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## REAWAKENING OF READINESS

From 'Sleepy Hollow' to warfighting footing, EUCOM muscled up

By JOHN VANDIVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

**F**OR years, U.S. European Command's headquarters, which focused in the post-Cold War era on training and fostering relationships, had the informal nickname of Sleepy Hollow.

Now, EUCOM is pivoting from a peacetime footing to one in which the command can lead in a high-end fight.

"We are transitioning this headquarters and really the entire command to more of an operational focus and to really train toward some of our key warfighting tasks," said Maj. Gen. Mark Loeben, EUCOM's director of exercises and assessments.

High-profile tank convoys along NATO's eastern edge, the deployment of warships in the Black Sea and stepped-up rotations of Air Force fighters in the Baltics over the past two years have garnered much attention.

But perhaps as significant is the behind-the-scenes work, often done at computers and in briefing rooms at EUCOM's Patch Barracks. There, leaders are working through a series of simulated warfighting scenarios to speed the conversion to a headquarters capable of commanding in a conflict.

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**A U.S. soldier provides security during Exercise Allied Spirit V at the 7th Army Training Command's Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, on Thursday. The exercise includes about 2,520 participants from eight NATO nations, with a focus on tactical interoperability and testing secure communications.**

JAVON SPENCE  
Courtesy of the U.S. Army

## US strikes radar sites in Yemen

By ERIK SLAVIN  
*Stars and Stripes*

The United States attacked three radar sites in Yemen early Thursday in response to two missile attacks in four days on Navy ships launched from territory controlled by pro-Iranian rebels.

Initial assessments show the Houthi rebel-controlled sites were destroyed, according to a statement from Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook.

The USS Nitze launched Tomahawk missiles at targets north of the Bab el Mandeb, which lies between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, defense officials said.

"These limited self-defense strikes were conducted to protect our personnel, our ships and our freedom of navigation in this important maritime passageway," Cook said.

The strikes were authorized by President Barack Obama on the recommendations of Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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**This frame grab from video was taken moments after a Tomahawk cruise missile was launched at a coastal radar site in Houthi-controlled territory on Yemen's Red Sea coast on Thursday.**

# QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Disneyland has more physical security checks than we had.”

— A former Tailored Access Organization operator said regarding security at the National Security Agency’s headquarters. The agency is reeling after a former NSA contractor was arrested for allegedly stealing mounds of classified information

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# EUROPE

## EUCOM: DOD changes focus in Europe due to Russian aggression

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Russia’s annexation of Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula two years ago and its increasingly aggressive posture has upended the security landscape in Europe, U.S. military leaders say, and the goal now is to recapture the kind of fluency with command and control in a crisis that defined the Cold War era.

Already, recent exercises have revealed key EUCOM gaps, including a headquarters in need of more cyberspecialists, intelligence analysts and targeting experts. Requests for more personnel have recently been made to the Joint Staff, Loebn said.

When the Cold War ended after the collapse of the Soviet Union, EUCOM’s mission shifted focus from combat readiness to training with allies and fostering relationships — softer missions that had skeptics questioning the need for a significant number of troops in Europe. The numbers were significantly reduced from a high of about 300,000 at the end of the Cold War to 62,000 today.

Amid post-Cold War calm, EUCOM’s warfighting command skills atrophied along with the readiness of forward-stationed troops.

“U.S. European Command is a command in transition,” EUCOM’s chief, Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, said in a statement. “The strategic environment is changing rapidly across the entire area of operations. From the staff and components to tactical level units, we must actively shift our mindset, vigilance, plans, and posture in order to be prepared for today’s challenges, and those in the future.”

EUCOM this year is terminating several mainstay legacy exercises, typically small bilateral drills focused on relationship building that distract from the headquarters’ new overarching aims of building a war fighting command structure.

Austere Challenge 2017, a massive exercise that started this month and will culminate in February, is designed to enhance

EUCOM decision-making. A simulated war game involving 5,000 U.S. troops in Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and the U.S., it will test leaders’ ability to confront unfolding crises that require marshaling forces with speed.

Several combatant commands and all the services are to be pulled into the exercise, with EUCOM in the lead.

The details of scenarios for Austere Challenge are classified, military officials said, but the exercise will involve juggling several crises to test whether the commands can manage a simulated “full-spectrum” fight.

It is perhaps the most complex headquarters test since the end of the Cold War. In the year ahead, EUCOM has 20 joint exercises planned, with a primary focus on the development of EUCOM as an operational headquarters, Loebn said.

More than two years after Russia annexed Crimea, there is little sign that tensions are easing. With Washington and Moscow also di-



FORD WILLIAMS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Lt. Donald Todorowski, left, and Lt. Cmdr. Corey Millis, right, discuss strategy during Austere Challenge 17, a simulated war game involving 5,000 U.S. troops in Germany, Italy, the U.K. and the U.S.

vided over the conflict in Syria and charges by U.S. intelligence services that Russia is meddling in the American presidential election with a series of hacks, relations are at a low point.

Russia has warned that moves to increase NATO’s presence in the Baltics are a dangerous provocation that would be met with countermeasures. Recently, Moscow said it had started moving nuclear-capable Iskander missiles into Kaliningrad, a Russian enclave on the Baltic Sea that is wedged between Lithuania and Poland.

“If these reports are true, this would mark an unfortunate and

unnecessary event that could lead to unintended escalation and destabilization,” said Lt. Col. David Faggard, a EUCOM spokesman.

The Pentagon has upped the ante in Europe, with plans to quadruple spending on deterrence efforts to \$3.4 billion this year. These plans hinge on Congress’ passage of a budget. Since the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1, the Pentagon has been operating under a stop-gap continuing resolution that caps spending at last year’s levels. At some point, the Pentagon will be forced to scale back its plans for Europe without a proper budget.

For now, EUCOM officials say the budget impasse hasn’t hindered their plans.

“I think people are cautiously optimistic” the budget will get resolved, Loebn said.

“The European Reassurance Initiative has been fully funded every year, and we are fully committed to all our exercise with our allies and partners while operating under the Continuing Resolution,” he added.

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Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti  
EUCOM chief

## Russia: US is using ‘scorched earth’ policy

Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Russian Foreign Ministry said the United States is conducting a “scorched earth” policy in relation to Russia during the final months of Barack Obama’s presidency.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told reporters Thursday that “this is very dangerous.”

Zakharova said the U.S. is blocking the release

of money to projects in Russia from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Ties between Washington and Moscow have deteriorated amid the collapse of a failed ceasefire in Syria and U.S. accusations that Russia is meddling in the U.S. presidential election.

Zakharova said that “nobody should harbor the illusion that you can pressure Russia, neither the current American authorities nor those who will replace them.”

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## MILITARY

# Marine Corps commandant talks of future threats

Neller says US military will have to adapt to handle electronic and space warfare

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Marine Corps commandant told his forces on Okinawa they must adapt to face new adversaries as the United States shifts from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan to preparations for potential future foes like North Korea, China, Russia and Iran.

In November, Gen. Robert Neller told Marines here it was up to the politicians in Washington to decide what would come after the defeat of the Islamic State group. During a town hall Thursday at Camp Kinser, he remained cognizant of the extremist group but looked toward future and emerging threats.

"We have a very good Marine Corps, but we've been at war for 15 years," Neller said. "In the future that I think we're going to face, fighting different types of adversaries means we have to change."

Neller said potential future adversaries have been studying the U.S. military during the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns and have modernized based on the lessons they have learned. He said the next conflict will likely feature electronic and space warfare and will be all about technology. He cited areas that need — and will receive — attention: people, readiness, training, naval modernization and technology.

"We're going to leverage technology in everything we do," he said. "Change is inevitable. Embrace it."

Neller said that even the Islamic State group is using personal drones to scope troop positions in Iraq and deliver explosives.

Neller said Marines on Okinawa are the tip of the spear for potential future conflicts. He asked the audience if they were ready to fight tonight.

"I'm not looking to pick a fight with anybody, but you have to be ready to go," he said.

Neller also touched on a number of topics, including suicide, hazing, sexual assault and alcohol abuse. "I've been doing this for 40 years, and I keep reading the same stuff," he said after telling several tragic stories about Marines abusing alcohol. "We've got to do better. Alcohol is killing us — literally. It's killing us. I need your help. I can't fix this. Only you can fix this."

Neller said the Islamic State group would soon be defeated on the battlefield but the fight against it would continue, with hope and economic opportunities

needed for those most vulnerable to recruitment.

He questioned whether most Filipinos agree with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's anti-American comments and calls to end joint exercises, but "I don't see how we have any other choice but to comply." He added that relations have cooled in the past, only to improve with changes in political leadership.

Neller said it remains unclear how humanitarian and relief co-



Neller

operation would work if exercises end. However, he said the U.S. always stands ready to help in a crisis.

He acknowledged that plans have been pushed back for the relocation of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to Camp Schwab in Okinawa's remote north. He didn't elaborate, but it is most likely due to the fervent opposition by Okinawa's Gov. Takeshi Onaga and concessions by Tokyo after a string of high-profile crimes linked to American servicemembers and civilian base workers.

Neller told Stars and Stripes after the meeting that the Marine Corps would admit to delays and any other issues that may arise.

"It's just part of the landscape," he said. "We'll see what the Japanese courts say after the first of the year and how that works between the Okinawa prefecture and the mainland Japan government, Prime Minister [Shinzo] Abe, and we'll address it."

Neller said the Marines have refrained from making improvements to barracks and other facilities on Futenma because of the impending move but now will proceed because of the significant delays. He asked Marines to make do with aging facilities in the meantime.

Regarding the nuclear capabilities of potential future adversaries, Neller said the Marine Corps is supportive of U.S. efforts to recapitalize its nuclear capabilities as a deterrent. Marines will likely see more training in the future for biological, chemical and nuclear attacks, he said.

"It's almost kind of back to the future, like we were during the Cold War, when we were addressing the Soviet Union," he said.

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ANDREW SCHNEIDER/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Petty Officer 3rd Class William Sweeney fires an M240 machine gun Tuesday during U.S.-South Korea naval drills. North Korea accused the nations of planning strikes against the North's nuclear bases.

## US-South Korea naval drills draw threats, accusations from North

By KIM GAMEL  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea lashed out at U.S.-South Korea naval drills that began this week and warned that a pre-emptive strike by the allies would lead to their "self-destruction."

The war games, dubbed Invincible Spirit, began Monday with the nuclear-powered USS Ronald Reagan aircraft stationed in the waters surrounding the divided peninsula. The U.S. and South Korean navies also began a round of multinational anti-mine exercises.

North Korea accused the allies of rehearsing precision strikes against its nuclear and missile bases as well as plans to infiltrate areas north of the 38th parallel with special forces.

In a commentary Wednesday,

Rodong Simnun — the ruling party's official newspaper — said "ceaseless saber-rattling being staged by the [South Korean President] Park Geun-hye group of traitors together with the U.S. against [North Korea] is chiefly aimed to further round off the system for pre-emptive strike at the north and ignite a war against it at any cost."

