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## ELECTION 2016

# RUNNING IN TRUMP'S SHADOW



## Veterans vying for Senate control amid GOP schism

By Travis J. Tritten  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Military veterans running for office in key races across the country are hoping to clinch a top Election Day prize — control of the Senate — but their campaigns are engulfed by the growing political fallout over Donald Trump's comments about groping women.

Nervous Republican leadership was working to shore up support in these

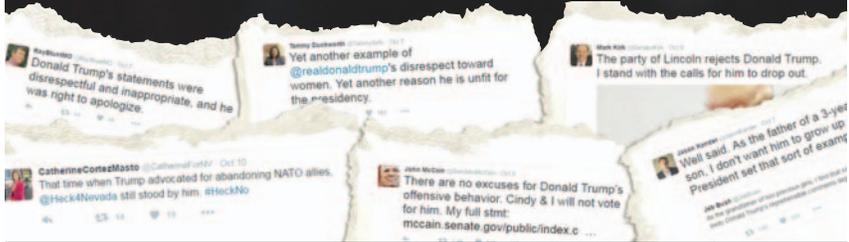
congressional races, including Senate elections in Arizona, Missouri, Nevada and Illinois where veterans are locked in tight competition, while Trump lashed out on Twitter against the many members of his own party who have disavowed the reality television star.

"The very foul mouthed Sen. John McCain begged for my support during his primary (I gave, he won), then dropped me over locker room remarks!" Trump tweeted about Mc-

Cain, who is running for re-election in Arizona and announced Saturday that he will not support the GOP presidential nominee.

McCain and veterans in at least three other Senate races could determine whether Republicans or Democrats seize a majority in the chamber, giving the winner more power over legislation such as defense budgets and the approval of Supreme Court justices.

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## New challenges in Syria as militants weaponize drones

By Vivian Salama  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Militant groups like Hezbollah and the Islamic State group have learned how to weaponize surveillance drones and use them against each other, adding a new twist to Syria's civil war, a U.S. military

official and others say.

A video belonging to an al-Qaida offshoot, Jund al-Aqsa, purportedly shows a drone landing on Syrian military barracks. In another video, small explosives purportedly dropped by the Iran-backed Shiite militant group Hezbollah target the Sunni militant group Jabhat Fatah al-

Sham, formerly known as the Nusra Front.

In addition, the French newspaper *Le Monde* reported the Islamic State group used a drone loaded with explosives to strike a Kurdish and French position in northern Iraq earlier this month. That strike outside Irbil killed two Kurdish peshmerga fighters

and wounded two French special operations troops.

A U.S. military official, who spoke anonymously because he wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly, said the U.S. military is aware of the development.

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**QUOTE**  
OF THE DAY

"I left at home all my clothes, everything. The only thing I have is this child and what I was driving."

— Ada Page, who spent the last two nights sleeping in a plastic folding chair at a shelter in Lumberton, N.C. The town is along the Lumber River, blotted from the effects of Hurricane Matthew. Page was with an 8-year-old granddaughter.

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**MILITARY**

**GIs at risk after Saudi airstrikes?**

US association with kingdom's attacks on Yemeni civilians may have put target on its troops

By DAN LAMOTHE  
The Washington Post

Airstrikes on a funeral in Yemen on Saturday have inflamed local opinion, and Washington's support for Saudi Arabia's campaign against Houthi rebels has implicated the United States in civilian deaths, according to human rights groups. But there's another potential side effect: It may have prompted the rebels to turn their weapons against U.S. forces.

The strikes killed more than 140 people and wounded hundreds more. Saudi officials have denied they carried out the attack, but two U.S. defense officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, said there is little reason to believe that.

The attacks on a funeral for a Houthi rebel commander in Yemen's capital city of Sanaa are the latest in a long line of strikes that have killed more than 4,000 civilians since the Saudis began launching airstrikes against the rebels in March 2015.

Within hours of the airstrike on the funeral, a missile was launched from Houthi-controlled territory over Yemen's northern border into Saudi Arabia and two more were fired at the USS Mason, a Navy destroyer, and the USS Ponce, an amphibious staging base, that were in the Red Sea.

Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, told reporters Tuesday that the first missile was launched Sunday about 7 p.m. from a coastal area while the Mason was at least 12 miles offshore in international waters. The ship took undisclosed defensive measures while the first missile was incoming, and the projectile splashed in the sea without causing any damage, he said.

"We want very much to get to the bottom of what happened," Davis said. "Anybody who fires on U.S. Navy ships does so at peril to themselves."

One U.S. defense official said the second missile was fired at the Mason about an hour after the first, and it traveled at least 24 miles as the ship was moving away from the shore. Like the first missile, it landed in the



HANI MOHAMMED/AP

**A forensic expert inspects a destroyed funeral hall in Sanaa, Yemen, on Monday, two days after a Saudi-led airstrike targeted it. Soon after the strike, missiles were fired from rebel-controlled territory in Yemen at two U.S. Navy vessels in the Red Sea.**

water; in the second case no defensive measures were taken.

The Houthis took credit for firing the missile north into Saudi Arabia on Saturday night but denied they were involved in firing on U.S. ships. Davis said that the "facts certainly seem to point" to the Houthis being involved but that the U.S. is still assessing what happened. The Houthis regularly characterize military operations against their forces as "U.S.-Saudi aggression."

The missile launches came a few days after the HSV-2 Swift, an Emirati catamaran-style ship that was previously owned by the U.S., suffered significant damage in a missile strike off the coast of the port city of Mokha. The Houthi-run Saba news agency reported that the rebels launched the missile involved, and images published online show that the ship suffered significant damage.

A report from USNI News published Monday said the Mason fired at least three missiles in its own defense: two Standard Missile-2s and an Enhanced Sea Sparrow Missile to intercept the missile. The outcome of those

launches was not clear. The Mason also fired a Nulka anti-air missile decoy, the report said. The decoys are designed to fool incoming missiles into believing there is another, larger ship to hit than the one targeted.

The Obama administration said after the strikes on the funeral that they had "initiated an immediate review of our already significantly reduced support" to the Saudis and are "prepared to adjust our support so as to better align with U.S. principles, values and interests, including achieving an immediate and durable end to Yemen's tragic conflict."

A spokesman for U.S. Central Command Army Maj. Josh Jacques, said late Tuesday that at this point, the military has not been directed to change any support in regard to Saudi Arabia.

The U.S. military previously provided the Saudis with other forms of support, including intelligence that could be developed into targets in Yemen. However, the Pentagon this summer scaled back a Joint Combined Planning Cell working with the Saudis from about 45 U.S. servicemen-

**2 more missiles fired at US ship**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the second time this week two missiles were fired at a Navy ship in the Red Sea. Officials believe they were launched by the same Yemen-based Houthi rebels.

A U.S. military official said the missiles were fired Wednesday at the USS Mason. The ship used countermeasures, but neither missile got near the ship and there were no injuries.

The official says the missiles were fired from the Yemen coast, which is near the location used Sunday when two missiles were fired at the Mason and the USS Ponce.

bers to five. Since June, support outside of refueling operations has been "minimal," and no longer includes providing targeting information or intelligence, a defense official said.

Chris Harmer, a retired Navy officer and analyst with the Institute for the Study of War, said that the strikes on the funeral have again put Washington in the spotlight as the "chief protector" of the Saudi kingdom, despite the latter's ugly record on human rights. It's unlikely the United States will be willing to entirely give up that relationship, however, because the Saudis help counter the regional influence of Iran, which smuggles weapons to the Houthis, Harmer said.

A U.S. defense official, speaking on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss special operations, said Tuesday that it is unlikely the counterterrorism mission in Yemen will be affected by the ongoing review of military support the Saudis receive from the United States.

"I think everyone understands the very important mission at hand," the official said.

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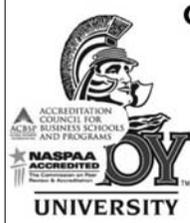
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MILITARY

# Marines ID sailor who died in diving mishap

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Marine Corps has identified the sailor who died Monday during an apparent diving mishap at a popular Okinawan diving spot as Petty Officer 1st Class Jorge NoriegaSuarez.

NoriegaSuarez, a married father of one, was a fleet Marine force corpsman and advance X-ray technician for the 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, the Marine Corps said in a statement Wednesday.

The “3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, is deeply saddened and shocked by the death of [Petty Officer 1st Class] NoriegaSuarez,” 3rd Medical Battalion commander Capt. Jason Darby said in the statement. “He was a model sailor, a father, and a valued member of

every command he was assigned to.”

NoriegaSuarez was from Barranquilla, Colombia, the statement said. He enlisted in the Navy on July 13, 2004. During his career, he received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and was previously stationed at Navy Branch Health Clinic Whiting Field, Pensacola, Fla.; Marine Air Group 26, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; and Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan.

He died about 10 a.m. Monday at Mermaid Grotto in Manzo-Mo, Okinawa. Mermaid Grotto is a popular diving spot for locals and Americans. The interior pools teem with colorful tropical fish and are protected by overarching rock formations.

Marine officials said they continue to investigate the cause of death but believe it to have been an accident.

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Courtesy of the Defense Department

The Hale Koa Hotel in Hawaii is one of four joint service facilities known as Armed Forces Recreation Centers, meant as vacation getaways for servicemembers. The others are Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Germany, Dragon Hill Lodge in South Korea and Shades of Green near Orlando, Fla.

# Overseas lodging rates cut

Army drops guest room prices, while resort hotels see an increase

By KIM GAMEL  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — The Army has cut guest-lodging prices by 15 to 40 percent at bases in South Korea and Germany due to savings from the privatization of facilities in the United States.

However, room rates increased at full-service resort hotels such as the Dragon Hill Lodge at Yong-san Garrison in Seoul.

The Army has turned over most of its U.S. hotels to large companies in an effort to save money and modernize facilities under a program called Privatization of Army Lodging, or PAL. But it maintains control of guest lodges on overseas installations because of arrangements with the host countries.

Before the privatization program, \$15 of every night's stay went to capitalization, said Marc Janssen, hospitality operations manager at Installation Management Command headquarters in Texas.

“Since we’ve closed down all Army lodging in the U.S. we have an excess of cash reserves,” he said Wednesday by telephone.

The price cuts, which took effect Oct. 1, are based on operating expenses and vary according to hotel size.

A standard room at Camp Humphreys, south of Seoul, dropped from \$64 last year to \$47, while the same category went from \$54 to \$43 at Camp Red Lodge, home

to the 2nd Infantry Division near the border with North Korea. Prices dropped from \$91 to \$78 at Daegu, near the southeast tip of the peninsula.

Germany also saw steep cuts, with rates dropping from \$75 to \$45 at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden.

Rates for Army lodging in Japan were already low so the change was small, with rates falling just \$1 to \$38 at Camp Zama.

The cost of staying at Dragon Hill Lodge, meanwhile, rose by about 15 percent, depending on rank. For example, privates pay \$85, up from \$74, while Defense Department civilian employees pay \$113, up from \$99. The rate for official temporary duty stays remains \$230.

The rate increase was necessary because of the higher cost to operate the hotel and maintain a high level of service, said Dragon Hill Lodge general manager Brian Campbell.

“We kept our prices as low as we possibly could based on the rising costs to maintain the rooms,” he said.

The difference is in the mission.

Army lodging is primarily for soldiers and their families transitioning to new assignments — a move known as PCS, or permanent change of station — or on temporary duty assignments, known as TDY. The facilities are funded by the installations and

taxpayer money.

Dragon Hill Lodge is one of four joint service facilities known as Armed Forces Recreation Centers meant as vacation getaways for servicemembers. The others are Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Germany, the Hale Koa Hotel in Hawaii and Shades of Green near Orlando, Fla.

Rates rose for all of them due to increased costs and renovation plans, Janssen said.

“You have one activity that is heavily supported by taxpayer funds and one that isn’t,” he said.

He acknowledged that Dragon Hill Lodge has been heavily focused on official stays because of its location at Yong-san, headquarters for U.S. Forces Korea and the 8th Army. But he said that was changing with plans to relocate most American troops to an expanded Camp Humphreys over the next few years.

“Dragon Hill Lodge has been transitioning from a majority of business from PCS and TDY to leisure travel,” he said, pointing to a marketing campaign called “Discover Seoul” aimed at attracting retirees and their families to visit the area.

“By the time the Yong-san transition happens, we believe that the number of leisure reservations that we have and the number of people coming to Dragon Hill will be able to sustain it.”

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# Duterte halts prep for US drills

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine president says he has instructed his defense chief not to prepare for joint exercises with the U.S. military next year as he moved to realize his threat to remove the highest-profile symbol of his country's treaty alliance with Washington.

President Rodrigo Duterte, however, reiterated Wednesday that he will not abrogate a 1951

Mutual Defense Treaty with the U.S. He has said, however, that he'll chart a foreign policy not dependent on Washington.

Duterte said: “I insist that we realize, that there will be no more exercises next year. Do not prepare,” told Defense Secretary Lorenzana.”

Duterte also wants U.S. forces out of the south and has opposed joint patrols with the U.S. Navy in the disputed South China Sea.

# Sailor dies aboard Ronald Reagan

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A sailor died aboard the USS Ronald Reagan on Monday after getting sick, Navy officials said.

Seaman Danyelle Luckey, a personnel specialist on the Yokosuka-based aircraft carrier, died suddenly after a brief illness. Task Force 70 spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Kakiel said in an email to Stars and Stripes. The cause of death is under investigation.

“Her loss comes as a tragic shock to her shipmates,” Capt.

Michael Donnelly, the Ronald Reagan's commanding officer, said in a statement Tuesday. “For the crew, our thoughts and prayers are focused on her family during this time.”

Luckey, of Pittsburg, Calif., enlisted in May and joined the ship during its recent port visit to Guam after Exercise Valiant Shield.

The Ronald Reagan was her first duty station following basic training and military occupational school.

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# Court-martial reveals seamy side of Air Force Academy life

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

An Air Force Academy judge will decide whether a victim who didn't speak still meant “no” in an alleged sexual assault of a female cadet in a campus classroom.

Prosecutors on Tuesday opened the case by claiming the woman was frozen by fear during the 2015 incident with cadet Jackson Spalding. Defense attorneys contend the woman fabricated the rape claim after feeling regret over a consensual incident.

“Can you believe her as a witness?” de-

fense attorney Capt. Diane Ingram asked Judge Lt. Col Marvin Tubbs, who is hearing the case without a jury. “Absolutely not.”

The female cadet who brought the allegation was on the witness stand for more than three hours of often-tearful testimony describing the incident, which took place on a Friday night in an unused classroom of Fairchild Hall, which houses the academia departments of the school.

The Gazette does not routinely name alleged victims of sexual crimes.

The trial revealed a seamy side of life at the academy, including cadets testifying that Fairchild Hall is called “Fairchild Hotel” by freshman cadets. Freshmen at the school, as Spalding and the woman were at the time of the alleged crime, have few freedoms but are allowed to venture out of the dorms to study in Fairchild.

Ingram said it's a place where freshmen slip into classrooms for forbidden trysts.

The female cadet said she was wordless and rigid when Spalding pulled her into

a chair and unzipped her flight suit. The woman testified that the incident stopped when she found her voice and refused to give Spalding oral sex.

Defense attorneys repeatedly asked in slightly different forms, “You never said no?” To each of the queries, the woman responded, “No, sir.”

Testimony was expected to continue Wednesday, with Tubbs expected to issue a verdict this week.

# WAR ON TERRORISM

## Officials: Afghan forces clear Kunduz of Taliban

By PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan security forces cleared Kunduz of Taliban fighters Wednesday after more than a week of fighting in the northern city, which the insurgents had briefly captured and held last year, Afghan and U.S. officials said.

The spokesman for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, Brig. Gen. Charles Cleveland, said Wednesday that it was too early to determine how the Taliban had been able to infiltrate the city but that "there clearly was a failure."

Afghan security forces have been fending off Taliban offensives on several fronts in the north, south and west of the country, raising questions about their ability to stave off the insurgents.

Cleveland said the Taliban are determined to overrun a district capital again, suggesting they are stepping up efforts to do so before the fighting season ends with the onset of winter. But he said international forces were confident the Afghans would be able to secure all of the country's major population centers.

"I don't want to understate the Taliban and their capabilities, but I think that it's important that we also don't overstate their capabilities," Cleveland told reporters in Kabul.

Sayer Mahmood Danish, spokesman for Kunduz's govern-

ment, said the Taliban had embedded themselves in the homes of residents and were using citizens as human shields, which prolonged the operation.

"There are still clashes outside the city in some areas, but it is not a big concern," Danish said Wednesday afternoon.

Local media reported more than 200 militants and 20 police officers were killed in the fighting.

Cleveland said the militants destroyed the power grid and water service in Kunduz, toppled cell towers and caused "hardship and suffering" to the people.

Kunduz was one of several fronts where Afghan forces were battling the Taliban. The insurgents fought their way into the capital of southern Helmand province, Lashkar Gah, earlier this week before being quickly pushed out. They have also intensified attacks in Farah province in the west.

"Very clearly, the last week-plus has demonstrated that there are still many challenges ahead of everybody and that this is a tough fight," Cleveland said. "As we move forward, we believe that the [Afghans] will continue to secure Kunduz and Lashkar Gah, and NATO and U.S. forces will be here to continue to assist them."

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GAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan men on Wednesday carry the coffin of a relative who died in a militant attack Tuesday at a Shiite shrine in Kabul, Afghanistan. Another Shiite shrine was attacked Wednesday.

## Bomb targets Shiite shrine

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A bomb targeting Shiite worshippers in northern Afghanistan killed at least 14 civilians on Wednesday, an official said.

Regional police spokesman Sarwar Hussaini said 26 others were wounded in the attack, which targeted the group as they were leaving a mosque following ceremonies to commemorate Ashoura, a major religious observance for Shiites.

Munir Ahmad Farhad, spokesman for the governor of Balkh province, said the bomb appeared to have been remotely detonated.

The death toll from a Tuesday night attack on Kabul's biggest Shiite shrine meanwhile rose to 17 people, including a policeman.

Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqi said another 62 people, including 12 policemen, were wounded in that attack. There were three women

and two children among the dead, and 26 women and three small children among those wounded, he said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for either attack, but the Taliban have targeted Shiites in the past. Sunni extremists view Shiites as apostates deserving of death.

"Killing innocent women and children is against all Islamic values and against humanity," Sediqi said, adding that a second attacker was shot and killed near the Kabul shrine after the first attack.

Shiite Muslims across the world are mourning the 7th-century death of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson, Imam Hussein.

Authorities had warned Shiites, who mainly hail from the ethnic Hazara community, to avoid large gatherings. In July, a suicide bomber attacked Hazaras at a public demonstration, killing 80 and wounding hundreds of others.

## Helmand residents blame graft for rising militant threat

By KARIM SHARIFI  
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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — For the past month, the Taliban have held control over most of Afghanistan's Helmand province, where the majority of the world's opium is grown — and as insurgent attacks intensify around the provincial capital, residents are blaming rampant government corruption for the rising militant threat.

