ROBERT BARNES**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The political earthquake that hit Tuesday night has enormous consequences for the Supreme Court, swallowing up Judge Merrick Garland's ill-fated nomination and dismantling Democratic hopes for a liberal majority on the high court for the first time in nearly a half-century.

In the short term, Republican Donald Trump's victory means that at some point next year, the nine-member court will be restored to full capacity, once again with a majority of Republican-appointed justices.

Democratic attempts to filibuster Trump's choice would likely lead Republicans to end that option for Supreme Court justices, just as Democrats did for other judicial nominations when their party controlled the Senate.

Trump's upset victory likely changes the court's docket as well: Court challenges to President Barack Obama's regulations regarding the Affordable Care Act and immigration, which have preoccupied the justices in recent terms, will likely disappear under a President Trump and a Republican-controlled Congress.

The long-term question will be Trump's ultimate impact on the court's membership, and whether he gets the chance to do more than choose the successor to Justice Antonin Scalia, who died in February.

Two of the court's liberals, Justices Ruth

Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer, are 83 and 78, respectively. Moderate conservative Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 80.

As long as those three stay, the court's rulings on sensitive social issues — protecting abortion rights, affirmative action and gay rights, for instance — are secure.

"A lot of the big things are actually ones on which the court already has a so-called liberal majority," Neal K. Katyal, the acting solicitor general under President Obama, said before the court's term began last month.

Tuesday's election assures that Kennedy will remain the court's pivotal justice, for now. Trump has said he will draw his Supreme Court nominee from a list of 20 judges and one senator: Mike Lee of Utah. All appear to be more conservative than Kennedy, the court's longest-serving justice.

Kennedy is the member of the current court most likely to be in the majority when the court splits 5 to 4 in its most controversial decisions. Most of the time, he sides with Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and the court's other remaining conservatives: Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr.

But on some social issues, Kennedy sides with the liberals: Ginsburg, Breyer and Obama's two choices for the court, Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.

He joined them and wrote the majority opinion finding that gay couples have a

constitutional right to marry; in fact, Kennedy has written all of the court's cases protecting gay rights.

Last term, he wrote the decision approving the limited use of race in college admission decisions, and voted to strike down a Texas law that the court said imposed unnecessary burdens on a woman's right to obtain an abortion.

But three of the five justices supporting those issues are the oldest on the court. Abortion rights advocates immediately sounded an alarm.

"President-elect Trump has publicly pledged to overturn Roe and promised punishment for the one in three American women who will have an abortion in her lifetime," said Nancy Northup, president of the Center for Reproductive Rights. She was referring to Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision assuring a woman's right to an abortion.

Garland, a moderate liberal who is chief justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, would likely have replaced Kennedy as the justice in the middle. Obama nominated him last March in part because Republicans in the past have said he was the most likely Democratic nominee to win confirmation.

But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., declared on the night of Scalia's death that Republicans would not act on any Obama nominee. The move brought charges that McConnell had politicized the process, but the gambit worked: It will now

be a Republican president making the lifetime appointment to replace Scalia.

Trump has said his nominee will come from the list compiled with the help of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, and the legal group, the Federalist Society. His nominee will be like Scalia in seeking to overturn Roe and be a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, Trump has said.

All eyes will now be on the court's oldest members, Kennedy and Ginsburg. Replacing Kennedy with a more stalwart conservative would immediately impact the court's dynamics. He has given no indication about how long he intends to serve on the court.

Ginsburg has said she will serve as long as she is up to the job. She would likely be loath to allow Trump to pick her successor; she caused an uproar this summer when in media interviews she called him a "faker" and said she feared for the court and the country if he were elected.

Ginsburg turned aside calls from some liberals that she retire years ago, so that Obama could name her replacement. She said it was unclear whether the Senate would confirm her successor. And she told The Washington Post that there was no rush: She felt it was likely that another Democrat would be elected after Obama.

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Republicans retain lock on House

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans retained their lock on the House for two more years as GOP candidates triumphed in a checkered of districts in Florida, Virginia and Colorado that Democrats had hoped Donald Trump's divisive comments about women and Hispanics would make their

own. Democrats who'd envisioned potentially big gains in suburban and ethnically diverse districts instead were on track for disappointingly modest pickups. Republican contenders were buoyed by Trump's surprising victory early Wednesday in his White House bid against Democrat Hillary Clinton and his appeal to white working-class voters.

Expectations had been low that Democrats would win the 30 seats they needed to capture House control. But both sides had anticipated they'd cut the historic GOP majority by perhaps a dozen seats, which now seemed unlikely. Republicans currently hold a 247-188 majority, including three vacant

seats, the most the GOP has commanded since their 270 in 1931.

By Wednesday morning, Republicans had at least 233 seats — guaranteeing control — and just five of their incumbents had lost. The GOP retained seats in Minnesota, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Wisconsin that Democrats coveted, and Republicans prepared to build on their six-year run of House control.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., who won a 10th term, called Trump to congratulate him on his win, and pledged to work together. It was initially unclear what impact the marginally smaller size of the GOP majority would have on Ryan, who'd angered some Republican lawmakers by refusing to campaign for Trump.

While one member of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus was defeated, several newly elected Republicans could bolster it. That would increase conservatives' leverage to demand their way on issues like curbing spending and government regulations.

In Florida, freshman GOP Rep. Carlos Curbelo won a race

that underscored how Trump's damage to Republicans would be limited. With around 7 in 10 of the Miami-area district's voters Hispanic, Democrats targeted it and the race became one of the country's most expensive with an \$18 million price tag. But Curbelo distanced himself from his own party's nominee and prevailed.

Virginia freshman Rep. Barbara Comstock kept her seat in the Washington, D.C., suburbs despite Democrats' attempts to lash her to Trump. The two sides spent more than \$20 million in a district of highly educated, affluent voters that both sides had viewed as vulnerable to a Democratic takeover.

GOP Rep. Mike Coffman was re-elected outside Denver in another costly race.

Democrats defeated two Florida GOP incumbents, but that seemed due to local circumstances.

Rep. John Mica, 73, a 12-term veteran from the Orlando area, was criticized by GOP strategists for a kluster campaign and lost to Democrat Stephanie Murphy, a political neophyte. Democrat Charlie Crist, once the state's Re-

publican governor, defeated Rep. David Jolly in a St. Petersburg district redrawn to favor Democrats.

Democrats spent \$4 million and beat GOP Rep. Scott Garrett, a Freedom Caucus member from New Jersey's New York City suburbs. Also defeated was Rep. Bob Dold, a GOP moderate from outside Chicago, and Nevada Republican Rep. Cresent Hardy.

No Democratic incumbent had lost by early Wednesday.

Both parties' candidates and outside groups spent nearly \$1.1 billion combined on House campaigns, shy of the \$1.2 billion record in 2012, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan research group. Republicans had only a slight financial edge.

Even with the Ryan-led House GOP's current formidable advantage, work has stalled this year on spending bills after hitting objections from conservatives.

Moving into 2017, Congress faces a fresh round of budget legislation plus the need to renew the government's borrowing authority or face an economy-jarring



MANUEL BALCE CENTEA/AP

House Speaker Paul Ryan won a 10th term Tuesday and indicated he would like to remain speaker.

federal deficit.

Ryan, 46, has said he wants to be speaker in the new Congress and has expressed confidence in doing so. But he is not immune to ire from the Freedom Caucus, which chased out former Speaker John Boehner last year. Just a handful of disgruntled conservatives could possibly block Ryan from the 218 votes he'd need to retain his post. That would be an embarrassing setback for the GOP's 2012 vice presidential candidate, who may harbor White House aspirations.

Democrats also lose in Senate

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans held onto their slim Senate majority, a stinging blow to Democrats in a night full of them. Democrats had been nearly certain of retaking control but saw their hopes fizzle as endangered GOP incumbents won in Missouri, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and even Democrat-friendly Wisconsin.

GOP-held New Hampshire remained too close to call on Wednesday morning, but even if Democrats eked out a win there it would not make a difference.

Republicans started the night with a 54-46 majority in the Senate and were on track to end up with at least 52 seats, presuming they win a December runoff in Louisiana, as expected.

The outcome added to a debacle of a night for Democrats, who lost the presidency and faced being consigned to minority status on Capitol Hill for years to come.

Republicans celebrated their wins, already looking ahead to midterms in 2018 when Democrats could see their numbers reduced even further with a group of red-state Senate Democrats on the ballot.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who will serve in that role next year under a President Donald Trump, issued a statement congratulating the president-elect.

"After eight years of the Obama administration, the American people have chosen a new direction for our nation. President-elect Trump has a significant opportu-

nity to bring our nation together," McConnell said. "It is my hope and intent that we succeed in the years ahead by working together with our colleagues across the aisle to strengthen our national and economic security."

As the night wore on, Democratic operatives struggled to explain why their optimistic assessments of retaking Senate control were so mistaken. Some blamed unexpected turnout by certain segments of white voters, or FBI Director James Comey's bombshell announcement that he was reviewing a new batch of emails connected with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

In Pennsylvania, GOP Sen. Pat Toomey won a narrow victory for his second term over Democratic challenger Katie McGinty. It was a surprise because she was expected to go into the night — and one that many Republicans felt nearly as sure they'd lose.

The story was the same in Wisconsin, where GOP Sen. Ron Johnson, written off for months by his hand-picked successor, Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada's former attorney general who spoke often of her family's immigrant roots in a state with heavy Latino turnout.

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Sen.-elect Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., celebrates her win over incumbent Sen. Mark Kirk, R-Ill.

ocrats was in Nevada, where Minority Leader Harry Reid's retirement after five terms created a vacancy and the one Democratic-held seat that was closely contested. Reid maneuvered to fill it with his hand-picked successor, Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada's former attorney general who spoke often of her family's immigrant roots in a state with heavy Latino turnout.

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ended him and stuck with him won re-election, as did others like Pennsylvania's Toomey who never backed Trump until the very end. And so did a few like GOP Sen. John McCain of Arizona who un-endorsed Trump after audio emerged of him boasting of groping women.

McCain, at age 80, won his sixth term in quite possibly his final campaign.

In Indiana, GOP Rep. Todd Young beat former Democratic senator and governor Evan Bayh, who mounted a much-ballyhooped comeback bid, but wilted under scrutiny. And in Florida, GOP Sen. Marco Rubio beat Democratic Rep. Patrick Murphy, giving Rubio a platform from which he could mount another bid for president in 2020.

In New York, Sen. Chuck Schumer, the Democrats' leader-in-waiting for a new Congress, easily won re-election. But the results elsewhere meant he would be

leading a Senate minority when he replaces Reid in the leader's role.

Even though the GOP's renewed control of the Senate will be narrow, the advantages of being in the majority are significant. The controlling party holds the committee chairmanships, sets the legislative agenda and runs investigations. First up is likely to be a nominee to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court.

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ELECTION 2016

Mixed results for veteran candidates in Senate races

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Republicans won victories Tuesday night allowing them to retain control of the Senate but the election was a mixed bag for veteran and military candidates in some of the chamber's key races.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., won re-election as expected and will likely retain his chairmanship of the powerful Armed Services Committee. Democrat Tammy Duckworth, an Iraq war veteran, won out in Illinois over incumbent and fellow veteran Sen. Mark Kirk, while Rep. Todd Young, a Republican and Marine veteran, beat out one-time Democratic favorite Evan Bayh in Indiana.

But Republican Congressman and Army Brig. Gen. Joe Heck, who was running in Nevada, and Democrat Jason Kander, an Army veteran running in Missouri, both lost in highly competitive races to candidates with no military experience.

Overall, the election outcome means McCain and some new Senate voices such as Young will

maintain a slightly stronger hand in pushing defense policy — including an ongoing effort to hike military spending — in the Senate while having support from a House that also stayed firmly in GOP control. But losses by Heck and Kander also come as the number of veteran lawmakers in Congress sink to historic lows.

"The one message that came through loud and clear in this election is that Americans want progress now," McCain said in a released victory statement. "They want progress now to secure their families and America's interests from the dangerous threats we face overseas."

McCain, who is a key player in crafting military policy, said it was a "difficult national election and not always an uplifting one." But he said he was ready to extend an open hand of cooperation to President-elect Donald Trump, who won a sweeping victory that stunned pollsters after one of the most divisive and unusual U.S. elections in recent history.

One of the most stunning moments of the election came last year when Trump questioned

whether McCain was a war hero because he was captured and held as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. McCain withdrew support for Trump in October after a video surfaced showing the president-elect bragging about making unwanted sexual advances on women.

Meanwhile, Duckworth, who lost both legs in an Iraq helicopter crash, followed through with a win in Illinois after being favored to win against a Kirk campaign that struggled to connect with voters. Just two weeks before the election, Kirk publicly apologized after he questioned Duckworth's Thai heritage and her family's long history of military service, which stretches back to the Revolutionary War.

In Indiana, Young had been considered an underdog but in the final weeks of the election surged past Bayh, who was trying to return to the Senate after leaving in 2011.

Young, a rifle platoon commander and intelligence officer, campaigned as a fiscal conservative who supports many of House Speaker Paul Ryan's social pro-



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Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., greets supporters after announcing his victory over Democratic challenger Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick on Tuesday.

gram reforms as well as a repeal of the Affordable Care Act, known commonly as Obamacare.

In Nevada, Heck, a physician who is still serving in the Army Reserve, slugged it out in one of the most hotly contested and competitive Senate races.

He ran a tight race until the end against Catherine Cortez Masto, who is a Democrat and former state attorney general but has not served in the military. Heck had difficulties with Trump and the president-elect's campaign scandals that might have dragged on his own campaign.

In the House, Heck is chairman of an Armed Services Committee panel focused on military personnel and has worked on reform of military health care and the com-

missary system. Cortez Masto, who brings little experience with defense policy, will be the first Latina in the Senate.

The Democrats did suffer a major defeat in Missouri, where 35-year-old Kander seemed poised to unseat incumbent Sen. Roy Blunt, a Republican.

Outside money poured into the state and a campaign video showing Kander re-assembling an assault rifle while blindfolded highlighted his Army experience and went viral online.

But Blunt, who served for years in the House before moving to the Senate, defeated the young Democrat on election night with 49 percent of the vote.

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Analysts weigh in on Defense Secretary options

By **TARA COPP**
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON—A former national security adviser for George W. Bush and congressional defense leaders are considered front-runners for Defense Secretary for President-elect Donald Trump, experts said Tuesday.

Former national security adviser Stephen Hadley is a likely choice for the new Trump administration, defense analysts said. Hadley has worked in the Pentagon under multiple Republican administrations since the 1970s. His more recent assignments include serving as assistant secretary of defense, focused on NATO strategic issues, under President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1993 and as the former national security adviser to President George W. Bush from 2005-09.

Unlike several top Republican defense officials from both Bush administrations, Hadley did not break from the party to endorse Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Hadley revealed a little of his thinking in a Politico-sponsored panel in August, when he addressed the choices that Republicans faced and the reasons that some stayed quiet or aligned with Trump. "Those advisers 'want to have a voice in where the party heads,'" Hadley said at the time.

Mackenzie Eaglen, a senior defense analyst for the nonpartisan American Enterprise Institute think tank in Washington, said Hadley is one of several likely choices for the post.

Hadley's role as one of the Republican co-chairs of the bipartisan 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review Independent Panel—a deep dive into how the U.S. military and defense policy should be

postured to face future threats—should have him "certainly on any short list," Eaglen said.

Hadley "would bring a lot of experience," said Larry Korb, a former assistant secretary of defense for manpower under President Ronald Reagan who is a senior defense analyst at the progressive Center for American Progress think tank in Washington.

There are also several key contenders from Congress, analysts said. Former House Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., has been a vocal supporter for Trump and is part of the president-elect's transition team. Rogers was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and is "very sharp and widely respected," Eaglen said. Rogers is also a likely nominee to run the Central Intelligence Agency but is considered a defense secretary contender Eaglen said.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was also a vocal Trump supporter during the campaign and considered another front-runner, Eaglen and Korb said.

"His name would have to go on any short list," Eaglen said.

One of Trump's most vocal defense supporters, retired Lt. Gen. Mike Flynn, is not eligible for the post because U.S. law requires that any former military official seeking the position must have been retired for seven years before serving again. Flynn retired from the military in 2014. However, Congress could waive the requirement.

Beyond defense secretary, both analysts suggested that former House Armed Services subcommittee on seapower chairman Rep. Randy Forbes, who was

defeated in his Virginia primary earlier this year, would be a strong choice for Secretary of the Navy.

Given the unpredictability of this election, Eaglen cautioned against going with conventional wisdom, noting Trump may seek out a complete outsider, such as a head of a Fortune 100 company, to run the Pentagon, which is the nation's largest government agency and accounts for half of its discretionary spending.

Trump's win appeared to change the national security landscape overnight with at least two world leaders who had become increasingly at odds with the United States. Russian President Vladimir Putin was one of the first leaders to call to congratulate Trump, according to news reports. "Russia is ready and wants to restore full-format relations with the United States," Putin said, according to the state-controlled news agency Sputnik International.

The U.S. and Russia have been at odds over the way forward in Syria, where both nations are conducting airstrikes. Russia strikes appeared to be in support of Syrian president Bashar Assad. The U.S. airstrikes have been against

the Islamic State group but also in support of forces that seek the removal of Assad.

On Tuesday, France's foreign minister said the U.S. would need to clarify its strategy on Syria under a Trump presidency, according to Reuters.

In the Philippines, the United States' 60-year alliance with the strategic Pacific island nation had chilled after the election of President Rodrigo Duterte, who has more closely aligned his country with China. Early Wednesday, Duterte congratulated Trump and said his government "looks forward to working with the incoming administration for enhanced Philippines-U.S. relations anchored on mutual respect, mutual benefit and shared commitment to democratic ideals and the rule of law."

Trump's election also raised questions in Europe. One of Trump's campaign platforms was that the U.S. should not contribute as much to NATO.

Michael O'Hanlon, a senior defense analyst at the Brookings Institution, a public-policy research group in Washington, said before a defense secretary pick is made, Trump needs to signal to allies what the way forward could look like.

"Trump's big question now is, do I really disrupt everything about America's role in the world, or do I walk back some of the ideas about cutting allies loose and focus instead on my economic message?" O'Hanlon said. "That's the philosophical-existential question that must be answered above all others."

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Voters back marijuana use, gun control in several states

Associated Press

The campaign to legalize marijuana achieved a major breakthrough, with victories in at least six states on Tuesday.

In addition, voters in a scattering of states tightened gun control laws and approved increases in the minimum wage.

In all, more than 150 measures appeared on statewide ballots in Tuesday's election.

California, Nevada and Massachusetts approved measures legalizing the recreational use of marijuana, while Florida, Arkansas and North Dakota voted to allow pot for medical purposes. A recreational pot proposal lost in Arizona. The outcome of another in Maine was too close to call.