North Korea frequently denounces joint exercises in the South via its state-run media, calling them a rehearsal for an invasion.

The participation of the Yokusuka, Japan-based USS Ronald Reagan — the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier — was the latest show of force in a year that has seen Pyongyang conduct two nuclear tests and several missile launches despite

toughened U.N. sanctions and international condemnation.

In response to the rising tensions, a spokesman for South Korea's Ministry of National Defense, Moon Sang-gyun, said Monday that pre-emptive strikes against the North are an option if there are indications that it is preparing to launch a nuclear attack.

The Rodong Simnun commentary said there is a limit to North Korea's "patience and endurance," and warned it would use its nuclear deterrence capabilities to wipe out the allied nations.

"The U.S. and the Park group should not forget even a moment that their pre-emptive strike at the DPRK will lead them to their unimaginably miserable self-destruction," it said.

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## DOD reauthorizes pay program for sailors

By BROCK VERGAKIS  
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The Defense Department has reauthorized a program that pays sailors who spend more than 220 days at sea extra, but will expire after one year instead of two as the Navy requested.

Sailors receive a prorated bonus of \$495 a month for an extended deployment, or \$16.50 for each day beyond 220 days.

The hardship duty pay program was first authorized for two years in 2014 when deployments were regularly stretching to nine and 10 months. Before the Sept. 11 attacks, a typical deployment lasted about six months.

"This is something that the Navy wants for our sailors as we believe it positively affects sailors' morale," Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Christensen, spokesman for the chief of

naval personnel, said in a statement. "It's one small way to help them during long and difficult deployments away from home."

The Navy has doled out \$15.5 million to more than 23,000 sailors from about 1,100 units since the program's inception, according to Navy Personnel Command.

The decision was made to keep the program to one year, so defense officials could evaluate how well it is working, but it's unclear how the effectiveness of the program will be determined. Morale can be difficult to quantify, and a variety of factors may shape it. A Pentagon memo authorizing the program said only that a report on the effectiveness of the program should be submitted by Aug. 1, two months before it expires.

It's also unclear how many people may benefit from the pay in the future. The Navy wants

its standard deployments to last seven months as part of its optimized fleet response plan.

But the first time an aircraft carrier deployed under that plan, the USS Harry S. Truman's deployment was extended 30 days so it could continue conducting strikes against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria until the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower arrived to relieve it.

The Truman and the other ships in its strike group arrived back this past summer, and more than 4,000 sailors in the strike group qualified for extended deployment pay. Navy officials have said they're committed to seven-month deployments going forward. If that plan holds, the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group will return to Norfolk in December.

MILITARY

# Rocky ground for 'rock star' Navy judge

By JOHN WOODROW COX  
*The Washington Post*

On the day Cmdr. Aaron Rugh stood in a Washington courtroom and was ceremonially sworn in as an appellate judge last year, he had already served as a trial judge and the Navy's top prosecutor.

Rugh, a longtime colleague said later, was "a rock star" in the military justice community — slated for promotion to captain and considered a strong contender to eventually become the Navy's chief judge. Then The Washington Post revealed that Rugh had given false information to a board of officers deciding whether a Marine he'd prosecuted for sexual misconduct should be expelled from the service.

Now his future — and potentially dozens of criminal appeals he's overseen — is being threatened by the fallout from the 20-year investigation into whether he Maj. Mark Thompson, a former instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy convicted of having sex with two female midshipmen.

Last week, Rugh testified at an ethics hearing before a senior officer probing whether he lied under oath in 2014 about two witnesses, his attorney said. Thompson is accused of lying to the same board and faces a sec-



NATALIE MOREHOUSE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Cmdr. Aaron Rugh, third from left, is officially sworn in as an appeals court judge at the Washington Navy Yard alongside Col. Brian Palmer, Cmdr. Anne Marks, and Lt. Col. Troy Campbell.

ond court-martial because of The Post's revelations about his case.

The controversy surrounding Rugh has exposed the military's lack of transparency when judges are accused of misconduct. Citing Rugh's right to privacy, the Navy wouldn't acknowledge that the inquiry delayed his promotion, confirm that the ethics hearing at the Washington Navy Yard took place or even say publicly that the 20-year veteran is under review.

And, unless he is criminally charged or faces other severe discipline, the military won't be obligated to share the investigation's results with the public.

Rugh's attorney, retired Rear Adm. Christian L. Reismier, would not comment on what his client said at the ethics hearing. But he denied that Rugh, 44, had intentionally misled the board. In an email, Reismier called the

alleged misstatement an "honest mistake" based on information that Rugh believed to be true at the time.

But already one defense attorney has argued that Rugh shouldn't have ruled on a case that claims another prosecutor acted inappropriately.

In April, Navy Lt. R. Andrew Austria contended in a motion that the question surrounding Rugh's impartiality "is not hypothetical. It is real" and "compounded by the fact that this case involves allegations of prosecutorial misconduct — the same behavior of which Judge Rugh is accused." He indicated that a preliminary inquiry into the judge's behavior was already underway.

Rugh declined to step aside, finding that Austria had failed to demonstrate how the accusation would influence his

decision-making.

The investigation only became public two months ago when the judge presiding over new charges against Thompson acknowledged at a hearing that Rugh is under scrutiny. The development was first reported by Military.com. The Navy initiated an inquiry after Thompson's defense attorney, Kevin McDermott, filed an ethics complaint, a copy of which was obtained by The Post.

Rugh continues to wait for the Judge Advocate General's Corps to determine his fate and the Navy to decide whether he will be promoted to captain — one step from rear admiral. Excluding admirals, Navy records show that among the nearly 140 active-duty JAG officers chosen to advance in rank in fiscal year 2016, he is the only one who hasn't.

# Ohio air base working to protect its drinking wells

By BARRIE BARBER  
*Springfield (Ohio) News-Sun*

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Wright-Patterson will drill seven new test wells to better track tainted groundwater and to act as a kind of warning system to protect drinking wells for the base and the city of Dayton, authorities say.

The new wells are in addition to the 50 monitoring wells base officials said in August they would install in a \$1.4 million contract to find where contaminated groundwater is moving, according to base spokeswoman Marie Vanover.

Wright-Patterson environmental authorities face a Friday deadline to tell the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency how they will more broadly test ground and surface water and soil sediment for contamination from a fire-fighting foam. The foam has polyfluoroalkyl substances that could have adverse health effects on fetuses and bottle-fed children, according to the U.S. EPA.

Firefighters sprayed the suppressant, known as Aqueous Film Forming Foam, to fight aircraft fires and used it in training for decades on the sprawling military installation.

Wright-Patterson shut down two drinking production wells in Area A in May. Sampling showed the drinking water wells exceeded new, lower U.S. EPA threshold standards for lifetime exposure to perfluorooctanesulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid, compounds found in the firefighting foam. The wells remained closed under extended Ohio EPA emergency orders.

In August, Wright-Patterson lifted a drinking water advisory for pregnant women and infants imposed in May. The advisory was lifted when tests showed the PFOs and PFOA were below the threshold, officials said.

The city of Dayton has 25 drinking water wells on Rober's Island downstream from the base as part of a Mad River wellfield network, according to state and city officials. The city does not draw drinking water from the river, but water from the river is diverted into lagoons that recharge the aquifer, according to Michele Simmons, city environmental manager.

# Satellites' bonus use: Offering intel on militants

By TONY CAPACCI  
*Bloomberg News*

U.S. early warning satellites and sensors designed primarily to detect the launch of missiles carrying nuclear warheads are providing daily streams of intelligence on Islamic State positions in Iraq and Syria, according to defense officials.

The system, using a satellite built by Lockheed Martin and equipped with sensors from Northrop Grumman, detects heat, or infrared signatures. Combined with electronic and signals intelligence and video gathered by reconnaissance drones and aircraft, the satellites are helping to compile a running portrait of Islamic State ground positions.

"Overhead persistent infrared information from" the Space-Based Infrared System, or SBIRS, "is used daily as one of multiple streams of intelligence information in theater," Air Force Col. John Dorrian, the Pentagon's top spokesman in Iraq, said in an email. The capability "enables us to ascertain where kinetic events like explosions are happening because the technology can track heat signatures with great fidel-

ity," he said.

The satellites and sensors "would be capable of detecting any sufficiently intense explosions in ISIL-held territory," Jeff Richelson, author of "The U.S. Intelligence Community," said in an email, using an acronym for the terrorist group.

Disclosure of the satellites' use illustrates the full-court press that the Pentagon, Air Force and intelligence agencies are exerting to gain information on Islamic State operations. U.S. and coalition intelligence drones and reconnaissance aircraft have flown about 18,000 sorties against the Islamic State group since August 2014. That's in addition to new, highly classified offensive cyber operations.

It's a vindication for what was until recently considered one of the Pentagon's most troubled programs. The first of two satellites now in orbit was launched in May 2011 after years of delays and cost overruns. That was almost nine years after it was originally planned.

The program, which started in 1995, has more than quadrupled its cost to a projected \$17 billion for as many as six satellites from

an early estimate of \$4.1 billion, according to Defense Department figures.

"The program was hampered by poor government oversight of the contractor, unanticipated technical complexities and rework," Cristina Chaplain, a director with the U.S. Government Accountability Office who follows military space programs, said in an email. "Some problems were rooted in the ambitious nature of the program and the fact that it was attempting to satisfy the needs of many users."

She said it's "not a surprise that the satellites are now being used for a variety of missions beyond

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## MILITARY

# Lawyers seek CIA health records in Gitmo's 9/11 case

By CAROL ROSENBERG  
Miami Herald

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Lawyers for some of the suspected 9/11 plotters asked the trial judge Wednesday to get them the captives' full medical records from their time in CIA custody, arguing they need the details to avert their military execution.

In one instance, a defense attorney for a Saudi captive scheduled to undergo rectal reconstruction surgery later this week said prosecution summaries of CIA medical care make no mention of Saudi Mustafa al-Hawsawi's rectal damage. A declassified portion of the so-called Senate Torture Report cites "CIA records" that indicate Hawsawi was "diagnosed with chronic hemorrhoids, an anal fissure, and prolapse."

Hawsawi, 48, is accused of helping the hijackers in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with money, Western clothing, travelers'

checks and credit cards. He was captured in Pakistan in March 2003 with suspected plot mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and "from all indications, he was a healthy, young male" when he disappeared into the CIA's black sites, said his lawyer, Army Lt. Col. Jennifer Williams.

He emerged three years later with hepatitis C, cervical damage, the prolapse, an anal fissure, hearing loss and a gastrointestinal issue, and he has urinated blood since July 2014, she said. None of it is mentioned in summaries of medical records prosecutors furnished them in trial preparation, she said.

Defense attorneys say they need the medical records to demonstrate that the United States has lost the moral authority to execute the five men accused of orchestrating the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history — the hijackings that killed 2,976 people in New York and Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. They could argue that to

the judge before trial, to get the death penalty dropped from the case, or to the jury, if they are convicted, or both.