At an international aid conference last week, Afghanistan's leaders raised \$15 billion from their international backers and pledged to clamp down on graft. But corrupt officials have belittled out the national security forces, selling weapons and even government buildings to the Taliban, and alienated local populations. One Afghan official said that Helmand residents were so angry at corruption that they were turning to the Taliban, despite memories of the extremist

group's harsh rule.

Afghanistan is consistently rated by the corruption watchdog Transparency International as one of the world's most corrupt countries, along with Somalia and North Korea. "It is estimated that an eighth of all the money that goes to Afghanistan is lost to corruption," it said in a report released ahead of the aid conference.

U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, John Sopko, who is charged with tracing billions of dollars of American aid, estimates that while the United States pays salaries for 320,000 Afghan soldiers and police nationwide, the actual number of troops is just 120,000. The remainder are so-called "ghost soldiers." Corrupt commanders claim salaries and benefits for soldiers and police who either don't exist, have agreed to hand over part of their pay in exchange for not going to work, or who have been killed in battle.

Helmand is particularly afflict-

ed by corruption, thanks in large part to its opium fields. The majority of the world's heroin originates in this southern province bordering Pakistan. The U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime last year valued the crop at \$3 billion a year, equivalent to around 20 percent of Afghanistan's gross domestic product. It helps fund the Taliban insurgency, and local officials and military leaders profit from the industry too. They receive bribes

to turn a blind eye, and sell their military equipment to cash-rich militants.

The insurgents and other drug-trafficking groups have joined forces to push the government out of the opium trade, said a former central government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the issue.

The Taliban have full control of five of Helmand's 14 districts

and are in effective control of eight others, where just small pockets of territory are still government-held.

The militants are now closing in on the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah. The Taliban have been on the offensive in Helmand since the start of the fighting season in April, and the latest attacks on Lashkar Gah suggest a final push before the gunnery retreat for the winter.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

# Weaponize: Armed drones raise new fears in Syria

FROM FRONT PAGE

Commanders have warned troops to take cover if they see what they might have once dismissed as a surveillance drone, he said.

The head of the Airwars project, which tracks the international air war in Iraq, Syria and Libya, said the weaponized drones are clumsy but will scare people.

"There are a million ways you can weaponize drones — fire rockets, strap things in and crash them," Chris Woods said. "This is the stuff everyone has been terrified about for years, and now it's a reality."

The U.S. military official couldn't immediately authenticate the videos in question, adding that most of the incidents they are aware of involved weaponized drones that simply crashed into their targets. But another former senior U.S. military official who viewed the videos said there was nothing to suggest they were fake.

A number of militant groups in the Middle East, including the Islamic State group, Jund al-Aqsa and Jabhat Patah al-Sham, as well as Hezbollah and Hamas, have all released videos indicating that they have surveillance and reconnaissance drones. Syrian anti-government rebels and militias loyal to President Bashar Assad were also flying cheap quad- and hexa-

copters as early as 2014 to spy on each other.

The surveillance drones allowed those groups to collect data on enemy bases, battlefield positioning and weaponry and improve targeting.

The extremist Islamic State group launched a sophisticated propaganda video in 2014, "The Clanging of the Swords, Part 4," boasting about its capture of the Iraqi city of Fallujah. The video opens with drone footage over the western Iraqi city before cutting to violent ground footage depicting its advance across Iraq.

Lebanon-based Hezbollah has claimed to have armed-drone capabilities for nearly two years, but a recent video of bombs hitting a militant camp near the Syrian town of Hama is the first known documentation.

The majority of these groups have access only to store-bought drones, similar to those available in the U.S. for \$1,000 to \$3,000 and weighing 5 to 10 pounds — certainly not enough to support a large bomb or rocket. Hezbollah is an exception, receiving most of its munitions — including its drones — from Iran.

Syrian skies are already bustling with traffic. Coalition forces have launched some 5,400 airstrikes on Islamic State group targets since

## Troops warned to be wary of models, drones

By TARA COPP  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops in Iraq have been issued a new warning this month: Don't touch any model aircraft or drone devices found on the battlefield.

U.S. forces preparing for the upcoming battle to retake Mosul from the Islamic State were alerted about drones after a device believed to be operated by the terrorist group killed two Kurdish fighters.

In the Oct. 2 incident, Kurdish forces in northern Iraq discovered a Styrofoam airplane on the ground that had been modified, and took it back to their base to examine it, said a U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"It was a hobby plane," the official said, adding that the Pentagon has seen images of the device that were taken before the drone exploded. "[It is] unclear whether it was shot down with small arms or it just landed on its own. But essentially a couple of [Peshmerga] fighters had picked it up and taken it back to their camp. They were opening it up and were looking at it when it exploded."

The official said U.S. officials believe the device was intended to go off after it had been picked up, and the explosion was set to a timer hidden inside the plane's battery. The official said it was not clear whether the explosion was triggered when the soldiers opened the device or the timer set off the bomb.

Now U.S. troops must follow procedures, the official said.

"This biggest outcome of this ... was guidance that was sent out," the official said. "Don't pick these things up. Treat them as [unexploded ordnance]. You see a drone sitting on the ground, don't pick it up. Call in EOD," the official said, referring to the explosive ordnance teams that specialize in safely destroying unexploded munitions.

A second U.S. official said this is not the first time that explosive drones or surveillance drones operated by the Islamic State group have been spotted or shot down by U.S., Iraqi or coalition forces.

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September 2014. Drones account for only about 7 percent of America's air operations in Iraq and Syria because the U.S. is "stretched really thin" with drone operations in Afghanistan, Yemen, Pakistan and elsewhere, Woods said.

Russia is also showing off its own

drone capabilities. Last month, the Russian Defense Ministry launched a live online broadcast of drone footage of the besieged Syrian city of Aleppo to "provide transparency of ceasefire regime implementation."

There is no question the militant

groups are outmatched in the sky. But as cells linked to the Islamic State group pop up across Europe and the United States, the real concern is the potential impact these experimental, small, flying bombs could have if launched over crowded cities.

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Shadow: GOP leadership try to focus on winning in Congress

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To get a majority, Democrats need to win just four additional seats in the Senate and for Hillary Clinton to win the presidency, an outcome that appears increasingly likely.

After months of friction over the GOP nominee's incendiary campaign, Trump's raucous comments about forcing himself on women and grabbing their genitals — recorded in 2005 — are causing a schism in the Republican Party and uncertainty that could play into Democrats' hands.

House Speaker Paul Ryan on Monday effectively conceded Republicans would lose the presidency and said he would focus on congressional races instead.

"There's nothing good about Trump sliding for Republicans," said Kyle Kondik, the managing editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball, an election polling website at University of Virginia Center for Politics.

ARIZONA

McCain, a former Navy pilot who appears to be the Senate front-runner in Arizona, has seen his entire re-election campaign entangled with Trump.

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For months, McCain backed Trump's nomination despite the stream of controversial comments about POWs and the Gold Star family, but that ended suddenly over the weekend when the senator withdrew his support.

"All of those things I thought were very wrong but then when Mr. Trump attacks women and demeans the women in our nation and our society that is a point where I just have to part company," McCain explained Monday during a debate in Arizona, referring to the video that surfaced of Trump using vulgar terms and bragging to an entertainment

reporter about using his fame to make sexual advances on women.

Now, with the Arizona race entering its final weeks, McCain is trying to unify the Republicans in the state around his re-election. He released an ad reminding voters that he "chose to stay in a prison camp until his fellow soldiers had a chance to go home" and ripping his challenger, Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick, a Democrat with a substantial record on veteran legislation.

"McCain has never been in a better position to support our servicemembers and ensure they have the resources and capabilities they need for today's increasingly complex security environment," his campaign spokeswoman Lorna Komero wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

Despite being the front-runner, McCain's problems do not end with Trump. His decades in the Senate — he was first elected in 1986 — and his most recent unsuccessful bid for the presidency in 2008 has at times overshadowed his military service. His high visibility and past willingness for political compromises has divided members of his own party and many veterans.

"The problem with John McCain is there are a lot of conservative Republicans who don't like him," said Jennifer Duffy, the senior Senate editor for the non-partisan Cook Political Report in Washington, D.C.

Most likely the blow-up will play into Democrat hands.

Kirkpatrick, an attorney who was elected to the House after losing an earlier election, supports a new war authorization for anti-terrorism operations in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere — something lawmakers have avoided since just after 9/11 — and has backed key moves to improve veteran health care. Kirkpatrick raised the alarm in 2014 over dangerous patient wait times at the Department of Veterans Affairs and was among co-sponsors of a veteran suicide prevention bill, the Clay Hunt SAV Act, which was widely backed by veteran groups, campaign spokesman D.B. Mitchell told Stars and Stripes.

"When it comes to the VA, Ann was the first member of Congress to contact the inspector general about the Phoenix wait-list scandal and when she called on then-director [Gen. Eric] Shinseki to conduct a nationwide audit of VA wait times and practices, the VA acquiesced within 24 hours," Mitchell wrote in an email.

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NEVADA

Rep. Joe Heck was among the first in a wave of Republicans who disavowed Trump over the weekend — and immediately received blowback — following the GOP nominee's explosive comments about groping women.

Heck, a physician and brigadier general in the Army Reserve, is running against Catherine Cortez Masto, a Democratic former state attorney general, for the Senate seat being vacated by Minority Leader Harry Reid. It is a tight race and one of the few and best opportunities for Republicans to gain a seat from Democrats.

Heck read a statement Saturday to a Nevada rally amid tepid applause and loud pro-Trump heckling.

"I accept that none of us are perfect. However, I can no longer look past this pattern of behavior and inappropriate comments from Donald Trump," he said, telling the audience he will not vote for Trump or Clinton.

Heck, a moderate, is running in an increasingly diverse state against a woman who could be the first Latina in the Senate.

He was panned with a star after being elected to the House and has spearheaded a complicated effort to overhaul the military's commissary and health care system as chairman of an armed services subcommittee. He is among the few candidates this election cycle who are still serving in the military and Heck said his experience would give him an advantage as a senator.

"I've run the full range of emotions, the trials and tribulations and accomplishments that somebody can have in a military career," Heck told Stars and Stripes.

Cortez Masto hammered Heck through the weekend for his turnabout on Trump, saying the Republican had supported the brass businessman after he praised Russian President Vladimir Putin, suggested renegeing on the NATO alliance in Europe and claimed Clinton and President Barack Obama founded the Islamic State group.

"GOPers like [Heck] only jumped [the] Trump ship after knowing he'd sink theirs," her campaign tweeted Monday.

Cortez Masto is running on a platform of ridding elections of dark money, protecting Social Security, immigration reform and increasing the minimum wage.

MISSOURI

Jason Kander, Missouri's 35-year-old secretary of state and former Army National Guard captain, became a minor internet sensation in September with a campaign ad on gun regulation.

During a 30-second spot, Kander assembles an AR-15 rifle while blindfolded, touting his military service and advocating for background checks to keep guns from terrorists.

"In the Army, I learned how to use and respect my rifle," said Kander, a Democrat. "In Afghanistan, I'd volunteer to be an extra gun in a convoy of unarmored SUVs."

In the wake of the Trump recording, Kander sensed an opportunity

and went after his incumbent Republican opponent

Blunt, saying Blunt refused to "put our country before politics" because

he has continued to back Trump despite an exodus of other party members.

Blunt, who never served in the military, is a longtime Republican lawmaker who served in the House and was elected to the Senate in 2010. Blunt's re-election might be closely tied to a Trump victory in the state. Meanwhile, Democrats see the race as an opportunity to take a GOP Senate seat.

"Republicans are really worried about it because it is a state they should hold ... Kander is a really attractive candidate," Kondik said.

Kander enlisted in 2003 and served as an intelligence officer until he left the National Guard in 2011. During a four-month deployment to Afghanistan in 2006, he volunteered as a shooter on several convoys — a rarity among his fellow officers — and was described as "outstanding" and "superb" by his superiors, according to his released military personnel records.

Kander said the Senate needs more lawmakers with military experience because Congress has refused to address national security issues such as passing a new war authorization. The number of veterans in Congress has dropped off in recent decades, according to the Congressional



Rep. Joe Heck

Research Service.

"Congress hasn't even seriously debated updating the [Authorization for the Use of Military Force] for the threat of [the Islamic State group]," Kander said. "We have folks that don't either understand the threat of [the Islamic State group] or don't have the courage to address it."

Still, Missouri voters seemed to be leaning toward Blunt, despite strides by Kander, Kondik said.

Jack Jackson, a retired Marine Corps colonel and co-chair of Blunt's veteran coalition, said serving in the Senate is "more than just putting on the uniform" and brushed off the secretary of state's viral campaign ad, saying any soldier out of boot camp should be able to do the same.

"It was no big deal," Jackson said. "I can still tell you my serial number on my rifle. We were all required to do that."

Blunt sits on the powerful Appropriations Committee, which helps draft the federal budget. One of his top legislative achievements for the military and veterans was pushing a bill called the Mental-Health Exposure Military Official Record Act, which would have created a Department of Defense system to track traumatic brain injuries among troops, according to Jackson.

However, the bill languished in committee and never passed.

Jackson said Blunt understands military families because the senator has a child who graduated from the Naval Academy and served. Matt Blunt was a Navy officer who served a six-month deployment to Great Britain following 9/11 and was later elected as Missouri governor.

"I think he has a feel for what families go through when one of their spouses go off to war or one of their children," Jackson said.

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## Shadow: Campaigning vets seize on Trump words

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### ILLINOIS

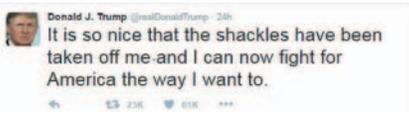
Sen. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., a retired Navy Reserve commander known for outspoken and sometimes incendiary comments, tweeted out his reaction within hours of Trump's recorded comments becoming public Friday.

Trump "is a malignant clown -- unprepared and unfit to be president of the United States," wrote Kirk, who in June called the GOP nominee bigoted and racist while campaigning for reelection in a Democratic-leaning state.

Kirk's 23-year Navy career and experience as an intelligence officer would normally be an advantage in his Senate race. But he has struggled against another veteran with a compelling story and service record, Rep. Tammy Duckworth, a Democrat who lost both of her legs in 2004 when the Black Hawk that she was co-piloting was downed by insurgent fire.

Democrats see the Illinois race as another strong opportunity to gain a seat in the Senate from Republicans.

"I think there is fairly wide



agreement that Duckworth is in the lead to take that seat. I don't know if Kirk has run a great race," Kondick said.

Kirk, who has tried to move toward the political center, originally won his seat during a year that did not involve a presidential race. Now, polls show Illinois — a state that heavily favored Obama in 2008 and 2012 — leaning toward Clinton and that will likely give Duckworth a boost amid heavy turnout among Democrats on Nov. 8.

Obama was campaigning for Duckworth in Illinois over the weekend, calling her a "tough lady, but with a big heart" and hammering Trump as "insecure."

Kirk, who is chairman of a military and veterans panel of the Appropriations Committee, has gone after Duckworth for her time as director of the Illinois VA before being elected to the House in 2014 and has joined with two

whistleblowers who claim the congressman ignored veteran abuse and wrongdoing.

"Sen. Kirk has worked with the very same whistleblowers that came to Tammy Duckworth and were told 'it's just the way it is' at the VA," Eleni Demertzis, director of communications for the campaign, wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

The Duckworth campaign has said the problems raised by Kirk

at a Chicago VA hospital involved a single employee yelling, and two related whistleblower lawsuits were thrown out of court while a third was settled. Her campaign countered by criticizing Kirk for exaggerating his military record during his 2010 election, including a claim that he was fired on while flying over Iraq, which he later admitted never happened.

"For Mark Kirk to attack another veteran like Tammy Duckworth, who has done so much for veterans, it's really just disgraceful," Army Capt. Emily Miller, whom the campaign identified as an Afghanisthan combat veteran, said in a recently released Duckworth ad.



Rep. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill.

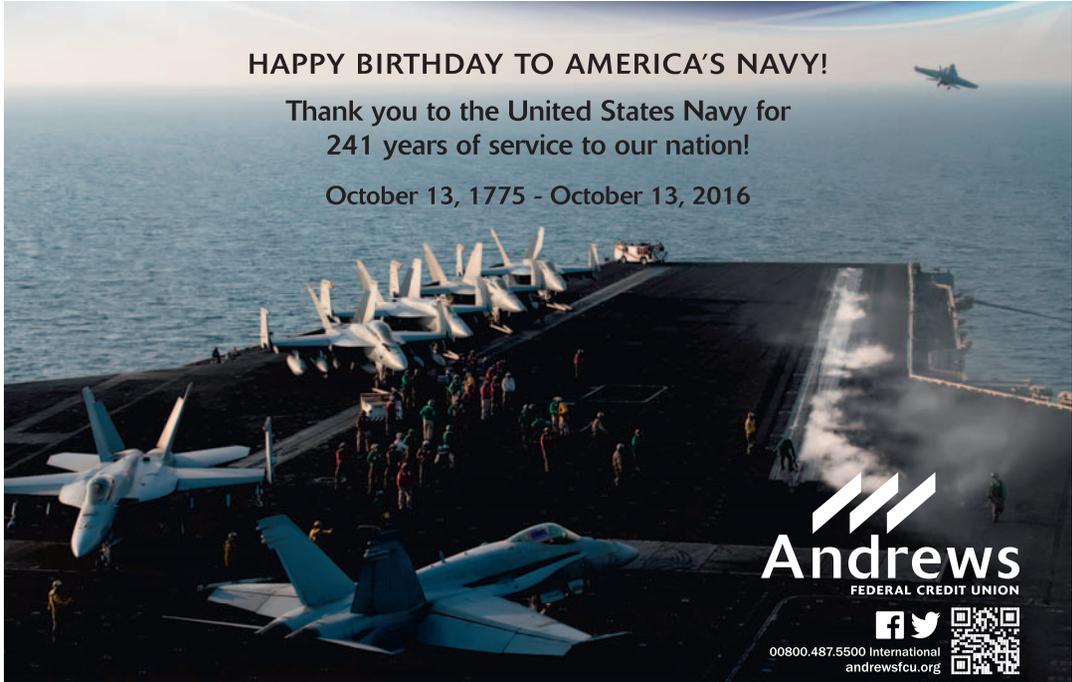
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NATION

# Woman in NM is 7th 'car surfing' fatality this year

By Travis M. Andrews  
*The Washington Post*

True to its name, the Dunes Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area, 1.5 miles south of Farmington, N.M., offers a barren, hilly landscape with no paved roads to be found.

Bordered on one side by sharply rising sandstone walls, on another by a gravel pit and dotted with active gas wells, the area is an adrenaline junkie's dream — 800 acres of beige sand dunes rising out of deep arroyos, waiting to fling off-road vehicles into the air.

That's likely the experience Wilberta Anna Becenti, 21, was chasing when she traveled down from her hometown of Nageezi, N.M.