Gun control was on the ballot in four states, including California, which already has some of the nation's toughest gun-related laws. Voters there approved a measure that will outlaw possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines, require permits to buy ammunition and extend California's unique program that allows authorities to seize firearms from owners who bought guns legally but are no longer al-

Other ballot measures

BILINGUAL EDUCATION: California voters repealed a nearly two-decade-old law that limited bilingual education in public schools.

TAX HIKES: Oregon voters defeated a measure that would have imposed a 2.5 percent tax on corporate sales that exceeded \$25 million. Washington voters rejected a plan to promote cleaner

energy by imposing a tax of \$25 per metric ton on carbon emissions from fossil fuels such as gasoline, coal and natural gas.

TOBACCO TAXES: Voters in Colorado, Missouri and North Dakota rejected proposals to raise taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products. Californians approved a measure that raises cigarette prices by \$2 a pack and places new taxes on electronic cigarettes.

lowed to own them.

Washington state approved a ballot measure that will allow judges to issue orders temporarily seizing guns from individuals who are deemed a threat.

In Maine and Nevada, a group funded by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg spent millions promoting ballot measures that would require background checks on nearly all gun sales and transfers. The measure was approved in Nevada but was too close to call in Maine early Wednesday.

With Congress unable to agree on an increase in the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, numerous states and cities have taken action. Arizona, Colorado

and Maine voters approved measures phasing in a \$12 minimum hourly wage by 2020. In Washington state, where the minimum wage is \$9.47 an hour, voters approved a measure raising that to \$13.50 an hour by 2020.

In Nebraska, voters reinstated the death penalty, reversing the Legislature's decision last year. Nebraska has not executed an inmate since 1997. Ten men sit on death row. Nebraska was one of three states voting on capital punishment. California had two competing measures on its ballot, one repealing its rarely used death penalty and the other speeding up appeals so convicted murderers are actually executed.

Oklahoma residents approved



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Dominic Ripoli, left, and Bella Yousef smoke marijuana at a rally Tuesday in favor of proposition 64 in San Francisco. California voters approved a ballot measure Tuesday allowing recreational marijuana.

a measure to make it harder to abolish capital punishment.

Colorado voters approved a measure that will allow physi-

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GOP gains governors, control of legislatures

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Republicans have expanded their power in state capitols to their strongest levels in decades, picking up several previously held Democratic governorships while also claiming control of some key legislative chambers.

The Republican gains in statehouses capped a remarkable election in which Donald Trump won the presidency and the GOP held on to majorities in the U.S. Senate and House.

Heading into Tuesday, Republicans already controlled more than two-thirds of the nation's legislative chambers and 31 of the 50 governors' offices. By Wednesday, they were inching toward their historical high of 34 governorships set in 1922, with races in North Carolina and Montana still too close to call.

Republicans also won the Kentucky House for the first time in nearly a century and reclaimed the Iowa Senate from Democrats, giving the GOP control of both legislative chambers and the governor's offices in those states.

GOP governor gains

Republicans took away governors' offices from Democrats in Missouri, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Former Navy SEAL officer Eric Greitens defeated Democratic At-

torney General Chris Koster in Missouri's costliest gubernatorial race. He will succeed term-limited Gov. Jay Nixon to become just the second Republican governor in the past 24 years. Greitens capitalized on his military service and his work as founder of the veterans' charity known as The Mission Continues while casting himself as an outsider going up against a career politician.

Vermont Lt. Gov. Phil Scott defeated Democrat Sue Minter to take over the office held by Gov. Peter Shumlin, who chose not to seek another two-year term. Scott is currently the only Republican statewide officeholder in a liberal-leaning state but appealed to voters by pledging to make government more efficient and embracing abortion rights and gay marriage.

In New Hampshire, Republican Chris Sununu defeated Democrat Colin Van Osten in a race left open by Gov. Maggie Hassan's decision to challenge Republican U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte. Sununu is the son of former Gov. John H. Sununu and the brother of former U.S. Sen. John E. Sununu. His election ends an era in which Democrats controlled the governor's office for 18 of the past 20 years.

Incumbents on edge

The governors' races in North Carolina and Montana remained

too close to call early Wednesday. Democratic Attorney General Roy Cooper claimed victory over North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory, but the Republican incumbent told his supporters "the election is not over" while citing some still uncounted votes.

Cooper was ahead by just a few thousand votes out of more than 4.6 million counted. The race had become a referendum on North Carolina's rightward shift under McCrory, highlighted by a law that limits anti-discrimination protections for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and directs transgener people to use public restrooms matching the gender on their birth certificates.

Montana's Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock was in a close contest against Republican Greg Gianforte, a computer software firm founder who poured millions of his own money into the race. Gianforte had aired more

TV ads than all other statewide executive candidates in the nation while Bullock was heavily aided by the Democratic Governors Association.

Holding their own

Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb won election over Democratic former state House Speaker John Gregg to continue a 12-year run of Republican governors in Indiana. Holcomb, a former state Republican Party chairman, had been appointed to the state's No. 2 spot by Gov. Mike Pence and later was nominated as his replacement when Pence dropped his re-election bid in July to run for vice president.

In West Virginia, businessman Jim Justice defeated Republican Bill Cole, the state Senate president, to continue a 16-year stint of Democratic governors in a state that has otherwise been tilting

toward Republicans. Justice, a coal and agricultural billionaire, cast himself as a political outsider adept at creating jobs. He will succeed term-limited Democratic Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin.

No surprises

The results in five other states never seemed in doubt. Republican Gov. Gary Herbert won re-election in Utah, and Democratic Govs. Kate Brown of Oregon and Jay Inslee of Washington also turned back challengers. In Delaware, Democratic U.S. Rep. John Carney Jr. was elected to succeed term-limited Democratic Gov. Jack Markell. And in North Dakota, Republican businessman Doug Burgum won election to replace Republican Gov. Jack Dalrymple, who did not seek re-election.

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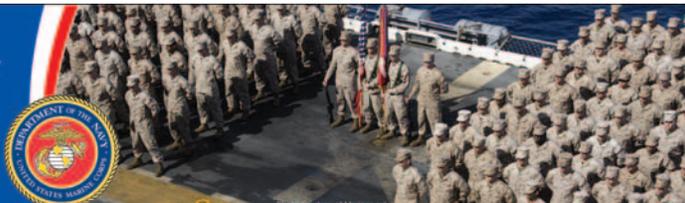
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Guests wait in line at an election-night party held by the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt on Tuesday.

In Germany, crowds turn out to watch results

Stars and Stripes

As Michael Pierce, a retired Army officer, tried to make the case for a Trump presidency, a flurry of catcalls came from the peep show gallery.

During a panel debate at an election night party in downtown Stuttgart, Pierce seemed to be a voice in the political wilderness as he faced off against anti-Trump panelists and a couple of outraged audience members.

Pierce's clash with others at the election party was a flicker of tension in an otherwise festive night at such organized gatherings in Germany where the U.S. election took center stage. The spectacle of Trump vs. Clinton that has ob-

essed many Americans struck a chord among Germans, too.

In Frankfurt, home to the largest U.S. State Department consulate in the world, nearly 1,000 people — mainly Germans — turned out to the mission's election night party at downtown Frankfurt's Gibson Club.

In Stuttgart, some 300 people gathered at a convention hall downtown, mainly Germans, where various debates and trivia games were held.

While the majority of those in attendance appeared to be in favor of Clinton, a smattering of Trump's "Make America Great Again" hats could be seen among the crowd.

S. Korea concerned by win

By KIM GAMEL

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — President Park Geun-hye's office convened the National Security Council on Wednesday to discuss the impact of the U.S. election amid concerns that Donald Trump's campaign threats to change trade and military agreements will become reality.

South Korea has closely watched the campaign because the stakes are high with North Korea aggressively pursuing its nuclear and missile programs.

While a victory by Hillary Clinton likely would have meant sta-

tus quo for the Washington-Seoul alliance, Trump has said South Korea should be paying more for its own defense and she might withdraw American troops stationed on the divided peninsula. He even has suggested allowing South Korea and Japan to develop their own nuclear weapons to reduce the U.S. defense burden.

The president-elect tried to reassure U.S. allies in his victory speech, saying "I want to tell the world that, while we will always put America's interests first, we will deal fairly with everyone."

Stars and Stripes reporter Yoo Kyong Chang contributed to this report.

Carter urges focus during transition

By COREY DICKSTEIN

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Defense Department employees must remain focused on critical missions across the globe as the country transitions to a Donald Trump administration in the coming months, Defense Secretary Ash Carter wrote in a brief memorandum issued Wednesday.

"I am committed to overseeing the orderly transition to the next commander in chief," Carter wrote to DOD personnel.

Carter and top uniformed military officials, including Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Ma-

rine Gen. Joseph Dunford, have pledged to keep the Pentagon non-partisan throughout the election. While many of the Pentagon's civilian leaders are political appointees, the vast majority of DOD employees will remain in their jobs under the next president.

Carter urged DOD employees not to be distracted through the process. "We must stay focused on our duty to confront current challenges and any that arise during this period," he wrote.

The defense secretary did not mention Trump by name in the memo, but he praised the American electoral process.

NATO, military role in Europe face uncertainty under Trump

By JOHN VANDIVER

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — NATO's top official on Wednesday congratulated President-elect Donald J. Trump on his Election Day victory, but Trump's rise to the White House is likely to deliver a jolt of uncertainty to Europe and an alliance that for half a century has relied on unflinching American military support dating to the early days of the Cold War.

European officials and analysts said part of the uncertainty stemmed from not really knowing what Trump thinks or plans and urged him to acknowledge America's responsibilities abroad.

"We face a challenging new security environment, including hybrid warfare, cyber attacks, the threat of terrorism. U.S. leadership is as important as ever," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said in a statement. "A strong NATO is good for the United States, and good for Europe."

What isn't clear is if Trump — who has been highly critical of NATO and European allies he says are not investing enough in defense — will see it the same way.

In Europe, a Trump presidency raises the prospect of a sharp shift in military priorities.

In the wake of Russia's 2014 military invasion in Ukraine, the U.S. military has been a steady presence in the western section of the country, helping to train Ukrainian troops as well as providing nonlethal military aid.

Trump has questioned U.S. interests in Ukraine, which have come at the cost of damaging relations with Russia.

In the Baltics, the U.S. military has been at the forefront of an extensive effort at reassuring allies nervous about a more assertive Russia on its borders. Although Moscow has repeatedly denied it presents any threat to the alliance, U.S. ground forces and air power have been present nonstop for the past few years in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Poland, the linchpin of a strategy that has centered on boosting military readiness.

"We're entering completely unknown territory," Estonia's National Defense Committee chairman Marko Mihkelson said on national television Wednesday. He said he doesn't expect a fundamental change in U.S. and Estonian relations, but that there are areas of concern.

"Trump has indeed made several statements in matters of security. He has been reserved in his criticism of Russia, especially where Ukraine and Syria are concerned. The question is, what his policy is really going to be?" Mihkelson said.

Germany's defense minister, Ursula von der Leyen, speaking on national television Wednesday, responded coolly to the prospect of a Trump presidency, voicing concerns about the implications for NATO.

"It was a huge shock," von der Leyen said when asked about her reaction to the news that Trump was winning. The first challenge, she said, will be figuring out his plans.

"We Europeans, especially as members of NATO know that Donald Trump as president, of course, will ask, 'what are you contributing to the alliance?' But we also will ask, 'what is your stance toward the alliance?'"

Jan Tchauh, director of the Richard C. Holbrooke Forum for the Study of Diplomacy and Governance at the American Academy in Berlin, said the effect of a Trump presidency on conditions in Europe depends on whether the business mogul believes what he says regarding U.S. security commitments being a matter that is up for debate.

"We don't know what he actually really believes, and this is the only hope that I have, that he doesn't believe any of it," Tchauh said. "If he believes what he says, we are in for a rough ride. It is a catastrophic problem for the West."

While a U.S. less inclined toward NATO could spur Europe to stand closer together, Tchauh said he wasn't optimistic. Traditionally, the U.S. has been the spur that has encouraged Europe into action on the security stage, and without Washington's leadership old European rivalries could flare. And with the rise of far right parties in Europe, notably in France and to a lesser degree in Germany, Trump could be a harbinger, Tchauh said.

U.S. moves in eastern Europe have enraged Moscow, resulting in threats of countermeasures in a region on edge. Trump, who touted the idea of warmer relations with Russian President Vladimir Putin as a centerpiece of his foreign policy outlook, could be inclined to negotiate NATO's stronger U.S. force posture on Russia's borders.

Shashank Joshi, a security analyst with the London-based Royal United Services Institute, said that if Trump takes a more conciliatory stance toward Moscow, Europe would likely follow suit, making the prospect of continued sanctions against Russia for its intervention in Ukraine more unlikely.

More military spending on the Continent, particularly in Europe's east, could also be on the horizon, as nations unsure of U.S. security commitments seek to beef up capabilities. On the other hand, some in Europe also could seek to hedge their bets, aligning more closely with Moscow, Joshi said.

In early 2017, U.S. efforts on NATO's eastern edge are set to intensify with an Army tank brigade bound for Poland and other nations along Russia's periphery. A supply of attack helicopters also is headed that way. It is unclear if Trump would proceed with the plan or pull back as part of a new arrangement with Moscow.

When it comes to national security and the role of the U.S. military around the world, Trump will have a freer hand in a way he won't when it comes to domestic policy. The decision to shut down overseas bases and missions or redeploy forces to the U.S., does not require Congressional approval.

Retired Adm. James Stavridis, former NATO supreme allied commander and dean of the Fletcher School at Tufts University, said a better sense of Trump's intentions will emerge once the players of his national security team become known.

"What President-elect Trump has talked about is shaking up NATO and putting it in a pay-to-play basis. In Iraq and Syria, the message included a secret plan to destroy the Islamic State," Stavridis said in an email. "Few details are available in either idea, and a key indicator of direction will emerge with his choice of defense, intelligence, and cyber advisors and office holders. We will learn more during the days ahead, hopefully."

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ELECTION 2016

A sense of dread in intel community

By GREG MILLER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — At some point Wednesday, a sober team of analysts will gather their black satchels and secure communications gear and begin making their way toward Donald Trump's campaign headquarters to give the president-elect his first unfiltered look at the nation's intelligence secrets.

The initial presentation is likely to be a read-through of the President's Daily Brief, the same, highly classified summary of security developments delivered every day to President Barack Obama. After that, U.S. spy officials will schedule a series of meetings to apprise Trump of covert CIA operations against terror groups, the intercepted communications of world leaders, and satellite photos of nuclear installations in North Korea.

The session is expected to bring a new president up to speed on the nation's most precious secrets. But with Trump, the meetings will likely serve as cautious and tense introductory encounters between wary intelligence professionals and a newly minted president-elect who has demonstrated abundant disdain for their work.

A palpable sense of dread settled on the intelligence community on Wednesday as Hillary Clinton, the candidate many expected to win, conceded the race to a GOP upstart who has dismissed U.S. spy agencies' views on Russia and Syria, and even threatened to order the CIA to resume the use of interrogation methods condemned as torture.

"It's fear of the unknown," said a senior U.S. national security official. "We don't know what he's really like under all the talk."

"I'm half-dreading, half holding my breath going to work today," said the official, who, like others, spoke on the condition of

anonymity, citing the sensitivity of the subject.

Michael Hayden, the former CIA director who in 2008 briefed a highly skeptical President-elect Obama on the agency's counterterrorism operations, said that intelligence officials are likely to approach their initial meetings with Trump with significant consternation.

"I cannot remember another president-elect who has been so dismissive of intelligence received during a campaign or so suspicious of the quality and honesty of the intelligence he was about to receive," Hayden said by telephone Wednesday morning.

Trump has already received at least two preliminary briefings, arranged during the campaign by Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper Jr. But those were done out of tradition and courtesy, providing both candidates broad overviews.

Intelligence officials were deeply troubled early in the campaign when Trump declared that he might be inclined to instruct the CIA to resume operations to capture terrorism suspects and subject them to brutal interrogation measures. That agency program was dismantled in 2009, and measures passed since then would make its resumption illegal.

Trump subsequently backed away from those comments. More recently, U.S. intelligence officials have been disturbed by Trump's positions on Russia — his statements encouraging Moscow to seek to steal Clinton's emails and his refusal to believe the intelligence community's conclusion that the Kremlin was behind a cyberspying campaign targeting Clinton and the Democratic Party.

The absence of seasoned national security officials on Trump's campaign staff has also been a source of concern at the CIA, the Pentagon and other agencies.



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A woman yells Wednesday as she takes part in a protest against President-elect Donald Trump in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood.

College students protest after election results announced

By SUSAN SVRLUGA
The Washington Post

As election results poured in, students took to the streets at colleges across the country, especially on the West Coast, crying and shouting with rage.

At many schools, the chants were the same: "[expletive] Donald Trump!" over and over, with fists pumping the air or arms around one another, some holding cellphones aloft to light their way through dark campuses, or to film and share on social media.

College students are part of a generation that is the most Democratic and liberal-leaning of all age groups, and over the last decade or so, there has been a real generational shift toward the Democrats, according to John Baughman, associate professor of politics at Bates College.

So while there was real jubilation from some students, often

those were smaller celebrations. At many schools, Trump supporters had said they stayed "closeted" because the mood on campus was so vehemently against him.

And even in states where support for President-elect Donald Trump was strong, college students were less likely to be celebrating the results than the people in the communities around campus.

For most students, this was their first presidential election.

And for many, the response to the results was visceral.

Hundreds of University of California, Los Angeles students poured through the streets shouting.

The Yale Daily News reported that scores of students ran to meet for a primal scream outside the library.

At the University of California, Davis, video posted on social media shows students marching

through campus yelling, "You are not America!" "WE are America!" and "[expletive] Donald Trump!" over and over.

A similar group marched at the University of Oregon, and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

In Washington, some college students headed to the White House.

At some campuses, reactions were more fearful, or worried. At Wellesley College, Clinton's alma mater, where CNN reported that thousands of women had gathered in expectation of seeing the first woman elected president, waving small wooden mallets and talking about women shattering glass ceilings, the night turned to sobs and hugs.

At Columbia University, the campus newspaper the Columbia Spectator reported that some professors postponed midterm exams out of concern for students.

Trump could actually take steps to try to jail Hillary Clinton

By MATT ZAPOTOSKY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump said at a debate last month that he would appoint a special prosecutor to examine Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server during her time as secretary of state and remarked that she would "be in jail" if he were president.

In about two months, he'll have the power to potentially make that a reality.

He wouldn't, of course, be able to snap his fingers and throw his political rival behind bars. He would have to order his

attorney general to appoint a special prosecutor, then count on that special prosecutor to agree with his assessment that Clinton's email practices violated criminal laws about mishandling classified information. And even if he did all that and Clinton was charged, she would still be afforded a trial, and Trump's special prosecutor would have to contend with evidence that led the original team of federal investigators to conclude there was not sufficient basis to bring a crime occurred.

Getting that process started, though, would not seem that difficult. Trump gets to pick and appoint the attorney general.