Case prosecutor Robert Swann told the judge, Army Col. James L. Pohl, that 9/11 case prosecutors provided either Hawsawi's lawyers or the judge every one of Hawsawi's CIA medical records that they could find — a total of 191 pages.

Under the war court's classified-information-protection process, prosecutors can withhold or summarize certain pretrial discovery but must demonstrate to the judge that they are providing them with an adequate substitute that doesn't disadvantage their ability to defend their clients.

Swann said that Pohl signed off on the summaries in April 2014, and they were identical to summaries approved by a Bush-era war court judge in an aborted 2008 prosecution. Pohl added that he reviewed the summaries, documents in light

of release of the Senate Torture Report in December 2014 — and handed over additional material to Hawsawi's lawyers.

"We have completed our discovery with respect to the medical records of Mr. Hawsawi that were in the CIA's holdings," Swann said.

In fact, the chief prosecutor, Army Brig. Gen. Mark Martins, told reporters this week that his teams had provided all applicable pretrial discovery to the 9/11 defense teams or judge for approval of substitutions by Sept. 30. The general called it a "major milestone."

The judge has set no trial start date. Now is the phase of preparation for the trial when the judge examines the classified information for adequacy — and defense lawyers argue for information they believe is missing from the case, which is what happened Wednesday with the legal sparring over CIA medical records.

## Cadet acquitted in sexual assault court-martial at Air Force Academy

By TOM ROEDER  
The (Colorado Springs, Colo.) Gazette

An Air Force Academy cadet was acquitted by a military judge Wednesday after a two-day court-martial on allegations that he raped a female classmate in a classroom.

Sophomore cadet Jackson Spalding was cleared on three counts of sexual assault and a single count of conduct unbecom-

ing an officer after his attorneys poked holes in the testimony of the reputed victim.

Spalding, a graduate of Discovery High School in Colorado Springs, had waived his right to a trial by a panel of officers, leaving judge Lt. Col. Marvin Tubbs in sole control of his fate.

The reputed victim in the case said she was a freshman cadet when she met Spald-

ing March 6, 2016 to watch a movie after classes were over. She said Spalding kissed and groped her during an encounter in an empty classroom, where she was "frozen" with fear and unable to speak.

"That is not how it happened," Spalding lawyer Capt. Diane Ingram told Tubbs as the trial opened Tuesday. "This case is going to boil down to her credibility."

Defense attorneys highlighted inconsistencies in the woman's account and pounced on the fact that Spalding stopped what he was doing and left the room when the woman voiced objection.

Spalding's acquittal cleared him of the charges and cleared the way for him to stay at the academy and to return to the school's track and field team.



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# WAR ON TERRORISM



SYRIAN CIVIL DEFENSE-WHITE HELMETS/AP

Syrian Civil Defense workers search through the rubble in rebel-held eastern Aleppo, Syria, on Wednesday.

## Death toll grows in Aleppo airstrikes

By **BASSEM MROUE**  
AND **QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA**  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Overnight shelling and more than a dozen airstrikes on rebel-held parts of the Syrian city of Aleppo killed at least 11 people, bringing the death toll over the last three days in the embattled city to at least 65, activists said Thursday.

In other developments, rebel shelling of government-held areas in the divided city killed two girls at a school. The airstrikes came a day after an air raid hit eastern Aleppo's biggest market, killing at least 15 people and leveling buildings.

Aleppo's unabating violence has given additional urgency to the upcoming meeting between Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on efforts to find a peace deal in Syria in Switzerland on Saturday. It will be the first face-to-face contact between the two men since Washington broke off bilateral diplomatic contact with Moscow on Syria over the violence in Aleppo earlier this month.

In other developments in Syria's multi-layered conflict, two Iraqi militia commanders said Thursday they have started withdrawing some of their elite forces from Syria, where they are fighting on the side of President Bashar Assad's government, to Iraq in preparation for the battle to retake the city of Mosul from the Islamic State group.

The battle for Mosul is expected to be the most complex yet for Iraqi forces, backed by U.S.-led coalition air power. Since Mosul first fell to the Islamic State in June 2014, the extremists have been pushed from more than half of the territory they once held in Iraq, according to figures released by Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's office.

Iraqi Shiite militias are not expected to take part in the operation, although they are likely to

be part of the offensive to capture areas nearby such as the town of Tal Afar, which used to have a large Shiite population.

The two commanders, from Iraq's powerful Asaib Ahl Haq and Kataib Hezbollah militias, said more than 2,000 of their fighters have been withdrawn from Syria, mostly from in and around Aleppo, for redeployment near Mosul and the Islamic State stronghold of Hawija. The two spoke to The Associated Press in Baghdad on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss military tactics.

Two Syrian opposition activists — Rami Abdurrahman of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Turkey-based Ahmad al-Ahmad — said they were unaware of the withdrawal, adding that Iraqi Shiite militias have recently sent reinforcements to Syrian government forces in the Aleppo area.

Earlier this month, an official with the Iraqi Shiite al-Nujaba militia said it sent some 4,000 fighters to Syria, also to the Aleppo area. The two Iraqi commanders said the al-Nujaba militiamen were not part of the pullout. The militia's leader, Sheikh Akram al-Kaabi, recently visited his fighters on Aleppo's front lines, vowing to continue to fight Sunni extremists.

According to the Observatory, over 20 airstrikes overnight and into Thursday in eastern Aleppo killed at least seven people, shelling killed four. The activist group also said clashes were taking place between government forces and rebels on the city's northern edge. The Halab Today TV channel reported "intense" airstrikes on rebel-held parts of Aleppo, adding that cluster-bombs were being dropped.

Ibrahim Alhaj, a member of the Syrian Civil Defense, gave a higher toll, saying the airstrikes killed 13 and wounded 25. He said some people remained buried under the rubble and rescue and search operations were underway.

# Pentagon says allies' feud won't affect Mosul plans

By **MISSY RYAN**  
The Washington Post

An ugly public feud between two key U.S. allies in the fight against the Islamic State group will not affect plans for recapturing a key city from the group, a Pentagon spokesman said Wednesday.

Col. John Dorrian, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, played down the effect of this week's clash between the leaders of Iraq and Turkey as the U.S. military prepares to assist an Iraqi assault on the city of Mosul, a major objective in defeating the Islamic State.

"Planning for the liberation of Mosul continues," Dorrian told reporters in a briefing at the Pentagon. "We're a military organization, and we stay focused on military tasks. So, all the strikes that we've been doing, all the training we've been doing, all the advising and assisting with things like logistics, all those elements are being put in place to support the Iraqi advance when they're ready to do it."

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi is expected to launch an operation this month aimed at recapturing the northern city, which has been occupied by the Islamic State for more than two years. The Iraqi leader faces an array of challenges in that fight, including thick

## Islamic State lays traps

Bloomberg

The Islamic State group has dug trenches and rigged roads and buildings with explosives ahead of a U.S.-led coalition offensive to dislodge the militants from their stronghold in Mosul in northern Iraq.

"We're certainly well aware that this is going to be a difficult challenge, a difficult operation," Defense Department spokesman Capt. Jeff Davis said on Tuesday. He also said the Islamic State is "demor-

alized" and "having a harder time exercising command and control over their own forces."

Retaking Mosul is a key strategic and symbolic goal for Iraq and the U.S.-led coalition because it was the first major Iraqi city claimed by the Islamic State and it's where its leader declared his so-called caliphate. Along with continuing setbacks in neighboring Syria, it would deprive the group of a key staging ground and claim to legitimacy.

militant defenses and the problem of managing a diverse force including Iraqi troops, militiamen and foreign advisers. In an additional sign of the complexities in Iraq, there is also a modest Turkish force on a base near Mosul, and its presence has repeatedly been condemned by Abadi.

About 1,500 Turkish troops are believed to be stationed at several locations in northern Iraq, primarily training Kurdish peshmerga troops, according to U.S. officials.

The tensions escalated this week after Turkish leaders af-

firmed their intention to keep those troops in Iraq until after Mosul, which also includes a sizable Turkmen population, can be recovered, prompting emphatic Iraqi objections.

In a speech Tuesday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Abadi should "know his place."

"You are not my interlocutor anyway. You are not on my level, you are not of my quality," Erdogan said, according to Reuters. "You ranting and raving from Iraq is not of any importance to us."



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An F-16 taxis across the runway while another lands at Aviano Air Base, Italy, on Oct. 5. U.S. Air Force F-16s from Aviano have been deployed to Djibouti to protect American interests in South Sudan.

# US aircraft deployed to Djibouti on standby

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. Air Force F-16s and KC 135s were quietly deployed in July to the U.S. military's counterterrorism hub in east Africa, where they remain on standby amid concerns over threats to Americans in South Sudan.

F-16s based out of Aviano Air Base in Italy and KC-135s out of RAF Mildenhall in the United Kingdom, along with airmen in support, were deployed to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, U.S. Africa Command said.

The move was a "precautionary measure in order to protect Americans and American interests in South Sudan if required," AFRICOM said in a statement.

The deployment came at the request of the State Department and embassy in the South Sudanese capital of Juba, where violent unrest poses a risk to U.S. personnel and facilities, AFRICOM said.

"These assets have remained in Djibouti out of an abundance of caution in response to that situation in South Sudan," AFRICOM said.

In July, AFRICOM dispatched about 50 combat-equipped troops at the order of President Barack Obama to protect U.S. diplomatic personnel amid widespread vio-

lence and civil unrest in South Sudan.

The deployment was defensive in nature, officials said at the time. On July 7, a group of U.S. diplomatic personnel were fired upon by government troops, U.S. officials have said.

"I can say that we do not believe our vehicles and personnel were specifically targeted in the attack," Mark Toner, a State Department spokesman, told reporters at the Pentagon in September. "It's our assessment that the attack was connected to the breakdown of command and control among South Sudanese government forces, and we have demanded that the government of South Sudan investigate this incident and punish and hold accountable those responsible for it."

For AFRICOM, unrest in South Sudan, a country that gained independence in 2011, has been a source of recent concern.

Sudan had been roiled by violence for decades, including the most recent civil war, which stretched from 1983 to 2005.

After South Sudan gained independence, tensions continued with its neighbor to the north, but armed militia groups and tribal conflict within its own borders also posed a security risk.

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# Yemen: Attack followed missile launch

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The radar site strikes followed attacks launched Sunday and Wednesday against Navy ships. The destroyer USS Mason and the amphibious staging base USS Ponce were targeted Sunday while transiting international waters, according to earlier Pentagon statements. On Wednesday evening, a cruise missile was fired at the Mason, a destroyer, and the USS San Antonio, an amphibious transport dock ship, Pentagon officials said.

On Oct. 1, a missile heavily damaged the HSV-2 Swift, a former Navy high-speed vessel operated by the United Arab Emirates, according to reports and photos released by the Emirati government.