Driving over the rough dirt while an off-road vehicle's shocks

absorb the impact can be electrifying, but Becenti and her friends took things a step further.

After drinking alcohol to the point of intoxication, she decided to double the thrill by climbing on top of the car. Conditions were already dangerous. At 4:30 a.m. local time, the dunes were invisible in the inky blackness of preddawn.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, drivers are allowed to traverse the trails at night so long as their headlights can "light an object 300 feet away" but alcohol is expressly prohibited.

After she climbed onto the car's roof, tragedy struck. At some point, she was flung from the car into the darkness. The fall killed her.

Lt. Kyle Lincoln, a San Juan

County Sheriff's Office detective, said it's unclear if the driver was intoxicated, and no charges had been filed as of early Wednesday, according to The Daily Times.

Tragic as the accident is, it's not particularly uncommon, especially among young people seeking a cheap thrill. In fact, it may be more common than ever.

Climbing onto the roof of a moving car is a practice called "car surfing," and it has claimed seven young lives so far this year and injured countless others.

According to a 2008 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the term "car surfing" originated in the mid-1980s and caused 58 deaths between 1990 and August 2008 — an average of three per year. These

were mostly among teenage males living in the Midwest and South.

The deaths spiked in the mid-90s, then again around 2000.

By then car surfing received a new nickname — "ghost riding the whip" — and it became something of a pop culture phenomenon. Video gamers could experience it through the digital version of Xbox's popular "Pimp My Ride," and the dangerous practice was heavily featured in Oakland rapper E-40's hit "Tell Me When to Go" and later in "Ghost Ride It" by fellow Oakland rapper Mistah F.A.B.

To ghost-ride, the driver climbs out of the car while it's moving at low speed. The ghost-rider then busts a move around and on top of the vehicle, usually accompa-

nied by a thumping soundtrack from the car (or "whip," in urban slang) ... It's all about self-expression. Or possibly cheap thrills. Or maybe the ever-popular youthful flirtation with bone-breaking, brain-damaging injury. A young man in Stockton, Calif., for example, died this month when he hit his head on a parked car while attempting what police said was a ghost-riding maneuver, according to news reports.

After 19-year-old Coloradan Brandon Lovett died in June after falling while car surfing, his second cousin, Monica Dengler, spoke to the Daily Sentinel. "Please, please think twice on doing this or something similar that may seem like fun ... it's not," she said. "It could cost them their life."

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# MATTHEW AFTERMATH

## NC urges more to flee before high water hits

BY JONATHAN DREW AND EMERY P. DALESIO  
Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Police officers and firefighters in eastern North Carolina cruised low-lying areas and shouted a simple message from bullhorns: Get out before the floodwaters from Hurricane Matthew arrive.

Thousands of people were ordered to evacuate, and officials warned that some communities could be cut off by washed-out roads or bridge closures. In the city of Greenville, military trucks rumbled through leafy neighborhoods where orange traffic cones and police tape discouraged people from entering. Police were stationed at the edge of the evacuation zone to monitor who came and went.

Authorities planned to go door-to-door in some areas, telling people to escape to higher ground. The flooding triggered by heavy rain from Matthew — which killed more than 500 people in Haiti — has left at least 35 dead in the U.S.

"There are a lot of people that are hurting, that are living in shelters and are preparing for major, major flooding," North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory said Wednesday.

Authorities closed one bridge across the swollen Tar River in Greenville and warned that sev-

eral other bridges could close, isolating people. The city's airport was expected to remain closed for another week due to flooding.

Still, Greenville resident John Benson felt confident his house would be OK. His block didn't take on water during Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and his street is on a steep grade, making a quick getaway possible.

"Police, fire people, came around, bull-horning and talking to us. They let everybody know to get out," he said.

David Baker, whose family owns the River Bank Apartments in Greenville, said all but one tenant had heeded the evacuation order by Tuesday, and he was spending the afternoon putting boards and sealant across the doorways of ground-floor units. A half-inch of water had already pooled in the parking lot, not far from where he stood.

"We've been back and forth all day buying pumps and supplies, and stuff," he said.

Flooding conditions in Fayetteville were expected to last until Friday, while the Neuse River in Kinston was expected to peak Saturday.

"We want you to evacuate these low-lying areas absolutely and immediately," Kinston Mayor BJ Murphy told WTTN-TV on Wednesday. "The time to get out is now."

In a possible sign of storm-



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Evelyn McCormick looks out at what used to be her backyard Tuesday in Hope Mills, N.C., after it was wiped away by Hurricane Matthew.

driven tensions, authorities said a state trooper shot and killed an armed man in Lumberton who became angry with officers carrying out search-and-rescue missions. They released little other information about the shooting.

In the hard-hit town of Lumberton, along the bloated Lumber River, Ada Page spent two nights sleeping in a hard plastic folding chair at a shelter put together so hastily there were no cots. People had to use portable toilets outside.

"I left at home all my clothes, everything. The only thing I have is this child and what I was driving," said Page, who was with an 8-year-old granddaughter.

The full extent of the disaster in North Carolina was still unclear, but it appeared that thousands of homes were damaged. Many likened Matthew to Hurricane Floyd, which did \$3 billion in damage and destroyed 7,000 homes in North Carolina as it skirted the state's coast 17 years ago.

## Haitians struggle to rebuild lives as food, water, supplies arrive for some

Associated Press

LES CAYES, Haiti — Food, water and building supplies began to reach remote corners of Haiti on Wednesday as tens of thousands of people slowly rebuilt their lives after a devastating Category 4 storm hit last week.

In the southern seaside community of Les Cayes, a United Nations truck delivered water to the Sous Roche neighborhood while residents including fisherman Justin Camby, 49, stood in line. The delivery marked the first time the neighborhood had received any help since Hurricane Matthew hit on Oct. 4.

"Life is completely destroyed here," Camby said. "It will take 20 years to get it all back."

Haitians helped each other regain some semblance of their pre-hurricane lives as they awaited the arrival of more aid. A community group that formed in the southern coastal village of Les

Anglais cleared tree limbs from streets and placed them into piles while others gathered scraps of wood to start rebuilding homes.

Meanwhile, more than a dozen people gathered inside a neighbor's general store in the western coastal town of Anse-d'Hainault that was serving as a makeshift shelter. The store had a small generator that provided a little light and power to charge phones.

"We're looking out for each other," said Walna Geve, who traveled to her hometown from the capital of Port-au-Prince to be with her family.

Those who survived the storm have faced great challenges, including going without food. The prices of bottled water, bleach and other vital items have jumped by as much as 25 percent amid worsening shortages.

Elanice Moise, an agronomist and director for the Department of Agriculture in southern Haiti, said between 80 and 100 percent

of crops have been lost across from the southern peninsula.

Meanwhile, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said the storm's impact has put on hold a new policy of deporting Haitians in the U.S. without permission, but the government intends to resume it in the future. He said U.S. officials will have to "be sympathetic to the plight of the people of Haiti as a result." After conditions change, "we intend to resume the policy."

Cholera cases were rising in towns such as Anse-d'Hainault, where Dabens Desrosiers, 2, received rehydration fluid from an IV.

"Daddy, take me home," he repeatedly murmured to his father, Gerson Desrosiers, 31.

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**Walrus gather to rest in 2013 near the coastal village of Point Lay, Alaska. Point Lay has a message for potential visitors: Walrus are vulnerable to stampedes, so stay away when they're on shore.**

## When walrus arrive, Alaskan town wants visitors to stay away

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A remote village on Alaska's northwest coast has begun a reverse tourism campaign. Residents want visitors to stay away.

Pacific walrus by the thousands in recent years have come ashore in early fall near the Inupiat village of Point Lay, including about 6,000 last week, and people have dropped in, hoping to see a marine mammal phenomenon brought on by climate change and disappearing summer sea ice in the Chukchi Sea.

However, Point Lay, population 270, has no hotel or restaurants. And walrus to residents are a major food source, not a curiosity. Disturbances by boats or airplanes can spook walrus into stampedes that crush the smallest animals.

So Point Lay is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on an information campaign: Thanks for the interest, but please don't stop by.

"They've had people come and had no place to accommodate them and they ended up having to tell the person to get back on the

plane and head out," said Andrea Medeiros, spokeswoman for the agency in Anchorage. "I would imagine it's a very awkward situation for them."

The walrus can't even be seen from the village. Visitors would need a ride from a resident and the trip can be hazardous.

Walrus started coming ashore on the northwest Alaska coast in 2007. In September last year, 35,000 packed a rocky beach near Point Lay. The carcasses of more than 130 mostly young walrus were counted after a stampede in September 2009 at Icy Cape.

Walrus prefer spreading out

on sea ice, where they can monitor predators such as polar bears.

Many adult male walrus stay south of the Bering Strait year-round. However, females with calves stay on the edge of pack ice, where the young can rest as mothers dive for clams. As the sea ice melts, the edge moves north, providing a moving platform over the shallow Bering and Chukchi seas.

In recent years, as Arctic temperatures have warmed, the edge of the sea ice has receded far to the north over water too deep for walrus to dive and reach the ocean bottom.

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## Grand jury probe of Mich. governor sought

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — A Flint resident is asking for a grand jury investigation of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's decision to use at least \$2 million in state funds for his legal representation related to criminal probes of the city's water crisis.

The complaint, filed Tuesday, alleges that the governor broke the law by violating conflict-of-interest prohibitions and "unilaterally" spending taxpayer money for personal benefit without the authority to do so. It requests that the Ingham County Circuit Court, based in Michigan's capital city, convene a one-judge grand jury to investigate.

Keri Webber, who brought the complaint with assistance from Democratic attorney Mark Brewer, said the lead-contaminated water sickened her family. Her 16-

year-old daughter sustained liver damage, her 21-year-old daughter contracted Legionnaires' disease and her husband lost vision in one eye due to a stroke she attributes to high blood pressure associated with lead.

Snyder spokeswoman Anna Heaton said the spending is "legally sound" because the fees are related to actions taken in his official capacity as governor.

As of Tuesday, the state was defending itself against 12 Flint-related lawsuits, according to the governor's office. Michigan also had received more than 2,000 notices of intent to sue.

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# NATION

## Clinton aide links Trump campaign to email hack

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY AND JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Hillary Clinton's top adviser said the FBI is investigating Russia's possible role in hacking his personal emails, an intrusion he said Donald Trump's campaign may have been aware of in advance.

If true, the assertion from Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta would amount to an extraordinary link between Russia and an American presidential campaign. Podesta said the alleged ties could be driven either by Trump's policy positions, which at times echo the Kremlin, or the Republican's "deep engagement and ties with Russian interests in his business affairs."

To Podesta, the central figure in the swirling controversy is long-time Trump adviser Roger Stone, who has said he has been in touch with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. Podesta also raised as evidence an August tweet in which Stone said Podesta's "time in the

barrel" was coming. The tweet was sent shortly after WikiLeaks published scores of hacked emails from other Democratic officials.

"I think it's a reasonable assumption, or at least a reasonable conclusion, that Mr. Stone and the Trump campaign had advance warning about what Assange was going to do," Podesta told reporters aboard the Clinton campaign plane. Podesta acknowledged the evidence was "circumstantial."

Stone, in an email to The Associated Press late Tuesday, said Podesta's accusations were "categorically false" and "without foundation."

Podesta said the FBI contacted him over the weekend and confirmed it was investigating the hacking of his account as part of the ongoing probe in other Democratic Party hackings by groups with Russian ties.

Last week, intelligence officials said they believed the individuals responsible are working for Russian intelligence and coordinating with Assange on the political hacking.



EVAN VUCCA/AP

Supporters of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump cheer during a campaign rally Tuesday in Panama City, Fla. Trump has promised to fight for the presidency "the way I want to."

# Trump's attacks target GOP

### 'Shackles' off, candidate reverts to combative, divisive strategy

By STEVE PEOPLES, JONATHAN LEMIRE AND JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The "shackles" gone, Donald Trump stepped up his fierce attacks on his own party leaders, promising to teach Republicans who oppose him a lesson and to fight for the presidency "the way I want to."

"I'm just tired of nonsupport" from leaders of the party he represents on the presidential ticket, Trump said Tuesday evening on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor." He saved special ire for House Speaker Paul Ryan, who told Republicans on Monday he'll no longer campaign for Trump with four weeks to go before Election Day.

"I don't want his support; I don't care about his support," Trump said. "I wouldn't want to be in a foxhole with a lot of these people, that I can tell you, including Ryan. By the way, including Ryan, especially Ryan."

With his campaign floundering and little time to steady it, the businessman reverted to the combative, divisive strategy that propelled him to victory in the GOP primary. Attack every critic — including fellow Republicans. Those close to Trump suggested it was "open season" on every detractor, regardless of party.

"It is so nice that the shackles have been taken off me and I can now fight for America the way I want to," Trump said in a tweet that brought new concern — near panic in some cases — to a party trying to

stave off an all-out civil war before Nov. 8.

In another series of tweets, the Republican nominee called Ryan "weak and ineffective," Sen. John McCain "very foul-mouthed" and "disloyal" Republicans "far more difficult than Crooked Hillary."

"They come at you from all sides," Trump declared. "They don't know how to win — I will teach them!"

At a night rally in Florida hours later, Trump made no mention of the apparent Republican civil war, instead training his fire on his Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton.

Trump has acknowledged the possibility of defeat in recent days, but on Tuesday he tried to shift the blame for his struggles on Republican defections and an election system that may be "rigged" against him. On Monday, he warned of potential voter fraud in heavily black Philadelphia, a claim for which there is no evidence but one that could challenge Americans' faith in a fair democratic process.

At the rally in Panama City Beach, Fla., Trump declared that hacked emails released by WikiLeaks on Tuesday showed collusion between the Clinton campaign and the Justice Department during an investigation into the former secretary of state's email server.

The evidence does indicate there was communication between the two about a court hearing date. But such dates are not inside information. They would have been publicly posted in advance on the court's docket.

## Trump 'strolled right in' on naked contestants

The Washington Post

On an April 11, 2005, Howard Stern show, Donald Trump bragged about some of the special perks he enjoyed while owner of the Miss USA pageant. They came not in a locker room but a dressing room.

"I'll go backstage before a show and everyone's getting dressed and ready and everything else," he said. "And you know, no men are anywhere. And I'm allowed to go in because I'm the owner of the pageant. And therefore I'm inspecting it."

Tasha Dixon, Miss Arizona of 2001, told CBS2 Los Angeles that Trump just came "waltzing in" while contestants were changing into bikinis.

Separately, BuzzFeed reported early Wednesday that four women

in the 1997 Miss Teen USA beauty pageant said he walked into their dressing room while they were changing. Some were as young as 15, BuzzFeed said.

In an interview with the station, Dixon described her experience with Trump.

"He just came strolling right in. There was no second to put a robe on or any sort of clothing or anything. Some girls were topless. Other girls were naked."

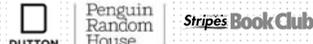
She suggested that such opportunities were among the reasons Trump owned beauty pageants.

"I'm telling you Donald Trump owned the pageant for the reasons to utilize his power to get around beautiful women. Who do you complain to? He owns the pageant. There's no one to complain to. Everyone there works for him."

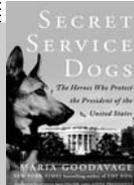
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NATION

# Rights groups: Decriminalize illicit drug use

By DAVID CRARY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As Americans debate the expanding campaign to legalize marijuana, two of the nation's most prominent human rights organizations are urging a far bolder step — the decriminalization of possession and personal use of all illicit drugs.

Human Rights Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union jointly issued the call Wednesday in a detailed report contending that enforcement of drug laws has unjustifiably ruined lives, torn families apart and fueled racial discrimination while failing to curtail rampant drug abuse in the U.S.

"Every 25 seconds someone is funneled into the criminal justice system, accused of nothing more than possessing drugs for personal use," said Tess Borden, the report's author. "These wide-scale arrests have destroyed countless lives while doing nothing to help people who struggle with dependence."

Borden acknowledged that broad decriminalization of drug use, whether by

Congress or state-by-state, is unlikely in the near future. She hopes the report will spur action at the state and federal level to invest more funds in treatment programs and to reclassify drug use and possession as misdemeanors rather than felonies.

Though four states have legalized recreational marijuana use, and five more will vote on that step next month, no state has decriminalized personal use of other common illicit drugs such as cocaine and heroin. Possession of them is often classified as a felony.

According to the new report, state law enforcement agencies make more than 1.25 million drug possession arrests per year — one of every nine arrests nationwide. Regarding racial disparities, the report said black adults use drugs at similar or even lower rates than white adults, yet are more than twice as likely to be arrested for possession.

The report argues that the decades-long "war on drugs" has failed, with rates of drug abuse still high. It says criminaliza-

tion of drugs tends to drive people who use them underground, making it less likely they will get treatment and more likely they will be at risk of disease and overdoses.

However, Michael Ramos, district attorney of San Bernardino County in California, said decriminalization would pose "huge dangers." He predicted that property crime would increase as drug users carried out thefts to maintain their habits. He also said rehabilitation programs would either if drug abusers no longer had the threat of incarceration as an incentive to participate.

"Once you legalize all drugs, there's no motive for those people to get help," he said.

However, Ramos acknowledged that most state prisons and jails should be doing a far better job of providing effective rehabilitation programs for convicted drug users.

"Right now, what we're doing is putting them in and turning the key," he said. "There's not much help there."

In compiling their report, Human Rights Watch and the ACLU said they interviewed 149 people prosecuted for using drugs in

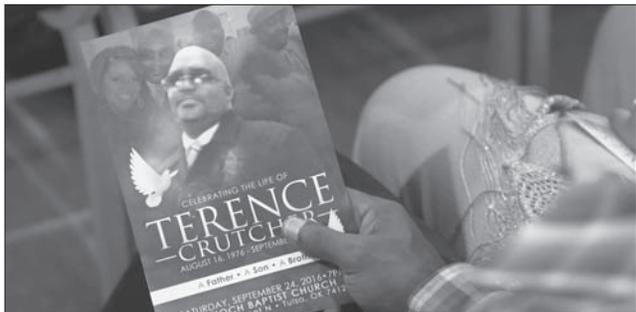
Louisiana, Texas, Florida and New York, 64 of them in custody.

Among them were Corey Ladd, who — because he had two prior drug arrests — is serving a 17-year sentence in Louisiana for possessing a half-ounce of marijuana. He has a 4-year-old daughter who has never seen him outside prison, she's being raised by her grandmother.

"The sheer harshness of the sentence shocks the conscience," Louisiana's appeals court wrote in April, when it asked that Ladd be resentenced to a lesser term. But prosecutors held firm and appealed that ruling; Ladd's case is now headed to the state Supreme Court.

Ladd's public defender, Kenneth Hardin, said Louisiana's highest-in-the-nation incarceration rate stems directly from its hardline approach to drug abusers.

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result," he said. "We've been throwing these drug users in jail. Has that made the streets feel safer? Has that changed the crime rate?"



A man holds a copy of the program for the funeral of Terence Crutcher during services to honor him on Sept. 24 in Tulsa, Okla. Oklahoma's medical examiner says Crutcher had the hallucinogenic drug PCP in his system when he died.