FBI Director James B. Comey recommended in July that neither Clinton nor her aides be charged with any crimes in connection with her use of a private email server during her term at the State Department, saying "no reasonable prosecutor" would bring such a case. He said in recent weeks that his conclusion was unchanged, even after investigators examined a new, potentially relevant batch of emails discovered on a computer belonging to disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner, the husband of top Clinton aide Huma Abedin.

Trump rallies have sometimes been marked with chants of "lock her up," and

his supporters repeated those cries as the Republican moved toward an upset victory Tuesday night.

Even prominent conservatives in the legal field have said that for Trump to act to jail Clinton would be inadvisable, and it would politicize the Justice Department in an alarming way. Former attorney general Michael Mukasey, one of Clinton's most vocal critics on the email issue, told The Washington Post last month, "It would be like a banana republic." Those remarks came after Trump broached the idea of a special prosecutor at a debate.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Evidence of torture found in mass grave

By WILLIAM BOOTH
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The Washington Post

HAMAM AL-ALIL, Iraq — There are bodies here and they were dumped on piles of trash in a windswept field of dirt at the edge of a small Iraqi town that until two days ago had been occupied by Islamic State fighters.

Other things were less clear. The latest mass grave in a series of mass graves left behind by captured, retreating or dead Islamic State militants was discovered Monday. Iraqis expect that many more clandestine burial sites will be found in the coming weeks as Iraqi forces take more territory from the Islamic State group.

The identities, cause of death and even the number of bodies left behind at the outskirts of a bombed-out agricultural college

on the outskirts of Hamam al-Ahil were unknown.

The Iraqi federal police on Monday said 100 corpses were found. A team of investigators in an hour's time on Tuesday uncovered 20, maybe 25.

It was hard to tell, they said. "The dogs got at them," said Dhargam Kamil, the director of the mass graves unit at the Al Shuhada Foundation in Baghdad.

How did the victims die? That would have to await forensic teams, too. They were still searching for bodies but were unsure if land mines had been laid in the area.

Initially the Iraqi military suggested the bodies had all been decapitated. But the evidence did not support the early claim. Two corpses had been pulled from the top of a trash pile. One had been

decapitated; the other not.

"There was evidence of torture," said Muhammad Tahir Al Tamimi, an official from Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's office.

The investigators from Baghdad said some of the bodies had been found at the wrists and ankles. Some were blindfolded. They assumed most were probably shot.

"They were killed by ISIS in acts of revenge," Kamil said. "In very brutal ways, it appears."

"Dumping the bodies like this was also a part of the punishment," he said. "Their message was that these men did not deserve a proper burial, that they were thrown out like trash."

Locals told Iraqi federal police that over the past three weeks Islamic State fighters have been

rounding up former members of Iraqi security forces.

The investigators said, based on the state of decomposition, the bodies were probably dumped in the last few weeks.

In the center of recaptured Hamam al-Ahil, neighbors brought two Washington Post reporters into a villa they say had been used as a kind of courthouse, interrogation center and jail. In darkened rooms on the second floor, there were five numbered makeshift cells with heavy metal doors. The cells were tiny, with just enough room for a man or two to stand.

Over the last three weeks, since the Iraqi offensive to retake Mosul began, the Islamic State group brought men bound and blindfolded into the building, said Hussein Ahmed Sayir, 19, who

lives across the street.

"They tortured them," he said. The teenager said the neighbors could hear screams at night.

The locals here said they think that some of these men probably ended up in the mass grave outside of town. An Iraqi police intelligence officer stopped by the house and confirmed that it was used as a jail.

A United Nations human rights organization on Tuesday charged that Islamic State fighters recently abducted 295 former Iraqi security forces members from towns and villages to the south and west of the ISIS stronghold in Mosul. The militants also forced 1,500 families to retreat with them from Hammam al-Ahil to the Mosul airport, where U.N. officials fear they will be deployed as human shields.

Is Islamic State group leader still in Mosul?

By LAURA KING
Los Angeles Times

The smoke and din of the battle of Mosul have now come within a few miles of the landmark 12th-century mosque from which Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi declared the founding of a modern-day caliphate, ushering in a reign of terror in the ancient city on the plains of Nineveh.

Now, in the fourth week of a U.S.-backed alliance's pincer-like move to retake the northern Iraqi city, the whereabouts of the Islamic State chieftain are unknown — though a rare audio recording posted online last week by the militant group and attributed to him urged followers to fight to the death.

Al-Baghdadi and his senior lieutenants have been the targets of an intensive manhunt by Iraqi and U.S. forces working from land and air, but experts disagree on how and where Islamic State's top leadership might seek to regroup and recoup — if they are still present in the city, and if they manage to survive the battle of Mosul. That's a big "if" on both counts. Mosul's inner precincts, which attacking forces have yet to penetrate, offered ample hide-outs even before Islamic State fighters, during nearly 2½ years of occupation, constructed an elaborate network of defenses above and below ground, including tunnels, trenches and secret passageways.

U.S. officials, who in late October disclosed the killing of 35 Islamic State commanders in Mosul over the last three months, say al-Baghdadi has been in the city.

"If we knew where he was, he would be killed at once," Col. John Dorrian, spokesman for the U.S.-supported operation to retake the city, told reporters last week.

Al-Baghdadi, believed to be 45, is an Islamic scholar who has considered a prime architect of the

Islamic State group's apocalyptic ideology and its code of systematic and gruesome punishments of so-called infidels in areas under the group's control. He was also implicated by escaped captive Yazidi teenagers in the sexual torture of Kayla Mueller, the American hostage who died last year in Islamic State-held Raqqa, the city that the caliphate calls its capital in Syria. It, too, is now under assault, with Kurdish-led Syrian rebels beginning to close in.

In the 31-minute audio address, al-Baghdadi appeared to paint any setbacks — including the possible fall of Mosul to U.S.-backed Iraqi forces — as part of a larger strategy that would ultimately see the Islamic State group emerge triumphant. The group's "great jihad," he declared, bolsters "our conviction that of all this is a prelude to victory."

In another signifier of the group's long-term goals, the audio — whose authenticity has not been formally verified, but which several Western intelligence officials said they believe is probably genuine — calls on Islamic State's followers outside Iraq and Syria to stage terrorist attacks against targets in the West, as well as against Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Fawaz Gerges, a professor at the London School of Economics who has written extensively about the Islamic State group and its operations, said the "certainties and activity, cited unspecified 'tentative evidence' that the group's top leadership remained entrenched in Mosul.

"Mosul's urban core is very large ... and Iraq has always been a major center, the core" for the group, he said.

But with the Mosul offensive having been telegraphed for many months in advance, other close observers of the group believe senior cadres have probably already begun dispersing to conducting operations from elsewhere.



MARKO DROBNIAKOVIC/AP

Aiding the push to Mosul

U.S. Marines install equipment at Qayara West Coalition base in Iraq on Wednesday. Kurdish peshmerga forces continued their push on the town of Bashiqa, some 8 miles northeast of Mosul. The town is believed to be largely deserted except for dozens of Islamic State group fighters.

Syrian activists: Coalition strike kills 20

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian activists are blaming the U.S.-led coalition for an early morning airstrike on Wednesday that killed at least 20 civilians in a part of Syria held by the Islamic State group.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 20 people were killed and around 30 wounded in the strike on the village of Heisha. The village is north of the extremist group's de facto capital, Raqqa.

Raqqa is being slaughtered silently, a local media collective,

said 23 civilians were killed.

U.S. Col. John Dorrian, a spokesman for the U.S.-led forces, said the coalition had conducted strikes in the area but could not confirm whether there were civilian casualties. "More information is needed to conclusively determine responsibility," he said.

The international force is flying dozens of sorties in the region in support of a U.S.-backed push by Syrian Kurdish forces on Raqqa. The Kurdish-led Syria Democratic Forces say they have committed 30,000 fighters to the offensive, which was announced

Sunday. Iraq is meanwhile waging a major offensive to drive the Islamic State group from the northern city of Mosul.

In Aleppo, Syria's largest city and one of the focal points of the 5½-year civil war, a rocket attack on a university killed six civilians, according to Syrian state media. The SANA news agency blamed the attack on insurgents, who control the eastern half and much of the western countryside of the contested city.

The Observatory put the casualty toll at five dead and 22 wounded.

WORLD

EU, Turkey test each other on membership bid

BY SUZAN FRASER AND RAF CASERT
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — In the face of increasing criticism and worsening relations, the European Union and Turkey argued Wednesday over whether Ankara's bid to join the EU should continue.

In a high-stakes game of political chicken, Turkish President Erdogan said the EU wouldn't be able to reach the "final point" and end its ties with Turkey out of fears of jeopardizing a deal to curb the flow of migrants from Africa and the Middle East to Europe.

Hours later, in Brussels, EU Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn bluntly said that "it is time Ankara tells us what they really want," in the wake of a report assessing Turkey's status as a candidate for membership that highlighted what the EU saw as backsliding on essential human rights and rule of law standards.

The report, issued Wednesday, came after Turkey's clampdown on media freedoms and the arrests of 10 pro-Kurdish legislators.

"These various actions, including considerations of reintroducing the death penalty, seem to be increasingly incompatible with

Turkey's official desire to become a member of the European Union," Hahn said.

"In its own interest, Turkey urgently needs to stop moving away from the EU," Hahn said.

In the escalating standoff on Turkey's protracted membership bid, Erdogan rose to the challenge.

"They say unabashedly and shamelessly that the EU should review its negotiations with Turkey," Erdogan told a business group in Istanbul. "You are late, and go and review them as soon as you can. But don't just review them — go and make your final decision."

The Turkish leader added: "You know those 3 million refugees in Turkey? They say there is a problem. What if the negotiations end and they open the gates, where would we put those 3 million refugees? That is their worry. That is why they cannot come to the end point."

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said the EU had to stop its "threatening" attitude.

"Make a decision, brother!" Cavusoglu said. "If you want the negotiations to stop, then stop them. If you want them to continue we are ready. But you have to treat us as equal partners. We cannot advance as long as you see us as second-rate country."

UN: Human footprint is 'increasingly visible'

Associated Press

MARRAKECH, Morocco — Hot and wild with an "increasingly visible human footprint" — that's how the U.N. weather agency sums up the global climate in the past five years.

In a report released Tuesday at international climate talks in Morocco, the World Meteorological Organization said 2011-2015 was the hottest five-year period on record.

That comes as no surprise as WMO's annual reports have showed record average temperatures in 2014 and 2015. But the agency said the five-year report provides a better overview of warming trends and extreme events such as prolonged droughts and recurrent heatwaves.

"We just had the hottest five-year period on record, with 2015 claiming the title of hottest individual year. Even that record is likely to be beaten in 2016," said WMO Secretary-General Petteri

Taalas.

The WMO's preliminary climate assessment for 2016 is set to be released next week.

While it's complicated to draw links between single weather events and climate change, the report found that many extreme events during the period were made more likely as a result of man-made climate change. In the case of some extreme high temperature events, the probability increased by a factor of 10 or more, the report said.

"Examples include the record high seasonal and annual temperatures in the United States in 2012 and in Australia in 2013, hot summers in eastern Asia and western Europe in 2013, heatwaves in spring and autumn 2014 in Australia, record annual warmth in Europe in 2014, and a heatwave in Argentina in December 2013," WMO said.

The report found no strong climate change link for extreme rainfall events.



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, right, meets with National Geographic's famed green-eyed "Afghan Girl" Shariat Gulla at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday.

National Geographic's 'Afghan Girl' deported from Pakistan

BY LYNNE O'DONNELL AND RIAZ KHAN
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's president on Wednesday welcomed home Shariat Gulla, National Geographic's famed green-eyed "Afghan Girl," just hours after she was deported from Pakistan, the latest in the odyssey of the globally recognized refugee.

Gulla's deportation came after a regional court in the Pakistani city of Peshawar convicted her on charges of carrying a forged Pakistani ID card and staying in the country illegally.

The case has drawn international attention and criticism of Pakistani authorities over their perceived harsh treatment of Gulla — and other Afghans who Islamabad says will be expelled as illegal immigrants.

Gulla gained international fame as an Afghan refugee girl in 1984, when her photographer Steve McCurry's photograph of

her, with piercing green eyes, was published on National Geographic's cover. McCurry found her again in 2002.

In 2014, she went into hiding after authorities accused her of buying fake Pakistani documents. She was arrested in late October and the Peshawar court earlier this month ordered her deported.

Earlier Wednesday, Gulla and her four children were handed over to Afghan authorities at the Torkham border crossing, about 37 miles northwest Peshawar.

From there she was flown to Kabul where President Ashraf Ghani and his wife Rula hosted a reception for Gulla at the presidential palace. Ghani also handed her keys to a fully-furnished apartment.

"As a child, she captured the hearts of millions because she was the symbol of displacement," Ghani said of Gulla. "The enormous beauty, the enormous energy that she projected from her face captured hearts and became one of the most famous photo-

graphs of the 1980s and up until the 1990s."

"It is a privilege for me to welcome her. We are proud to see that she lives with dignity and with security in her homeland," Ghani said.

Peshawar official Fayaz Khan said Gulla, a widow, and her children were taken by convoy to the border with Afghanistan before dawn Wednesday.

She looked visibly unhappy and before crossing, turned once to look back at Pakistan, her home of many years, and murmured good wishes for the Pakistani people, according to two customs officials at the scene.

After the Peshawar court sentenced Gulla to 15 days in jail and a fine of \$1,000, she fell ill and was admitted to the city's Lady Reading hospital.

The hospital staff gave Gulla a bouquet of red roses as she was taken away Wednesday, said Dr Mukhtiar Zaman, who described her as still being weak from her illness.

Police: 5 killed in London tram derailment

Associated Press

LONDON — Five people were killed and more than 50 injured when a tram derailed in south London during an early morning rainstorm Wednesday, police said.

Emergency workers were still at the scene of the derailment in Croydon more than six hours after the crash, trying to free two people trapped in the wreckage of the two-carriage tram that tipped on its side next to an underpass. It appeared to have come off the rails on a bend.

British Transport Police said they had arrested a man — reportedly the tram's driver — and rail

accident investigators were probing the cause of the derailment.

The force said that "five people have sadly died following this incident," and more than 50 others were taken to local hospitals with injuries.

Liam Lehane of the London Ambulance Service described many of those hurt as "walking wounded" but said others suffered serious injuries.

London's fire department said eight fire engines and four specialist rescue units were at the scene. The rescue units, which are used in complex incidents, are equipped with heavy lifting and cutting tools, together with longer duration breathing appara-

atus and floodlighting.

Emergency services called to the Sandilands tram stop at around 6:10 a.m.

"I heard a massive crash at about 6:15 a.m., then heard shouting, then the emergency services arrived," said resident Hannah Collier, 23. "They started bringing up the casualties, some very seriously injured."

Fire Brigade station manager Joe Kenny said "firefighters have released a number of people and two people remain trapped."

The British capital's only tram network operates in the southern end of the city, serving 27 million passengers in the last year.

WORLD

Hyperloop to study possible Dubai-Abu Dhabi line

By JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The futuristic city-state of Dubai announced a deal on Tuesday with Los Angeles-based Hyperloop One to study the potential for building a line linking it to the Emirati capital of Abu Dhabi.

The announcement of the deal took place atop the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, with a panoramic view of the skyline of this futuristic city-state serving as both a backdrop and a sign of Dubai's desire to be the first to rush toward the

future.

However, no financial terms were immediately discussed and the technology itself remains under testing, despite the Apple-like product talk given by Hyperloop CEO Rob Lloyd.

"This has become a transportation hub and leader in the world," Lloyd said, mentioning long-haul carrier Emirates and the city's driverless metro, the longest in the world. "In the Emirates, we believe everything is possible."

A hyperloop has levitating pods powered by electricity and magnetism that hurtle

through low-friction pipes at a top speed of 760 mph. Tesla co-founder Elon Musk first proposed the idea in 2013.

Organizers suggest the Dubai-Abu Dhabi travel time by hyperloop would be only 12 minutes — significantly down from the hour-plus journey it now takes by car between the two cities. Later asked about the cost, Hyperloop co-founder Josh Giegel told The Associated Press the cost would be "somewhere between the cost of putting a road in and a high-speed rail." He did not elaborate.

There would be several stations through-

out Dubai connecting the hyperloop system to Abu Dhabi. The pods would then be able to carry passengers and cargo between the cities. At the event Tuesday, Hyperloop officials showed several circular station models for Dubai, including one at Emirates Towers on Dubai's main artery, Sheikh Zayed Road.

For now though, Hyperloop One continues its tests in the Nevada desert.

"We do aspire to build the world's first hyperloop here in the United Arab Emirates," Lloyd said. "That is our aspiration. We have a lot of work to do."

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THE LONG VIEW

Jackie Chan reflects on career and honorary Oscar

By SANDY COHEN
Associated Press

As an action star, Jackie Chan never expected to get an Oscar.

So he considers receiving an honorary Academy Award from the film academy's Board of Governors his proudest professional achievement.

Chan will accept his Oscar statuette Saturday at the eighth annual Governors Awards. Film editor Anne Coates, casting director Lynn Stalmaster and documentarian Frederick Wiseman are also receiving honorary Academy Awards, which recognize lifetime achievement and contributions to the film industry.

"I never imagined that I'd receive such an award," Chan said. "I still remember my very first proudest moment was when I received an award for stunt choreography. At that time, I didn't know much about directing. I just knew how to do action and fighting sequences and stunts. Receiving this honorary award has raised my feelings to another level."

The 62-year-old writer, director, producer and actor reflected on his career in an email interview with The Associated Press from his home base in Hong Kong. He plans to be in Los Angeles to accept his award in person.

Associated Press: What was your most challenging film to make, and why?

Chan: "Rumble in the Bronx" had a lot of action choreography, fighting sequences and dangerous stunts. In "Operation Condor," I filmed in extreme temperatures of 40 degrees Celsius in the desert. I had a near-death accident while doing a stunt in "Armor of God." In "Rush Hour," I

found the English dialogue most challenging.

How does making movies in Hong Kong differ from Hollywood's approach to film?

I find Hollywood's approach to film production very systematic and organized. Of course, being organized is a good thing, but sometimes I

feel restrained within set rules. Hong Kong film-making is more dynamic because things can be changed on the set while we're still filming. It's more flexible and encourages creativity, and if we think of something that might work, we try it right away.

What changes in the industry have been most surprising to you?

Because I've been in the film industry for over 50 years, the most significant change I've noticed is the change from using 35mm film to digital technology, and even 3-D filming. The improvement of technology has changed how films are now made. What we used to use back then is now part of history. I'm still fascinated by digital technology and the amount of work that can be done in post-production with CG (computer-generated) effects.

What has been your most exciting Hollywood experience?

All my experiences in Hollywood have been interesting and exciting. I've learned so many new things in Hollywood, made new friends and family, such as my American Chinese brother Brett Ratner. I've had many great memorable moments while working in Hollywood. I guess the most fun was making the "Rush Hour" series.