The Houthis claimed responsibility for the attack on the Emirati ship but denied responsibility

for attacking the U.S. Navy, according to The Washington Post. However, Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said Tuesday that "the facts certainly point" to Houthi involvement in the attacks on the USS Mason and USS Ponce.

The Bab el-Mandeb Strait and the Red Sea form part of a critical commercial passageway for oilers and other commercial traffic transiting the Suez Canal.

"The United States will respond to any further threat to our ships and commercial traffic, as appropriate, and will continue to maintain our freedom of navigation in the Red Sea, the Bab al-Mandeb, and elsewhere around the world," Cook said.

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# MATTHEW AFTERMATH

## 'I cry and pray': NC residents keep vigil amid floods

By JONATHAN DREW  
Associated Press

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Anita Van Beveren has been returning day after day to watch the brown floodwater creep toward the rental home she shares with her two teenage children. While she got many belongings out, they couldn't move everything — a bicycle is chained to a back deck surrounded by water.

"I cry and pray. There's nothing else to do," said Van Beveren, who is staying with friends. "We keep coming up here every hour. And every hour it's worse."

Many neighbors are keeping similar vigils on Van Beveren's side of Willow Street, which runs parallel to the Tar River and has largely served as a boundary between those who evacuated and those who stayed. The leafy neighborhood — one of many around North Carolina to suffer flooding after Hurricane Matthew — includes one-story homes and small apartment buildings that house a mix of families and students from nearby East Carolina University.

North of Willow, houses and

apartments were filling up with water even before the river was expected to crest Thursday.

The flooding triggered by heavy rain from Matthew has left at least 35 dead in the U.S.

Matthew also brought record flooding to some areas of South Carolina. The National Weather Service reports the Little Pee Dee River near Galivants Ferry in Horry County has broken a flood record set almost 90 years ago. The storm closed more than 200 roads in the state. Officials say more roads are being reopened. And North Carolina officials say they are reopening a long section of the main road on the Outer Banks.

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory said Thursday the number of power outages was down to about 55,000, form a high of nearly 900,000 when the storm hit last week. He said no new deaths have been reported, leaving the state's death toll at 20.

But McCrory said flooding continues to be a major problem in the eastern part of the state.

"The poorest of the poor are the ones that are being hurt the



BRIAN BLANCA/AP

Logan Baker surveys her neighborhood, flooded by water associated with Hurricane Matthew, on Wednesday in Greenville, N.C.

most by the floods," the governor said, citing conditions in Lumberton and smaller communities of Pembroke and St. Pauls.

In Greenville, south of Willow Street and uphill from the river, homeowners expect their houses to be dry, and most stayed despite a mandatory evacuation.

"People that are staying are pretty comfortable because a lot of us were here for Floyd, and we know what's coming," said John Benson. He lives on a street that crosses Willow just uphill from a Dead End sign that marked

the edge of the floodwaters from Hurricane Floyd in 1999. The Tar River isn't expected to get as high this time.

Joe Davis owns houses on another street that crosses Willow, including a rental property where waist-deep water lapped at the foundation Wednesday.

He watched a worker use duct tape and sheets of plastic to seal crawl space vents after placing sandbags at the doors.

"This is my first time doing this, so we'll see how this works," said Davis, who bought the rental

house several months ago.

Wearing duck-hunting waders, Andrew Brauns strode through the murky water after working on Davis' rental house. He does maintenance for several property owners and said he put in several 15-hour days this week.

"These are going to be our two worst houses actually," he said, pointing to the rental house and one across the street. "So we've really been trying to keep the water out. Under the houses, it can wash a bunch of the foundations away."

# Cholera rises in southern Haiti in wake of hurricane

By BEN FOX AND DAVID MCFADDEN  
Associated Press

LES CAYES, Haiti — Hurricane Matthew first took the home of Sonette Crowl in a town on Haiti's southern coast. Then cholera came for her baby.

The 25-year-old market vendor and her family were still taking stock of their losses after the storm when she noticed that Peter James, just 10 months old, was showing symptoms of a disease that health authorities say is surging in the wake of the storm.

"When I saw the symptoms and knew what was really going on, then I got scared," Crowl said as she cradled the boy in her arms at a Les Cayes cholera treatment center on Tuesday. About 20 people, some still listless from the disease, lay on cots under a metal roof as a fan cooled the tropical heat.

Cholera is caused by bacteria that produce severe diarrhea and is contracted by drinking contaminated water or eating contaminated food. It can lead to a rapid, agonizing death through complete dehydration, but is easily treatable if caught in time.

The Category 4 storm that hit on Oct. 4 has killed at least 473 people, according to national emergency officials, and

**It is not looking good. We should act very quickly to contain this; otherwise, it could get out of control.**

Dr. Unni Krishnan  
director of Save the Children's Emergency Health Unit in Haiti

the wreckage it left behind has created the perfect conditions for spreading the waterborne disease. Matthew sent rivers and outdoor latrines overflowing across the mountainous landscape. Cholera-contaminated water has leached into people's drinking wells, those that weren't ruined by Matthew's storm surge.

Many thousands of people whose homes were ruined are sharing close quarters with family and friends, the kind of proximity amid poor sanitation that aids in transmission. Already, reports have been trickling in that the disease is spiking.

The World Health Organization said at least 200 suspected cholera cases have been reported across southwest Haiti since

Matthew hit and it has pledged to send 1 million doses of cholera vaccine to Haiti.

"It is not looking good," said Dr. Unni Krishnan, director of Save the Children's Emergency Health Unit in Haiti. "We should act very quickly to contain this; otherwise, it could get out of control."

Cholera is not the only health emergency in the country. Krishnan and others warn about growing malnutrition because of widespread damage to crops and livestock, as well as fishing boats and gear, depriving many of their livelihoods in a country where more than half survive on less than \$2 per day.

Also complicating matters are shortages in hospitals and clinics ill-equipped to respond to the spike in cases. Many people in remote communities have trouble reaching treatment. Crowl said she had to walk for hours from her home in Randell, a town outside Les Cayes, before she could find a bus to take her the rest of the way for treatment for her baby.

Doctors Without Borders opened a cholera treatment center in Port-a-Piment. As of Tuesday, medical staff already had cared for 87 patients. Paul Brockmann, director of the organization's mission in Haiti, said the looming wet season may make it worse still.

"The hurricane affected a population who was already in fragile health, and it has made their condition worse," he said. "There is a very long stretch of densely populated coastline which is at risk."

Cholera was unknown in Haiti until the fall of 2010. The disease was apparently introduced by U.N. peacekeepers from Nepal, part of a contingent of troops who had been rotating through the troubled country since 2004. They improperly disposed of waste from their base in the central plateau and it quickly spread through the network of rivers that people rely on to bathe, to wash clothing and to obtain drinking water. Since then, cholera has killed roughly 10,000 people and has sickened more than 800,000 in this country.

Haiti and international organizations have developed a network of treatment centers that allow people like Peter James to be spared an excruciating death. The baby was getting intravenous fluids through his hands and was slowly coming around two days after his mother brought him to the ward.

Her baby recovering, Crowl is struggling to pick up the pieces of her life, like many people in southwest Haiti.

"I'm proud to be a Haitian, but everything is gone here," she said.

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## NATION

## NSA theft case raises questions about security

BY ELLEN NAKASHIMA  
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The Washington Post

Harold T. Martin III is accused of stealing mounds of classified information from the government for at least a decade, and investigators also believe some of the information was taken the old-fashioned way — by walking out of the workplace with printed-out papers he had hidden, according to U.S. officials.

The case against Martin, which was unsealed last week, raises new questions about whether the National Security Agency and other agencies are doing enough to detect and prevent their sensitive data from leaving the secure confines of government offices.

While investigators believe much of Martin's material was removed before stringent controls were imposed in the wake of 2013 disclosures linked to former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, some feel the system still failed.

When investigators searched Martin's home, they seized several terabytes of data, which Martin stored on dozens of computers and other devices, and thousands of pages of documents, according to officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an open case. Investigators are still exploring whether he was connected in any way to the online leak of some of the NSA's most powerful hacking tools in August.

"We're unable to walk out the front door with a whole bunch of stuff from NSA," said one congressional aide. "That's not supposed to happen."

Martin has been charged with theft of government property and unauthorized removal of classified materials. His attorney has said there is "no evidence" that he intended to betray his country. Martin previously worked in the Navy — he left active duty in 1992 — before taking a variety of tech jobs with government contractors, according to records and people who knew him.

In an interview, the head of the office responsible for setting policies aimed at deterring data loss said he thought the existing controls were sufficient. The question, said William Evanina, director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, is whether the controls were being successfully implemented.

"I don't believe there's anything new that we have to incorporate," said Evanina, who declined to comment on the ongoing investigation of Martin. "We just have to do a better job to see that what we already have in place is working effectively."

The NSA did not respond to a request for comment.

Martin worked at the NSA from 2012 to 2015. He was an employee of intelligence contractor Booz Allen Hamilton, which also had employed Snowden.

For some portion of that time, Martin was in the world's most elite hacker shop: the NSA's Tailored Access Organization, according to a former member of the group. One former TAO hack-

er said that Martin worked in the unit's front office carrying out support roles such as setting up accounts instead of conducting actual operations.

Officials here not said how, precisely, they think Martin was able to take information home.

The NSA had strengthened its data controls even before Snowden. After a series of disclosures posted by the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks in 2010, the president ordered the creation of a National Insider Threat Task Force, now led by Evanina. That group crafted a series of policies not only to avert compromises of classified information, but also to detect and deter insiders who might pick up weapons and harm

**‘The challenge remains that you at some level need to trust your employees.’**

**John C. Inglis**  
Former deputy director of the NSA

others. Then, in the wake of the Snowden disclosures, NSA officials announced they were taking 41 specific technical measures to control data. They included "smart-tagging data" so each electronic file touched could be tracked, and imposing greater oversight of personnel using the networks, NSA Deputy Director Richard Ledgett said in a February 2014 interview.

The agency also imposed a rule requiring two people to be present anytime data in server rooms were being transferred or copied, he said. But the two-person rule did not apply everywhere. Operational personnel, for instance, were exempt, former officials said.

According to former NSA officials and TAO operators, the agency's measures were in a natural tension with a desire to get the best out of their personnel.

"The challenge remains that you at some level need to trust your employees," said John C. "Chris" Inglis, the NSA's deputy director from 2006 to 2014. "And if you impose too many controls, you're not going to get any initiative or creativity out of them. The challenge is how do you align that with your need to ensure that they don't abuse that trust."

The NSA, for instance, like other agencies, does not impose universal checks of personnel and their belongings as they enter and leave agency buildings. Security guards conduct random checks and use their discretion.

"If you have a bag full of stuff, you're probably going to get stopped," said a former TAO operator. But, in general, the employee said, "Disneyland has more physical-security checks than we had."

Evanina said imposing universal body and bag checks "is not the solution we're looking to arrive at to keep and build the trust of our employees."

Despite all the measures that

are in place, Evanina said, it is not always possible to detect an insider who is determined to find a way to thwart them.