## Autopsy: Unarmed man shot by Tulsa police was high on PCP

By JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICUS  
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — An unarmed black man shot dead by a white police officer after his car broke down on a city street last month was high on the hallucinogenic drug PCP when he died, according to toxicology tests released by a medical examiner Tuesday.

Terence Crutcher, 40, had "acute phencyclidine intoxication" when he died Sept. 16. Officer Betty Jo Shelby was charged with first-degree manslaughter after his death, with a prosecutor saying she reacted unreasonably when Crutcher disobeyed her commands.

Medical literature says PCP, also known as Angel Dust, can induce euphoria and feelings of omnipotence as well as agitation, mania and depression.

Dr. Matthew Lee, a physician and pharmacist who also works for the Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's Office, said the 96 nanograms per milliliter of PCP found in Crutcher's system is more than enough to cause someone to be uncoordinated, agitated and combative.

"It's on the high side, relative to causing some sort of impairment or intoxication," Lee said.

Videos from a police helicopter and a dashboard camera showed Crutcher walking away from Shelby on a North Tulsa street with his arms in the air, but the footage does not offer a clear view of when Shelby fired the single shot.

Tulsa police said previously they had found a vial of PCP in Crutcher's SUV. The police officer's lawyer said she had completed drug-recognition training and believed Crutcher might have been

under the influence of drugs. Lawyers for Crutcher's family released a statement saying the toxicology report "does not change the most pertinent facts of this tragedy" and that Shelby "should be held accountable for her unlawful actions."

According to an eight-page report from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Oklahoma City, Crutcher suffered a "penetrating gunshot wound of chest" and noted both of Crutcher's lungs were pierced and that he had four broken ribs.

Shannon McMurray, one of Shelby's defense attorneys, said the report helped provide an early "snapshot" of evidence in the case and that as more is released, "it will be clear in my mind as the case unfolds that the officer was justified in her use of force."

Sue Osocki/AP

## Amazon launches for-pay streaming music service

By MAE ANDERSON  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amazon is launching a paid streaming music service, the latest entry in an increasingly crowded field.

Amazon Music Unlimited is being positioned to compete against existing services such as Spotify and Apple Music. It will cost \$8 per month, or \$80 a year, for members of Amazon's \$99-a-year Prime loyalty program. Non-Prime members will pay \$10 a month, the same monthly fee charged by Spotify and Apple Music.

Owners of Amazon's Echo smart speaker will be able to get the unlimited music service on one device for \$4 per month.

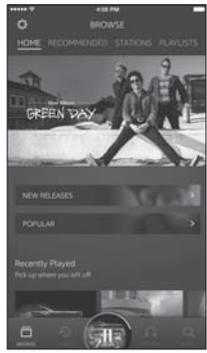
The steaming service is one more perk — like two-day free shipping and Amazon Video

— that the Seattle-based company hopes will attract people to its Prime program and thus encourage them to spend more on its flagship site. Amazon already offers Amazon Prime Music for free to Prime members, but that includes about 2 million songs, while the new service boasts a catalog of "tens of millions" of songs.

"Think of this as two different levels: Prime is now the introductory service and Unlimited is the full service," said Steve Boom, Amazon's vice president of digital music.

The service's launch comes as the way people listen to music is changing. According to Nielsen, during the first half of 2016 digital purchasing of single tracks was down 24 percent and digital albums were down 18 percent while streaming was up 59 percent, compared with the same period a year ago.

"The recorded music industry has been fumbling for a digital



Amazon Music/AP

A display of Amazon Music Unlimited, pictured here, is a paid streaming music service Amazon is launching.

business model that really works, and I think streaming has come into its own," said eMarketer analyst Paul Verna.

In fact, streaming of audio has eclipsed video streaming, according to Nielsen. Audio's share of streaming is 54 percent as of June 30, compared with 44 percent a year earlier.

But it still faces the music industry's problem of low margins, Verna said.

"There is definitely room to grow the pie simply because more and more music consumers are choosing this way of accessing their music," he said. "But the potential rewards are not huge and infinite; they're sort of modest and there are already quite a few players in the space."



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WORLD

# Putin cancels Paris trip over Syria

By ILYA ARKHPOV, GREGORY VISCUSI and HENRY MEYER  
Bloomberg News

President Vladimir Putin canceled a visit to Paris, the latest turn in the downward spiral of Russian relations with the U.S. and its allies, after his French counterpart, Francois Hollande, scolded the Kremlin over its bombing campaign in Syria.

The Russian leader pulled the plug on the trip scheduled for next week to wait until "a more comfortable time" for Hollande, Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on a conference

call Tuesday.

Hollande earlier declined to appear alongside Putin for the inauguration of a religious center in Paris. The French leader on Monday said that Russian action in Syria in support of President Bashar Assad is "unacceptable" and that the people of Aleppo are suffering "war crimes" that will be the subject of an international investigation.

"Putin was due in Paris for various ceremonies," Hollande said in Strasbourg on Tuesday. "I told him I wouldn't accompany him to the ceremonies, but would be

willng to meet him about Syria. He decided to postpone his visit."

Russia's relationship with the U.S. and its allies has sunk back into the deep freeze it was in at the peak of the crisis over Ukraine in 2014, dashing Kremlin hopes of an easing of international sanctions. Russia last week vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution proposed by France that demanded an immediate halt to Russian and Syrian bombing in Aleppo where about 250,000 civilians are trapped. Russia and the West have blamed each other for the breakdown of a cease-fire

agreement in Syria.

"The president is not isolated" as a result of the canceled visit, said Peskov. "It is absolutely absurd. The president's rather tight international schedule is proof of the opposite."

The French leader said Tuesday that he has a "major difference" with Putin over Syria. "It will be to Russia's shame if there isn't a stop to the killings in Aleppo," said Hollande. "Dialogue is needed, but it must be firm. When Russia has decided it wants to put an end to the bombings in Syria, I am ready for dialogue."

## Germany suspect passed security check last year

BERLIN — Germany's interior minister says the Syrian man arrested for a suspected Islamic extremist bomb plot underwent a security check last year but it turned up nothing suspicious.

Jaber Albakr, 22, who had been granted asylum, was arrested Monday in Leipzig after three fellow Syrians tied him up and alerted police. He arrived in Germany early last year.

Authorities believe the man had links to the Islamic State group.

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said the Syrian captors "behavior deserves praise and recognition." He responded to calls for them to be fast-tracked for asylum by saying that they already have it.

## North Korean official banished to farm

North Korea has purged a deputy foreign minister as punishment for the defection of a high-ranking diplomat. South Korea's JoongAng Ilbo newspaper said.

Kim Jong Un recently banished Vice Foreign Minister Kung Sok Ung and his family to a farming area after the midyear defection to South Korea of Thae Yong Ho, who was second in command at the North Korean Embassy in London, the paper reported Wednesday, citing a person familiar with North Korean affairs it did not identify.

Kung oversaw embassies in Europe before being removed from his post, JoongAng said. That's defection prompted a probe within North Korea's Foreign Ministry and led to four other officials being expelled from Pyongyang, the report said.

## Tokyo officials probe extensive blackout

TOKYO — An extensive blackout struck Tokyo on Wednesday, affecting government offices and halting trains in the Japanese capital just before the evening rush hour.

Tokyo Electric Power Co., a utility serving the Tokyo region, said officials are investigating the cause of the blackout.

The company, known as TEPCO, said smoke was detected at its unmanned power substation in Niiza city, near Tokyo, and officials are looking into whether it's related to the blackout.

TEPCO said as many as 350,000 households and offices were temporarily out of power. Electricity was restored to most of them later.

Japanese television showed black smoke billowing from the substation in a business district. Tokyo's metropolitan police department, the land and transportation ministry and the foreign ministries were among the government offices that briefly lost power.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference that officials are looking into the cause, but did not answer when asked about possible sabotage, according to NHK.

From wire reports

# US eyes China moves on Azores

By TING SHI and STEPHEN ENGL  
Bloomberg News

Portugal is welcoming nonmilitary Chinese engagement in the Azores to help develop the logistical and research potential of the mid-Atlantic island chain.

The growing Chinese influence on the archipelago is worrying Washington as the U.S. reduces its military presence at the Lajes Field air base on the island of Terceira. A series of senior Chinese officials — including President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang — have used the island as a stop-over on trips to Latin America as China seeks to expand its presence overseas and safeguard economic interests.

In a Bloomberg Television interview in Macau on Tuesday, Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa said that while his nation — a NATO member — would continue to honor its defense pact with the U.S., he also wants to see better use of the Azores. The islands are "very important both logistically in the Atlantic Ocean but also in terms of technology and research, in the field of climate change and deep water research," he said.

"The military use of the American base at this moment is not on the table. What is on the table is for [European Union] institutes, American institutes and Chinese institutes to reuse infrastructure for scientific research purposes," said Costa. "It'd be a huge waste not to use that infrastructure. We need to reuse that infrastructure, and if you are not going to use it for the military purpose, why not scientific research?"

Lajes Field — located 2,290 miles east of New York and about 1,000 miles west of Lisbon — had served as a key link between the



KRISTOPHER LEVASSOU/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

A commercial plane lands at Lajes Field, Azores, in February. The flight line at Lajes Field is operated by the 65th Air Base Group and shared by the local airport for all passengers coming to the island.

U.S. and its allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Middle East. During the Cold War, the base played a crucial role in tracking Soviet guided missiles and ballistic missile submarines in the region. It also supported U.S. aircraft missions to Israel in the 1970s.

The U.S. planned to cut its military presence at Lajes to under 170 active-duty personnel after the global economic crisis, in a move that is hurting the local economy. The downsizing is also seen by Pentagon hawks as strategically precarious.

In a Sept. 20 letter to U.S. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter, Devin Nunes, the Republican chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, sounded a warning on China's ambitions in the mid-Atlantic.

"China has spread its influence through similar infrastructure investments in Djibouti, Sri Lanka, and elsewhere around the globe," Nunes wrote. "It is now using the same tactics to establish a foothold in the Azores which, if successful, will be used for a logistics and intelligence hub that could ultimately be expanded for other military purposes, adjacent to

critical U.S. military facilities."

China has dramatically expanded its global reach in recent years as it seeks energy supplies and raw materials to fuel economic growth. Chinese businesses eager to diversify their export markets have also fanned out looking for new customers in places like Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

Terceira, the island that hosts the Lajes base, appears to be part of that strategy.

Premier Li made a two-day "technical stop" there on his return from Cuba two weeks ago, and President Xi stopped there in July 2014 on the way back from a trip to South America. In June, China's top maritime official, State Oceanic Administration chief Wang Hong, visited the Azores.

Neither Beijing nor Lisbon has elaborated on the apparent Chinese interest in the island.

Costa said he handed President Barack Obama a summary of work done toward turning the Azores into a research platform after meeting the president during a NATO Summit in Warsaw in July. The Portuguese government is also working to establish

an international science research center on the island chain.

In Tuesday's interview, Costa said of the Azores, "We're open to cooperation with all partners, including China, to work in deep-water technology and research," especially in the fields of paleontology and volcanology.

While U.S. influence there dwindles, China has invested heavily in Portugal. The Western European nation has become China's fifth-biggest investment destination in Europe and, according to official figures, total Chinese investment reached more than \$7 billion by the end of last year.

Costa said that his country feels very comfortable with the "positive" Chinese investment, and would like to strengthen the partnership.

"Portugal has opportunities and China has the investment capacity. Together they can do more than they can do separately, both in Europe and in the Portuguese-speaking world," Costa said. "China knows us, and has known us for many centuries, and they know we're a loyal and trustworthy partner."

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Video of clown clinging to bus prompts probe

**MI** DETROIT — The Detroit Department of Transportation said it's not entertained by an online video showing a clown clinging to the back of a moving city bus.

The video that was recorded from another vehicle was posted on YouTube. In a statement, the DDOT said the "safety of our riders is DDOT's number one priority." The transit agency said it has video cameras inside and outside its buses and has asked police to review the case.

No one was reported injured and no one was taken into custody. Police are investigating.

Michelle McKinney, who is a regular bus rider, told WDIV-TV that she thought the video was scary.

## Cancer patient: I was mistaken for fugitive

**ID** POST FALLS — A Post Falls breast cancer patient says she was handcuffed and questioned at a Wal-Mart after law enforcement officials mistook her for a wanted teen.

The Coeur d'Alene Press reported that Erin Peters, 35, said she was stopped Friday at the Wal-Mart and questioned for 45 minutes in connection with Whitely Evenson, 18, of Independence, Mo., who is charged with murdering her 6-week-old child last year.

Peters said members of the North Idaho Violent Crimes Task Force believed she was the Missouri fugitive because her hair is very short. She said she shaved her hair because of the cancer treatments.

Evenson was taken into custody later Friday.

## Man with knife barks at traffic, is shot by police

**CA** FRESNO — A knife-wielding man who was threatening people and barking at traffic in Fresno was shot by police.

The Fresno Bee reported that the man was being treated at Community Regional Medical Center after being shot twice by officers on Sunday.

Fresno police Chief Jerry Dyer said the man ignored 15 to 20 commands to drop the knife. The man continued to approach cars in the area despite commands for him to stop. Dyer said the man was about a car length away from the officer when the officer fired twice, striking the man in the abdomen.

The officer involved has been placed on paid administrative leave while the shooting is investigated.

## Woman gives birth in police parking lot

**MA** DENNIS — A Cape Cod woman and her newborn baby were resting comfortably in the hospital after a dramatic delivery in a car seat in a police station parking lot.

Mary Walker told the Cape Cod Times that she wasn't due until

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The approximate value of the 11 pounds of methamphetamine seized in a weekend traffic stop in the Texas Panhandle. The Texas Department of Public Safety said a state trooper who pulled over a driver on Interstate 40 in Carson County called in a canine unit for help. Troopers then found several tape-wrapped packages of meth inside a spare tire. The driver, Carmalita Bautista, 29, of Corcoran, Calif., was jailed in Carson County on a charge of felony possession of a controlled substance. Authorities said it's believed the drugs were being taken from California to Missouri.



GILLIAN JONES, THE PITTSFIELD (MASS.) BERKSHIRE EAGLE/AP

## Rambling on

Visitors take in the view of Adams, Mass., from atop the summit of Mount Greylock during the annual Mount Greylock Ramble on Monday. Traditionally, people ascend the highest peak in the state on Columbus Day to view the foliage.

Wednesday, but when she started having contractions on Sunday she knew it was time so her mother decided to drive her to the hospital.

Just a few minutes into the roughly 25-minute drive from her Harwich home to Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, it became apparent they weren't going to make it.

So they pulled into the Dennis police station parking lot, where officers Liz Tucker and Krista Wunderlich were waiting.

The officers kept mom con-

fortable until paramedics arrived at almost the same time that baby Ella arrived.

## Person shot, wounded during gun club party

**NY** WAPPINGER — New York State Police said they're investigating the wounding of a person who was shot during a party held at a Hudson Valley gun club.

Troopers said the shooting occurred about 10:30 p.m. Satur-

day during a private party at the Shadowbrook Gun Club in the Dutchess County town of Wappinger, 60 miles north of New York City.

Police said a person who was attending the event was shot by an unknown assailant. The victim was taken to MidHudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie for treatment of wounds that weren't considered life-threatening.

The victim's name, age and gender haven't been released by police.



## Three shot at vigil for police shooting victim

**MO** ST. LOUIS — Three men were injured when gunfire erupted during a candlelight vigil in St. Louis to remember a black teenager fatally shot by police.

The shooting happened Saturday night during a vigil for VonDerritt Myers Jr., 18. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that just 10 minutes into the vigil, gunfire broke out. Three men in their 20s were shot.

Police said all three of the injuries were minor.

Myers was fatally shot by an off-duty white police officer in October 2014, just weeks after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson.

## Woman drives wrong way for 3 miles on highway

**FL** TARPON SPRINGS — Police said a woman is facing drunk-driving charges after driving the wrong way for 3 miles down a Florida highway.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that Tarpon Springs police said Anna Marie Sosa, 43, was spotted about 3:45 a.m. Sunday driving north in the southbound lanes of U.S. 19.

Authorities said she caused a minor accident with a southbound car that swerved to avoid a head-on collision.

A police officer spotted Sosa and unsuccessfully tried to stop her using his emergency lights.

The officer then passed Sosa's car and used his vehicle to stop her. Authorities said Sosa is facing charges of DUI and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

## Fleing car hits light pole, trash can, sign

**LA** SHREVEPORT — Two men were arrested after leading Shreveport police on a chase that ended when their car crashed into a light pole, a metal trash can, a bus stop and a street sign.

The Shreveport Times reported that Darrell W. Turner and J.B. Smart, both 24, were taken into custody following the incident Friday night.

When officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop for erratic driving, police said the driver sped off, passing other vehicles before crashing. No one was injured.

Turner faces charges of careless operation, simple property damage, marijuana possession and flight in a vehicle.

Smart was charged with resisting an officer, hit-and-run driving and marijuana possession.

From wire reports

FACES

# Daniel Craig: I'd miss Bond role 'terribly'

Daniel Craig apparently isn't ready to retire as James Bond.

The actor told the crowd Friday at the New Yorker Festival that playing 007 is "the best job in the world." He said if he were to stop playing the role that he "would miss it terribly." Craig played coy about returning to the long-running spy franchise while promoting his last Bond installment, "Spectre."

The British actor told Time Out magazine last year that he would only make another Bond movie "for the money."

However, when he was later asked by Britain's Press Association about reprising the role, Craig joked: "Do I have a choice?"

Craig blamed his previous will-he-or-won't-he comments at the New Yorker Festival on being away from his family and the physical strains of the role.

From The Associated Press

**Will Daniel Craig play James Bond one more time?**

Cloutier-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures, Columbia Pictures, EON Productions



# Pratt opens up about son's premature birth

Associated Press

Chris Pratt has opened up about his son's premature birth while sharing his experience visiting a children's hospital.

The actor posted photos on Instagram from his visit Monday to Seattle Children's Hospital. He showed off a picture of him with a set of premature twins. He writes that ever since his son Jack's birth, he has "a special affinity for the NICU (neo-natal intensive care unit)."

Pratt's wife, actress Anna Faris, gave birth to Jack in August 2012.

Pratt shared pictures of him with a cancer patient and another child at the hospital. He thanked the facility for "the opportunity to come by and brighten some days," adding, "My heart is full."

## Singer Lily Allen apologizes to refugees

British singer Lily Allen has apologized for Britain's handling of the migrant crisis on a visit to a slum-like camp in France.

She said Wednesday she was sorry "on behalf of my country" after visiting refugees in Calais who are trying to enter Britain.

Allen was moved to tears after meeting a 13-year-old boy from Afghanistan told her he was trying to be reunited with his father in England. She told him Britain had put him in danger by bombing Afghanistan, putting him in the hands of Taliban extremists, and having him risk his life trying to get to Britain.

The French government plans to dismantle the site and disperse its occupants.