Actor Jackie Chan will receive an honorary Academy Award from the academy's Board of Governors on Saturday. "I never imagined that I'd receive such an award," Chan says.

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AP

Show uses helmet cam footage to give rare look at war in Afghanistan

By STEPHANIE MERRY
The Washington Post

"Taking Fire" offers a shocking view of life on the front lines — using footage from soldiers' helmet cams.

The docuseries was shot by members of the 101st Airborne Division deployed to Afghanistan's Korangal Valley (nicknamed the "valley of death") in 2010. When producer Laura Dunne happened upon one visceral clip online, she managed to track down the amateur filmmakers, collect their videos and, with the addition of interviews, create a gut-wrenching show that gives some sense of what it feels like to be shot at.

It's rare to see footage shot from this first-person perspective. The show airs Nov. 11 on AFN-Spectrum.

Moments in the show are so harrowing they border on unwatchable. A sniper shoots one of the platoon's medics in the neck, and the unit's back-up medic, Kyle Boucher, must step in to save the man's life. "Bullets could be snapping over my head, they'd be hitting the ground, and I wasn't scared," Boucher says during the episode. "But when I was called to help Doc (Matthew) Shreeve, that wasn't something I was comfortable with."

Boucher, now a firefighter in West Springfield, Mass., left the Army in 2012. He took some time to talk about his experience being the star of a new series.

Washington Post: Were you one of the guys filming?

Boucher: No, I didn't have a camera. I just happened to be around a lot of the guys that had helmet cams.

Was it common for people to be filming like that? Or was that out of the ordinary?

It was pretty new at the time. 2010, I don't even think they had GoPros out yet. I thought it was cool that a couple guys were getting (cameras) because I figured if we get some good stuff on there we'll be able to share it with each other and have it for the rest of our lives.

Did you watch [the show] with people? What was their reaction?

Yep, I had my closest family and friends over, and my girlfriend. They were all blown away, I think. I've told them stories but hearing it from somebody's mouth and seeing it with their own eyes is two different things so I'm sure a lot of them were taken aback. Some were crying.

What was it like reliving it for the interviews? Did you have to rewatch footage to jog your memory?

Most of it was in my memory. I can't remember what I did yesterday, but I can remember an entire month of Afghanistan. Stuff like that kind of sticks with you.

And now so many people see what you went through.

Yeah, I was really nervous. That's such a private part of my life, and now everyone that knows me — and the entire country — is going to know what happened to us. So I was a little worried about feeling vulnerable, but at the same time anybody that has seen it has

thought me or told me how proud they are of me. Everybody has had really nice things to say to me, so that's made me feel a lot better.

You have to answer a lot of questions during interviews, and you sounded really thoughtful and eloquent. Have you answered these types of questions many times before?

I don't think I had ever talked about Afghanistan so vividly. I'd told family and friends numerous stories, but when you sit there and a guy is asking you a ton of questions, eventually everything just kind of spills out. And I think that's kind of what happened because I've never been on camera before — I'm not that type of person. I never considered myself to be very well educated, so I just kind of spoke from the heart.

Do you think watching this show gives civilians a good understanding of what it's like over there?

Absolutely. You could tell that (the platoon was) just a bunch of normal guys that were thrown into a crazy area in Afghanistan, and I think it makes it easier for civilians to relate, like wow, this is what normal American infantrymen are going through in a kinetic combat theater. Hopefully it does, anyway. We just had our own helmet cams rolling, so there was never any time to be minding our Ps and Qs.

Do you keep in touch with the guys in your platoon?

Oh yeah, all the time; absolutely. We have a big Facebook message with the whole platoon and wives and girlfriends. We pretty much talk all day long.



Michael Keaton

Keaton to play villain in Spider-Man reboot

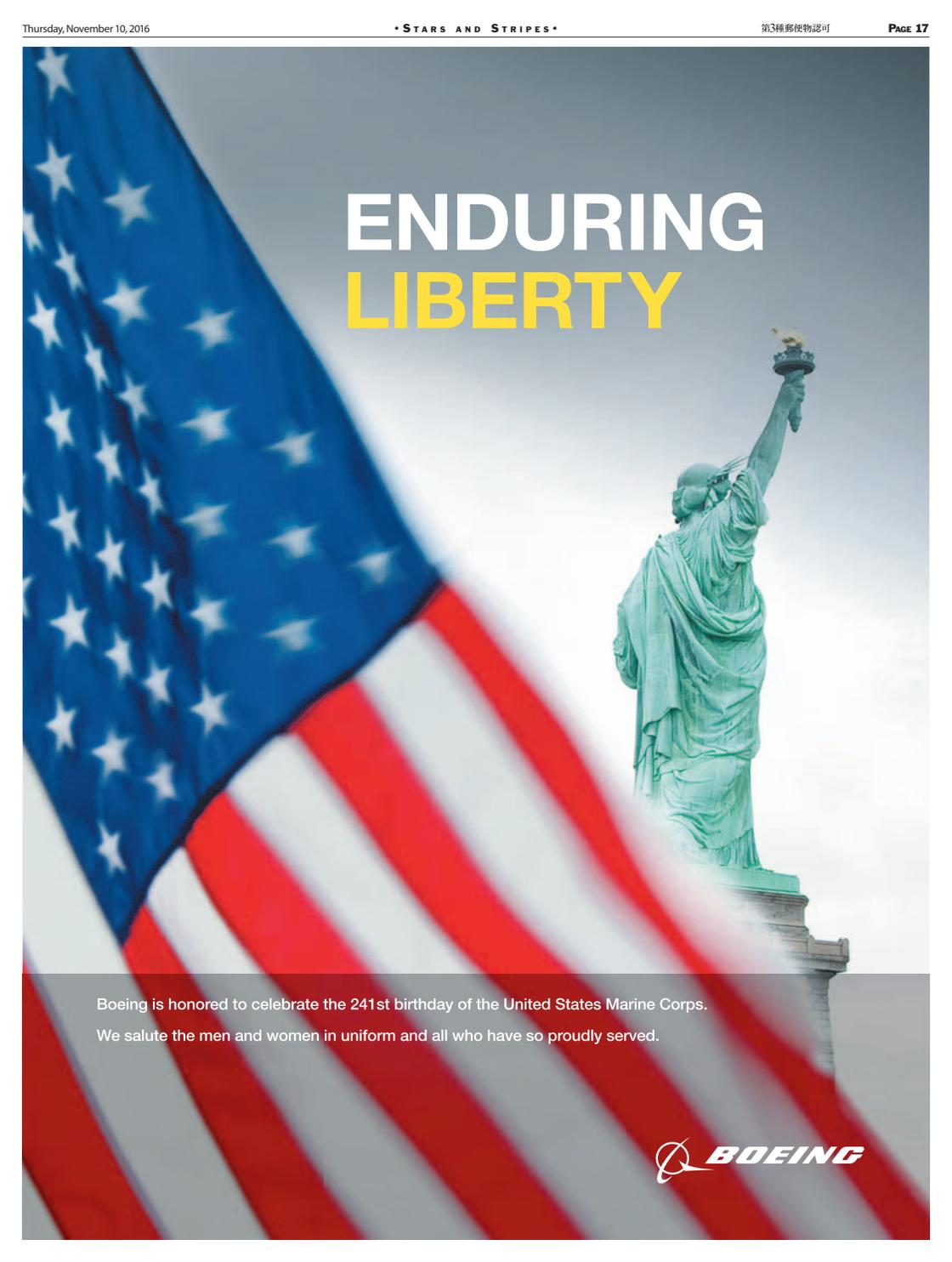
Michael Keaton is returning to his superhero roots, this time as a villain, in next year's Spider-Man reboot.

Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige confirmed in an interview with the Toronto Sun that Keaton will play Culture in "Spider-Man: Homecoming."

Keaton played the title character in the 1988 version of "Batman" and its 1992 sequel, "Batman Returns." He was also nominated for an Oscar for his turn as an actor dogged by his days playing a superhero in 2014's "Birdman."

"Spider-Man: Homecoming" will be the first film in the franchise to be produced by Marvel Studios. It stars Tom Holland as the web slinger and is set for release in July.

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Fans unhappy with Toblerone changes

By JAMES KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA—More valleys, fewer peaks: The maker of Toblerone Swiss chocolate has widened the spaces in some of its iconic, triangle-array bars, offering about 10 percent less product for the same price. Fans are outraged.

The multinational says the move — which affects products globally, though mainly in Britain — was necessary to cope with higher prices for ingredients. But many consumers are livid at the perceived sleight of hand and the change to the traditional look of the treat, first created in 1908 in Switzerland.

"The shape of the bar may have looked like the Swiss Alps before, now it's a bit more Holland," said British consumer Tony Mathews.

For many, the Toblerone is linked to travel — a gift purchased at the airport before boarding a plane home — though it is increasingly available in supermarkets and shops.

Mondelez International, based in Deerfield, Ill., said that pricing targets by U.K. discount customer Poundland prompted the change in Britain. It said the retailer, which sells goods for \$1.22, resisted a price increase, leading to the solution of offering less chocolate instead.

Poundland declined to comment.

Mondelez said that Britain's vote to leave the European Union was not to blame. But it comes as British food retailers have faced rising prices for imported goods due to the drop in the value of the pound since the June vote.

In a shift akin to widening a donut's hole, the tweak in Britain involves shrinking a 170-gram Toblerone sold by British discounters like Poundland to 150 grams, said Mondelez spokeswoman Heide Hauer. The price remains the same.

Some British consumers likened the new shape to a toothless comb, others to the mouth of a crocodile. Some joked about how

the issue was grabbing headlines on the same day as Americans were electing a new president.

The signature 100-gram Toblerone bar and other vendors are not affected, Hauer said. But Toblerone also has trimmed its super-sized 400 gram product — often sold in airports — to 360 grams globally, for the same recommended retail price, said Hauer.

The switcheroo in Britain, which began in September, was weeks in the making: Toblerone's official Facebook page featured a post on Oct. 15 explaining that the company was facing higher costs for "numerous ingredients."

"We carry these costs for as long as possible, but to ensure Toblerone remains on-shelf, is affordable and retains the triangular shape, we have had to reduce the weight of just two of our bars in the U.K., from the wider range of available Toblerone products," it said.

Robert Haigh, director at consultancy Brand Finance, said the

move by Mondelez was "quite risky" and could be seen as "deceptive."

"They don't seem to have the reverence for traditional confectionery that the previous owner did," said Haigh said, comparing the chocolate bars to a well-known British savory spread made from yeast extract. "Like Marmite, Toblerone has an impact on the cultural consciousness that far outweighs its actual popularity."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 10)	\$1.1396
Dollar buys (Nov. 10)	\$0.8775
British pound (Nov. 10)	\$1.27
Japanese yen (Nov. 10)	102.00
South Korean won (Nov. 10)	1,112.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	3.770
British pound	\$1.2391
Canada (Dollar)	1.3467
China (Yuan)	6.7808
Denmark (Krone)	6.7914
Egypt (Pound)	\$1.07919
Euro	1.07919
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.5747
Hungary (Forint)	278.52
Israel (Sheqel)	3.7851
Japan (Yen)	104.69
Kuwait (Dinar)	3.029
Norway (Krone)	8.3299
Philippines (Peso)	48.94
Poland (Zloty)	3.36
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7507
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3950
South Korea (Won)	1,152.99
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9833
Thailand (Baht)	34.99
Turkey (New Lira)	3.2166

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Dow Jones Industrials	73.14
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Nasdaq composite	27.32
	5,193.49
Standard & Poor's 500	8.04
	2,139.56
Russell 2000	2.89
	1,195.14

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.50
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.36
3-month bill	0.42
30-year bond	2.62

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Thursday's US temperatures

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Amarillo	64	39	Pcldy	Columbia, S.C.	70	44	Cir	Green Bay	59	39	Cir	Miami Beach	82	57	Cir	Rapid City	65	45	Cir	St. Louis	68	40	Cir
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OPINION

What Trump's foreign policy will look like

By DAVID IGNATIUS
Washington Post Writers Group

Donald Trump proclaimed "America First" on his way to his heady victory in Tuesday's presidential election, and the success of that message will rock many foreign capitals where leaders have feared that Trump would alter the basics of U.S. foreign policy.

Making predictions about Trump's foreign policy is difficult, given his lack of experience. But the most likely bet is that as president he will seek to do what he promised during the campaign in breaking from current U.S. approaches to Russia, the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

Traveling abroad over the past year, I heard concern about Trump's candor from senior officials in more than a dozen countries. He was viewed as an inexperienced and unreliable figure who might dismantle traditional U.S. commitments and alliances. Most foreign leaders will be upset that Hillary Clinton, an advocate of traditional U.S. strategy and commitments, lost the election.

A Trump foreign policy, based on his statements, will bring an intense "realist" focus on U.S. national interests and a rejection of costly U.S. engagements abroad. It will likely bring these changes:

■ **A move to improve relations with America's neighbors.** Trump expressed repeatedly during the campaign, at some political cost, that he would work with President Vladimir Putin. "I think I'd be able to get along with him," he said in September at a televised forum hosted by NBC's Matt Lauer. "If he says great things about me, I'm gonna say great things about him. ... I mean, the man has very strong

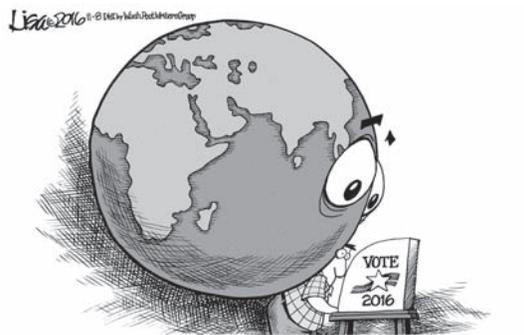
control over a country."

Trump also discounted allegations that Russian hackers had meddled in the presidential election. "I doubt it, I doubt it," Trump said when asked in an Oct. 19 debate about a statement by Director of National Intelligence James Clapper accusing "Russia's senior-most officials" of approving hacking of Democratic Party websites. Trump's denial led some Democrats to argue that electing Trump would be Russia's real goal.

■ **A joint military effort with Russia and Syrian President Bashar Assad to defeat the Islamic State group.** Trump proposed this shared campaign during that same debate. "If Russia and the United States go along well and went after ISIS, that would be good," he said. He offered positive comments about Assad, saying, "He's just much tougher and much smarter than her (Clinton)," adding that if the opposition should win in Syria, "you may very well end up with worse than Assad."

Trump also promised repeatedly that he would step up the U.S. military campaign against the Islamic State group and replace U.S. generals who were insufficiently cautious. But he has been vague about what he plans to do in Iraq and Syria.

■ **A new push for European allies to pay more for their own defense.** It's unlikely that Trump will dismantle NATO, as critics charged during the campaign. He said in a debate that Clinton was telling "just another lie" when she accused him of wanting to "commit to defend NATO allies and Asian partners such as Japan and South Korea. But he never retreated from an April 27 speech in which he said "the U.S. must be prepared to let these countries defend themselves," even if that means letting them acquire nuclear weapons.



In Europe, Trump's victory is likely to reinforce the trend toward politicians expressing similar right-wing, nationalist views. The avatar of this neo-nationalism was the surprise victory of Brexit supporters in June's referendum in Britain, and there are comparable movements in France, Germany, Italy and Spain. President Trump will have to decide whether to embrace such movements, which could destabilize the European Union.

■ **An attempt to alter the terms of trade in Asia by renegotiating trade pacts and forcing China to revalue its currency.** It's hard to predict how this combative approach to globalization will play out. Often, Trump's extreme rhetoric and threats against business partners are tactics in what he has famously described as "the art

of the deal." A China that's already experiencing a bubble economy might well be vulnerable to U.S. economic pressure. But the most likely outcome of Trump's protectionist rhetoric will be a global economic downturn, many analysts have argued.

Trump's campaign was premised on the idea that his approach would "make America great again." His presidency will test that proposition. But many analysts argue that by putting America's interests first so nakedly, he may push many U.S. allies in Europe and Asia to make their own deals with a newly assertive Russia and a rising China.

Undoing globalization isn't possible. But undermining America's leadership in that system would be all too easy.

How Trump won: The revenge of working-class whites

By JIM TANKERSLEY
The Washington Post

For the past 40 years, America's economy has raked in blue-collar white men over the coals. It whittled their paychecks. It devalued the type of work they did best. It shuttered factories and mines and shops in their communities. New industries sprouted in cities where they didn't live, powered by workers with college degrees they didn't have.

They were not the only ones who felt abandoned by a rapidly globalizing economy, but they developed a distinctly strong pessimism in its face.

On Tuesday, their frustrations helped elect Donald Trump, the first major-party nominee of the modern era to speak directly and relentlessly to their economic and cultural fears. It was a "Brexit" moment in America, a revolt of working-class whites who felt stung by globalization and uneasy in a diversifying country where their political power had seemed to be diminishing.

It was a rejection of the blue-collar policies favored at various points by elites in both parties, which deepened trade relationships with other countries and favored allowing more immigrants in. And it was a raw outburst at the trends of rising inequality and economic dislocation that defined the U.S. economy this century.

and stunning upsets in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. In polling, these voters have expressed deep racial and cultural anxieties. In exit polls they were more likely than the country as a whole to say that illegal immigrants should be deported. But those polls also suggested economic concerns and hostility toward leaders in Washington were much more important factors driving them to Trump.

Half of these voters said the economy was the most important issue in the vote, compared to Trump's pitch for immigration. A majority said international trade takes away American jobs. Three-quarters said the economy is "not good" or "poor" and nearly 8 in 10 said their personal financial situation was the same or worse than it was four years ago. Two-thirds said they prefer Trump to lead the economy instead of Hillary Clinton, compared with less than half of the electorate overall.

These frustrations were not new. They had mounted for decades, boiling over in the slow recovery from the Great Recession. From 1975 to 2014, according to census data analyzed by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, white male workers without a college degree saw their median incomes fall by more than 20 percent, after adjusting for inflation. Their incomes fell 14 percent between 2007 and 2014.

Last year, amid a much improved U.S. economy and a tightening labor market, their incomes had jumped by 6 percent, according to the Center's analysis. But that increase was nowhere close to enough to make up the ground lost in the recession — let alone since the 1970s.

"It's completely understandable how

these workers feel left behind," said Jared Bernstein, an economist at the Center who is a former aide to Vice President Joe Biden.

At the same time, these working-class whites have seen the fruits of American prosperity increasingly go to the very rich. "Superstar" cities, like San Francisco, Boston and yes, Washington, gained even more wealth, and they have been responsible for an increasingly large share of the country's job growth. Meanwhile, non-college whites saw jobs go away and businesses fold in the rural communities and smaller cities where they are more likely to live, particularly in the Rust Belt.

"Their access to economic opportunity in large measure comes down to the luck of geography," said John Lettieri, co-founder of the Economic Innovation Group, an advocacy group whose research also showed that this group of voters is underrepresented in America's most prosperous regions.