"If someone is willing to make the decision that they're going to exfiltrate documents or data out of an organization," he said, "they're going to be successful at that."

Martin's alleged thefts took

place at a number of workplaces over the years, officials said, including the NSA, the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

He typically worked for a contractor. He was at Booz from 2009 to 2016, which said it fired him after his arrest. Before that he

was at Tenacity Solutions, which provides information technology services, officials said. He also worked in the 1990s at CSC, another IT firm, officials said. While at Tenacity, he worked at ODN.

CSC confirmed Martin's employment, but declined to comment further. Tenacity did not return messages seeking comment.



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NATION

# Study questions mammograms' value in screening

By MARILYN MARCHIONE  
Associated Press

A new study questions the value of mammograms for breast cancer screening. It concludes that a woman is more likely to be diagnosed with a small tumor that is not destined to grow than she is to have a true problem spotted early.

The work could further shift the balance of whether screening's harms outweigh its benefits. Screening is only worthwhile if it finds cancers that would kill, and if treating them early improves survival versus treating when or if they ever cause symptoms. Treatment has improved so much over the years that detecting cancer early has become less important.

Mammograms do catch some deadly cancers and save lives. But they also find many early cancers that are not destined to grow or spread and become a health threat. There is no good way to tell which ones will, so many women get treatments they don't really need. It's a twin problem: overdiagnosis and overtreatment.

Whether to have a mammogram "is a close call, a value judgment," said study leader Dr. H. Gilbert Welch of Dartmouth Medical School. "This is a choice and it's really important that women understand both sides of the story, the benefits and harms."

Welch has long argued that mammograms are overvalued, and the study parallels work he published from the same data sources four years ago. This time, the authors include Dr. Barnett Kramer, a National Cancer Institute screening expert, although the conclusions are not an official position of the agency. The study was published Wednesday by the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

## How it was done

Researchers used decades of federal surveys on mammography and cancer registry statistics to track how many cancers were found when small — under

2 centimeters, or about three-fourths of an inch — versus large, when they are presumably more life-threatening.

They estimated death rates according to the size of tumors for two periods — 1975 through 1979, before mammograms were widely used, and a more recent period, 2000 through 2002.

In the earlier period, one-third of cancers found were small. In the later period, two-thirds were small. But the change was mostly because screening led to so many more cancers being detected overall, and the vast majority of them were small — 162 more cases per 100,000 women, versus only 30 more cases of large tumors.

Assuming that the true number of cases of cancer in the population was stable, this implies that 132 cases per 100,000 women were overdiagnosed.

Next, they estimated how much of the drop in deaths since mammography started was due to early detection versus better ways to treat the disease. They concluded that at least two-thirds of the drop was due to better treatments — a trend other studies also have found.

## The critics

Size matters, but it's not the whole story, and isn't a proven sign of how aggressive a tumor is biologically, said Dr. Kathryn Evers, director of mammography at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. Tumors have to be found before they can be treated, and so far, mammography is the best way to find ones that can't be felt, she argued.

A statement from the American College of Radiology and the Society of Breast Imaging says "smaller cancers result in better outcomes for women."

The study's assumption that there's been no change in cancer incidence is not valid — cases have increased, said Dr. Robert Smith, the American Cancer Society's screening chief.



Joe A. Honza/AP

Tayron Santos cleans the newly installed wall mural of former President Richard Nixon in the lobby area of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda, Calif., on Wednesday.

# \$15M makeover of Richard Nixon museum puts visitors in his shoes

By AMY TAYNIN  
Associated Press

YORBA LINDA, Calif. — Gone are the long rows of wood-framed display cases sprinkled with campaign paraphernalia and lengthy narratives about President Richard Nixon.

Instead, the renovated Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum tells the former president's story through larger-than-life photographs, interactive touchscreens and video of Nixon's speeches and his eventual departure from the White House.

The museum reopens Friday following a \$15 million makeover aimed at bringing the country's 37th president closer to younger generations less familiar with the Watergate scandal and his groundbreaking trip to China.

"It just wasn't technologically savvy, and we needed to bring it into the 21st century," said Michael Ellzey, the library's director.

The overhaul also brings the 18,000-square-foot museum completely into the fold of the National Archives, which assumed control of the Yorba Linda library in 2007 and inherited exhibits designed by a foundation run by Nixon's supporters that were seen as too

partisan.

It is one of 13 presidential libraries that were built with private money and turned over to the National Archives to administer. In Nixon's case, forming such a partnership was delayed for decades by disputes over the records after his resignation and concerns the California site inaccurately portrayed history.

While the section devoted to Watergate was redone in 2011, those focused on the Vietnam War, U.S.-Soviet relations and domestic policy had not been upgraded since 1990. The texts of the new exhibits were reviewed by a panel of four historians chosen by the National Archives.

"The Nixon Library, for many years, wanted to present an image of Nixon that was one produced by his friends," said David Farber, a panelist and University of Kansas history professor. "The new library is much better. They're willing to concede there's a lot of controversies about the Nixon presidency."

The campus includes the house where Nixon was born and his final resting place.

The new museum isn't shy about Nixon's legacy as the only

U.S. president to resign.

A 12-minute film before the exhibits opens with Nixon's 1974 resignation speech after the Watergate scandal, in which he tells Americans, "I have never been a quitter."

He is described as combative and visionary in the film, which details his rise to the presidency.

The Watergate exhibit was redone when the National Archives took over.

Unlike a more traditional gallery, the museum tries to put visitors in Nixon's shoes. After the film, visitors walk down a hallway covered with ceiling-to-floor colorful photographs of the social turmoil of the 1960s to give a sense of the country Nixon inherited upon his election.

The next stop is a life-size replica of the Oval Office where Nixon worked in the White House.

In another room, visitors can use a set of touchscreens to read about how Nixon's advisers suggested he handle the crisis in Cambodia, the Yom Kippur War and the military draft. afterward, they can make their own choices about the best course of action, and compare them to the president's.

# Lawsuit says Brown protected trustee's son in drugging case

By MICHELLE R. SMITH  
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A female former Brown University student is suing the Ivy League school over how it handled her allegations that she was drugged at a fraternity party and later sexually assaulted.

The lawsuit, filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Providence, raises the question of whether Brown dropped a disciplinary proceeding against the male student accused of drugging her to protect him because he was the son of a trustee. Brown previously denied it was a factor.

It's the latest in a wave of legal actions brought against Brown and other universities accused of mishandling sexual assault cases under the federal Title IX law, which is designed to prevent gender discrimination in education. This case sparked a protest at Brown last year, when hundreds of students silently marched across campus, many with dollar bills taped across their mouths to signify their feeling that money and influence were more important than victims of sexual assault.

The woman, identified as Jane Doe in the lawsuit, says after she and a friend were unwittingly drugged by the trustee's son in

October 2014, she was sexually assaulted by a different male student in her dorm room. Doe is suing Brown, the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the trustee's son, identified with the pseudonym "John Smith" in the complaint.

The man accused of sexually assaulting her was found "not responsible" in a school disciplinary proceeding that Doe argues was flawed. He is not named in the lawsuit.

Doe says Brown badly mishandled the case, including by taking blood, urine and hair specimens but failing to perform the proper tests or sending the samples to dis-

reputable labs that then botched the testing. The labs returned results that were inconclusive about whether the two women had been drugged.

Brown then dropped the disciplinary process against the trustee's son after the lab tests came back inconclusive, "despite his admission and the testimony of other witnesses that he was the brainchild of the unregistered party, had in fact purchased the alcohol, and had served an alcoholic beverage he made specially for Ms. Doe and her companion, which incapacitated both women," the lawsuit reads.

## NATION

# Man in body armor shoots 2 Boston officers

Associated Press

**BOSTON** — A man wearing body armor and armed with an assault rifle shot two Boston police officers who were responding to a report of a domestic disturbance before he was shot and killed by other officers, police said.

The wounded officers were in "extremely critical condition" but out of surgery and with their families on Thursday morning, Police Commissioner William Evans said.

"Domestic calls, as you know, are probably the most volatile. You never really know what you're walking into," Evans

said. "And I think we see right now the dangers of our job."

The suspect was identified as Kirk Figueroa, 33, of East Boston.

Evans said Figueroa fired at the officers late Wednesday night shortly after they arrived at a home in the city's East Boston neighborhood. Several other officers who were stationed outside ran inside and exchanged gunfire with the suspect.

"Two of the officers dragged their fellow officers out of the line of fire so they were in a protected zone, and the officers continued to engage in a gun exchange," Evans said.

The officers shot and killed the suspect and then began administering first aid to the wounded officers, one a 28-year veteran, the other a 12-year veteran of the force.

"One officer had his hand in one of the wounds and I think that was instrumental in getting the officer down to Mass General quickly," Evans said.

Both officers were taken to Massachusetts General Hospital, where they were being treated for serious injuries. Nine other officers were being treated at Tufts Medical Center for trauma, stress and minor injuries.

Police, initially concerned that there might be a second suspect, ordered residents to shelter in place. That order was lifted later.

Police did not release the names of the wounded officers.

As is standard protocol following such events, the district attorney's office said there would be an investigation into the use of deadly force.

"They ran into a firefright here, able to pull two of their officers out safely, and again, unfortunately, we had to take a life in doing it," Evans said.

## Gambling regulators OK skill-based slots

By WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — New Jersey gambling regulators have approved a New York firm to become the first in the United States to deploy skill-based slot machines on casino floors in which payout is determined by the player's ability.

The New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement gave approval late Wednesday night to GameCo, Inc. to deploy its machines at three Atlantic City casinos owned by Caesars Entertainment. Installation of the machines could start as soon as Monday at Harrah's, Caesars or Bally's.

The machines, called VGMs, are expected to undergo several weeks of testing, and are expected to usher in a new era of gambling aimed at attracting young people who grew up playing video games.

"With this approval from the DGE, the VGM is officially the first skill-based video game gambling product approved by any U.S. gaming jurisdiction regulator," said Blaine Graboyes, the company's CEO and co-founder.

The company has been in a race with rival firm Gamblit, which last month announced plans to put similar machines in California and Nevada in October, also

at Caesars-owned casinos. Other manufacturers working on similar products include IGT and NanoTech Gaming.

The machines are aimed squarely at millennials and those who like playing games on social media networks or on their phones, and who may be less inclined to play traditional push-button slot machines.

Titled "Danger Arena," the games give the player a brief tutorial, make sure the customer knows how to use the controls and that they are working properly, and then presents the customer with a map or a game scenario. This scenario will vary randomly, and constitutes the element of chance or randomness that is the hallmark of traditional slot machines. It is then up to the player to maneuver through the playing field in 45-to-90-second increments.

Each game also includes a secondary random winning opportunity, with a possible instant cash win ranging from \$1 to \$5,000, Graboyes added, so even poorly skilled players have a chance at winning.

GameCo plans to deploy three triple-unit carousels at Caesars, two at Harrah's and two at Bally's, with a total of 21 playing stations. It plans to expand them to additional states within the next six months.