## Steves: Massachusetts can learn from Europe

Travel show host Rick Steves says the U.S. can learn from Europe when it comes to easing restrictions on marijuana.

The host of the PBS series "Rick Steves' Europe" was in Amherst, Mass., on Tuesday to open a question tour in support of a ballot measure that would legalize recreational marijuana use in Massachusetts.

The Daily Hampshire Gazette reports that Steves told about 175 people at the University of Massachusetts that "Europe is very into pragmatic harm reduction," and doesn't believe in moralizing or imprisonment.

He cited several examples, including Spain, where marijuana is legal to grow but not sell, and clubs allow for the cooperative growth and use of pot.

## Other news

■ The Jim Henson Co. said it has arranged to remaster the 1980s children's series "Fraggle Rock" and it will be made available on HBO and its streaming and on demand platforms later this year.

■ Justin Bieber, Bruno Mars and Britney Spears are some of the acts set to perform during the 12-date *Jingle Ball* tour this holiday season. iHeartMedia announced Tuesday that the tour will kick off Nov. 29 in Dallas and wrap Dec. 18 in Miami. The lineup, which varies by city, includes Ariana Grande, Fifth Harmony, Meghan Trainor, Backstreet Boys, The Chainsmokers, Shawn Mendes and Niall Horan. Tickets go on sale on Oct. 17.

■ Pop star John Mayer won't be performing at a tribute concert honoring the late rock icon Prince on Thursday. Concert promoter Randy Levy told the Minneapolis Star Tribune Tuesday that Mayer had a "change of schedule" and had to withdraw from the concert at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.. Performers in the lineup include Stevie Wonder, Christina Aguilera, Chaka Khan, Keri Kelly and Prince's ex-wife Mayte Garcia.

# Miley Cyrus slams 'Supergirl,' says title character is woman

Miley Cyrus is taking issue with The CW series, "Supergirl," because she says having a show with a gender attached to it is "weird."

The pop singer tells Variety the actress who plays the title character, Melissa Benoist, is a woman, "not a little girl." She also questions "what if you're a little boy

who wants to be a girl so bad that this makes you feel bad."

Entertainment Weekly reports "Supergirl" executive producer Andrew Kreisberg responded Tuesday that he stands by the show. He says since it was based on a pre-existing property called "Supergirl," there was never any intention of calling it anything but

that. Kreisberg says they worked hard during the show's first season to address the discrepancy between the title and the character's age.

Cyrus also revealed to Variety that she identifies as pansexual, open to all sexual orientations or gender identities.

From The Associated Press

# Nice in a good place as star of new TV comedy

By FRAZIER MOORE  
Associated Press

While prepping for his role on NBC's "The Good Place," Ted Danson stopped by Wardrobe to get his character outfitted.

"I was kind of floundering. I wasn't quite sure how to do this. Then the costume designer said, 'I don't know how you feel about bow ties, but I have some.' And I said, 'Oh THAT'S who I am!'"

"Bow ties make a real statement," he observes, flashing his bright smile. "They're always slightly overbearing. My bow tie gave me permission to be as silly as I needed to be."

On "The Good Place," he plays Michael, a bow-tie-sporting celestial supervisor who, indeed, is a bit overbearing, sometimes overwrought and clearly in over his head. Despite his eagerness to prove himself to a certain Higher-Up, things don't always go smoothly in the sector of the afterlife that Michael oversees.

For instance, unbeknownst to him,

he is harboring an undeserving soul named Eleanor (Kristen Bell) who, through a screw-up, has landed in the Good Place rather than the Bad Place, where she belongs. Eleanor's challenge: to masquerade as good enough to keep Michael from catching on to this major snafu, even as her presence disrupts all the pervasive bliss in various chaotic ways. For Danson, "The Good Place" has been a good time. "Here's the hardest part: to not talk about the entire season. I just want to giggle and tell you the whole story," he says.

"The Good Place" is a serialized comedy with a story arc stretching across the season's 13 episodes as crafted by the show's creator, Michael Schur ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine" and "Parks and Recreation"), who has likened its evolving, anything-goes essence to "Lost"-with-laughs.

"I wanted to do another comedy," says Danson, who made sitcom history a quarter-century ago in "Cheers" and since then has scored with "Becker" and "Bored to Death" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

"I listened to Mike pitch his idea for an hour," he says. "He had the entire first season nailed down, and it was so strangely signed on without seeing a script, which is kind of unheard of."

Though production wrapped last month, Danson was just getting started.

"Shooting was fun, but watching it has been very scary," he confides. "The first time I watch an episode, I'm devastated that I'm just me, Ted, and I'm picking myself apart. The next time, I go, 'Ah, I guess I'm not that bad.' And around the third time, I think, 'There are OTHER actors in this piece and aren't they wonderful! — And oh, look — there's a STORY!'" He chuckles. "It takes me that long to really see it."

"My wife" — fellow actor Mary Steenburgen — "gets so mad at me!" For all its absurdity, "The Good Place" does have a serious undercurrent. As Michael informs new arrivals, everything a person has done in life has a ripple effect that puts a certain measure of good or bad into the universe. May it be measured by a quantifiable scoring system that deter-



JUSTIN LUBIN, NBC/AP

**Kristen Bell and Ted Danson star on the TV comedy "The Good Place." "I wanted to do another comedy," Danson says. His résumé includes the funny shows "Cheers" and "Becker."**

mines if you're a Good Place candidate (and only one out of every 450-odd cases are, as Michael explains), but Danson believes there's a lesson here nonetheless. "A lot of times we forget that everything we do has an impact," he notes. "In this Twitter world, we sometimes behave as if it doesn't matter how we act. And it does."

# ENDURING LOYALTY

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# BUSINESS/WEATHER



**Dee Decasa holds her replacement Galaxy Note 7 smartphone in an aluminum pan at her home in Honolulu on Monday, one day after the phone released smoke and sizzled.**

# Samsung sending fire-proof boxes for returns of Note 7s

By **YOOKYUNG LEE**  
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Samsung Electronics said Wednesday it is sending fire-resistant packages to its customers in the U.S. as a precaution against possible fires or explosions from Galaxy Note 7s they return to retailers.

Samsung is offering prepaid shipping boxes as an option for U.S. consumers who purchased the phones on its website, Samsung.com.

It said consumers who purchased their Note 7 phones from mobile carriers should visit the carriers' websites for recall instructions.

On Tuesday, Samsung said it was discontinuing the Note 7 phones just two months after their launch, after two recalls

and many reports of fires. Samsung must now deal with receiving back more than 1.5 million Galaxy Note 7 phones, both the original ones and those issued as replacements. Most were sold in the U.S. and South Korea.

A video on YouTube dated Tuesday shows a man it says is at the XDA Developers office in the U.S., unpacking a kit containing a static shield bag, thermally insulated boxes, gloves and instructions for ground shipping only.

"We have just received this crazy Galaxy Note 7 return kit," the person said in the video.

According to the XDA Developers forum, Samsung's packing instructions say the Note 7 should be put in the static shield bag and then in a box labeled "OEM Replacement" to be put inside an "Inner Box" and a "Recovery

Box." Shipping companies reportedly had complained they did not want to handle Note 7 returns because of fire concerns.

Samsung said the packaging kits conform with U.S. requirements for shipping lithium-ion batteries or devices containing them that are subject to a recall.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro (costs Oct. 13)	\$1.1303
Dollar buys (Oct. 13)	€0.8847
British pound (Oct. 13)	\$1.1626
Japanese yen (Oct. 13)	¥101.00
South Korean won (Oct. 13)	₩1,094.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	3,770
British pound	\$1.1231
Canada (Dollar)	1,2583
China (Yuan)	6.7175
Denmark (Krone)	7,4650
Egypt (Pound)	8,8799
Euro	\$1.1028/0.9067
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7,7583
Hungary (Forint)	277.28
Israel (Sheqel)	3,8169
Japan (Yen)	103.87
Kuwait (Dinar)	3,0327
Norway (Krone)	8,2110
Philippines (Peso)	48.58
Poland (Zloty)	3.90
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2,9512
Singapore (Dollar)	1,3826
South Korea (Won)	1,125.94
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9895
Thailand (Baht)	35.74
Turkey (Lira)	1,8080

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., non-U.S. dollars) in British pounds in Germany, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## MARKET WATCH

Oct. 11, 2016

<b>Dow Jones Industrials</b>	<b>-200.38</b>
18,128.66	
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	<b>-81.88</b>
5,246.79	
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>-26.93</b>
2,136.73	
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>-23.14</b>
1,227.62	

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.50
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	1.50
3-month bill	0.35
30-year bond	2.50

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### THURSDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### THURSDAY IN EUROPE



### FRIDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chatanooga	81	52	Pcldy	Fort Wayne	58	48	Pcldy	Louisville	65	56	Cldy	Pocatello	69	33	Pcldy	Sioux City	59	28	Clr
Ablene, Texas	72	54	Cldy	Cheyenne	70	34	Clr	Fresno	79	54	Cldy	Lubbock	64	43	Cldy	Portland, Maine	66	30	Cldy	Sioux Falls	56	29	Clr
Akron, Ohio	55	51	Rain	Chicago	56	41	Cldy	Goodland	65	36	Pcldy	Macon	85	51	Cldy	Portland, Ore.	61	54	Rain	South Bend	57	47	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	69	50	Cldy	Cincinnati	62	53	Cldy	Grand Junction	73	46	Cldy	Madison	85	35	Cldy	Providence	69	53	Cldy	Soukan	51	38	Rain
Albuquerque	74	48	Clr	Cleveland	54	50	Cldy	Grand Rapids	55	45	Cldy	Medford	64	52	Rain	Pueblo	75	38	Pcldy	Springfield, Ill.	58	42	Clr
Allentown, Pa.	69	48	Cldy	Colorado Springs	69	36	Pcldy	Great Falls	59	29	Pcldy	Memphis	72	60	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	75	50	Pcldy	Springfield, Mo.	63	41	Pcldy
Amarillo	64	40	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	80	53	Cldy	Green Bay	52	33	Cldy	Miami Beach	86	77	Cldy	Rapid City	66	30	Cldy	St. Louis	85	73	Pcldy
Anchorage	50	37	Pcldy	Columbus, Ga.	85	53	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	74	47	Pcldy	Miland-Oldessa	72	54	Cldy	Reno	74	46	Cldy	Tallahassee	87	60	Cldy
Ashville	74	44	Cldy	Columbus, Ohio	59	52	Cldy	Harrisburg	69	49	Cldy	Milwaukee	55	40	Cldy	Richmond	77	53	Pcldy	Tampa	86	71	Pcldy
Atlanta	81	54	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	68	45	Cldy	Hartford Springf	68	50	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	54	32	Cldy	Roanoke	74	47	Pcldy	Toledo	55	47	Pcldy
Atlantic City	71	54	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	90	73	Pcldy	Helena	61	32	Pcldy	Missoula	58	31	Cldy	Rochester	60	55	Rain	Topeka	59	35	Pcldy
Austin	85	68	Cldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	74	61	Cldy	Honolulu	89	73	Cldy	Mobile	81	69	Cldy	Rockford	73	56	Cldy	Tucson	58	38	Cldy
Baltimore	71	52	Cldy	Dayton	59	51	Cldy	Houston	88	70	Cldy	Montgomery	87	54	Cldy	Sacramento	74	52	Cldy	Tulsa	66	45	Pcldy
Baton Rouge	88	62	Cldy	Daytona Beach	82	70	Pcldy	Huntsville	81	52	Pcldy	Nashville	71	56	Cldy	St. Louis	62	43	Cldy	Tupelo	81	56	Cldy
Bilings	69	32	Cldy	Denver	73	39	Pcldy	Indianapolis	60	49	Pcldy	New Orleans	85	66	Cldy	St. Petersburg	66	30	Cldy	Waco	81	65	Cldy
Birmingham	85	55	Cldy	Des Moines	57	34	Cldy	Jackson Miss.	87	58	Pcldy	New York City	70	55	Cldy	St. Thomas	88	80	Pcldy	Washington	72	53	Cldy
Bismarck	58	26	Cldy	Detroit	58	26	Cldy	Jacksonville	60	41	Pcldy	Newark	72	54	Cldy	Salem, Ore.	61	54	Rain	Wichita	86	71	Pcldy
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Boston	67	54	Cldy	El Paso	82	63	Cldy	Kansas City	57	35	Cldy	North Platte	64	33	Cldy	San Angelo	78	57	Cldy	Wichita Falls	65	52	Pcldy
Bridgeport	67	55	Cldy	Elkins	63	45	Cldy	Key West	87	78	Cldy	Oklahoma City	81	48	Cldy	San Antonio	86	69	Rain	Wilkes-Barre	63	49	Rain
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Buffalo	61	57	Rain	Eugene	62	54	Rain	Lake Charles	87	67	Cldy	Orlando	86	68	Pcldy	San Francisco	69	55	Cldy	Yakima	54	40	Rain
Burlington, Vt.	63	33	Rain	Evansville	62	52	Cldy	Lansing	52	44	Pcldy	Pasadena	67	52	Cldy	San Jose	74	53	Cldy	Yonkers	56	49	Rain
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Casper	66	33	Cldy	Fargo	56	29	Cldy	Lexington	65	55	Cldy	Phoenix	69	49	Cldy	St. Marie	49	38	Cldy				
Charleston, S.C.	79	59	Cldy	Flagstaff	68	34	Cldy	Lincoln	57	30	Cldy	Philadelphia	72	54	Pcldy	Savannah	81	59	Cldy				
Charleston, W.Va.	66	51	Cldy	Flint	55	44	Pcldy	Little Rock	71	61	Cldy	Phoenix	92	67	Cldy	Seattle	61	51	Rain				
Charlotte, N.C.	77	49	Cldy	Fort Smith	68	57	Cldy	Los Angeles	73	59	Pcldy	Pittsburgh	58	54	Rain	Shreveport	84	65	Cldy				

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OPINION

Trump: Another bully on world stage

By DAVID IGNATIUS  
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WASHINGTON — Watching Donald Trump skulking behind Hillary Clinton on the debate stage Sunday night, muttering about locking her up if he wins, was a reminder that we are drifting toward a kind of bullyboy-world, where power is everything.

You see this coarsening climate of relations around the globe, in the debasement of the norms that make civilized life possible. Dictators push the limits of power in new ways almost daily: China brazenly builds military bases on disputed rocks and sand in the South China Sea and dares anyone to stop them; Russia pillages America's political system and baldly denies it, just as it denies involvement in the shoot-down of a civilian airliner over Ukraine and the bombing of a humanitarian aid convoy in Syria. Meanwhile, in the Middle East — “ally” Saudi Arabia bombs a funeral, yes, a funeral, in Yemen.

The leading bullyboy in this part of the world is North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. His regime is a calculated act of defiance. He terrorizes his population, shoots his relatives and governs his nation as if by whim. Yet this crackpot dictator is about to become a full-fledged nuclear power, after bomb and missile tests last month that bring him to the threshold of targeting U.S. territory with a nuclear attack.

His frayings will have to decide whether Barack Obama's presidency encouraged this history of limits. For all his decency, Obama conveyed a sense that you could defy America and its cherished “rules-based order” and get away with it. His

slowly unfolding but decisive use of power against the Islamic State group may partially reverse that reputation.

Even if Obama had been as implacable as President Andrew “Old Hickory” Jackson, the probing and testing of America that always accompanies our transitions of power would already have begun. That's part of what we're seeing now — the bullies giving America a shove — and the process will increase as we move toward Inauguration Day and after.

The Korean Peninsula is the place where the tests may come early. North Korea likes to get ahead of any new administration by baring its teeth. The recent nuclear and missile tests are a statement of Pyongyang's basic calculus: Keep pushing and the world will back off and decide that the cost of stopping North Korea is too steep. Pyongyang will get away with its proliferation, just as Pakistan did.

Dealing with the world's bullies is complicated. Looking at the number of the club punning for president. How does the United States credibly reinforce the rules of behavior among nations when a leading U.S. presidential candidate proclaims his support for torture, religious discrimination, tax dodging and abusive sexual behavior? Comparing Trump to Vladimir Putin may be flattering Trump.

Rebuilding order in the world begins by telling the truth. That was the importance of Friday's blunt statement about Russia's political hacking by Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson. They used un diplomatic language: “The U.S. Intelligence Community is confident that the Russian Government directed the recent compromises of emails from ... U.S. politi-

cal organizations. ... We believe, based on the scope and sensitivity of these efforts, that only Russia's senior-most officials could have sold the old playground admission

Having named and shamed Russia, what's the U.S. going to do about it? The Obama administration wisely answered that some of America's response will be visible, and some of it won't. The U.S. has vastly more power than we normally employ. Let Russia do the worrying for a while. As in the old playground admission about bullies, don't get mad, get even.

We should admit that the might-makes-right process infects the U.S., too, and I don't just mean Trump's nastiness toward women, Latinos, Muslims and others who stand in his way. We have become in many ways a meaner, less-confident, less-generous country. Our use of drones as silent assassins has unfortunately been an object lesson for the rest of the world. We have far from clean hands.

Americans who want a more orderly, rules-based world should also recognize that bullying is a particularly American disease, and not just on the playground. A recent study called “Adult Bullying — A Nasty Piece of Work” by Pamela Lutgen-Sandvik, an associate professor at North Dakota State University, found that nearly 40 percent of U.S. workers have been bullied, and that this rate is 20 percent to 50 percent higher than that in Scandinavian countries surveyed.

The 2016 presidential election is about the candidates, of course. But it's also about the electorate. If we are the nation that elects Donald Trump, we will own that fact — and bear that scar — through our history.

Navy Federal's cute dog ads don't compensate

By JOE DAVIDSON  
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WASHINGTON — The television commercials for Navy Federal Credit Union are so effective and sincere, you'd never know it's an operation marked by mendacity, sham and deceit.

Before you get suckered in by the spot with the cute little Pomeranian kissing the big gruff Marine, find out why the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ordered Navy Federal to pay its victims \$23 million and a \$5.5 million penalty for shady debt collection activities.

In a consent order issued Tuesday, CFPB presented a litany of offenses by Navy Federal, including violating the law by blocking consumers from seeing their own credit reports, and making empty threats to contact clients' military superiors about overdue debts. The credit union also intimidated customers with false threats to garnish wages.

The only thing worse than an empty threat is a real one. But empty threats can take a \$23 billion, serves members of the military. Defense Department employees and contractors, other government employees assigned to the department, and their immediate families.

Rather than following the “honest performance of duties” promised in Navy Federal ads of ethics, the credit union repeatedly deceived its members about

punitive actions they might suffer if they failed to make payments between January 2013 and July 2015.

“Navy Federal Credit Union misled its members about its debt collection practices and froze consumers out from their own accounts,” CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in a news release. “Financial institutions have a right to collect money that is due to them, but they must comply with federal laws as they do so.”

In response to the order, Navy Federal admitted to using a deceptive message that largely ignored the CFPB findings. “We have a long history of helping members when they are making the effort to pay back their loans, and we will continue to do so,” it said. “Where our Collections practices have come up short in the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's estimation, we have made all the necessary changes.”