Many of the downtrodden areas have lost factory jobs over the last several decades, as expanding trade and advancing technology pushed the economy away from production work and into services. Some areas suffered as coal mines closed. Others experienced rapid growth in high-paying energy extraction and support jobs several years ago as hydraulic fracturing boomed, only to watch many of those jobs evaporate when oil prices fell.

The workers increasingly came to see trade deals as the culprit — namely the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada in the 1990s and the effort to open up trade with China in 2000, a decision that economic research suggested has cost America at least 2 mil-

lion jobs on net.

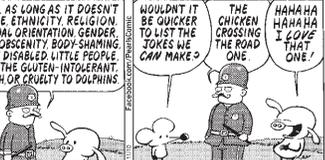
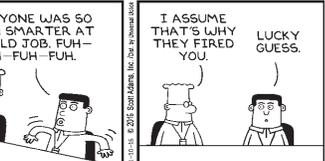
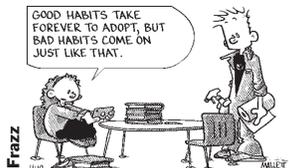
Trump courted working-class whites by promising a restoration of the industrial economy — through renegotiated trade deals and tariffs on imports; by pledging to deport immigrants, which he said would reduce competition for native-born workers; and by promising rapid economic growth from tax cuts, deregulation and more drilling. Many economists, including several conservative ones, warn Trump's plans will not deliver the relief those workers are seeking. Some say tariffs won't bring back jobs and could actually lead to recession. Others say Trump's plans ignore more critical issues for the working class. ...

"That's the most disappointing part of the 2016 election," said Abby McCloskey, an economist who focuses on the middle class and who advised some of Trump's rivals for the GOP nomination. Like Clinton, she said, Trump had "resorted to partisan talking points that the system is rigged against these workers" ...

Critically, his huge margins among blue-collar whites would not have sufficed to deliver him the presidency, if he had not also maintained a slim advantage among whites with college degrees as well. As a group, those workers have been the winners of the new economy, blessed with cheaper imported consumer goods and a persistent wage advantage over their non-college counterparts.

Trump's challenge was inspiring the blue-collar whites without alienating the college-educated ones. He succeeded, and it won him the White House.

Jim Tankersley covers economic policy for The Washington Post.



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- 8 Leave out
- 12 Sheltered
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- 14 Verdi opera
- 15 Coral formation
- 16 Debtor's letter
- 17 Radiate
- 18 Patisserie buy
- 20 Yuletide tune
- 22 Rural plane
- 26 Cracks jokes
- 29 Gallery display
- 30 Call — day
- 31 Regarding
- 32 Whatever
- 33 One-named supermodel
- 34 Goat's plait
- 35 Half of CIV
- 36 Refine metal
- 37 Farmer's windfall
- 40 Campus VIP
- 41 Soon
- 45 Zwei follower
- 47 Do something
- 49 Zhivago's love
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- 4 Actually
- 5 Nile city
- 6 In the past
- 7 Hamper filler
- 8 Wise ones
- 9 Play video games while waiting
- 10 Altar affirmative
- 11 Dog's foot
- 19 Apr. addressee
- 21 Chic no more
- 23 Freak out
- 24 List-ending abbr.
- 25 Harangue
- 26 Doorframe piece
- 27 Birthright
- 28 Out-of-control herd
- 32 Flying fee
- 33 Leaping antelopes
- 35 Zodiac cat
- 36 Juniors
- 38 Spectrum creator
- 39 Posh
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Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE			
W	L	Pct	Pf
New England	4	0	216
Miami	4	0	173
Buffalo	4	0	247
N.Y. Jets	4	0	233
Houston	5	0	167
Tennessee	4	0	244
Indianapolis	4	0	236
Jacksonville	2	5	153
Baltimore	4	0	154
Pittsburgh	4	0	184
Cincinnati	4	0	189
Cleveland	0	9	100
Oakland	7	2	163
Kansas City	7	0	179
Denver	6	3	164
San Diego	6	3	248

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East			
W	L	Pct	Pf
Dallas	7	1	210
Atlanta	8	0	186
Washington	4	3	186
Philadelphia	4	3	200
Atlanta	6	3	167
New Orleans	3	6	182
Tampa Bay	3	5	170
Carolina	3	5	204
North	5	2	155
Detroit	4	4	156
Green Bay	5	3	160
Chicago	2	6	139
Seattle	5	5	168
Arizona	3	4	173
San Francisco	3	4	167
San Diego	1	7	125

College football

Friday's games
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:25 p.m.
 Denver at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Los Angeles at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Miami at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at New England, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Detroit, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Oakland

Monday's games

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 10 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 17
 New Orleans at Carolina, 8:25 p.m.
 Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.
 New England at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
 Carolina at Washington, 8:30 p.m.
Open: San Diego, Atlanta, Denver, N.Y. Jets

Monday, Nov. 21

Houston at Oakland

College basketball

Tuesday's men's scores

SOUTH
 Bryan Woods 70, Kentucky 78
 Lindsey Wilson 80, Kentucky St. 78
 Pikeville 77, Union 77
MIDWEST
 Clarke 87, Lincoln Christian 63
 Clark of the Ozarks 83, Evans 63
 Columbus (Mo.) 66, Missouri Valley 62
 Clark of Kentucky 69, Evans-Stockton 43
East
 Indiana-East 76, Midway 59
 Park 79, Peru 75
 William Penn 108, Iowa Wesleyan 73

Tuesday's women's scores

MIDWEST
 Peru 52, Mount Vernon 59
 Shawnee 58, Indiana-East 62
EXHIBITION
 Tulsa 75, Utah 75

College hockey

Tuesday's scores

EAST
 Boston College 5, New Hampshire 3
 Bentley 2, American International 2, 0/T

College football

Tuesday's scores

MIDWEST
 E. Michigan 48, Ball St. 41
 W. Michigan 37, Kent St. 21

Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 10
 North Carolina at Duke
 Louisiana-Lafayette at Georgia Southern

FRIDAY, NOV. 11

SOUTH
 Harvard at Penn
 Boston College at Florida St.

Saturday, Nov. 12

EAST
 Brown at Dartmouth
 Sacred Heart at Duquesne
 Tulsa at Navy
 Albany (NY) at New Hampshire
 Wagner at Robert Morris
 CCSU at St. Francis (Pa.)
 William & Mary at Towson
 NC State at Syracuse
 Princeton at Wake Forest
 Miami (Ohio) at Buffalo
 Lafayette at Colgate
 Cornell at Columbia
 Dayton at Marist
 James Madison at Villanova
 Maine at Stony Brook
 Holy Cross at Fordham
 Bucknell at Georgetown

SOUTH

South Carolina at Florida
 Kentucky at Tennessee
 Mississippi at Alabama
 East Carolina at Bowling Green
 Presbyterian at Kennesaw St.
 James Madison at Virginia
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Thursday, Nov. 22
 Toronto FC 3, Philadelphia 1, Toronto advances 3-1 on aggregate.
Friday, Nov. 23
 Montreal 4, D.C. United 2, Montreal advances 3-1 on aggregate.
Saturday, Nov. 24
 LA Galaxy 3, Real Salt Lake 1, LA Galaxy advances 3-1 on aggregate.
Sunday, Oct. 30
 Toronto FC 2, Vancouver 1, Toronto advances 3-1 on aggregate.
Sunday, Oct. 31
 Seattle 3, FC Dallas 0, Seattle advances 4-2 on aggregate.

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Conference Semifinals (Second Leg)

Sunday, Oct. 30
 Colorado 1, LA Galaxy 0, 1-1 aggregate, Colorado advances 2-1 on penalty kicks.
Sunday, Oct. 31
 Montreal 2, NY Red Bulls 1, Montreal advances 3-1 on aggregate.
Monday, Nov. 1
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Conference Championships

Thursday, Nov. 22
 Toronto FC at Montreal
Wednesday, Nov. 30
 Montreal at Toronto

Western Conference

Tuesday, Nov. 22
 Colorado vs. Seattle
Friday, Nov. 25
 Vancouver vs. Colorado

MLS Cup

Saturday, Dec. 10
 Eastern champion vs. Western champion

Pro soccer

MLS playoffs

Knockout Round (Single-game elimination)

Eastern Conference
 Wednesday, Oct. 26: Toronto FC 3, Philadelphia 1, Toronto advances 3-1 on aggregate.
Western Conference
 Wednesday, Oct. 26: LA Galaxy 3, Real Salt Lake 1, LA Galaxy advances 3-1 on aggregate.
Thursday, Oct. 27
 Seattle 1, Sporting Kansas City 0, Seattle advances 1-0 on aggregate.
Friday, Oct. 28
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Boxing

Fight schedule

Nov. 12

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Nov. 13

At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino in Colton, Calif.: Mauricio Herrera vs. Pablo Cesar Canales, for Herrera's WBO super welterweight title; Javiera Fortuna vs. Welford at Chattanooga; Bryant at Coastal Carolina; NC A&T at Delaware St.; James Madison at Georgia St.; Alcorn St. at MVU; Jacksonville St. at Murray St.; Alcorn St. at NC Central; Norfolk St. at SC State; Jacksonville St. at Jacksonville; Grambling St. vs. Alabama St. at Shreveport, La.

Nov. 14

At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas, Sergey Kovalev vs. Andre Ward, for Kovalev's WBA Super World-IBF-WBO light heavyweight title; Isaac Chibana vs. Dik Mukhairi Hooker vs. Darleys Perez, for Hooker's WBO-NABU light heavyweight title; Curtis Stevens vs. James De La Rosa, 10, middleweight.

Nov. 16

At Ceбу, Philippines, Milan Melindo vs. Teocepun Uthalia, 12, for the interim IBF light flyweight title.
 At Las Vegas, Vasily Lomachenko vs. Vasily Lomachenko's WBO junior lightweight title.
 At Moscow, Dezhnev vs. Murat Gassiev, 12, for Lebedev's WBA Super World-IBF cruiserweight title.

Nov. 17

At Manchester, England, Arena, Luis Concepcion vs. Khalid Yafai, 12, for Concepcion's WBA Super World-IBF super flyweight title.
 At USC Galen Center, Los Angeles, Jesus Cuelлар vs. Abner Moses, 12, Cuelлар's WBA World featherweight title; Jermall Charlo vs. Nathan Welton, for Charlo's IBF super welterweight title; Sergey Lomachenko vs. Leonard Zabala, 10, super lightweight title.

Nov. 18

At Hangzhou, China, Nehomar Cermeño vs. Qui Xiang, 12, for Cermeño's WBA Super World-IBF super flyweight title; Bernabe Siverino, 12, for Povetkin's interim WBC World heavyweight title; Bernard Hopkins vs. Joe Smith Jr., 12, light heavyweight; Jason Selsky vs. Charles Melendez, 10, middleweight; Antonio Palacios vs. Oscar Cantu, 12, for the LSU interim WBA and WBO Inter-Continental super flyweight title.
 At TBA, Japan, Jonathan Guzman vs. Yukinori Ogino, 12, for Guzman's IBF super bantamweight title.
 At Tokyo, Jozsef Corrales vs. Takashi Uebayashi, 12, for Corrales' WBA World super featherweight title; Ryochi Kuroki vs. Carlos Zamora, 12, for Kuroki's WBA World light flyweight title.
 At TBA, United States, James DeGale vs. David Benoit, 12, for DeGale's super middleweight title and DeGale's IBF World super middleweight title.
 At the MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Carl Frampton vs. Leo Santa Cruz, for Frampton's WBA Super World featherweight title; Deja D'Zurilla vs. Garcia, 12, for Zlatiancin's WBC World lightweight title.

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Team	Atlantic Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS			
Tampa Bay	13	7	5	1	1	15	41	38
Ottawa	12	6	5	1	1	15	38	37
Boston	12	7	5	0	0	14	30	31
Florida	12	6	5	1	0	13	35	33
Toronto	13	5	5	3	0	13	37	48
Buffalo	12	6	5	1	0	12	25	29

Team	Metropolitan Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS			
Pittsburgh	13	9	3	1	0	41	34	34
N.Y. Rangers	14	10	4	0	0	20	58	34
Washington	12	8	3	3	0	17	33	27
New Jersey	13	6	6	1	0	13	29	27
Philadelphia	14	6	6	2	0	14	49	51
Columbus	14	6	6	2	0	12	32	21
N.Y. Islanders	13	5	6	2	0	12	37	41
Carolina	12	3	8	1	0	10	31	41

Western Conference

Team	Central Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS			
Chicago	13	9	3	1	0	19	47	33
St. Louis	13	7	6	0	0	19	31	38
Minnesota	11	6	4	1	0	13	33	22
Winnipeg	14	6	7	1	0	13	42	43
Colorado	12	5	7	0	0	11	31	36
Dallas	13	4	6	3	0	11	33	46
Arizona	12	5	7	0	0	10	24	37

Team	Pacific Division					Pts	GF	GA
	GP	W	L	OT	PTS			
Edmonton	14	7	6	0	0	19	43	35
San Jose	13	7	6	0	0	19	30	32
Los Angeles	13	7	6	0	0	14	35	32
Anaheim	14	6	7	1	0	13	31	32
Calgary	14	5	8	1	0	11	36	51
Vancouver	13	5	7	1	0	10	31	44
Arizona	12	5	7	0	0	10	35	41

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's games
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Vancouver 2
 Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2

Tuesday's games
 San Jose 3, Washington 0
 New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, SO
 Detroit 2, Philadelphia 2, 50
 Vancouver 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
 Montreal 3, Boston 2

Wednesday's games
 Los Angeles 7, Toronto 0
 Nashville 3, Ottawa 2
 Dallas 2, Arizona 4, Colorado 1

Thursday's games
 Anaheim at Columbus
 Buffalo at Pittsburgh
 Chicago at St. Louis
 Anaheim at Carolina
 New Jersey at Pittsburgh
 Los Angeles at Montreal
 N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay
 San Jose at Detroit

Friday's games
 Philadelphia at Toronto
 New Jersey at Buffalo
 Los Angeles at Ottawa
 Washington at Chicago
 Dallas at Edmonton
 Winnipeg at Colorado

Friday's games

Sharks 3, Capitals 0
Washington 0 2 1-3
San Jose 2 1-0
Second Period—1, San Jose, Vlasic 2 (Thorton, Pavelski).
Third Period—3, San Jose, Thornton 2 (Saban, Anisimov), 17:26.
Shots on Goal—San Jose 9-9-23.
Power-play opportunities—San Jose 0 of 2; Washington 0 of 3.
Goals—San Jose, Jones 6-6-0 (24 shots-24 saves), Washington, Holtby 6-3 (21-22-0).
A—18:50 (18:50), T—2:20.

Sharks 3, Capitals 0

Predators 3, Senators 1
Nashville 0 2 1-3
Second Period—1, Nashville, Weber 3 (Plekane, Markov), 3:58 (pp), 2; Boston, Miller 4-8-8; Montreal, Gaihenyev 5 (Byron, Radulov), 5:08.
Third Period—3, Nashville, Ellis 1 (Forsberg), 2:23, 4; Ottawa, Turris 6-0 (Inze, Plante), 5:30.
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 13-12-34.
Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 2; Nashville 0 of 3.
Goals—Nashville, Anderson 6-0-3 (30 shots-27 saves), Nashville, Rinne 3-4-3 (34-33).
A—17:13 (17:13), T—2:34.

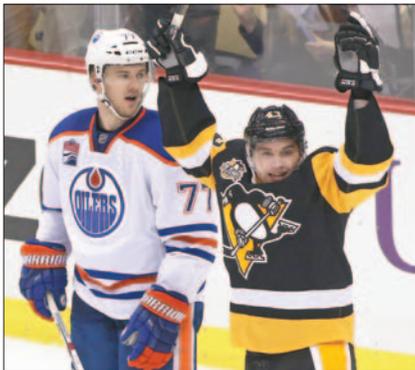
Predators 3, Senators 1

Canadiens 3, Bruins 2
Boston 0 1 1-2
Montreal 2 1-3
Second Period—1, Montreal 0 (Plekane, Markov), 3:58 (pp), 2; Boston, Miller 4-8-8; Montreal, Gaihenyev 5 (Byron, Radulov), 5:08.
Third Period—4, Boston, Pastnak 9 (Bouchard, Liles), 1:22 (pp), 5; Montreal, Byron 3 (Radulov, Gaihenyev), 18:58.
Shots on Goal—Montreal 14-14-43.
Power-play opportunities—Boston 1 of 2; Montreal 0 of 2.
Goals—Boston, McIntyre 0-2-6 (23 shots-23 saves), Montreal, Price 0-0-4 (43-41).
A—21:28 (21:27), T—2:33.

Canadiens 3, Bruins 2

Edmonton 2, Oilers 3
Pittsburgh 2 1 0-3
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Sheary 2 (Rust), 1:57, 2; Edmonton, Eberle 4 (Maroon, McDavid), 14:23, 3; Edmonton, Maroon 5 (McDavid, Eberle), 17:18.
Second Period—4, Edmonton, Eberle 5 (McDavid), 3:20, 5; Pittsburgh, Hagerle 2 (Hornqvist, Daley), 12:08.
Third Period—5, Pittsburgh, Malkin (Kessel, Kunitz), 5:33, 7; Pittsburgh, Sheary 3 (Rust), 18:18.
Shots on Goal—Edmonton 11-12-28.
Power-play opportunities—Edmonton 0 of 2; Pittsburgh 0 of 3.
Goals—Edmonton, Talbot 8-4-3 (13 shots-27 saves), Pittsburgh, Murray 3-0-0 (28-25).
A—18:57 (18:57), T—2:30.

Edmonton 2, Oilers 3



GENE J. PUSKAS/AP

The Penguins' Connor Sheary, right, celebrates his goal during the third period as the Oilers' Oscar Klefbom looks on after scoring Tuesday's game in Pittsburgh. The Penguins won 4-3.

Penguins 4, Oilers 3

Edmonton 2 1 0-3
Pittsburgh 2 1 0-4
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Sheary 2 (Rust), 1:57, 2; Edmonton, Eberle 4 (Maroon, McDavid), 14:23, 3; Edmonton, Maroon 5 (McDavid, Eberle), 17:18.
Second Period—4, Edmonton, Eberle 5 (McDavid), 3:20, 5; Pittsburgh, Hagerle 2 (Hornqvist, Daley), 12:08.
Third Period—5, Pittsburgh, Malkin (Kessel, Kunitz), 5:33, 7; Pittsburgh, Sheary 3 (Rust), 18:18.
Shots on Goal—Edmonton 11-12-28.
Power-play opportunities—Edmonton 0 of 2; Pittsburgh 0 of 3.
Goals—Edmonton, Talbot 8-4-3 (13 shots-27 saves), Pittsburgh, Murray 3-0-0 (28-25).
A—18:57 (18:57), T—2:30.