## '2001,' 'Blade Runner' among Obama's favorite sci-fi films

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — The cerebral interstellar saga "2001: A Space Odyssey" and the android drama "Blade Runner" are among President Barack Obama's favorite sci-fi films and TV shows.

Obama shared his must-watch list of movies and TV shows to "expand your mind to new horizons" in the November issue of Wired magazine.

Obama told the publication that he picked Stanley Kubrick's "2001" because it "captures the grandeur and scale of the unknown," while he selected Ridley Scott's "Blade

Runner" because it "asks what it means to be human."

Other films on Obama's list included the marooned-on-Mars drama "The Martian" starring Matt Damon and the simulated reality epic "The Matrix" featuring Keanu Reeves.

- His list:
1. "2001: A Space Odyssey."
  2. "Blade Runner"
  3. "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."
  4. "Star Wars."
  5. "Star Trek."
  6. "The Martian."
  7. "The Matrix."
  8. "Cosmos."



JESSICA HILL/AP

The remains of a small plane are strewn across a road in East Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday, a day after the plane crashed.

## Official: Pilot and trainee had altercation before plane crash

By DAVE COLLINS  
Associated Press

**EAST HARTFORD, Conn.** — A plane crash that killed a student pilot and left his flight instructor with serious burns appears to have been a suicide attempt, a U.S. official familiar with the investigation said.

The two men had an altercation inside the cockpit of the small plane and the instructor was unable to regain control from the trainee before it crashed near the Connecticut headquarters of a military jet engine manufacturer, according to the official, who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke Wednesday on the condition of anonymity.

The Piper PA-34 Seneca crashed with the two men aboard during a training flight Tuesday in East Hartford near the headquarters of Pratt & Whitney while returning to Brainard Airport in Hartford, authorities said. The flight instructor was badly burned but survived.

The instructor described the

student pilot as disgruntled about learning to be a pilot, the U.S. official said.

The flight instructor is Arian Prevalla, 43, and the student was Feras Freitekh, said a law enforcement official, who wasn't authorized to disclose the information and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Prevalla's social media pages indicate he is president of the American Flight Academy and a managing member of the Hartford Jet Center, both based in Hartford. The pages say he originally is from Albania and now lives in Hartford. On LinkedIn, Prevalla said he received a bachelor's degree in Aviation Science from Mountain State University, a now-defunct university in Beckley, W.V.

Public records show Freitekh received a private pilot certificate last year from the Federal Aviation Administration. They also indicate he lived in the Chicago suburb of Orland Hills since 2013, but authorities there said

that there was no record he ever lived in the village but that he received mail there at the home of a friend of his father, who worked for a container company in a nearby town.

The survivor told police detectives it was not an accident, according to East Hartford Mayor Marcia Leclerc. "It's troubling," Leclerc said. "But I also know that stories change and information can be skewed. We're waiting for the facts to come out."

Authorities said the student and the instructor were about to land at Brainard Airport in Hartford when the plane struck a utility pole and crashed onto the road about 4 p.m. Tuesday, bursting into flames. The crash site is a short distance from the airport, across the Connecticut River and in line with the runway.

"The path that the plane took could have been much worse. So we're very fortunate in that sense," said East Hartford Police Chief Scott Sansom.

NATION

# 2016 race focuses on treatment of women

By JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Already deeply divisive, America's campaign for president is quickly devolving into an ugly fight over who has treated women worse. Donald Trump, whose White House bid is floundering, or former President Bill Clinton, who isn't on the ballot.

Trump's campaign is now signaling it will spend the election's final month relitigating Bill Clinton's marital affairs and unproven charges of sexual assault, as well as what Trump says is Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's role in intimidating the women who were involved. But Trump is a deeply imperfect messenger, given that almost everything he says is being overshadowed by a flood of allegations that he kissed and groped women without their consent.

Just four days ago, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway promoted a tweet from Clinton declaring that "every survivor of sexual assault deserves to be heard, believed, and supported."

"Every" the operative word here," wrote Conway, whose campaign is now attacking the credibility of the new allegations against Trump.

The New York Times and the Palm Beach Post on Wednesday reported stories about three women who alleged Trump had inappropriately touched them. Separately, a People Magazine reporter wrote a detailed first-person account of being attacked by Trump while interviewing the businessman and his wife, Melania Trump.

Trump Thursday took to Twitter to denounce the Times story as a "total fabrication," and to assert that the incident cited by People "did not happen." His campaign

threatened to sue.

The stories come less than a week after the publication of a 2005 recording in which the Republican nominee boasted of using his fame to kiss and grab women.

In an interview broadcast Thursday, Arianne Zucker, the soap opera actress in the video, said Trump's comments were offensive. But on NBC's "Today," she said she wasn't shocked, given "that type of personality." She said that's "probably why it doesn't mean a lot to me."

The revelation of the video on Oct. 7 prompted many Republicans to withdraw their support for Trump, with some calling for him to drop out of the race, though a handful switched back to supporting him.

Clinton adviser Jennifer Palmieri said the latest revelations match "everything we know about the way Donald Trump has treated women."

Taken together, the stories about Trump and his retorts about Bill Clinton have plunged a rancorous campaign to new lows. The real estate mogul has also charged that Hillary Clinton not only needs to be defeated in November but also "has got to go to jail." And his campaign is facing questions about ties to Russian interests accused of hacking Democratic groups, as well as the hacking of a top Clinton adviser's emails.

For Trump, the cumulative effect appears to be a tumble in the battleground states he needs to win in November.

Rather than trying to make up ground by shifting attention to issues like trade that energized Trump backers and could appeal to new voters, the Republican appears to be moving swiftly to make Bill Clinton's past a centerpiece of its campaign.

Building on Trump's decision to bring three Bill Clinton accusers to last week's presidential debate, the Republican nominee is expected to have the women appear



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is facing accusations from several women that he kissed and groped them without their consent.

with him on stage at rallies and do television interviews, according to a person briefed on the plan but not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Trump supporters are also confronting Hillary Clinton with the accusations about her husband. Multiple Clinton rallies were interrupted this week by hecklers shouting "Bill Clinton is a rapist."

The former president never faced any criminal charges over the allegations, and a lawsuit over an alleged rape was dismissed. He did settle a lawsuit with one of the women who claimed harassment.

The Trump campaign's hope is to showcase the decades-old accusations to young voters, particularly women, who may not have been old enough to remember the controversies that dogged the Clintons in the 1990s. If the campaign can't get them to vote for Trump, the hope is that they will stay home and depress turnout, which would likely hurt Democrats.

Former Trump senior adviser Michael Caputo said the businessman's only way to

win is to "go nuclear" on the Clintons. "There's no way Trump can do anything positive to earn back women," Caputo said. "The only way he can save off the bleeding is to drag them into parity."

But it's unclear whether Trump's strategy is even aimed at winning the election at this point. Increasingly, Trump's campaign feels like an opportunity for longtime Clinton opponents to air decades worth of grievances about the Democratic power couple on the biggest stage in American politics.

Trump confidante and informal adviser Roger Stone has encouraged Trump to make Bill Clinton's alleged assaults and the way his wife treated his accusers a centerpiece of the campaign. Steve Bannon, the campaign's chief executive, ran Breitbart News, a conservative website that promotes conspiracy theories about the Clintons.

Hillary Clinton, who is on pace to become America's first female president if her lead holds, has tried to stay above the fray. She has yet to respond directly to Trump's decision to resurrect accusations about her husband.

# President Obama heads to Ohio to stump for Democrats

By JOSH LEDERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will try to rev up Democrats in Ohio during a two-day visit as the number of states that could swing to either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump narrows to just a handful.

Obama heads to Columbus on Thursday to be the featured speaker at an annual dinner benefiting Ohio Democrats and Gov. Ted Strickland, who is running to oust incumbent Republican Sen. Rob Portman. On Friday, Obama will hold a rally in Cleveland for Clinton emphasizing early voting, a major focus for Democrats across the U.S. this year.

This week Obama entered the final 100 days of his presidency, and he's increasingly devoting his time to trying to push Clinton over the finish line in the presidential race. With Trump and Republicans threatening to undo much of what Obama has accomplished over the last eight years, campaigning for Democrats is the most productive way for Obama to try to protect his legacy.

Before flying to Ohio, Obama



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Barack Obama, shown speaking at a campaign event for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, Wednesday, is headed to Ohio to stump for Democratic candidates in the state.

planned to speak in Pittsburgh at the "White House Frontiers Conference," where aides said he'd announce new funding for technology and research and tout innovations like self-driving cars and artificial intelligence.

Obama, in an op-ed in the magazine Wired, said the U.S. needed to adapt its skills to address emerging threats like antibiotic-resistant "superbugs," cybersecurity and climate change.

Ohio, with its diverse mix of

cities and rural areas, is a coveted prize every four years, seen as a barometer for the shifts in the nation's political climate. This year, it's one of just four states that polls suggest are currently toss-ups between Clinton and Trump, along with Nevada, North Carolina and Florida.

Trump, too, was setting his sights on Ohio on Thursday, with a speech in Columbus and a evening rally in Cincinnati.

The shrinking of the political battlefield reflects demographic shifts that have benefited Democrats in several states and Trump's struggles to expand his appeal to a broad cross-section of America. But Obama and Democrats have been wary not to take anything for granted, particularly as the final weeks of the campaign have taken a series of unpredictable turns.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, are two of the country's most popular Democrats, making them the most effective voices to vouch publicly for Clinton. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said that makes the first couple particularly useful in freeing up Clinton to focus her limited time

elsewhere. "The real value of having somebody as high-profile as the president or the first lady on the stump campaigning for you is that you don't have to also go there in order to get attention. You've got somebody else there who can make a forceful case in support of your candidacy," Earnest said.

Hoping that broad disdain for Trump will sink other Republican candidates, Democrats have been particularly bullish this year about retaking the Senate, which would significantly strengthen Clinton's hand legislatively should she win the White House. Democrats had expected Strickland's race to be one of their better prospects to win a GOP-held Senate seat, but he has been running consistently behind Portman in the polls.

Yet in a sign of how toxic Trump has become for other Republicans, Portman revoked his support for Trump after video emerged of Trump making offensive comments about women. Portman has said he's backing Trump's running mate, Mike Pence, instead.

## NATION

## Gourmet ganja



PHOTOS BY BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

Diners smoke marijuana as they eat dishes prepared by chefs during an evening of pairings of fine food and craft marijuana strains served to invited guests Oct. 2 at Planet Bluegrass, an outdoor venue in Lyons, Colo.

## Dining with marijuana is slowly growing up

By Kristen Wyatt  
Associated Press

LYONS, Colo. — How to set a tone of woody chic at a four-course candlelight dinner served under the stars in the Colorado foothills:

Live musicians and flowers, check.

Award-winning cuisine, check. Beer and wine pairings with each course, check.