Navy Federal did not admit wrongdoing in that statement, nor in its signed agreement with CFPB. But in the document signed by Cutler Dawson, Navy Federal's president and chief executive, the credit union agreed “that the facts described in the Consent Order will be taken as truth.”

Among the 79 findings in that section, CFPB said Navy Federal:

- Presented “deceptive representations to hundreds of thousands of consumers.”
- Used letters “that were likely to mislead reasonable consumers.”
- Used letters “that constitute deceptive acts or practices in violation” of the law.
- Made statements that were likely to mislead consumers over the telephone.

No credit union executive or staff member was punished for the many transgressions or even tutored on proper conduct, according to Navy Federal. The credit union “lacks documentation that any employees

were disciplined, reprimanded, or subject to additional training.”

CFPB does not conduct criminal investigations or prosecute criminal charges, but it can refer matters to law enforcement officials. The bureau would not say if that was done in this case.

CFPB, however, can compel enforcement actions, such as the \$23 million it ordered “in compensation to consumers who received threatening letters.” About 20,000 people will split that money. “In satisfaction, all consumers who received letters threatening to contact the consumer commanding officer will receive at least \$1,000 in compensation,” the bureau said.

Meanwhile, the same day that the CFPB's order was released, a federal appeals court ruled the agency's structure is unconstitutional, but did not order operations to cease.

CFPB told Navy Federal to halt “any misleading, false, or unsubstantiated threats to contact a consumer's commanding officer, threats to initiate legal action, or misrepresentations about the credit consequences of falling behind on a Navy Federal Credit Union loan.” It also told the CFPB news release. The credit union also was told it “cannot block its members from accessing all their accounts if they are delinquent on one or more accounts.”

Despite the long list of offenses presented by CFPB, the credit union's statement said Navy Federal Credit Union has been nationally recognized for its exceptional service to members. We remain steadfastly focused on upholding our standards of service excellence and the trust of our membership.”

That reputation and trust are severely damaged now.

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OPINION

# 5 types of voters, more or less loyal to Trump

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In Washington on Sunday night, the popcorn was popped, the pitchers of election-themed cocktails given a final stir. And then a hush fell over the city as the streets emptied and the professional political class gathered huddled around screens to watch the presidential debate and find out whether Donald Trump would somehow rescue his improbable campaign or pound the final nails into its coffin after a brutal weekend of scandalous recordings and cascading Republican disendosments.

The consensus going in was that Trump would self-destruct. But he had two saviors: Moderators prevented him from rambling and harming himself as much as he otherwise probably would have, and the questions about his appalling remarks came early in the debate. Psychological research suggests that people tend to disproportionately judge events by how they ended.

The consensus in Washington was that Trump had "stopped the bleeding." But 12 hours later the hemorrhaging seemed to have restarted. NBC and The Wall Street Journal released the results of a poll taken before the debate, but after the release of the bombshell tape that had sent Trump's campaign into its weekend death spiral. In a four-way race, it showed Clinton at 46 and Trump at 35, a five-point drop from the previous poll. If you just looked at Clinton and Trump together, she was leading by 14.

The question now is whether the deflections restart. If Trump's debate achievement was to arrest his slide at 35 percent, then it makes sense for Republicans to start jumping into the lifeboats.

Here's the basic calculation that Republicans seeking re-election now face: endorse Trump and see his base stay home, or endorse and lose swing voters appalled by his remarks.

At this juncture I think of Republican voters as falling into five broad categories, each with a different propensity for retaliation against Republican candidates who oppose Trump:

1. **Die-hard Trump supporters.** These people wanted Trump, and only Trump, in the primaries. They hate the establishment. They viewed Trump as a weapon against the establishment, and will not desert sitting politicians only to the extent that those folks go along with Trump.

**Propensity for retaliation: Absolute.** Incumbents who oppose Trump can expect these voters to refuse to vote for them, or even to vote for their opponent.

2. **Trump primary voters.** These folks voted for Trump in the primary but are not engaged in an all-out war on the establishment of their party. They liked the fact that he's an outsider. They admire his business acumen. They would rather listen to his unpolished style than the boring, focus-grouped talking points of a normal politician. **Propensity for retaliation: Medium-high.** These people would have voted for another Republican, but they prefer Trump, and they will view an endorsement as an attempt by leadership to thwart the will of the voters. However, some unknown number of these voters will have been offended by the tape, and will probably not retaliate against Trump defectors.

3. **Party loyalists.** These folks probably voted for someone else in the primary, but do not feel the same horrified revulsion against him that #NeverTrump voters do. They will pull the lever for anyone with an (R) after their name. Their biggest concern is maximizing the party's power. **Propensity for retaliation: Medium-low.** They also don't like the idea of the party ignoring the voters. On the other hand, they are horrified by the idea of giving a Senate or House seat to a Democrat. The incumbents' biggest risk with these people is that they get demoralized and stay home.

4. **Squishy Republicans.** These folks usually vote Republican but may not be registered as a Republican and occasionally drift over to the other side of the ballot. They are not particularly interested in an attempt to remake the party into a more nationalist, populist entity, and are not



going to participate in the Republican revolt. They will also find it psychologically easier to support Clinton than the aforementioned groups if they are horrified by the tape. **Propensity for retaliation: Low.** They might stay home. They might vote for Clinton. But they are probably not going to get involved in strategically placing their congressional votes in order to serve some grand vision of the party's future.

5. **#NeverTrump.** Uncertain in number, but high in passion, these people will vote Johnson or McMullin or write in their Aunt Agnes before they will ever pull the lever for Trump. They tend to be loyal Republicans, but some of them have canceled their registrations over Trump. **Propensity for retaliation: None.** They may phone bank for you if you call on Trump to step aside.

The problem is, no one knows exactly how big any of these groups is. Republican politicians essentially have to make a blind bet: Do I lose more swing voters by sticking with Trump, or more base voters by defecting from him?

If the results of the NBC/WSJ poll hold, they suggest that Trump has not only lost all swing voters, but is now cutting into the Republican base — and not just #NeverTrumpers, because he'd already lost them. The next question is: Does swing voters' animus toward Trump also affect their vote for Republicans in general?

There's no way to know yet, but my guess would be that at least some down-ticket Republicans will lose if they stand with Trump. What's on the tape is not spinnable, especially given prior accusations that he's actually done things similar to what he talked about on tape. The public hasn't heard as much about that yet. But by November, they will have.

By now there may be no way to win; no matter what they do, down-ticket Republicans may lose too many voters to win their election. But not every loss is created equal: Even the doomed can decide to die with honor.

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# Trump, Bill Clinton seek to emulate Hefner, Elvis

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WASHINGTON It should surprise no one that this presidential election — the first ever to involve a female nominee from a major party in the top spot — has devolved into a contest of man's ultimate metaphor.

I'm not referring to a spitting competition, if you're struggling here.

Rather, the race apparently is to determine Dr. Freud's son and man on the stage — Bill Clinton or Donald Trump. Never mind that Hillary Clinton is the one running for president.

This historic struggle for dominion over a winning narrative, either one of which would be a losing proposition in a sane world, proves yet again that we dismissed Dr. Freud too soon. And you may add a footnote for future discussion, that women have traded their superior powers in pursuit of the lesser distinction of being equal to men.

Would that life were more complicated. Instead, we are hostage to a comedy.

Shocked, shocked, I tell you, the people were to hear an 11-year-old recording of Trump talking dirty about women. Really? Democrats, who tolerated a president's

abuse of power with an intern and, poor Freud, a cigar that wasn't just a cigar, couldn't believe their ears. Republicans couldn't believe the hypocrisy of Democrats. Tell me if you've heard this before.

The revelation that sent Trump supporters scurrying to protect their women's skirts? The GOP nominee's bragging to Billy Bush about kissing beautiful women and grabbing their privates, presumably without their consent, because that, young man, is what celebrities get to do!

No, news here, folks. But speaking of weird, Trump's remarks previously were fine with his Trumpist racist, xenophobic and misogynistic comments — uh, but this — business won't stand.

Meanwhile, poor Billy Bush, whose full name can't be said to show, has been suspended from his "Today" afternoon job because he played along, laughing at Trump's absurd statements. Well, of course, he played along. He was doing a report for a Hit TV show at the time and this is what reporters do. They will laugh at just about anything to keep an idiot talking.

But America is rediscovering its virtue, if, as always, selectively. Morning chatboxes at Fox News remind us, as if we could forget, that Christians believe in redemption and second chances. Trump apologized. Others have said that "actions

matter more than words." While Trump only talked about assaulting women (as far as we know), Clinton did have sexual relations with that woman, consensually, and possibly others who weren't so inclined.

In either case, outrage is justified, and I won't defend either man's behavior. But a little context might be helpful in understanding these two characters.

Trump and Bill were born two months apart in 1946 into a revolutionary culture that soon would embrace a hip-swiveling crooner named Elvis Presley and Hugh Hefner's Playboy magazines.

Basically, everything you need to know about Bill Clinton and Donald Trump can be found in these two mid-century icons. A fellow Southerner, Clinton saw himself as Elvis. Even now, his face sometimes betrays Elvis' smoldering glance with the slightly curled lip.

Trump, a New York City boy, was Hefner. He collected all the toys of the Playboy lifestyle — boats, planes, cars — the best of everything a gilt-mongering rich boy would seek to glam-up his sex appeal. Mar-a-Lago was his Playboy mansion. All three of his wives have been bunny quality, and Trump Tower isn't just a tall building.

Of course, he believes that any woman would welcome his kisses. Why wouldn't Pussy Galore be within his reach?

And then things got weirder.

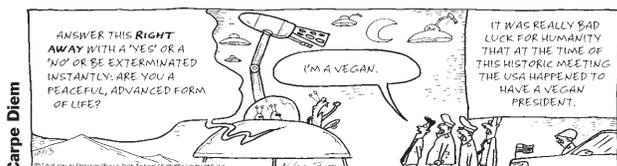
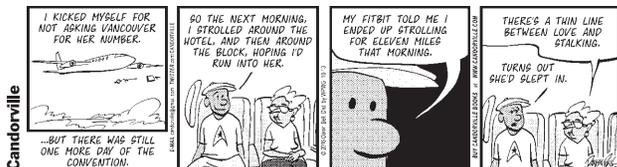
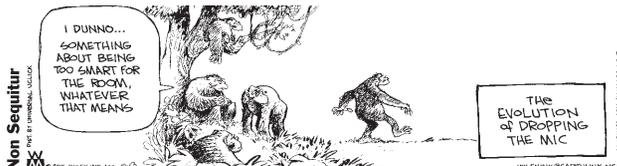
Trump has dismissed his casual chat with the much-younger Billy Bush as "locker room talk." Whereupon, offended athletes more recent to the locker room — and to a greater awareness about sexual harassment and rape — decry Trump's insult to their integrity.

At a "news" conference before the second debate, Trump rounded up three women who shared recollections of their unwanted sexual encounters with Bill Clinton. A fourth woman condemned Hillary Clinton for serving as the court-appointed attorney in defending a man that she accused of raping her when she was 12.

The women flanked Trump, who sat with hands neatly folded on the table, looking as pious as an acolyte about to recite the Apostles' Creed.

Whether Hillary Clinton's attempts to contain "bimbo eruptions" are sufficient to undermine her global role in advancing women's rights will be a tough call only for those to whom Ken Bone's red sweater is a hero.

As for Elvis and Hef, they are so yesterday. Personally, I never could stand either one.



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 18 Famous lullaby composer
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- 22 Affluent travelers
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- 31 Smooth-talking
- 32 Whatever number
- 33 Recognize
- 34 Author Fleming
- 35 Chemical suffix
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- 40 Thailand, once
- 41 Stellar
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DOWN

- 1 Wild guess
- 2 Smooth engine sound
- 3 "— girl!"
- 4 Work that's done ASAP
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- 8 Top invites
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- 11 "Unh-unh"
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- 26 End-of-week letters
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- 28 Best seats at a boxing match
- 32 Showy flower
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## NHL



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Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask is tired of goalies' equipment being blamed every time scoring goes down.

# As equipment shrinks, safety worries goalies

BY STEPHEN WHYNO  
Associated Press

Goalkeepers have gotten bigger, better and more athletic in recent years and hockey is trying to keep up.

Under new NHL rules intended to boost scoring, goalies will have sleeker, more form-fitting pants beginning this season and will also get more compact chest protectors not long after. Those changed with keeping the puck out of the net just want to make sure they're not more vulnerable to injuries.

"As a goalie, the only thing you want is to be protected," Pekka Rinne of the Nashville Predators said. "There's room to take off and room to kind of taper those shoulder pads and pants and whatnot. But hopefully I'm sure they'll make everything protective enough that goalies are not going to get hurt."

The evolution of goalie equipment from the thin, brown pads that prevailed through the 1980s to the Michelin Man-style monstrosities of the 1990s to now has been a roller-coaster ride. Over the past decade or so, the NHL and NHL Players Association have taken incremental steps to shave down padding, giving skaters a better chance to find the net when they shoot the puck.

Stick technology has evolved, too, so even though the average goalie is now 6-foot-2, the league can't just shrink equipment back to levels from 30 years ago and watch the red lights and goal

## Did you know

After a peak of more than 7 goals per game in 1992 and more than 6 in 2005-06, scoring has stayed around 5.3 the past few seasons.

SOURCE: Associated Press

horns go off like crazy. Toronto Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock complains that goalies are too good now and "there's no space because the goalies are bigger than the nets."

But it's not an easy fix.

"It's complex because no two goalies are exactly the same size," NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "We want them to be safe, and we want them to be protected, but the equipment doesn't have to be so big that it protects the net against the puck."

Scoring has hovered around 5.3 goals a game for a few seasons, down from the peak of over seven in 1992 and over six in 2005-06, when new rules were introduced to spark more offense. Criticism about coaching and defenses clogging up play and contributing to that is warranted.

NHLPA executive director Don Fehr said goalie equipment

is a topic his entire constituency votes on because it affects so much about the sport. The goal-tending fraternity is generally in favor of streamlined equipment because it evens the playing field around the league. Former NHL goalie Chris Mason was once questioned by a general manager he played for about why he wore smaller equipment than his counterparts, and he's glad the league is cracking down.

"You got some skinny guys in there that look absolutely massive, and you have other guys that are wearing it if they you're supposed to wear it," Mason said. "It does make a difference because some guys are trying to get every advantage they can get."

Most goalies don't want any advantage other than sufficient protection against shots that can come at 100 mph or more. Schneider, who is on the competition committee that considers rule changes, said it is important not to rush the process and create unintended consequences or open the door to injuries.

Boston Bruins starter Tuukka Rask is a bit tired that the answer to every goal-scoring question is to resize goalies' equipment. But he respects the process the league and players are going through.

"I think it's a great thing what they're trying to accomplish and as long as they keep goalies involved in discussions I think it's good," Rask said. "At some point somebody has to say, 'Enough's enough. We have to try to figure something else out than just make the equipment smaller.'"

# Players sign deals as rosters finalize

BY JOHN WAWROW  
Associated Press

The Buffalo Sabres signed defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen and the Tampa Bay Lightning signed forward Nikita Kucherov as NHL teams made final roster moves Tuesday on the eve of the regular season.

Ristolainen signed a six-year \$32.4 million contract, while Kucherov signed a three-year deal that averages \$4.766 million a year. Both were restricted free agents whose rights were retained by their respective teams in June.

For Buffalo, the signing means the Sabres will have their top defenseman ready for their opener against Montreal on Thursday.

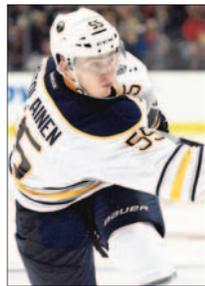
The Lightning, meanwhile, have their nucleus intact in preparing to open their season by hosting Detroit on Thursday. Kucherov led the Lightning with 30 goals and 66 points in the regular season, and led them again in the playoffs with 11 goals and 19 points.

Their signings left three prominent restricted free agents still without contracts, including Winnipeg defenseman Jacob Trouba, who has asked to be traded. Also unsigned are Anaheim Ducks defenseman Hampus Lindholm and forward Rickard Rakell.

Elsewhere:

■ Ruslan Fedotenko announced he is retiring after 12 NHL seasons split among five teams. Fedotenko is a two-time Stanley Cup champion who spent the past two seasons playing for Iowa of the American Hockey League. He had 173 goals and 193 assists for 366 points in 863 NHL games.

■ Los Angeles kept forward Devin Setoguchi. The veteran played his way onto the roster after nearly two years out of the NHL, during which he dealt with an alcohol problem. The Kings also sent veteran defenseman



KEVIN KOO/AP

Sabres defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen signed a six-year, \$32.4 million contract on Tuesday with Buffalo.

Rob Scuderi, a two-time Stanley Cup champion, to the minors after he cleared waivers.

■ Calgary signed free-agent forward Kris Versteeg to a one-year contract. Versteeg is a nine-year NHL veteran and a two-time Stanley Cup champion, who split last season with Carolina and Los Angeles.

■ Pittsburgh claimed Montreal goalie Mike Clendon; Minnesota claimed Detroit forward Teemu Pulkkinen; Toronto claimed Boston forward Seth Griffith; and Carolina claimed Phoenix defenseman Klas Dahlbeck.

■ The New York Rangers placed forward Nathan Gerbe on waivers with the intention of terminating his contract.

■ The Hurricanes acquired forward Connor Brickley from the Florida Panthers for prospects Brody Sutter in a swap of forwards. Sutter is the 25-year-old son of former Panthers coach Duane Sutter and had no points in 12 games over two seasons with the Hurricanes.

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Falcons running back Tevin Coleman is tackled by Broncos inside linebacker Brandon Marshall on Sunday. Coleman led Atlanta with four catches for 132 yards, including a 31-yard touchdown.

# Looking to avoid letdown

Quinn says Falcons better prepared now to make good on 4-1 start

By CHARLES ODM  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A fast start through five games? The Atlanta Falcons have been there, blown that.

One year ago, the Falcons were 5-0 and appeared certain to land in the playoffs. Instead, they won only three more games for an 8-8 finish in Dan Quinn's inaugural season as coach.

Now, the Falcons again are leading the NFC South with a 4-1 record. Quinn believed the offense generated this season is not just another path to a letdown for Atlanta's fans.

For evidence, the Falcons can point to their ability to find different ways to win. They also can point to back-to-back wins over last season's Super Bowl teams.

"It is different, it feels different for us," Quinn said Monday during a conference call. "We have a much better way that we reset. We learned a lot from last year's start and learned a lot from last year's season."

Two weeks ago, the Falcons dominated through the air in their 48-33 home win over Carolina. Matt Ryan passed for a team-record 503 yards with four touchdowns, including 300 yards



JOE MAHONE/WAP

Quarterback Matt Ryan has relied on different offensive weapons to help the Falcons to a 4-1 start.

to Julio Jones, a team record for yards receiving in a game.