Penguins 4, Oilers 3

Carolina 2, Hurricanes 2 (SO)
New Jersey 0 2 0 0-3
New Jersey won shootout 1-0
First Period—1, New Jersey, Parenteau 2 (Pesci, Slavin), 4:23 (pp), 3; Carolina, Dahlback 1, 17:31.
Second Period—2, Carolina, Staal 4 (Pesci, Slavin), 4:23 (pp), 3; Carolina, Dahlback 1, 17:31.
Third Period—4, New Jersey, Lappin 1 (Fideller, Kallin), 3:51.
Shootout—Carolina 0 (Skinner, NG, Slavin), New Jersey 2 (Parenteau G, Josefson, NG, Hall G).
Shots on Goal—Carolina 9-9-33-31.
Power-play opportunities—Carolina 1 of 1; New Jersey 0 of 1.
Goals—Carolina, Ward 2-3-4 (31 shots-29 saves), New Jersey, Schneider 5-2-2 (33-31).
A—12:17 (16:25), T—2:49.

Carolina 2, Hurricanes 2 (SO)

Los Angeles 1, Maple Leafs 0
Los Angeles 1 4 2-7
Toronto 0 0 0-0
First Period—1, Los Angeles, Brown 2 (Dowd), 13:56.
Second Period—2, Los Angeles, Pearson 5 (Grosz, Kopitar), 3:23, 3; Los Angeles, Toifl 3 (Doughty, Forbort), 5:13, 4; Los Angeles, Carter 4 (King, Greene), 13:32, 5; Los Angeles, Carter 5 (Toifl, Forbort), 15:07.
Third Period—6, Los Angeles, Clifford 2 (Forbort), 15:59, 7; Los Angeles, King 1 (Lewis, Muzzo), 19:13.
Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 15-16-12-43.
Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles 0 of 1; Toronto 0 of 1.
Goals—Los Angeles, Budaj 7-3-0 (19 shots-19 saves), Toronto, Andersen 5-3-3 (26-22), Enoth 0-2-0 (17-14).
A—18:76 (18:19), T—2:26.

Los Angeles 1, Maple Leafs 0

Dallas 5, Stars 2
Dallas 0 1 1-2
Winnipeg 4 2 0-6
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Scheifele 8 (Ehlers), 3:06, 2; Winnipeg, Laine 9 (Postma, Chiaro), 8:46.
Second Period—3, Dallas, Eaves 3 (Shore, Klingberg), 1:30 (pp), 4; Winnipeg, Laine 4 (Wheeler, Scheifele), 6:51 (pp), 5; Winnipeg, Laine 11 (Scheifele, Ehlers), 10:07, 5; Winnipeg, Dano 2 (Petan, Connor), 17:09 (pp), 7; Winnipeg, Scheifele 9 (Laine, Petan), 19:20.
Third Period—8, Dallas, Seguin 7 (Boussard, Coughlin), 2:32 (pp), 4; Winnipeg, Copp 1 (Burmistrov, Myers), 13:49 (sh), 10; Winnipeg, Lowry 3 (Myers, Copp), 18:21, 3.
Shots on Goal—Dallas 14-4-12-30.
Power-play opportunities—Dallas 2 of 5; Winnipeg 3 of 5.
Goals—Dallas, Lehtonen 1-4-2 (11 shots-7 saves), Niemi 3-2-1 (19-15), Winnipeg, Scheifele 4-0-3 (20-29).
A—15:29 (15:05), T—2:48.

Dallas 5, Stars 2

Roundup

Sheary's 2 goals propel Penguins

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Connor McDavid skated into the faceoff circle and looked up and there he was: his childhood idol Sidney Crosby.

The NHL's future vs. the NHL's present. And as mature as the Edmonton Oilers' rising 19-year-old star can be on the ice, even he was momentarily starruck by the Pittsburgh Penguins captain. The proof came in what happened next.

"It was pretty funny that I take the opening draw against him and have him snap it back," McDavid said. "I don't even think I got my stick on it."

The jitters vanished almost instantly. McDavid more than held his own in his first meeting with the two-time MVP, picking up three assists. The Penguins, however, rallied for a 4-3 victory behind Connor Sheary's two goals, including the winner with 1:42 left.

"Every game we're down two we still think we have a chance to win," Sheary said. "Nothing was different for us tonight."

Evgeni Malkin and Carl Hagelin also scored for Pittsburgh while Matt Murray stopped 25 shots in his first home start since Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final.

Crosby was held without a point for the first time this season, but helped start the deciding sequence by creating a turnover behind the Edmonton net that eventually became a goal when Oilers forward Benoit Pouliot's clearing attempt smacked off Sheary and past Oilers goaltender Cam Talbot.

"I don't know who whacked it, but it ended up in the back of the

net," Sheary said.

The Penguins won their fourth straight and remained unbeaten in regulation (6-0-1).

Jets 8, Stars 2: Patrick Laane took the NHL lead in goals with the second hat trick of his rookie season, lifting host Winnipeg over Dallas.

Sharks 3, Capitals 0: Martin Jones stopped 24 shots, Brent Burns scored his fifth goal of the season and visiting San Jose ended the Washington's five-game winning streak.

Canadiens 3, Bruins 2: Carey Price stopped 41 shots, Paul Byron scored with 1:02 left and host Montreal beat Boston.

Kings 7, Maple Leafs 0: Jeff Carter scored twice during a four-goal second period, Peter Budaj made 19 saves and visiting Los Angeles thumped Toronto.

Predators 3, Senators 1: James Neal and P.K. Subban each had a goal and an assist to lead host Nashville over Ottawa.

Red Wings 3, Flyers 2 (SO): Andreas Athanasiou tied it midway through the third period and had the only score in the shootout, helping visiting Detroit snap a five-game losing streak.

Canucks 5, Rangers 3: Alexander Burrows scored twice in the third period to help visiting Vancouver end a nine-game losing streak.

Devils 3, Hurricanes 2 (SO): PA Parenteau and Taylor Hall scored in the shootout, and host New Jersey rallied to defeat Carolina.

Coyotes 4, Avalanche 2: Jordan Martinook scored two goals, Max Domi had a goal and two assists and visiting Arizona beat Colorado.

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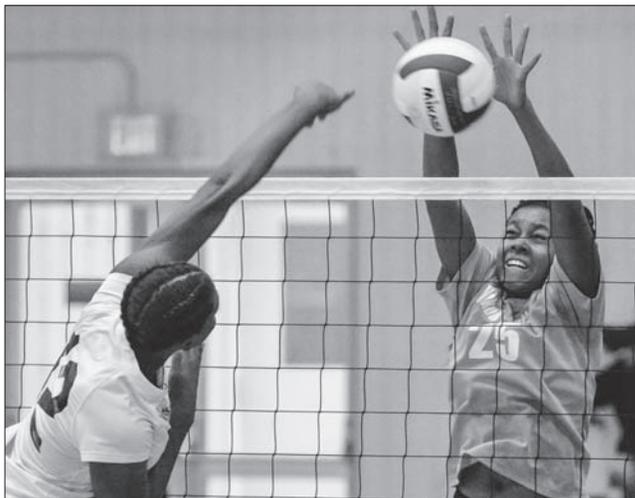
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Team	GP	G	A	Pts
Mark Scheifele, WPG	6	9	12	17
Artem Anisimov, CHI	8	8	9	17
Connor McDavid, EDM	10	6	11	16
Patrick Kane, CHI	5	11	16	16
Patrick Laane, WPG	14	6	9	15
Markus Granlund, PIT	14	6	9	15
Brad Marchand, BOS	5	10	15	15
Clayton Kopp, PIT	14	11	14	11
Nikita Kucherov, TB	12	4	11	15
Tyler Seguin, DAL	13	7	14	14

HIGH SCHOOL/SPORTS BRIEFS



JOHN E. HUBBEZ/Stars and Stripes

Yokota's Britney Bailey blocks a shot by Zama's Saige Rivers at the Far East Division II Volleyball Tournament at Yokota Air Base, Japan on Wednesday. The hosts defeated Zama 23-25, 23-25, 26-24, 25-18, 15-10, sending the Panthers to the championship for the chance to win their first Far East volleyball title against Christian Academy of Japan.

Yokota volleyball advances to Far East Division II final

Stars and Stripes

With their backs to the wall, Yokota volleyball somehow survived Wednesday and got to the finals of the Far East Division II tournament.

Zama led the Panthers by two sets and had three match points, leading 24-21 in the third set. But Yokota strung together five service points and won out from there, 23-25, 23-25, 26-24, 25-18, 15-10.

Yokota takes on a suddenly rejuvenated Christian Academy Japan team in Thursday's final, which tips off at 4 p.m. at Yokota High School's Capps Gym.

In back-to-back matches, the Knights ousted the teams that won the title the last two years. CAJ knocked off defending champion Sacred Heart in the second round, then 2014 champion Osan in the semifinals, 25-22, 25-11, 26-24.

While Yokota is making its first D-II finals appearance, Thursday's Division I tournament final pits teams that are no strangers to each other in any sense.

Two-time defending champion Kubasaki and

2011-13 champion American School in Japan returned to the title match after conquering their semifinal foes. Tip time Thursday 1 p.m.

The Dragons had little trouble erasing Seisen 25-14, 25-10, 25-10. But the Mustangs had their hands full with 11-time DODEA-Japan regular-season champion Nile C. Kinnick in a 25-12, 25-9, 23-25, 23-25, 15-9 victory.

Far East tennis also reaches its conclusion Thursday. No DODEA players remain in the main draws, but Seoul American remained in the hunt for top team honors among DODEA Division I teams.

The Falcons still have Joshua Gagnet and Colby Mortensen going for fifth place in the consolation singles brackets and Mortensen and partner Anisha Harilal chasing fifth in girls doubles.

A handful of DODEA teams including E.J. King and Yokota still have a shot at catching CAJ for Division II team title honors, with Cobras boys doubles pair Akira Goodman and Jonathan Lee and Panthers doubles pair Kaia Austin and Elly Garcia alive for placement.

Briefly

San Diego voters nix stadium deal

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Voters here overwhelmingly rejected a measure that would have raised \$1.15 billion from increased hotel occupancy taxes to help pay for a new stadium for the San Diego Chargers.

Measure C, which was written by the Chargers without input from City Hall, the powerful tourism industry or other stakeholders, was defeated 57 percent to 43 percent. It needed 66.7 percent to pass.

Team chairman Dean Spanos, whose attempt to move the Chargers to the Los Angeles suburb of Carson angered fans and was rebuffed by fellow NFL owners in January, said in a statement Wednesday that he will consider his options. He said a decision won't be announced until after the season "and no decision will be made in haste."

Measure C would have increased the hotel tax to help pay for a \$1.8 billion stadium and convention center annex in the southeast corner of downtown near Petco Park, the home of MLB's Padres. The Chargers have been trying since 2000 to replace aging Qualcomm Stadium in Mission Valley.

Spanos' options include negotiating with Mayor Kevin Faulconer on a new plan or exercising his option to join the Los Angeles Rams in a stadium scheduled to open in Inglewood in 2019. Spanos earned that concession after fellow owners rejected his attempt to move to Carson and share a stadium with the rival Oakland Raiders.

Belichick defends letter to Trump

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Wednesday the letter he wrote to Donald Trump before Election Day was done out of a friendship that goes back many years and was not politically motivated, while Tom Brady said he

preferred to focus on football and wouldn't elaborate on his relationship with him.

Belichick addressed the letter during a regularly scheduled news conference held hours after the billionaire business was elected president and two days after he read it aloud at a campaign rally in New Hampshire.

The letter congratulated Trump on his campaign and praised him for overcoming "slanted and negative media" to "come out beautifully." But Belichick said he writes hundreds of notes every month and that it "doesn't mean I agree with every single thing that every person thinks about politics, religion or other subjects."

At the same campaign rally Monday, Trump alluded to a phone conversation with Brady in which he said the quarterback offered his support. Brady wouldn't confirm or deny that Wednesday.

"I'm just going to talk about football this week," Brady said. "I talked to my wife, she said I can't talk about politics anymore. I think that's a good decision made for our family."

Pacers' George fined \$15k for kicking ball

NEW YORK — Indiana Pacers forward Paul George has been fined \$15,000 for inadvertently kicking the ball into the stands during a victory over Chicago.

The NBA announced the fine Tuesday.

George appeared to be upset Saturday night when no foul was called after he took a shot. He kicked the ball after drawing a foul on the Bulls' ensuing possession. The ball went into the stands with 1:42 left in the third quarter. The officials called a technical foul and immediately ejected the three-time All-Star.

After the game, George said he apologized to the fan who was hit by the ball. The fan was not injured.

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NFL

Each team's surprise, disappointment so far

Associated Press

It's not difficult to pinpoint the teams that have unexpectedly prospered or just as stunningly plummeted halfway through the 2016 season.

Yep, we're looking at you, Carolina Panthers and Arizona Cardinals. Last January, you played for a spot in the Super Bowl. Right now, you're hanging with the mediocrities (or worse) of the NFL.

Nor is it hard to spot the surprisingly successful teams putting themselves in the championship mix, from the Dallas Cowboys to the Oakland Raiders.

But what about the individuals who are rising or flopping? The Associated Press sports writers offer you the cover teams suggest the following.

AFC

BALTIMORE

Surprise: LB Zachary Orr leads the team in tackles as a third-year player.

Disappointment: QB Joe Flacco has looked tentative in the pocket and has more interceptions than TDs. Granted, the Ravens have no running game and the left side of the O-Line has been injured, but still...

BUFFALO

Surprise: LB Lorenzo Alexander, maybe the most pleasant development in the NFL this season. The free-agent addition, a young journeyman in his 10th season, is among the league leaders in sacks.

Disappointment: WR Sammy Watkins (left foot) is hobbled by injury for the third straight season and is on IR, though he could return this month.

CINCINNATI

Surprise: WR A.J. Green was leading the NFL in receptions when Cincinnati went on its bye despite being the focus of opposing defenses on every passing play.

Disappointment: DT Geno Atkins had 42 tackles and 11 sacks last season. Through eight games, he has only 16 tackles and 3 1/2 sacks, and the Bengals are 3-4-1.

CLEVELAND

Surprise: WR Terrelle Pryor only made the conversion from quarterback last season and has quickly developed into a playmaker. Through the first nine games, Pryor had 46 catches and four touchdowns.

Disappointment: QB Robert Griffin III. Not his fault, but he broke a bone in his shoulder in the season opener that deprived him of a chance at a comeback and the Browns from seeing if he could be their long-term answer.

DENVER

Surprise: QB Trevor Siemian was an afterthought when Peyton Manning retired. Now he's the starting QB on a playoff contender.

Disappointment: OT Russell Okung, who went through a stretch of five holding calls in three games and gave up a sack-strap.

HOUSTON

Surprise: DE Jadeveon Clowney, finally healthy after two injury-filled years. His move from outside linebacker has helped the Texans make up for the loss of J.J. Watt.

Disappointment: QB Brock Osweiler got a \$72 million contract and has thrown the same number of interceptions (nine) as touchdowns. Houston's passing game ranks among the worst in the league.

INDIANAPOLIS

Surprise: TE Jack Doyle, claimed off waivers from Tennessee in 2013, has steadily progressed each season and already surpassed his previous career totals in yards and TD catches.

Disappointment: Coach Chuck Pagano. After signing a four-year deal, being given more authority over some decisions and armed with a healthy Andrew Luck, it looked as if Pagano would take his second chance and run with it. Instead, the Colts have gotten stuck in neutral.

JACKSONVILLE

Surprise: DE Yannick Ngakoue, a third-round pick from Maryland who has four sacks and three forced fumbles and has replaced Dante Fowler in the starting lineup.

Disappointment: QB Blake Bortles has

been so inaccurate and inconsistent that he brought in a mechanics coach for a two-day refresher course, a last-ditch effort to turn his season around.

KANSAS CITY

Surprise: WR Tyreek Hill, a fifth-round pick expected to be primarily a kick returner, already has 19 catches for 223 yards and four touchdowns.

Disappointment: QB Tamba Hali signed a three-year, \$21 million contract when the Chiefs realized they would be without Justin Houston most of the season, but he's aging before their eyes.

MIAMI

Surprise: RB Jay Ajayi has turned a weak ground play into a strength by averaging 6.0 yards per game and has six TDs.

Disappointment: WR DeVante Parker, a 2015 first-rounder, has done little to establish himself as a complement to top target Jarvis Landry.

NEW ENGLAND

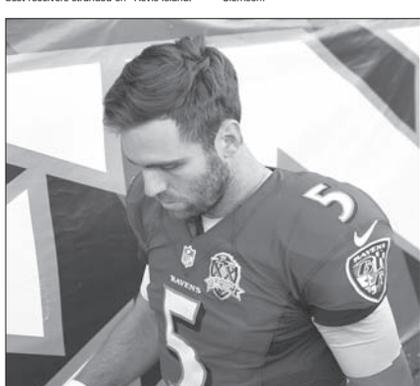
Surprise: RB LeGarrette Blount, whose production over the first four games coming off a hip injury last season helped take the pressure off Jimmy Garoppolo and Jacoby Brissett.

Disappointment: CB Cyrus Jones, a second-rounder, has struggled in his limited action returning punts, was ejected at Cleveland and hasn't played since.

NEW YORK JETS

Surprise: WR Quincy Enunwa, a sixth-rounder in 2014, has blossomed into a legitimate playmaker in Chan Gailey's offense. With Eric Decker out, Enunwa has stepped up as the No. 2 receiver behind Brandon Marshall.

Disappointment: CB Darrelle Revis, a former shutdown defender, has looked mostly mediocre this season, no longer resembling the guy who led opposing teams' best receivers stranded on "Revis Island."



Nick Wass/AP

Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco has looked tentative in the pocket and has more interceptions than TDs.



John Bazemore/AP

Falcons outside linebacker Vic Beasley, right, pursues Panthers quarterback Cam Newton in a game earlier this season. Beasley has 7 1/2 sacks so far this season.

OAKLAND

Surprise: RB Jalen Richard, an undrafted free agent, has helped provide depth behind Latavius Murray.

Disappointment: CB Sean Smith, a major free-agent addition who got benched in the opener and struggled earlier in the season.

PITTSBURGH

Surprise: WR Sammie Coates led the league in yards per reception (21.3) before injuring his left index finger. He's been a long-distance threat.

Disappointment: LB James Harrison is hardly the only disappointment on an underwhelming defense, but the 38-year-old got his first two sacks of the season this past weekend. He's seen his playing time slowly decrease.

SAN DIEGO

Surprise: Top draft pick DE Joey Bosa. After a holdout and hamstring injury that cost him four games, he has become a force on the Chargers' defense, particularly in opposing backfields.

Disappointment: That the team couldn't get the rookie defensive end signed in time for training camp. A squabble over money he was due and off-set language caused the No. 3 overall pick to miss camp. After signing, Bosa pulled the hamstring and the Chargers went 1-3 without him.

TENNESSEE

Surprise: RB DeMarco Murray. For a player who looked washed up in Chip Kelly's offense in Philadelphia last season and cost the Titans only swapping 13 spots in the fourth round of the draft, what a bargain.