Marijuana pairings? Oh, yes. The 100 diners at this \$200-per-plate dinner smoked a citrus-smelling marijuana strain to go with a fall salad with apples, dates and bacon, followed by a darker, sweeter strain of pot to accompany a main course of slow-roasted pork shoulder in a mole sauce with charred root vegetables and rice.

And with dessert? Marijuana-infused chocolate, of course, graded over salted caramel ice cream and paired with coffee infused with nonintoxicating hemp oil.

The diners received small, glass pieces and lighters to smoke the pairings, or they could have their marijuana rolled into joints by professional rollers set up next to a bartender pouring wine. Welcome to fine dining in Weed Country.

The marijuana industry is trying to move away from its pizza-and-Doritos roots as folks explore how to safely serve marijuana and food. Chefs are working with marijuana growers to chart the still-very-unscientific world of pairing food and weed. And a proliferation of mass-marketed



A diner smokes marijuana with her meal at Planet Bluegrass.

cheap pot is driving professional growers to develop distinctive flavors and aromas to distinguish themselves in a crowded market.

"We talk with the (marijuana) grower to understand what traits they saw in the marijuana ... whether it's earthy notes, citrus notes, herbal notes, things that we could play off," said Corey Buck, head of catering for Blackbilly Restaurant, a top-rated farm-to-table restaurant that provided the meal.

The grower of one of the pot strains served at the dinner, Alex Perry, said it won't be long until marijuana's flavors and effects are parsed as intently as wine profiles. But that's in the future, he conceded.

"It's still looked down upon as a not-very-sophisticated thing," said Perry, who grew a strain called Black Cherry Soda for his com-

pany, Headquarters Cannabis.

Holding his nose to a small jar of marijuana, Perry said, "If I asked my mom or my dad what they smell, they're going to say, 'skunk,' or, 'It smells like marijuana.' But it's like wine or anything else. There's more flavor profile there."

But chefs and pot growers trying to explore fine dining with weed face a legal gantlet to make pot dinners a reality, even where the drug is as legal as beer.

Colorado's marijuana retailers can't also sell food, so guests at this dinner had to buy separate \$25 "goodie bags" from a dispensary for the pot pairings.

The bags came with tiny graters for diners to shave the pot chocolate onto their ice cream themselves; the wait staff could not legally serve a dish containing pot, even though the event was private and limited to people older than 21. Diners were shuttled to and from the event by private bus, to avoid having potentially stoned drivers leave the dinner.

Marijuana dining could become more accessible in coming months, though.

Denver voters this fall will consider a proposal to allow marijuana use at some bars and restaurants as long as the drug isn't smoked, with the potential for new, outdoor, marijuana-smoking areas.

And two of the five states considering recreational marijuana in November — California and Maine — would allow some "social use" of the drug, leaving the



A menu shows the dishes paired with particular strains of pot at Planet Bluegrass.

potential for pot clubs or cafes.

Currently, Alaska is the only legal weed state that allows on-site marijuana use, with "tasting rooms" possible in commercial dispensaries. But that state is still working on rules for how those consumption areas would work.

For now, marijuana dining is limited to folks who hire private chefs to craft infused foods for meals served in their homes, or to special events like this one, limited to adults and set outside to avoid violating smoke-free air laws.

Guests at the Colorado dinner were admittedly experimenting with pairing weed and food, many giggling as they toked between bites. It became apparent late in the evening that a rich meal doesn't counteract marijuana's effects.

"What was I just saying?" one diner wondered aloud before des-

sert. "Oh, yeah. About my dog. No, your dog. Somebody's dog."

The man trailed off, not finishing his thought. His neighbor patted him on the back and handed him a fresh spoon for the ice cream.

Diners seemed genuinely curious about how to properly pair marijuana and food without getting too intoxicated.

"I am not a savant with this," said Tamara Haddad, of Lyons, who was waiting to have one of her pot samples professionally rolled into a joint. "I enjoy (marijuana) occasionally. I enjoy it with friends. I'm learning more about it."

She laughed when asked whether marijuana can really move beyond its association with junk-food cravings.

"I have also munched out after being at the bar and drinking martinis and thinking, 'Taco Bell sounds great,'" she said.

WORLD

# Suspect in bomb plot in Germany strangles self

By DAVID RISING  
AND FRANK JORDANS  
Associated Press

BERLIN — A 22-year-old Syrian man suspected of planning an Islamic extremist bombing attack strangled himself by tying his shirt to the bars of his jail cell, German officials said Thursday.

Rolf Jacob, the head of the prison where bomb suspect Jaber Albakr was held, told reporters in Dresden that a trainee guard checked on the prisoner at 7:30 p.m., and that when he returned for another check at 7:45 p.m. he found Albakr apparently dead.

Saxony's justice minister, Sebastian Gemkow, said Albakr was declared dead a half-hour later.

Jacob confirmed reports that Albakr had destroyed a lighting fixture in his cell on Tuesday, but "it was not interpreted as a suicide attempt." Power to the cell was shut off after that, he said.

Jacob said authorities who assessed Albakr when he entered the prison had noted there was a suicide risk but did not consider it acute.

Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere, said Albakr's death would make the investigation into whether he had accomplices in the thwarted plot far more difficult.

"I'm unbelievably shocked and absolutely speechless that something like this could have happened," said Albakr's public defender, Dresden attorney Alexander Huebner.

Wolfgang Bosbach, a senior member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's party and security expert, told n-tv that given his behavior, Albakr should have been under constant observation.

"The suicide danger was known; it was not just an assumption," Bosbach said.

Saxony state authorities already were facing criticism after Albakr eluded police as he prepared to raid an apartment where he had been staying in the city of Chemnitz on Saturday. Inside the apartment, police found highly powerful explosives and a homemade bomb vest.

Albakr, who had been granted asylum after coming to Germany last year, was finally arrested Monday in Leipzig after three fellow Syrians tied him up and alerted police.

He had been granted asylum after coming to Germany last year, and had been under surveillance by German domestic intelligence since last month.

On Wednesday, de Maiziere said that Albakr had undergone a security check last year, but it did not turn up anything suspicious.

German authorities have said they believe he had links to the Islamic State group and was thought to be planning to attack a Berlin airport, possibly as soon as this week.

The three Syrians who captured the suspect had been granted asylum, and their "behavior deserves praise and recognition," de Maiziere said.



PHOTOS BY MATT DUNHAM/AP

Supporters of the pro-democracy group Invoke Article 50 Now! hold a banner as pro-European Union membership supporters hold EU flags Thursday at the High Court in London.

# Brexit battle goes to UK's High Court amid dueling protests

By JILL LAWLESS  
AND DANICA KIRKA  
Associated Press

LONDON — Rival protesters gathered Thursday outside the High Court in London, where lawyers battled over whether the government has the power to trigger Britain's exit from the European Union without approval from Parliament.

Half a dozen protesters carrying a banner asking for the EU exit, known as Brexit, to start now were met by a dozen other people carrying EU flags.

The case is considered the most important constitutional matter in a generation and centers around whether Prime Minister Theresa May can start negotiating Britain's exit from the EU without a vote in the House of Commons.

The claimants' lawyer, David Pannick, said the case "raises an issue of fundamental constitutional importance" because it hinges on the balance between the legislative and executive branches of power — Parliament and the government.

May has said she will invoke Article 50 of the EU treaty — triggering two years of official exit talks — by March 31. She is under pressure from lawmakers to give them a vote first, but insists that is not necessary.

The government argues that May can use the royal prerogative — historic powers officially held by the monarch but in reality exercised by politicians — to trigger Article 50. The powers enable decisions to be made without a vote of Parliament and cover matters as grave as declaring war or as basic as issuing passports.

Attorney General Jeremy Wright, lead lawyer for the government, said May can invoke Article 50 be-



Gina Miller, right, of investment management group SCHI Private, arrives Thursday at the High Court for the start of her lawsuit over whether Britain can move forward on exiting the European Union without approval from Parliament.

cause "the country voted to leave the EU in a referendum approved by Act of Parliament."

"There must be no attempts to remain inside the EU, no attempts to rejoin it through the back door, and no second referendum," he said.

Financial entrepreneur Gina Miller, the lead claimant in the case, insisted the lawsuit isn't an attempt to block Brexit nor to keep Britain in the bloc.

"It's about democracy," she said. "To my mind, the most dangerous precedent we'd be setting is that a government can overrule Parliament and not consult it when we are making decisions about people's rights. And that to me is a very, very dangerous place."

# 'Dangerous' Hurricane Nicole to batter Bermuda

Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda — The British territory of Bermuda hunkered down overnight as Hurricane Nicole rapidly strengthened into a Category 4 storm and took aim at the tiny island in the northern Atlantic Ocean.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami called Nicole an "extremely dangerous" storm and urged islanders to rush preparations for its powerful rain and winds. It said Nicole should pass near Bermuda on Thursday morning.

The storm was located about 100 miles southwest of Bermuda early Thursday morning. It had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph and was moving north-northeast at 15 mph.

Rains already were hitting Ber-

muda, and authorities Wednesday ordered schools and government offices closed and asked people to remain indoors.

"I believe we are generally ready for it," Premier Michael Dunkley said. "Now we just have to hope and pray for the best."

Hundreds of people had rushed to shops and gas stations for last-minute preparations as rain and wind began to batter Bermuda, which has sturdy infrastructure and is accustomed to storms.

Those at home made last-minute preparations for what lay ahead, with resident Danni Joell saying she was "cooking up a storm" with her son, Tyler, in the kitchen.

"So far we've made an apple pie, and there are some cookies in the oven," she said. "Hopefully, we will have enough to get us through."

# Nigeria: 21 abducted girls freed after talks

Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Twenty-one of the Chibok schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram Islamic extremists more than two years ago have been freed in negotiations, officials said Thursday.

Some 197 girls remain captive, though it is not known how many of them may have died.

The freed girls, the first to be released as a result of government action, are in the custody

of Nigeria's Department of State Services, Nigeria's secret intelligence agency, according to presidential spokesman Garba Shehu.

He said their release was negotiated between the government and Boko Haram in talks brokered by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Swiss government. He said negotiations will continue for the release of the other students.

"We are extremely delighted and grateful," the Bring Back

Our Girls movement said on Facebook. The group, which has campaigned within Nigeria and internationally for the release of the students, said it awaits the names of the released girls.

Boko Haram long has offered to free the girls in exchange for detained leaders of the group. It was unclear if an exchange has taken place. The ICRC in the past had tried to negotiate a swap, which failed.

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# WORLD



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People stand in line waiting to enter the Underwood 2016 booth near the Peace Center before the CBS News Republican presidential debate in Greenville, S.C., in February. Iran's government has long tried to stamp out American pop culture, but it seems happy to let Iranians watch on state television the backstabbing, deceitful machinations of fictional U.S. politician Frank Underwood in "House of Cards."

## Hard-liners happy to let Iranians see 'House of Cards'

By NASSER KARIMI AND JON GAMBRELL  
*Associated Press*

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's government has long tried to keep out American pop culture, but it seems happy to let Iranians watch the backstabbing, deceitful machinations of fictional U.S. politician Frank Underwood in "House of Cards."