On Sunday, Jones had only two catches for 29 yards, but Atlanta rode strong defense, including a surprising six sacks, to beat the Denver Broncos 23-16. Vic Beasley Jr. had 3½ sacks.

Running backs Jonathan Freeman and Tevin Coleman led the offense. Freeman ran for 86 yards with a touchdown and Coleman was the Falcons' leading receiver with four catches for 132 yards, including a 31-yard touchdown from Ryan.

The Falcons found other ways to score when Denver's defense focused on Jones.

"The versatility is probably the thing that jumps out to us," Quinn said, noting that running backs, receivers and tight end Jacob Tamme have taken turns as Ryan's favorite target.

For a team coming off a 6-10 record in 2014, last year's 500 record was a step up. The problem was 8-8 felt like a big letdown following five straight wins to open the season.

Atlanta began this season with a home loss to Tampa Bay, but will take a four-game winning streak into this week's game at Seattle. "We love the style and identity of this year's team and the attitude and style we like to play with," Quinn said.

For Quinn, it is a return to the city where he served as the Seahawks' defensive coordinator under coach Pete Carroll. Quinn was hired by Atlanta before the 2015 season.

Quinn said Carroll "had a huge impact on me as a coach in a lot of ways." But Quinn was reluctant to say much about his time in Seattle.

"My biggest focus this week is Atlanta. I want to be to about the guys," he said.

## Weekly statistics

AFC					NFC				
Individual Statistics					Individual Statistics				
Quarterbacks					Quarterbacks				
Aff	Com	Yds	TD	Int	Aff	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Dalton, CIN	157	126	1503	2	M. Ryan, ATL	119	150	2100	2
Roethlisberger, PIT	192	126	1496	15	Cousins, WAS	192	129	1432	7
Luck, IND	202	131	1469	10	Manning, NYG	187	119	1337	4
Rivers, SD	172	117	1469	11	Stafford, DET	183	119	1379	10
Car, OAK	193	129	1383	11	Winston, TAM	207	121	1327	9
Florio, BAL	216	138	1269	11	Brady, NE	175	129	1269	10
Tannehill, MIA	156	100	1272	6	Preston, DAL	155	107	1239	4
Fitzpatrick, NYJ	192	127	1267	10	Palmer, ARI	157	106	1239	4
Osweiler, HOU	188	109	1133	6	Keenum, LA	152	88	1096	6
Mariota, TEN	165	100	1088	7	Hoyer, CHI	140	100	1094	6
<b>Rushers</b>					<b>Rushers</b>				
Aff	Yds	Av	LG	TD	Aff	Yds	Av	LG	TD
D. Murray, TEN	93	46.1	50	67	E. Elliott, DAL	67	54.0	72	5
McCoy, BUF	86	44.7	5.3	53	Da. Johnson, ARI	91	45.7	50	45
A. Cooper, OAK	85	45.6	17.5	64	D. Freeman, ATL	133	51.6	15.6	78
Blount, NE	106	38.9	3.7	41	C. Hyde, SNF	95	37.7	4.0	34
L. Miller, HOU	101	37.1	3.7	15	Mat. Jones, WAS	73	29.8	4.1	25
Forde, NYJ	93	34.1	3.7	28	Howard, CHI	51	29.6	5.8	17
Go, IND	78	32.8	4.2	19	Lacy, GBY	54	29.6	5.5	31
T. West, BAL	65	32.7	5.0	25	Beachum, SEA	63	29.0	4.6	41
Gordon, SD	89	29.9	3.4	24	Gurley, LA	105	28.8	2.7	16
C. Anderson, DEN	84	29.3	3.5	28	Ingram, NOR	57	22.1	4.1	17
<b>Receivers</b>					<b>Receivers</b>				
Aff	Yds	Av	LG	TD	Aff	Yds	Av	LG	TD
A. Green, CIN	36	51.8	14.4	54	Mar. Jones, DET	24	51.7	21.5	75
Hilton, IND	35	40.7	14.5	63	J. Jones, ATL	23	51.6	15.6	78
A. Cooper, OAK	35	45.6	17.5	64	C. Olsen, CAR	13	51.6	15.6	78
An. Brown, PIT	37	44.7	12.1	38	M. Evans, TAM	32	44.9	14.0	45
Coates, PIT	19	42.1	22.2	72	Jeffery, CHI	22	39.4	17.9	54
L. Landry, MIA	24	40.3	11.8	42	S. Diggs, MIN	22	37.9	14.9	46
Benjamin, SD	28	39.4	14.1	54	Fitzgerald, ARI	31	36.1	11.6	29
De. Thomas, DEN	26	38.1	17.7	55	C. Beckham, NYG	27	35.0	12.5	42
Sanders, DEN	32	37.3	11.7	41	K. Britt, LA	23	35.6	15.5	36
Brand. Marshall, NYJ	36	36.3	15.1	41	C. Beasley, DAL	32	35.2	12.3	47
<b>Punters</b>					<b>Punters</b>				
No	Yds	Lg	Av	TD	No	Yds	Lg	Av	TD
McAfee, IND	17	88	51.7	31	Morstead, NOR	19	81.7	68	21
Lechler, HOU	24	119.3	62	49.7	S. Martin, DET	19	95.1	63	50.1
M. King, OAK	26	128.9	73	49.2	D. Biron, NYG	49	122.2	74.9	46
Darr, MIA	30	146.1	66	48.7	Chris Jones, DAL	15	73.7	63	49.1
Northman, JAC	17	82	78	48.4	Bosher, ATL	16	68	58	48.4
J. Berry, PIT	18	99	63	47.6	Fitzgerald, ARI	23	127.1	59	47
Koch, BAL	26	123.5	68	47.5	Pinion, SNF	32	150.1	65	46.9
R. Dixon, DEN	21	108.9	62	47.3	W. Anderson, NYG	29	130.0	62	45
Kern, TEN	24	111.6	71	46.5	Hecker, LA	29	130.0	64	45.2
B. Colquitt, CLE	22	102.2	59	46.5	Do. Jones, PHO	17	75.4	72	44.4
<b>Punt Returns</b>					<b>Punt Returns</b>				
No	Yds	Av	Long	TD	No	Yds	Av	Long	TD
J. Grant, MIA	7	103	14.7	74	1	194	7	194	7
Richard, OAK	8	116	14.5	47	0	0	0	0	0
T. Lockett, SEA	11	126	11.5	22	0	0	0	0	0
Norwood, DEN	9	82	11.5	17	0	0	0	0	0
Tate, OAK	9	84	9.3	31	0	0	0	0	0
Breen, JAC	10	86	8.6	42	0	0	0	0	0
Ervin, HOU	11	91	8.3	18	0	0	0	0	0
Benjamin, SD	8	59	7.4	13	0	0	0	0	0
Mariotti, TEN	11	80	7.3	17	0	0	0	0	0
Hester, BAL	2	12	6.0	20	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>					<b>Kickoff Returns</b>				
No	Yds	Lg	TD	Yds	No	Yds	Lg	TD	Yds
Hester, BAL	9	259	63.8	60	0	0	0	0	0
Bray, IND	7	181	25.9	39	0	0	0	0	0
J. Ginn III, NYJ	9	291	32.3	56	0	0	0	0	0
Tate, BUF	10	235	23.5	45	0	0	0	0	0
Mariotti, TEN	10	226	22.6	33	0	0	0	0	0
Ervin, HOU	10	226	22.6	33	0	0	0	0	0
T. Hill, KC	18	158	22.6	33	0	0	0	0	0
C. Grant, JAC	12	286	23.8	32	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Touchdowns</b>					<b>Touchdowns</b>				
TD	Rush	Rec	Pts	TD	TD	Rush	Rec	Pts	TD
Gordon, SD	5	0	0	32	C. Hyde, SNF	1	6	0	3
Crabtree, OAK	5	0	0	30	E. Elliott, DAL	5	5	0	30
Blount, NE	5	0	0	30	Da. Johnson, ARI	5	5	0	30
Forde, NYJ	4	0	0	24	R. Nunez, GBY	4	0	0	24
D. Murray, TEN	5	2	0	30	Benjamin, CAR	4	0	0	24
C. Anderson, DEN	4	0	0	24	M. Evans, TAM	4	0	0	24
Bennett, NE	4	0	0	24	R. Nunez, GBY	4	0	0	24
McCoy, BUF	4	3	1	24	M. Phillips, PHO	4	3	0	24
De. Williams, PIT	4	3	1	24	Ridick, DET	4	3	0	24
De. Thomas, DEN	3	0	0	20					
M. Wallace, BAL	3	0	0	20					
<b>Kicking</b>					<b>Kicking</b>				
Aff	FG	Lg	FG	Lg	Aff	FG	Lg	FG	Lg
Lambo, SD	17-18	9-10	47	44	Hopkins, WAS	10-11	13-14	49	49
Neu, CIN	8-9	12-14	47	44	Sturgis, PHO	11-12	10-11	53	41
Tucker, BAL	6-6	12-14	43	43	Salvey, DAL	10-10	10-10	57	41
McManus, DEN	11-12	10-11	46	41	Wheeler, MIN	10-12	9-10	50	37
N. Smith, NYG	7-7	14-14	43	43	Gandy, CAR	10-10	10-10	53	41
Folk, NYJ	8-10	11-11	48	38	Zuerlein, LA	7-7	9-9	54	34
Goikowski, NE	11-11	7-10	53	33	J. Brown, NYG	4-4	9-10	43	30
Janowski, OAK	13-13	7-9	56	34	Greig, GBY	11-11	6-6	46	32
D. Carpenter, BUF	12-14	7-9	45	33	Catanzaro, ARI	13-14	6-6	60	31
Myers, JAC	9-9	7-9	50	30	Hauschka, CHI	11-11	6-6	53	31
<b>Team statistics</b>					<b>Team statistics</b>				
Average per game	Yards	Rush	Pass	Yards	Average per game	Yards	Rush	Pass	Yards
Oakland	391	115	276	202	Oakland	424.0	140.0	284.0	202.0
Pittsburgh	386.2	102.0	284.2	180.2	Dallas	397.0	155.2	241.8	183.8
San Diego	380.4	119.4	261.0	161.0	Atlanta	382.0	146.2	235.8	185.8
Cincinnati	373.2	90.4	282.8	192.8	New Orleans	386.0	81.8	304.2	204.2
Cincinnati	366.4	83.8	282.6	198.6	Chicago	372.4	90.8	281.6	190.6
Tennessee	356.6	90.0	266.6	176.6	Washington	368.0	118.0	250.0	190.0
Tennessee	358.0	148.6	209.4	140.4	Philadelphia	363.8	118.5	245.3	187.3
Cleveland	341.8	141.4	200.4	159.4	Seattle	357.5	93.0	264.5	191.5
Cleveland	349.4	124.8	224.6	164.6	Seattle	357.5	93.0	264.5	191.5
Baltimore	338.2	95.0	243.2	148.2	New York Giants	349.8	89.8	259.8	170.8
Denver	327.2	101.4	225.8	124.8	Tampa Bay	335.8	186.6	247.2	159.2
Jacksonville	318.2	125.2	193.0	113.0	Minnesota	326.2	70.6	232.0	161.0
Houston	310.4	101.8	208.6	108.6	San Francisco	321.4	121.4	170.0	128.0
Buffalo	306.6	127.2	179.4	112.4	Los Angeles	302.4	81.8	220.4	138.4
Houston	303.8	72.4	231.4	159.4					
<b>DEFENSE</b>					<b>DEFENSE</b>				
Average per game	Yards	Rush	Pass	Yards	Average per game	Yards	Rush	Pass	Yards
Baltimore	266.8	76.0	190.8	114.8	Seattle	264.0	80.2	183.8	103.8
Baltimore	266.8	76.0	190.8	114.8	Philadelphia	265.2	82.2		

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# 49ers turn to Kaepernick as starting QB

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers are putting their future back into Colin Kaepernick's hands.

Coach Chip Kelly announced the decision Tuesday to bench Blaine Gabbert and to give back the starting job that Kaepernick lost midway through last season. Kaepernick has only played briefly in the opener but has generated attention with his refusal to stand for the national anthem as a form of protest.

"We were very analytical and sat down as a staff and watched tape and went over everything," said Kelly. "We've had a couple days to digest everything where we are. I think offensively, we just need to be better and we just need to make a move."

Gabbert has struggled this season for San Francisco (1-4). He is last in the NFL in yards per attempt (5.9) and has the second-worst passer rating (69.6) in the league.

"It's not Blaine's fault," said Kelly. "I think as a group, offensively we need to be better in a lot of ways. So we're going to see what we can do and make a move here. It's really one of the only maneuvers we can make based on our depth."

Kelly said Kaepernick's ongoing protest had no bearing on his



DENIS PONOVA/AP

**San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick passes against San Diego during a preseason game. Kaepernick will start at quarterback for the 49ers this week against the Buffalo Bills. Coach Chip Kelly announced the decision Tuesday to bench Blaine Gabbert. Kaepernick has not played at all this season.**

decision.

After leading the Niners to the Super Bowl following the 2012 season and the NFC title game the following year, Kaepernick has struggled. He lost his job to Gabbert midway through last season and then had three opera-

tions that limited his work in the offseason.

"I'm ready to play," Kaepernick said Tuesday. "It's been about a year since live-game action. So I'm itching to get back out there."

Kaepernick said looking at the offense, "there's just small things

here and there that we need to clean up, we need to correct, as a whole.

"Hopefully those are things that we progress on this week and show Sunday," he said.

Kaepernick confirmed there have been discussions with the

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**Chip Kelly**  
San Francisco 49ers coach

team about restructuring his six-year contract extension, but he said he feels "no pressure" to get the deal done before Sunday's game.

The 49ers have lost consecutive home games to the Cowboys and Cardinals while both teams started back-to-back quarterbacks the last two weeks. Gabbert threw three interceptions and two touchdown passes combined.

He shouldered the responsibility for the most recent loss to Arizona on Thursday, when two of his interceptions on the 49ers' side of the field led to 10 points for the Cardinals.

Gabbert expressed his displeasure with the demotion Tuesday.

"I don't like it," he said. "I don't like not playing. I'm very forward about that. But at the same time, I'm going to come into work the same way I've always come into work. I've always come into work three years that I've been here."

## DT McGee emerges as key contributor for Raiders

By JOSH DUBOW

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Former Oakland coach Dennis Allen once described defensive tackle Stacy McGee as a potential foundation piece for the Raiders.

For his first three seasons, McGee gave Oakland little production and the Raiders enjoyed almost no success. McGee is now emerging as a key contributor for Oakland just as the team appears on the way to a turnaround.

McGee is coming off his most disruptive game as a professional, getting 1½ sacks last Sunday in a 31-31 win over the San Diego Chargers. The game helped Oakland get off to its first 4-1 start in 14 years and move into a tie for first place in the AFC West with Denver.

"We all push each other to be good," McGee said. "I've been pushing myself a lot harder this past year, probably a lot harder than I have in the past to be better and help this team win."

McGee has played a key role in Oakland's success after recording just a half-sack in 42 games. He played mostly as a reserve his first three years after being picked in the sixth round in 2013.

McGee entered this offseason as a bit of an afterthought. But he earned a starting role with a strong training camp and has gotten more opportunities as a pass rusher with Mario Edwards Jr. sidelined by a hip injury.

"Stacy has done some good thing for us," coach Jack Del Rio said. "He's flashed some rushes and been really close on a couple this year, so it was nice to see him finish on a two."

Del Rio has seen a change in McGee's

**"I guess it took a couple of years to really figure it out and get it done."**

Stacy McGee

Raiders defensive tackle



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

**Raiders defensive tackle Stacy McGee celebrates after sacking Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers during the second half on Sunday in Oakland, Calif.**

confidence this season and compared the "hump move" he used on one of his sacks Sunday to Hall of Famer Reggie White.

McGee said he's been working on that move for a few years since former teammate Antonio Smith taught it to him.

"I guess it took a couple of years to really figure it out and get it done," he said.

McGee has been one of the few early bright spots on a defense that is allowing 7.0 yards per play — more than any team has given up in a full season since the 1970 merger — and 27.4 points per game.

He provided the inside pressure that had been missing with Edwards hurt. With more production from McGee up the middle, edge rushers Khalil Mack and Bruce Irvin should get more opportunities to tie to the quarterback and allow the defense to thrive.

"It really is everything," Del Rio said about the inside rush. "We're going to get a lot of attention on the outside guys. We really look forward to getting Mario back here, which we will. But in the meantime, guys like Stacy and (Jihad Ward) have to step up and be a presence in the middle for us to really have the kind of rush we're looking for."

McGee said despite the strong start personally and for the team, now is not the time to get comfortable. The three years of losing to start his career, when Oakland went just 14-34, still weigh heavily on him — especially after spending his college career at a school with as much success as Oklahoma.

"It's hard to deal with, especially coming from schools where I'm winning and to come here," McGee said. "I'm just glad we turned it around and figured it out."

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Stanford's Christian McCaffrey, center, is stopped by a group of Washington State defenders during the first half of Saturday's game in Stanford, Calif. McCaffrey may not play this week against Notre Dame.

## McCaffrey a question mark for game vs. ND

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Running back Christian McCaffrey's status for Stanford's game against Notre Dame may not be clear until Saturday morning, coach David Shaw said Tuesday.

Last year's Heisman Trophy runner-up did not play most of the second half of last Saturday's 42-16 loss to Washington State.

"He got banged up over the course of the game and it didn't make sense to put him back in," Shaw said. "We will be cautious with him as with everybody else. I will have no answer until Friday or maybe Saturday."

Stanford (3-2) plays at Notre Dame (2-4) on Saturday.

After rushing for 436 yards over his first three games, all victories, the junior has been limited to 84 total rushing yards over his last two games, both losses.

McCaffrey averages 188.2 all-purpose yards, third in the FBS. But he has not scored a touchdown since Week 2 and has just three for the season.

Stanford averaged 2.3 yards per rushing attempt against the Cougars and McCaffrey's 35 yards were his fewest since gaining 19 against California two years ago.

"There are a few things we need to clean up to give our running backs a clear running lane," Cardinal lineman David Bright said. "We haven't been the best offensive line in protecting the

## Northwestern alters team rules after complaint is made to NLRB

In another step toward redefining the amateur status of college athletes, Northwestern has agreed to drop social media restrictions placed on football players after a complaint about the team handbook was filed with the National Labor Relations Board.

ESPN first reported Tuesday the complaint was withdrawn in September after Northwestern agreed to modify its rules. The NLRB's advisory memo states the scholarship football players are assumed to be "statutory employees" and that certain team rules were unlawful. That could affect players at the other 16 private schools that compete in FBS.

A group of former Northwestern players, led by an advocacy group for college athletes, failed last year in its attempt to gain the right to unionize the team from the NLRB, although the door was left open for

other changes when the board said the players should be treated as employees.

The board has no jurisdiction over public institutions, which include the vast majority of colleges and universities in Division I.