Disappointment: Rookie LB Kevin Dodd, the 33rd pick overall, has been a minimal contributor. The Titans could use more pressure from someone who had 12 sacks and 2 1/2 tackles for loss last season at Clemson.

NFC

ARIZONA

Surprise: CB Marcus Cooper. Having all kinds of problems at the cornerback spot opposite Patrick Peterson, they traded for Cooper, who intercepted two passes in his first start, returning one to a touchdown.

Disappointment: WR Michael Floyd has struggled mightily in his contract year and fallen behind J.J. Nelson as the No. 2 receiver.

ATLANTA

Surprise: LB Vic Beasley Jr. Whispers were that he was a draft bust, but the 2015 first-rounder has emerged with 7 1/2 sacks.

Disappointment: RB Devonta Freeman, last season's breakout dual-threat star, has only one game with 100 yards rushing and only one with at least 50 yards receiving as TEvin Coleman has taken some of the workload.

CAROLINA

Surprise: TE Greg Olsen has always been productive, but the 10-year veteran is in the midst of his best season with 45 receptions for 673 yards through eight games.

Disappointment: DE Kony Ealy has one sack after getting three in the Super Bowl in February.

CHICAGO

Surprise: RB Jordan Howard, a fifth-round draft pick, has become the main man running the ball, averaging 5.1 yards a carry.

Disappointment: WR Kevin White, who missed his 2015 rookie season with a leg injury and is back on injured reserve with another leg problem.

DALLAS

Surprise: QB Dak Prescott, no questions asked. The Cowboys could have been looking at a repeat of 2015 without Tony Romo, but the fourth-round pick stepped in and they are 7-1.

Disappointment: Owner Jerry Jones taking so long to set his allegiance to Romo and accept Prescott as the starting QB.

DETROIT

Surprise: QB Matthew Stafford, playing without star WR Calvin Johnson for the first time, has the highest passer rating in his eight-year career.

Disappointment: DE Ziggy Ansah, coming off a 14 1/2-sack season, has either been ineffective or injured this season.

GREEN BAY

Surprise: LB Nick Perry in his fifth season is finally living up to being a 2012 first-rounder. Slowed by various injuries, he is coming off

Disappointment: RB Eddie Lacy, who looked trimmer after tweaking his training routine in the offseason, then wound up on injured reserve.

LOS ANGELES

Surprise: WR Kenny Britt has resurrected his career after problems on and off the field, and has become a downfield threat.

Disappointment: QB Jared Goff, the top overall draft pick, hasn't come close to getting on the field behind journeyman Case Keenum.

MINNESOTA

Surprise: WR Cordarrelle Patterson was relegated to a kickoff return role for the past two years. He's improved enough as a re-

ceiver to factor in as a complementary pass catcher, and also excels as the outside coverage man on the punt team.

Disappointment: LB Alex Boone. Although the entire offensive line ought to qualify for this dishonor. Boone was the big money addition to a group that needed a boost, but the Vikings have been struggling badly up front.

NEW ORLEANS

Surprise: LB Craig Robertson came in unheralded as a likely backup to James Laurinatis or 2015 first-rounder Stephane Anthony. Instead, he's starting and reliable.

Disappointment: RB Mark Ingram had no 100-yard games thru seven weeks, but produced a 158-yard outing Sunday. Still, he has been turnover-prone and not the factor New Orleans expects.

NEW YORK GIANTS

Surprise: S Landon Collins, the second-round draft pick in 2015, has been the best player on the team after struggling as a rookie.

Disappointment: The entire offense, which has added WRs Victor Cruz, back from injury, and rookie Sterling Shepard, it was one of the best in the league last season.

PHILADELPHIA

Surprise: Rookie Carson Wentz was elevated from No. 3 QB to starter eight days before the season opener after only playing part of the first preseason game. He led the Eagles to a 3-0 record, and he's played well despite four losses in five games since.

Disappointment: WR Nelson Aghor, a first-round pick in 2015, is moving closer toward being a bust with each unproductive game.

SAN FRANCISCO

Surprise: WR Jeremy Kerley, picked up in a trade from Detroit just before the start of the season, leads the team as a pass catcher.

Disappointment: On the contrary, WR Torrey Smith, San Francisco's big free-agent acquisition, has had little impact and has struggled to get open consistently.

SEATTLE

Disappointment: C Justin Britt started his career as a right tackle, moved to left guard and this season took over at center.

Disappointment: RBs Thomas Rawls and Christine Michael. Seattle's once-vaunted run game is broken. Rawls had a breakout 2015 before he broke his ankle, and has been injured prone this season. Michael has shown flashes, but not enough consistency.

TAMPA BAY

Surprise: RB Jacquizz Rodgers, who had career-best performances filling in for injured Doug Martin until Rodgers himself got hurt.

Disappointment: K Roberto Aguayo, for whom the Bucs traded up in the second round, saying he was the best kicker in college football history. He's been inconsistent at best.

WASHINGTON

Surprise: OL Trent Murphy looked likely to be a backup DE, but Junior Galette tore his Achilles tendon. Murphy moved himself into a pass-rushing LB and he's been terrific.

Disappointment: WR Josh Doctson, a first-round pick, was practically invisible, played in only two games, and eventually went on IR.

NFL

Week 9 statistics

AFC individual leaders

Week 9 Quarterbacks				
Player	Att	Yds	TD	Int
Luck, IND	347	221	25	7
Rivers, SD	225	282	25	17
Carr, OAK	354	234	25	17
Dalton, CIN	288	193	24	9
Marino, TEN	291	242	18	7
Bortles, JAC	331	196	21	10
Flacco, BAL	338	207	20	8
Fitzpatrick, NYJ	299	165	18	13
Rosen, PIT	271	184	17	8
Tannehill, MIA	241	156	18	7

Rushers				
Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
D. Murray, TEN	174	807	4.6	67
A. Cooper, OAK	58	763	4.0	48
McCoy, BUF	133	683	5.1	53
Najjar-Vega, MIA	108	646	6.0	62
L. Miller, HOU	153	637	4.2	25
Forté, NYJ	169	634	3.8	32
LeSean, NE	161	609	3.8	41
Gore, IND	145	592	4.1	22
Crowell, CLE	112	526	4.7	65
J. Hill, CIN	104	515	5.0	74

Receivers				
Player	Receptions	Yds	LG	TD
A. Green, CIN	59	896	15.2	54
A. Cooper, OAK	58	843	14.5	64
Hilton, IND	52	791	15.2	63
A. Brown, PIT	55	677	12.3	51
Sanders, DEN	49	614	12.5	61
M. Wallace, BAL	39	614	15.7	39
Lardry, MIA	12	605	12.2	42
Crabtree, OAK	49	596	12.2	56
Ty Williams, SD	38	595	15.7	50
Dem. Thomas, DEN	47	591	12.6	55

Punters				
Player	No	Yds	LG	AvG
McAfee, IND	37	1881	74	50.8
Lechter, HOU	38	1846	62	48.4
M. King, OAK	44	2130	72	48.4
Greene, DEN	42	1978	78	47.1
Koch, BAL	46	2159	68	46.9
R. Dixon, DEN	45	2085	68	46.3
J. Berry, PIT	39	1865	65	47.6
Darr, MIA	40	1833	65	45.8
B. Colquitt, CLE	44	2014	62	45.8
D. Colquitt, KC	40	1822	60	45.6

Punt Returners				
Player	No	Yds	AvG	Long
T. Hill, KC	18	300	16.7	50
J. Grant, MIA	12	132	11.0	74
Norwood, DEN	16	168	10.5	17
Ryan, DEN	14	167	12.0	47
Tate, BUF	13	132	10.2	31
Ervin, HOU	19	157	8.3	18
Greene, DEN	15	106	7.1	42
Mariari, TEN	19	126	6.6	17
Hester, BAL	10	89	8.9	20
Ericksen, CIN	11	64	5.8	15

Kickoffs				
Player	No	Yds	LG	TD
Hester, BAL	10	257	28.7	60
J. Grant, MIA	10	232	27.2	60
M. Lee, JAC	10	251	25.1	45
Greene, DEN	10	292	25.1	45
T. Hill, KC	10	235	23.5	45
Norwood, DEN	11	287	26.1	37
Tate, BUF	12	276	23.0	33
Ervin, HOU	11	240	21.8	33
C. Grant, JAC	12	256	21.3	33

Scoring Touchdowns				
Player	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret Pts
Gordon, SD	11	9	0	66
Brown, NE	9	9	0	54
D. Murray, TEN	9	7	2	54
Ryan, DEN	8	8	0	48
L. Miller, HOU	8	8	0	48
McCoy, BUF	7	6	1	42
Crabtree, OAK	6	0	6	36
Ariq. MIA	6	0	6	36
A. Brown, PIT	6	0	6	36

Kickoffs				
Player	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Lambo, SD	20/21	20/22	50	74
McManus, DEN	20/21	18/20	55	74
Jankowski, OAK	23/23	16/22	56	71
Tomlin, NYJ	19/20	18/20	53	70
Nucker, BAL	19/19	20/20	53	70
Fick, PIT	19/19	18/20	53	66
Tovar, HOU	11/12	18/21	53	65
Nugent, CIN	17/18	14/19	47	59
D. Carpenter, BUF	18/18	11/15	47	57
Gostkowski, NE	24/26	21/24	53	57

NFC individual leaders

Week 9 Quarterbacks				
Player	Att	Yds	TD	Int
M. Ryan, ATL	313	218	29	23
Brees, NOR	247	242	26	21
Cousins, WAS	321	215	24	12
Stafford, DET	318	213	23	18
Manning, NYG	306	177	22	12
R. Wilson, SEA	267	178	20	7
Palmer, ARI	282	177	20	10
A. Rodgers, GBY	318	207	20	20
Winston, TAM	206	101	20	17
Prescott, DAL	248	165	20	12

Rushers				
Player	Att	Yds	LG	TD
E. Elliott, DAL	177	891	5.0	60
Da. Johnson, ARI	55	745	13.5	48
D. Freeman, ATL	133	620	4.7	48
Howard, CHI	99	595	5.1	49
Ingram, NOR	104	497	4.8	75
Mat. Jones, WAS	59	460	4.6	37
Gurley, LA	146	451	3.1	18
Michael, SEA	112	447	4.0	41
C. Hyde, SFO	109	429	3.9	34
J. Rodgers, TAM	88	393	4.5	11

Receivers				
Player	No	Yds	LG	TD
J. Jones, ATL	51	970	19.0	75
M. Evans, TAM	55	745	13.5	48
Beckham, NYG	44	676	15.4	55
Olsen, CAR	45	673	15.0	78
Mar. Jones, DET	37	661	17.9	73
Cooks, NOR	41	596	14.5	58
K. Britt, LA	48	577	12.3	47
Jeffery, CHI	36	583	16.2	54
McC. Thomas, NOR	47	575	12.7	47
Baldwin, SEA	44	570	13.0	59

Punters				
Player	No	Yds	LG	AvG
Mostread, NOR	30	1523	66	50.8
S. Martin, DET	34	1811	70	53.3
A. Lee, CAR	35	1726	76	49.3
Wingo, NYG	41	1755	63	42.7
Bosher, ATL	24	1125	68	46.9
Anger, TAM	41	1915	59	46.7
Chris Jones, DAL	39	1717	63	43.8
Hecker, LA	43	1969	75	45.8
Pinson, SFO	45	1809	65	40.6
Don. Jones, PIT	36	1632	72	45.3

Punt Returners				
Player	No	Yds	AvG	Long
Crowder, WAS	12	230	19.2	85
S. Crockett, PHI	14	197	14.1	66
Sherels, MIN	14	192	13.7	79
W. Hill, NYG	14	157	11.2	73
Royal, CHI	13	153	11.8	65
Lockett, SEA	11	117	10.8	62
A. Humphries, TAM	12	184	9.2	40
L. Whitehead, DAL	13	98	7.5	15

Kickoffs				
Player	No	Yds	LG	TD
Paterson, MIN	12	322	27.7	61
Lockett, SEA	11	294	26.7	61
Dw. Harris, NYG	11	288	26.2	43
C. Cunningham, LA	10	240	24.0	40
Weems, ATL	12	277	23.1	42
Robert, NYG	20	432	21.6	35
Ginn, CAR	15	335	20.9	59
De. Thompson, CHI	15	304	20.3	32
Cadet, NOR	10	255	14.4	25



Rams quarterback Case Keenum fumbles the ball as Panthers linebacker Thomas Davis hits him in the second quarter Sunday. Carolina's 24 sacks are third-most in the league.

Pass rush boosts Panthers

By STEVE REED
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers' pass rush has suddenly come alive — and so too have the defending NFC champions.

The Panthers have 12 sacks in their last two games leading to a pair of victories over the Arizona Cardinals and the Los Angeles Rams to improve to 3-5 on the season.

It remains to be seen whether the Panthers have changed the course of their season. They'll find out soon enough. Carolina hosts Kansas City (6-2) on Sunday, the start of an eight-game stretch that includes six games against teams with a winning record and three division leaders.

"We definitely feel like we still control our own destiny," said linebacker Thomas Davis, who had 10 tackles, a sack, an interception and a forced fumble in Carolina's 13-10 win over the Rams. "It's a really good feeling. You don't want to be at the mercy of anyone else. As long as we continue to string wins together and come away with the victory, that's all that matters."

The Panthers have the league's third-best run defense, allowing just 77.5 yards per game and a league-low 3.3 yards per carry. But their pass defense was a huge issue the first six weeks of the season, contributing to a 1-5

start.

Carolina managed just 12 sacks in its first six games combined, but had eight against the Cardinals two weeks ago and four on Sunday.

The Panthers' 24 sacks are now third-most in the NFL.

Carolina's defensive ends, which have struggled to get to the quarterback all season, accounted for three of those sacks on Sunday, two by pass rush specialist Mario Addison.

Since the bye week, the Panthers have been rotating defensive ends more frequently trying to keep players fresh.

The strategy seems to be working.

"We do a ton of rotation," coach Ron Rivera said. "We liked what we did. We thought the guys up front gave us the perfect push and surge we needed."

Rivera also said it helps that the Panthers have gotten a lead in both games, allowing their defense to establish the pass rush.

Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly called it a group effort on defense, saying the defensive linemen are getting a better push and the team's secondary — which includes three rookie cornerbacks — are improving in coverage.

Rookie cornerback James Bradberry was able to play after missing the last three games with a turf toe injury. And veteran nickel cornerback Leonard Johnson,

who is 2-0 since being activated from the injury list, has provided a boost on passing downs.

"Our guys up front have done an excellent job these last few weeks, and a lot of credit goes to those guys," Kuechly said after Sunday's win. "A lot of the credit goes to the coaches for putting us in positions to be successful. Everybody tackles. It's fun to see those [rookie cornerbacks] really growing."

Rams quarterback Case Keenum said the Panthers were good, but he made some mistakes that didn't help his team.

"There were a couple of times where I didn't move well enough in the pocket and it wasn't even pressure, I didn't have the pocket presence and didn't have a clear view on a few third-downs to pull the trigger," Keenum said after the game.

While Carolina's defense has improved, big games remain on the schedule including one more trip through the NFC South.

Carolina was victimized early in the season by Atlanta's Matt Ryan and New Orleans' Drew Brees, who threw for a combined 968 yards and eight touchdowns. The Panthers took Thursday in the week from Thursday in a rematch.

The Panthers believe these two wins can help change the course of the season.

AFC team statistics

Team	Offense	Rush	Pass
Oakland	395.4	120.2	275.1
Cincinnati	339.8	114.5	225.3
Tennessee	379.4	144.2	235.2
San Diego	378.0	106.7	271.3
Atlanta	380.0	160.0	220.0
Indianapolis	359.9	80.0	261.9
Buffalo	343.7	155.0	188.7
Kansas City	341.5	241.2	100.3
Cleveland	341.0	106.3	234.7
Miami	340.1	122.1	218.0
Rams	337.8	134.2	203.6
Baltimore	325.1	81.8	243.4
Arizona	323.3	86.8	236.5
Houston	315.2	114.0	199.2

Team	Defense	Rush	Pass
Baltimore	298.8	76.1	222.6
Dallas	328.6	128.6	183.3
Houston	316.2	125.8	190.5
Jacksonville	316.2	113.7	202.5
Buffalo	315.1	108.9	242.2
N.Y. Jets	305.2	81.0	222.5
New England	356.9	96.4	260.4
Tennessee	356.9	96.4	260.4
San Diego	364.7	85.3	279.3
Kansas City	364.8	246.8	118.0
Pittsburgh	367.5	99.6	276.0
Cincinnati	378.5	116.1	262.4
Atlanta	382.8	144.8	238.0
Indianapolis	402.8	114.9	287.9
Cleveland	421.7	146.4	275.2

NFC team statistics

Team	Offense	Rush	Pass
New Orleans	345.5	108.1	237.4
Atlanta	429.2	114.2	315.0
Seattle	340.0	102.0	238.0
Washington	410.2	115.5	298.8
Arizona	374.4	112.8	261.6
San Francisco	359.8	108.8	251.0
Tampa Bay	357.2	108.6	248.5
Green Bay	350.1	106.6	243.5
Carolina	337.2	106.2	231.0
Detroit	337.8	86.8	251.0
Philadelphia	333.7	80.8	252.6
Minnesota	333.2	111.5	221.7
San Francisco	314.5	124.1	190.4
Washington	314.5	77.2	237.3
Minnesota	298.8	122.1	176.7

Team	Defense	Rush	Pass
Arizona	297.0	102.1	194.9
San Francisco	296.2	93.8	206.4
Philadelphia	325.5	107.1	218.4
San Diego	325.5	111.5	214.0
Los Angeles	330.9	98.6	232.2
Seattle	332.8	98.8	233.9
San Francisco	338.9	108.0	230.9
Chicago	348.9	108.9	240.0
Detroit	366.3	107.0	259.3
Washington	366.3	107.0	259.3
N.Y. Giants	371.2	93.9	277.4
Atlanta	381.1	91.6	289.6
San Francisco	408.5	108.5	300.0
San Francisco	428.0	193.0	235.0

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Washington moves into playoff position

By RALPH D. RUSSO
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Washington moved into fourth in the College Football Playoff rankings, putting the four remaining unbeaten teams from the Power Five conferences at the top of the selection committee's second top 25.

Alabama, Clemson and Michigan still hold the top three spots.

The committee's first ranking of the season caused a bit of a stir because the unbeaten Huskies were behind Texas A&M last week. The Aggies then went out and lost at Mississippi State to clear up the mini-controversy.

Ohio State is behind Washington in fifth.

"It was a small margin between No. 4 and No. 5," committee chairman Kirby Hocutt said.

Hocutt, who is the athletic director at Texas Tech, said last week that Texas A&M was ahead of Washington because of the Aggies' superior schedule strength. That left open the possibility that Ohio State would jump the Huskies for the same reason after the Buckeyes pounded Nebraska on Saturday.

Hocutt said a big difference was Texas A&M's only loss was to Alabama whereas Ohio State's one loss was to 10th-ranked Penn State.