A complaint to the NLRB from a California lawyer with no connection to Northwestern was filed in August 2015, challenging the team's rules prohibiting activities such as speaking to the media without athletic department permission and posting information on Twitter and other social media without limits or monitoring by coaches. The school also agreed to change its grievance policy, which said players must go to the university, conference or NCAA with complaints.

The school does not have similar policies for the rest of the student body.

—Associated Press

passer either. We've stressed being an efficient offense on first and second downs."

Shaw called the play of the offensive line "spotty at best," though he did not put the entire blame on that unit.

"We have been inconsistent one through 11," Shaw said. "It looks like the offensive line because we didn't run with any efficiency early in the game and because of the sacks. We all have a hand in it."

## Briefly

# NBA labor talks to resume soon

Associated Press

**BELING** — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said discussions will resume on the collective bargaining agreement next week after he returns from China, with two months left before a key deadline.

Speaking before the NBA's second preseason game in China on Wednesday, Silver said he planned to hold meetings next week in an ongoing process that will include several team owners, National Basketball Players Association executive director Michele Roberts and Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul, the players' association president.

Silver spoke to Roberts during a recent league visit to Spain, and said he'll continue to discuss a resolution with the players' association that avoids a lockout or any loss of games.

"Both sides have been very engaged and eager to get a deal done," he said. "When we return home, we'll pick up where we left off."

The current agreement between the league and players runs through June 2021, but both sides have until Dec. 15 to express intent to opt out in 2017.

While player salaries have skyrocketed and new TV deals coming into effect have driven up league revenue, there has been optimism that the league and players could reach an agreement and head off a work stoppage.

## Jets place Decker on IR, season likely over

**NEW YORK** — The New York Jets have placed wide receiver Eric Decker on injured reserve with a partially torn rotator cuff in his right shoulder, likely ending his season.

Decker was inactive the past two weeks and initially being injured at Buffalo in Week 2 and the shoulder worsening at Kansas City the following week. He would have to sit out at least eight weeks, but is expected to have season-ending surgery.

It's a huge blow to the Jets, who have struggled on offense after a terrific season a year ago with Decker, fellow receiver Brandon Marshall and quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick leading the way.

Decker had nine catches for 194 yards and two touchdowns in three games.

## Sabres center Eichel hurts leg in practice

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Buffalo Sabres center Jack Eichel is out indefinitely after injuring his left ankle during practice Wednesday.

Coach Dan Bylsma said the team does not yet know the extent of Eichel's injury. "He's going to get evaluated

this afternoon," Bylsma said. "We're going to calm down here, let him get evaluated and see the extent of him turning it."

Eichel was in front of the net when he got tangled up with a defenseman and his leg buckled beneath him.

He lay on the ice and grabbed his leg in pain as the team circled around him. Eichel was unable to put any weight on his leg as teammates helped him off the ice.

The injury occurred with less than 10 minutes remaining in practice, Bylsma said, and a day before the Sabres open the season hosting the Montreal Canadiens.

In other NHL news:

■ Goaltender Carey Price will miss the Montreal Canadiens' regular-season opener because he has the flu, the team announced Wednesday.

Al Montoya is expected to be in goal when the Canadiens face the Sabres in Buffalo on Thursday night.

Price, who has not played an NHL game since he injured a knee on Nov. 25, missed a third straight day of practice with the illness. He will not travel to Buffalo with the team. There was no word on whether he will be ready to face the Senators in Ottawa on Saturday.

The Canadiens will call up a goaltender, either Charlie Lindgren or Zach Fucale, from the St. John's IceCaps later Wednesday. Last season's backup, Mike Condon, was claimed off waivers by the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday.

## Vols' Hurd expected to play against Alabama

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** — Tennessee coach Butch Jones says he expects Jalen Hurd to play Saturday against No. 1 Alabama after the junior running back missed a 45-38 overtime loss at Texas A&M last week with an unspecified injury.

Jones said Wednesday at the Southeastern Conference coaches' teleconference that Hurd is "back at full strength." Hurd was at Tuesday afternoon's practice and was wearing a green non-contact jersey.

Hurd leads the ninth-ranked Volunteers with 407 yards rushing on 107 carries.

In other college football news: ■ North Carolina coach Larry Fedora says he expects running back Elijah Hood to play this week at No. 16 Miami.

Fedora said Wednesday that Hood has practiced this week, has "done well and had no issues."

Hood leads the Tar Heels with an average of 67.6 yards rushing.

He missed last week's 34-3 loss to Virginia Tech with a concussion. Without him, the Tar Heels struggled in sloppy conditions on the ground, finishing with 73 yards rushing.

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LM OTERO/AP

The Blue Jays will go with right-hander Marco Estrada as their starting pitcher Friday in Game 1 of the American League Championship series against the Indians.

# Estrada gets start for Jays in Game 1

## Toronto turns to 'logical choice' for ALCS

By IAN HARRISON  
Associated Press

TORONTO — After wrapping up their Division Series sweep of the Texas Rangers on Sunday night, the Toronto Blue Jays were able to kick back Monday, celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving and watch the Cleveland Indians beat Boston, finalizing their AL Championship Series matchup.

Back at Rogers Centre for a light workout on Tuesday afternoon, Toronto tabbed right-hander Marco Estrada as its starter for Friday's Game 1 in Cleveland.

Manager John Gibbons said Estrada was "the logical choice" to start the opener after winning elimination games for the Blue Jays in both the ALDS and ALCS in 2015.

More recently, Estrada allowed one run and four hits in 8½ innings to beat Texas in Game 1 of the ALDS last Thursday.

"He pitched two of our biggest games in the playoffs (last year) to keep us alive," Gibbons said, "and then he had the big one the other night. He's one guy, too, that probably needs more than anybody to keep on as close to normal (rest) as possible, not too much time off."

Estrada, who did not speak to reporters Tuesday, is 3-1 with a 2.68 ERA in eight career postseason games, including four

starts. He made four postseason relief appearances for Milwaukee in 2011.

Gibbons said right-hander Aaron Sanchez, who led the AL with a 3.00 ERA this season, will likely make just one start in the ALCS as the Blue Jays continue to limit his career-high workload.

Toronto, which lost to Kansas City in six games in last year's ALCS, is looking to reach the World Series for the first time since winning back-to-back championships in 1992 and 1993.

To get there, they'll have to beat an Indians squad that Gibbons called "tremendous," and "probably the most balanced team in the American League."

"It's a very, very good offense, one of the best out there, so that's not easy," Gibbons said. "They've got a good defensive club. They're real athletic and young. Tough ball club to shut down. They're hot like us, too."

The Blue Jays won three of seven meetings with the Indians in the regular season. Four of those games, including all three in an August series at Cleveland, were decided by one run.

"We're going to have a tough task at hand but we feel like we have a team that can do that," Blue Jays slugger and reigning AL MVP Josh Donaldson said.

# Tito's touch: Francona making all the right moves

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Drenched after his players joyfully doused him with champagne and beer, Indians manager Terry Francona stood at the center of the visitor's clubhouse in Fenway Park, a ballpark where he had been in the middle of so many similar celebrations.

Francona didn't get a hit, steal a base or record an out as Cleveland surprisingly swept Boston in the AL Division Series.

He did just about everything else.

As he removed his glasses to wipe the sudsy shower from his face, Francona could finally relax — for a night. His moves pushed the Indians deeper into October.

The bubble gum-chomping, drought-busting motivator is Cleveland's MVP.

Whether masterfully maneuvering his bullpen in Game 1, playing a hunch with his lineup in Game 2, using platoon players or daring to pitch to slugger David Ortiz in Game 3 as Boston fans roared, Francona had the perfect touch as the Indians won three straight and advanced to face Toronto in the AL Championship Series.

Francona, affectionately known as Tito — his dad's name — re-

fused to take credit and turned the attention on his players.

"I've done it before," said Francona, who led the Red Sox to World Series titles in 2004 and '07. "You know what? What it meant to me is to celebrate with the Indians and our crew. I don't care where it is. I respect that we beat a heck of a team, but to celebrate with our guys, that's what was meaningful for me."

The Indians have been defying odds — and baseball logic — for months. Despite a slew of injuries to key players, losing two starting pitchers for the postseason, and being given little chance to win the AL Central, they overpowered Detroit and Kansas City before dismissing the Red Sox, who led the majors in scoring but managed just seven runs in the playoffs.

The obstacles have only empowered the Indians. Francona made sure they were never knocked off track. He did more than manage games, massaging egos and making everyone believe.

"It's extraordinary," Indians president Chris Antonetti said. "He's a master at it. He really understands people. He builds relationships. He creates connections. He communicates extraordinarily well. He has the right balance of providing a professional and prepared group, but also having



DAVID DERMER/AP

Indians manager Terry Francona has done whatever he had to do to keep the Indians winning, from massaging egos to befuddling players, and so far all of his baseball moves have paid off.

fun. If there is anybody better, I'm not sure I've been around him."

His rotation chose to shambles, Francona understood the importance of winning the opener against Boston.

After Trevor Bauer, who began the season in the bullpen, got him into the fifth inning, Francona brought in tall left-hander Andrew Miller — normally used in the seventh and eighth — and Cleveland's relievers closed out

the 5-4 win.

Despite Boston lefty David Price being on the mound in Game 2, Francona went against the book and started left-handed hitter Lonnie Chisenhall, who batted just .217 against lefties during the regular season. Chisenhall was in more for his defense but hit a three-run homer — his first off a lefty all year — in the second inning of Cleveland's 6-0 win in Game 2.

"Sometimes," Francona said

afterward, "good players make you look smarter than you probably are."

He trusted his gut after Game 3 was postponed a day, sticking with Josh Tomlin as his starter. The right-hander, who had nearly a 12.00 ERA in August and was briefly bumped from the rotation, held the Red Sox to one run through five innings.

Francona sent him back out in the sixth before again turning to Miller, who gave up a sacrifice fly to Ortiz and then struck out Hanley Ramirez with a runner at second.

Everything Francona did in the series worked.

He's firm but fair and he prides himself on keeping his door open. A few weeks ago, Oklahoma City Thunder coach Billy Donovan visited the Indians and when he walked by the manager's office, Francona was playing cards with Tomlin.

"That was the day we took him out of the rotation," Francona said. "I was explaining that to Billy. I said, 'Two hours earlier we had taken him out of the rotation,' and he was back there playing cribbage with me. That to me, shows that we can get through anything."

And if Francona keeps playing his cards right, the Indians can go anywhere.

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# Last bullpen meltdown ends Giants' season

By JANIE MCCAULEY  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants leaned on some new faces and ace this time around, hoping to ride that even-year magic through another October.

It all fell apart with one final meltdown by their crumbling bullpen.

After Matt Moore coolly pitched and hit the Giants into good position to force a Game 5 in the NL Division Series, their relievers let it get away. The Chicago Cubs rallied for four runs in the ninth inning and San Francisco's season ended with a 6-5 loss Tuesday night.

The Giants had won all 10 games when facing postseason elimination under manager Bruce Bochy. That was part of a run that included World Series titles in 2010, 2012 and 2014.

A day after rallying to beat the Cubs in 13 innings, the wild-card Giants were working forward to a deciding matchup at Wrigley Field. Instead, it's over.

"It's a weird feeling, it is," Bochy said. "It just ends so abruptly and especially the way it ended. That's kind of tough on all these guys. They played so well today. Great job, what Matt did for us. And you like to think that you're going to hold on and we're headed to Chicago."

"It kind of gives you an empty stomach to go out like this. But these guys, last two weeks have been playoff games, they played their hearts out. And it's a tough way to go out," he said.

While Connor Gillaspie delivered again as San Francisco's latest unheralded postseason star, a pair of errors by Gold Glove shortstop Brandon Crawford proved costly.

The Giants had been downright unflap-

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**Bruce Bochy**  
Giants manager

eight innings — most in baseball — including five in September.

One last collapse doomed them. Five relievers in the ninth, no relief.

Held to two hits over eight innings by Moore, the Cubs trailed 5-2 before coming back.

Pinch-hitter Willson Conteras tied it with a two-run single with none out. Javier Baez singled in the go-ahead run two batters later as the Cubs capitalized on Crawford's throwing error.

"We were lined up. All our guys are setup guys, everybody there," Bochy said.

"I would like to think you're going to get three outs there. We couldn't do it," he said.

Closer Sergio Romo faced one batter and gave up an RBI double to Ben Zobrist.

"You got to get outs. I wasn't able to do that today," Romo said. "For us, we're more in shock that just it happened, how it happened, the way it happened. We went in, pretty decent lead going in that ninth. It looked pretty good in our favor to win tonight."

pable for years now in these pressure-packed scenarios. Then again, most of those wins came with a reliable bullpen.

After owning the best record in the majors at the All-Star break, the Giants struggled. This group of relievers was the biggest problem in the second half, with the team setting a franchise record by losing nine games it led after



MARCO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Giants starting pitcher Matt Moore, right, hits a run-scoring single in front of Cubs catcher David Ross during the fourth inning of Game 4 on Tuesday. Moore held the Cubs to two hits in eight innings before the bullpen blew the Giants' lead.

Said Baez: "We just made their bullpen pay."

Moore singled home Gillaspie for the go-ahead run in the fourth and struck out 10. Later, as the orange towel-waving sellout crowd chanted "Con-ort!" Gillaspie singled in the eighth for his fourth hit.

In the end, these Giants couldn't pull off the kind of improbable comeback that defined their championship runs in recent seasons. In 2012 against Cincinnati, they became the first team to rally from an 0-2 deficit in a best-of-five series by winning three straight road games. San Francisco also overcame a 3-1 deficit in the NL Championship Series that year against St. Louis. Chasing their first World Series title

since 1908, the Cubs will get a few days of rest before opening the NLCS on Saturday at Wrigley Field, awaiting the Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington Nationals. That series is going to a winner-take-all Game 5 on Thursday.

One day after getting tagged in the eighth of an eventual 6-5, 13-inning loss, Aroldis Chapman closed this one out by striking out the side in order. When he set down Brandon Belt to end it, Chapman's teammates rushed to the mound to hug him and begin the celebration.

Crawford was the first Giants player to commit two errors in a postseason game since Don Mueller in Game 1 of the 1954 World Series.

## Cow: Chicago capitalizes on two costly errors by shortstop Crawford

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And after finishing off the resilient Giants, the Cubs should have their rotation all lined up for the NLCS.

"Pressure, expectations — I want our guys to thrive on those two words for the years to come. I want the organization to. In the end that means there's a lot expected of you. Good. There should be. We should all have a lot expected of us," Maddon added. "So all those things I want to have us channel in a positive direction."

Held to two hits over eight innings by Matt Moore, the Cubs trailed 5-2 heading to the ninth.

No matter. One big rally ended San Francisco's 10-game winning streak when facing postseason elimination.

Pinch-hitter Willson Conteras tied it with a two-run single with none out. Baez singled in the go-ahead run two batters later, and the Cubs capitalized on Gold Glove shortstop Brandon Crawford's second costly error and more untimely blunders by the Giants' once-reliable relief staff.

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MARCO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

The Cubs' Jason Heyward, right, celebrates next to Giants catcher Buster Posey after scoring during the ninth inning on Tuesday.

ing out the side in order. When he set down Brandon Belt to end it, Chapman's teammates rushed to the mound to hug him and begin their celebration.

Maddon has his confidant, power-hitting Cubs on an October roll. They already beat All-Star Johnny Cueto and ex-Cubs pitcher Jeff Samardzija, then waited until Moore's stellar outing was

done to pounce.

"With this team, the big thing is we never give up, we never quit," said lefty Jon Lester, who figures to start the NLCS opener. "We always feel like we have a chance, whether it's the first inning or the ninth inning."

Soon-to-retire David Ross homered to start the third, hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth and threw out

Denard Span trying to steal. Downright unflappable for years in these pressure-packed situations, the Giants won World Series championships in 2010, '12 and '14. This was the club's first postseason series defeat in the last 12.

"We don't think we're going to win the World Series every even year. I mean, it took 50-something years to get one here," quipped manager Bruce Bochy, whose bullpen management was scrutinized throughout a disappointing second half.

The orange towel-waving sellout crowd of 43,166, perhaps spoiled this decade by the every-other-year title success, had been counting on a few more games by the bay this October.

Moore, acquired from Tampa Bay at the Aug. 1 trade deadline for games of this magnitude, struck out 10 as his former Rays manager — Maddon — watched from the other dugout.

Long after Cubs starter John Lackey's night was done with just four innings, Hector Rondon pitched the eighth for the win.

**What curse?** Lester doesn't buy all the superstition surrounding Chicago's championship drought.

"Nobody really cares in there about a curse or a goat or anything else," he said. "If we make a mistake, we're not going to blame it on a curse or anything else like that. We're going to blame it on ourselves and be accountable for it and move on to the next play or the next moment ... We've got too many young guys in there that don't even know what that stuff is, you know what I mean? So, it's almost better to play naive and just go out and worry about us, worry about the Cubs and not anything else in the past or, like I said, any animals."

**Power pitchers:** Two pitchers honored for the Cubs in the series: Arrieta on Monday and reliever Travis Wood in Game 2. The 1924 New York Giants were the only other team to have two pitchers go deep in a postseason series, according to ESPN Stats & Info.

"That's pretty incredible, isn't it?" Maddon said.

**Crawford's miscues:** The shortstop was the first Giants player to commit two errors in a postseason game since Don Mueller on Sept. 29, 1954, in Game 1 of the World Series.



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## HOLY COW

Cubs rally for four runs in ninth, end Giants' even-year playoff streak

By JANIE MCCAULEY  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Kris Bryant tossed his glove high in the air, Jake Arrieta jumped over the dugout railing and the rest of the Chicago Cubs rushed to join the celebration.

Pure revelry and a sigh of relief, all at once.

World Series favorites since opening day, the Cubs took another step in their championship chase Tuesday night by rallying for four runs in the ninth inning of Game 4 to beat San Francisco 6-5 and win their NL Division Series.

"You could see it coming. You could see little signs. We've done it before and the guys, we don't quit," Cubs center fielder Dexter Fowler said. "It's a little more special doing it here. They for sure were thinking that they won it. But we play 27 outs and

we don't give up until we win."

Javier Baez's tiebreaking single capped the comeback against a beleaguered bullpen that sabotaged the Giants one last time.

Four wins from their first pennant since 1945, the Cubs will open the NL Championship Series at Wrigley Field on Saturday against the Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington Nationals. That matchup is tied 2-1 heading into the deciding Game 5 on Thursday.

Before that, the team with the best regular-season record (103-58) in the majors this year will get a few days of rest. Chicago was swept by the New York Mets in the NLCS last year and is still seeking its first World Series title since 1908.

"Expectations is a good word. Because normally it means that you have something good attached to it at the other side," manager Joe Maddon said.

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The Cubs' Ben Zobrist celebrates after hitting a run-scoring double against the Giants on Monday during the ninth inning.

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BRIAN CASSELLA, CHICAGO TRIBUNE/TNS

The Cubs mob pitcher Aroldis Chapman, middle, as they celebrate a 6-5 series-clinching win against the Giants in Game 4 of the NLDS on Tuesday in San Francisco.

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