"But more than anything it's the consistency that we've seen week in and week out with Washington," Hocutt said.

Chaos theory

If chaos is what you crave down the stretch of the college football season, these last few weeks are set to leave you feeling less than satisfied.

For sure, none of the teams in the latest top four are safe. Weird stuff happens. What mitigates the chances for real chaos is the firewall the top three teams, and to some extent Washington, has created. Alabama (vs. Mississippi State), Clemson (vs. Pitt) and Michigan (at Iowa) could all lose this weekend and still they would be fine to reach the final four if they win out and become conference champions. Washington would likely be in more trouble than the rest with a loss to Southern California on Saturday, but far from out.

The potential for chaos is also limited by the teams lurking behind No. 6 Louisville (8-1). All nine teams ranked from seven to 15 have already lost twice. There was only one 7-2 in the committee's top 15 at this point last season.

The field

Four of these nine teams will almost certainly make the College Football Playoff: Alabama, Clemson, Michigan, Washington, Ohio State, Louisville, Wisconsin, Auburn and No. 16 West Virginia. Here's where they stand.

CFP rankings

Through Nov. 8	Record
1. Alabama	9-0
2. Clemson	9-0
3. Michigan	9-0
4. Washington	9-0
5. Ohio St.	8-1
6. Louisville	7-1
7. Wisconsin	7-2
8. Texas A&M	7-2
9. Auburn	7-2
10. Penn St.	7-2
11. Oklahoma	7-2
12. Colorado	7-2
13. Oklahoma St.	7-2
14. Virginia Tech	7-2
15. Utah	7-2
16. West Virginia	7-1
17. North Carolina	7-2
18. Florida St.	6-3
19. Nebraska	7-2
20. Southern Cal.	6-3
21. Western Michigan	6-0
22. Boise St.	8-1
23. Washington St.	7-2
24. LSU	9-3
25. Arkansas	6-3

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will issue weekly rankings each Tuesday, with the final rankings being announced Sunday, Dec. 4 (Noon EST). The playoff semifinals will match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed, and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Fiesta Bowl and Peach Bowl on Dec. 31, 2016. The championship game will be played on Jan. 9, 2017 at Tampa, Fla.

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Total control

- Alabama
- Clemson
- Michigan
- Washington
- Ohio State
- Auburn

Win out, get in the playoff. Simple. Barrering a significant upset in the next couple weeks Alabama-Auburn and Michigan-Ohio State on Nov. 26 might as well be early round playoff games.

Some control

- Wisconsin
- West Virginia

The Badgers and Mountaineers would be very much in the mix if they win out and win their conferences, but would still need some help.

No control

- Louisville

With the Cardinals' chance to win the Atlantic Coast Conference at slim to none, the best Louisville can do is win out and hope the upsets start piling up.

Sort of still in it

- Penn State
- No. 12 Colorado
- No. 14 Utah
- No. 23 Washington State
- Unranked Florida

The Nittany Lions need two losses from Michigan to reach the Big Ten championship game, but they do hold the tiebreaker on Ohio State. The Utes, Buffaloes and Cougars could all still win the Pac-12 at 11-2, which at least gets them a look if there are conference championship game upsets.

Don't laugh at the Gators. If Florida wins out it would be 10-2 with victories against LSU, Florida State and maybe Alabama to win the SEC championship. OK, yeah, you can laugh a little.



PHOTOS BY DAVID DENNER/AP

Western Michigan running back Fabian Johnson scores a touchdown during the fourth quarter Tuesday's game against Kent State in Kent, Ohio. No. 14 Western Michigan won 37-21.

Western Michigan downs Kent State, stays perfect

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

KENT, Ohio — Western Michigan's perfect season is still afloat.

On a rainy night, the team that lives to "Row the Boat" stayed above water and unbeaten.

Jarvion Franklin rushed for 134 yards and a touchdown and Fabian Johnson added a career-high 125 yards as the No. 14 Broncos rallied for a 37-21 win over Kent State on Tuesday night to become the nation's first 10-win team.

Franklin's 19-yard TD with 8:27 helped the Broncos (10-0, 6-0 Mid-American Conference) finally put away the upset-minded Golden Flashes (3-7, 2-4), who jumped to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

But Western Michigan, abiding by coach P.J. Fleck's "Row the Boat" mantra, kept plugging away and scored 21 straight points before swinging the game with a safety in the fourth.

"That's something we didn't anticipate," Franklin said of the 14-point hole. "But we just kept our ears in the water, stayed true to the process and believed we deserve to be here."

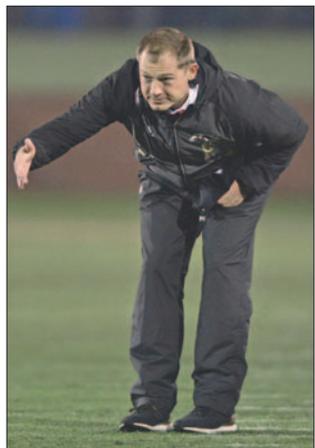
The Broncos are the highest-ranked MAC school in the AP Top 25 poll since 2008 and have their sights on a major bowl bid. They moved to No. 21 in the latest College Football Playoff rankings just before kickoff and then shook off their biggest deficit this season.

"I've never been more proud of a football team in my entire career because they had everything on the line," Fleck said. "We're going to get everybody's best shot. We're always now on a national stage. Somebody wants to be the team to knock us off, and we know that."

Quarterback Zach Terrell scored on a 1-yard keeper in the third quarter, capping a 20-play drive, to give Western Michigan its first lead at 19-14 before he threw a pass to Johnson for the 2-point conversion.

Kent State didn't fold and responded with an 83-yard drive, tying it on freshman Justin Rankin's 20-yard run.

Western Michigan's next drive stalled near midfield, but the Broncos downed a punt at Kent State's 1, and on the next play linebacker Robert Spillane



Western Michigan coach P.J. Fleck takes a bow after his team scored during the fourth quarter.

stuffed Rankin in the end zone for two points.

"The play of the game," Fleck said. The Broncos got the ball back, and Johnson, primarily a blocking back, picked up 35 yards on four carries before Franklin scored his 39th career TD, tying the school record held by Jerome Persell (1976-79).

Kent State's defense was missing its best player as star safety Nate Holley was suspended indefinitely following his arrest on felony kidnapping charges. Holley's twin brother, Nick, Kent State's quarterback, rushed for 141 yards.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Transfers to watch

BY STEVE MEGARGEY
Associated Press

The list of potential impact transfers for the upcoming college basketball season includes the son of a Hall of Famer.

Last week, we put together a list of six schools that are relying on multiple newcomers who began their college careers at other Division I schools. Now we're focusing on six individual transfers who are starting over at their new schools.

Carson Barry, Florida (former school: College of Charleston): Barry, the son of Hall of Famer Rick Barry, averaged 19.7 points per game last season at College of Charleston before a shoulder injury ended his season prematurely. He had three performances of 30-plus points. The 6-foot-6 guard signed with Florida as a graduate transfer and is studying nuclear engineering. Barry scored 11 points last week in an exhibition victory over Division II Eckerd. Florida also added Virginia Tech transfer Jalen Hudson in the off-season, but he won't be eligible to play for the Gators until 2017-18.



Barry

Marcus Foster, Creighton (former school: Kansas State): Foster, a 6-foot-3 junior guard, led Kansas State in scoring each of his two seasons with the Wildcats before transferring to Creighton. Foster averaged 15.5 points in 2013-14 and 12.5 points in 2014-15. Although he played only two seasons at Kansas State, he ranks 10th in that school's history in three-pointers (138) and three-point percentage (37.7). He sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules. Creighton also added Syracuse transfer Kaleb Joseph during the off-season, but he won't be eligible to play for the Bluejays until 2017-18.



Foster

L.G. Gill, Maryland (former school: Duquesne): Gill arrives at Maryland as a graduate transfer after averaging 10.1 points and a team-high 6.5 rebounds at Duquesne last season. The 6-foot-8 forward averaged 6.9 points and 4.1 rebounds in 2014-15. His experience should boost a Maryland team that returns only one starter from last season and features six freshmen.

Terry Larrier, Connecticut (former school: VCU): Larrier averaged 6.6 points and 18.5 minutes in his lone season at VCU before transferring. The 6-foot-8 sophomore guard/forward missed the 2015-16 season due to NCAA transfer rules. Larrier was in the starting lineup and had 14 points and seven rebounds Sunday in an exhibition victory over New Haven. He has enough versatility to play either small forward or power forward.

Austin Nichols, Virginia (former school: Memphis): Nichols averaged 3.4 blocks per game to rank third among all Division I players in 2014-15 with Memphis. He also averaged 13.3 points and 6.1 rebounds that season and earned first-team all-American Athletic Conference honors. Nichols, a 6-foot-9 junior forward, sat out last season due to NCAA transfer rules. Nichols will make his Virginia debut a little later than expected, as he was suspended from the opener with UNC Greensboro due to a violation of team rules.



Nichols

Eric Paschall, Villanova (former school: Fordham): Paschall was the Atlantic 10 rookie of the year in 2014-15, as he averaged a team-high 15.9 points as well as 5.5 rebounds in his lone season at Fordham. The 6-foot-7 sophomore forward didn't play last season due to NCAA transfer rules. He is expected to provide shooting and rebounding for the defending national champions.



Jessica Hull/AP

Connecticut's Terry Larrier

Fifth-year loophole threatens mid-majors

BY DAVE SKRETTA
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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tennessee Tech picked to finish second in its division of the Ohio Valley Conference, and coach Steve Payne is hopeful that a fifth-year transfer from Tulane will help put the Golden Eagles over the top.

He still hates the fifth-year transfer rule.

"As a coach, it puts you in a tough situation," he said. "We want to promote academic progress or promote guys to be successful in school and when you do that, sometimes people are recruiting them behind your back."

There are roughly 800 players in Division I basketball who will have transferred when the season begins next week. Many of them took advantage of NCAA rules that allow them to play immediately at another school if they have graduated from their previous institution, rather than redshirting under normal transfer rules.

The rule is designed to reward athletes who have earned their degree and desire to pursue a graduate degree elsewhere. But it has instead become a loophole that allows athletes to go somewhere else for a number of different reasons, from playing time to the chance to play for a more prestigious school.

That has become a source of consternation for coaches at all levels, but particularly those at low- and mid-majors, who rely on developing players over time — only to see them leave as seniors.

"It's somewhere worse than a bad thing," Belmont coach Rick Byrd said. "It's creating a situation where you've got schools recruiting from other schools. You've got majors recruiting from mid-majors, literally. You've got kids thinking about whether they're going to stay with your program or go somewhere else when their senior year is over. It's like they're a senior in high school again."

The results can be crippling. Schools with NCAA Tournament aspirations can

be reduced to league bottom-dwellers and their coaches from being hot commodities to being on the hot seat.

"It's a double-edged sword," Tennessee coach James Ford said. "We almost lost our best player (Tahjere McCall) this year to the rule, but fortunately he decided to stay. But then again, last year's best player (Keron DeShields) was a fifth-year senior. Pick and choose, right?"

"No one ever reached out for an official communication or contact (with McCall), but I'm sure someone was calling someone," Ford said. "If not, they were not doing their job at their level, right?"

In interviews with numerous coaches and administrators, that appeared to be the biggest flaw in the rule: Schools are reduced to surreptitiously recruiting players off their campuses.

There is too much money at stake. Wins are too valuable.

If plucking away someone who can put a team over the top, then it makes sense to do it.

One hundred percent of all coaches would say that's the way they've had to go, said Kansas coach Bill Self, who has benefited from it in the past. "Recruiting off somebody else's campus, that per se is not legal, but through third parties or whatnot, obviously there can be contact."

It's hard to fault the player, either. Why would they want to play for a non-descript school in front of a thousand fans without any chance of success when they could be playing for a powerhouse on national TV, perhaps even win a national title and gain the exposure necessary to play in the NBA?

The easy solution would be to repeal the rule, forcing fifth-year transfers to sit out like any other transfer. But the NCAA has so far refused to act.

"I don't really blame those guys if the rule is in effect," Austin Peay coach Dave Loos said. "Even the people who are against the rule in the Power Five conferences will tell you, 'Hey, if it's a rule, I'm going to take advantage of it.'"

Moving: Coaches cite kids' willingness to bounce around for playing time

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in which it's instant-gratification syndrome of, 'If I'm not playing immediately and not playing a big role, I'm going somewhere else. That's indicative of a larger issue beyond basketball.'"

Swofford said the days of kids "waiting their turn" are a quaint construct of yesteryear. Now, everybody wants to get on the floor right away, and they're willing to uproot if that's what it takes.

"My concern is more about the academic part of it as much as anything, and how much can you bounce around and truly receive the kind of education that you'd want," Swofford said. "But again, it's hard to lump that all into one bag. There is a lot going on."

Transfers are more pervasive in college basketball for a number of reasons.

First, the game is largely the same regardless of where you

go. Teams run different offenses, coaches utilize different systems and defenses vary from school to school. But it's not like football, where a player who transfers has to learn hundreds of complicated plays in a condensed time period.

That makes it easy for a player to get up to speed quickly.

Another reason is numbers: There are only five guys on the floor at a time, and only 200 minutes to go around per game. Compare that to football, where an offense will run about 80 plays and there are 11 guys on the field at a time, not to mention opportunities to play on special teams.

"We need coaches to be frank on the front end, what their program is about," Belmont coach Rick Byrd said, "and then we need kids when they make their decision to stay there and not hop around looking for the next best thing because a 35-day, 38-minute game is a freshman."

The NCAA is continually examining the issue through its committee on academics, but has stood pat. And that is particularly troubling for mid-major coaches like Byrd, when it comes to the fifth-year transfer rule, which allows athletes who have graduated to play immediately somewhere else.

That rule has turned some mid-major programs into de-facto minor leagues.

Most coaches are in favor of eliminating the rule, which would mean those players would have to redshirt a year just like any other transfer. Other ideas to curb the number of transfers include a cap on the number of schools where an athlete can play, and rules that limit where an athlete transferring can go.

"I'm heartened by the fact that the NCAA continues to look at transfer issues," Ohio Valley com-

missioner Beth DeBauche said, "because they're very complex."

Now, there are cases where transfers are best for everybody involved, including the players. But coaches deciding they want to play closer to home, academics and myriad other issues that can pop up over the years.

Then there are the benefits to playing in different places.

"Making two moves, it's kind of kept me on my toes," White said. "I've seen different states, different leagues. I've experienced a lot of basketball up to this point and it's helped me with my overall confidence."

"As far as my Kansas experience, got to see a blue-blood, elite-level program. Got to win a couple of rings. Then Nebraska, obviously a sports town, Big Ten is a great basketball league. I got to play a big role and do some big things and learned a lot from that

staff. And then you come here and you learn from one of the greatest coaches (at Syracuse)," White said. "It's been good for my well-being as a man and as a player."

Indeed, the Orange may best encapsulate the trend. Jim Boehm had a handful of transfers in his first 40 years as their coach. He'll have three in the lineup this year.

"Transfers that we've taken have been very impactful to our program," Boehm said. "We haven't taken that many, but the guys that we have taken are very impactful."

As for the transfer outlook for college basketball?

"It's here to stay now," Boehm said. "So if you need a guy you can't get a freshman to help you, if you can get a guy that has started for two or three years, that would be something to enhance recruiting."

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Moving forward

Transfer epidemic leaves hoops coaches concerned

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ANDREW WHITE III began his career at Lawrence, Kan., transferred to Nebraska and redshirted a year before playing another, only to wind up at Syracuse to finish off his unique college basketball odyssey.

All that moving around hardly makes him unique, though. It's more like the new norm.

More than 700 players on Division I rosters swapped schools last season, many taking advantage of fifth-year transfer rules that allow them to play immediately. The number could swell to more than 800 by the time this season begins next week. And that has coaches and administrators at every level concerned about the long-term effect on the health and popularity of the sport.

"I do think it's a big-time problem in college basketball. It's a problem in college athletics," said Kansas coach Bill Self, who has three transfers from four-year schools on his current roster. "But I also think it's a societal problem because how many kids now, if you don't play on your high school team, what's the first thing you do? You switch schools. It happens in football and other sports, too.

"I mean, we'd like for it to be tightened up," Self added, "where there's less transfers and hopefully that will be the case. But I don't know what the answer is for that."

That's the biggest problem: Nobody seems to know.

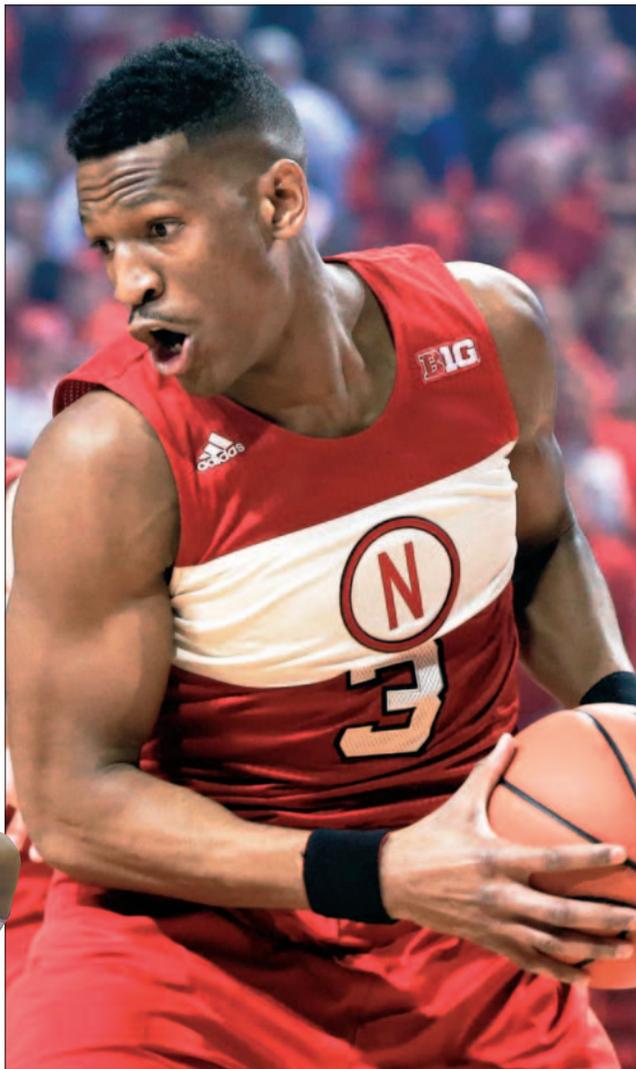
In interviews with nearly two dozen coaches and officials, including four conference commissioners, the only consensus was that the transfer epidemic is a problem striking college basketball to its core.

"The numbers concern me. But within those numbers, you have to understand there are sometimes very good reasons to transfer that are beyond just playing time," ACC commissioner John Swofford said. "Some of it is societal in nature,

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Andrew White III redshirted a year at Nebraska after he transferred from Kansas. He has since moved on to Syracuse, where he will end his collegiate career.

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