Iran's hard-liners point to the show and say: This is what America is really like.

The sudden arrival of the Netflix series, which stars Kevin Spacey as a South Carolina congressman who conveys his way to the presidency, illustrates the reach and popularity of Western television and film. It also offers a window into the thinking of Iran's censors, who have approved the dark portrayal of power politics and even murder in the corridors of Washington — but not the bedroom scenes.

"It shows how politics is dirty in the United States," said Mohammad Kazemi, a student of mechanics at Tehran's Azad University. "They do anything to reach power."

Every night at 11 p.m., the

state-run Namayesh channel airs the program dubbed into Farsi, calling it "Khaneh Poushaly," or "Straw House." It started playing the show in late September, beginning with its first season, which follows Underwood as the manipulative House majority whip.

The arrival of "House of Cards" has caused something of a stir in Iran, where American programming is extremely rare, and where authorities routinely denounce Western pop culture as decadent and un-Islamic. The government blocks many websites, but a ban on satellite dishes is rarely enforced. Many Iranians, particularly the young, watch foreign shows on the internet or purchase pirated DVDs of movies and TV series, which are widely available at street markets.

Farnaz Rahmani, a 17-year-old high school student, said she thinks state TV is showing "House of Cards" to prove that U.S. politicians are deceitful.

"For me it is a chance to fill my spare time with a good TV series. Maybe it is also a chance for the TV to attract more people to Iranian channels," she said.

## Police: German couple tried to sell girl on eBay

BERLIN — Police in the western German city of Duisburg say they're investigating the parents of a 40-day-old girl on allegations they were trying to sell their infant daughter on eBay.

Duisburg police said Thursday that the baby was listed on the internet auction site on Tuesday for a price of 5,000 euros (\$5,500). In

a raid of the parents' apartment on Wednesday evening they were able to seize evidence suggesting the posting was made from their internet connection.

Authorities said other members of the family also had access to the connection, however.

The parents, described by police only as "refugees," have been taken in for questioning on suspicion of human trafficking.

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## WORLD

# Dylan wins Nobel literature prize

By KARL RITTER  
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Singer-songwriter Bob Dylan won the 2016 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday, a stunning announcement that for the first time bestowed the prestigious award on a musician for “having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition.”

Reporters and others who gathered at the Swedish Academy's headquarters in Stockholm's Old Town reacted with a loud cheer as his name was read out.

Dylan, 75, is arguably the most iconic poet-musician of his generation. Songs such as “Blowin' in the Wind” and “The Times They Are A-Changin'” became anthems for the U.S. anti-war and civil rights movements of the 1960s.

Dylan's impact on popular culture was immense and his influence as a lyricist extends to every major music figure and songwriter of the last 50 years, from The Beatles to Bruce Springsteen and beyond.

Although he had been mentioned in Nobel speculation for years, many experts had ruled him out, thinking the academy wouldn't extend its more than a century-old award to the world of music. They were wrong.

The academy's permanent secretary, Sara Danius, said while Dylan performs his poetry in the form of songs, that's no different from the ancient Greeks, whose works were often performed to music.

“Bob Dylan writes poetry for the ear,” she said. “But it's perfectly fine to read his works as poetry.”

Dylan is the first American winner of the Nobel literature prize since Toni Morrison won in 1993.

Danius told The Associated Press that a “great majority” on the 18-member Nobel panel voted for Dylan.

Dylan's selection was not popular with everyone. Scottish novelist Irvine Welsh reacted angrily on a series of exchanges on Twitter.

“I'm a Dylan fan, but this is an ill conceived nostalgia award



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

**Bob Dylan was named the winner of the 2016 Nobel Prize in literature Thursday.**

wrenched from the rancid prostates of senile, gibbering hippies,” the “Trainspotting” author wrote.

He continued: “If you're a ‘music’ fan, look it up in the dictionary. Then ‘literature’. Then compare and contrast.”

Lyrics from scores of Dylan songs, such as “Blowin' in the Wind,” “Stuck Inside of Mobile With the Memphis Blues Again”

and “My Back Pages,” have worked their way into the public lexicon over the years.

Born on May 24, 1941, in Duluth, Minn., Dylan grew up in a Jewish middle-class family.

By his early 20s, he had taken the folk music world by storm. From that time on, he would constantly reinvent himself — often enraging followers in the process

— but then later winning them back and adding new admirers.

He won an Academy Award in 2001 for the song “Things Have Changed” and received a lifetime achievement award from the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences in 1991. In 2008, he was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for his contributions to music and American culture.

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PACIFIC

# Thailand's king dies at 88

By DENIS D. GRAY  
AND TODD PITTMAN  
Associated Press

BANGKOK — King Bhumibol Adulyadej, revered in Thailand as a demigod, a humble father figure and an anchor of stability through decades of upheaval at home and abroad, died Thursday. He was 88 and had been the world's longest-reigning monarch.

The Royal Palace said Bhumibol died "in a peaceful state" at Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok, where he had been treated for various health problems for most of the past decade.

During a reign that spanned 70 years, Bhumibol became much more than Thailand's constitutional monarch. He was the nation's one constant as myriad governments rose and fell, a gentle leader who used the influence of the throne to unify the nation

and to rally troops through the Cold War as Thailand's neighbors fell under communist control. In his heyday, the frail-looking, soft-spoken man in spectacles wielded so much power and respect he was able to squelch coups and rebellions with a gesture or a few well-chosen words.

Bhumibol was viewed by many in the majority Buddhist nation as a bodhisattva, or holy being who delays entering nirvana to aid the human race. But while junta leaders, prime ministers and courtiers approached him only on their knees, Bhumibol was remarkably down-to-earth. He rolled up his sleeves and hiked into impoverished villages and remote rice paddies to assess the state of his kingdom. He played half a dozen musical instruments and jammed with American jazz greats including Benny Goodman.

Bhumibol was the world's rich-

est monarch and one of the planet's wealthiest people. Forbes magazine estimated his fortune at more than \$30 billion in 2011.

During the past decade, Bhumibol had withdrawn from public life due to illness and was often ensconced at Siriraj Hospital. His wife, Queen Sirikit, has also long been ailing and has been even more rarely seen.

Since army-staged coups in 2006 and 2014, political rivals had increasingly invoked the need to protect the palace as a pretext to gain or hold power, and some politicians have been sidelined by opponents who accused them of disrespecting the king, a grave crime in this Southeast Asian country. Although Bhumibol once said he is not above criticism, Thailand's lese majeste law — the world's harshest — has been routinely employed in recent years, with anyone charged



THAI GOVERNMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT/AP

**Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej acknowledges the crowd in Bangkok in 2006 during the celebrations of the 60th anniversary of his accession to the throne.**

with defaming the palace facing 15 years in jail.

Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn will become the new monarch after the death of his father, in accordance

with the constitution. He said the government will notify the National Legislative Assembly, or parliament, of the king's successor, and it will act accordingly with the laws of succession in the constitution.

# Candidacy spurs proliferation in Japan of books about Trump

By ANNA FIFELED  
AND YUKI ODA  
The Washington Post

TOKYO — Donald Trump may or may not be the next American president.

But even the possibility has unleashed a torrent of books here dedicated to a Trump presidency, with titles like "Collapsing America: The World Will Go Mad If There Is A President Trump" and "Trump Fever: America's Anti-intellectualism."

There's even a gossip book called "Special Live US Presidential Election" that features a cartoon of Trump, as a joker, flipping the bird on the front.

Japan, the United States' biggest ally in Asia, hasn't been much of an election issue in recent decades. So, viewed from Tokyo, this season has been noteworthy in that Japan often gets a mention, almost always from the Republican presidential candidate. Trump repeatedly has said that the countries' security alliance is "not a fair deal" because the United States is obligated to come to Japan's defense but not vice versa.

In the first debate with Hillary Clinton, Trump said the United States was losing "billions and billions of dollars" to Japan.

"They should be paying us, because we are providing tremendous service, and we're losing a fortune," he has said.

That is not true. Japan pays about \$2 billion per year to host American military bases and 54,000 American military personnel on its territory, or \$4.5 billion if you take into account all base-related expenses, including rents and salaries for local staff. For its part, the United States has budgeted \$5.5 billion for its military presence in Japan in the current year.

Analysts have pointed out that unless the United States disbanded its military units stationed in Asia, bringing them home

to American soil wouldn't save much money.

But the attention on Japan this election season has given rise to a little Trump publishing industry here. These are two of the two do-or-die books that have been published this year:

■ **"Collapsing America: The World Will Go Mad If There Is President Trump"**

Kumi Yokoe, a fellow at Princeton and George Washington universities who spent three years at the Heritage Foundation until 2014, wrote this book to try to explain Trump's popularity.

"It's really hard to understand America's current right," Yokoe said in an interview. "I want to make Japanese people understand what's going in the U.S., even if they don't want to know. If we make a mistake now, it's going to hurt our alliance."

Japanese politics has been

dominated by the right for decades — the conservative Liberal Democratic Party has been in power for all but four of the last 61 years. The Tokyo elite has grown comfortable with the old Republican establishment, which has traditionally been strongly supportive of military alliances.

But Trump has shaken up that relationship.

"Trump is beyond imagination for Japanese people," Yokoe said. "You can feel that people are refusing to even think about President Trump. Japanese people couldn't imagine that Trump would win the nomination, let

alone the presidency."  
■ **"Trump Will Destroy U.S.-Japan Relations"**

This book by Yoshiki Hidaka, a veteran TV reporter who is currently visiting senior fellow at the Hudson Institute in Washington, explores the reasons behind Trump's rise and the huge political storm it has created in the United States.

Hidaka offers a prediction on the presidential election — that Trump will win — and says that with this book, he hopes to help Japanese people "foresee the danger that the Trump phenomenon will bring to Japan" and help

them to be prepared.  
"Because conservative Republican power has clashed with real estate king Donald Trump, an alien in a way who's invaded the presidential election, the country that's been leading the world has been in the biggest confusion since its foundation," he writes.

"Since the U.S., which has long been the foundation of stability for the international community, has started falling apart due to this historical political confusion, I expect global-scale shocks will continue in 2016." He warns that the U.S.-Japan alliance is now in danger.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Bear who attacked man may have been mating

**CA** SIERRA MADRE — A man who was attacked by a bear in foothills near Los Angeles has been released from the hospital.

KABC-TV reported that Dan Richman was back in his Sierra Madre home Tuesday.

Richman said he was running on a wilderness trail Monday when he saw a bear standing on its hind legs ahead. He tried to back away and found another bear behind him. He yelled and it walked off the trail.

Richman told KCAL-TV the bear attacked when he tried to run past. He wound up on his hands and knees with the bear's mouth around his neck. He held completely still until the bear left. He suffered cuts, scratches and punctures.

State wildlife officials said Richman may have interrupted a mating session.

## Authorities allege vegan diet endangered child

**PA** FARMINGTON — A Pennsylvania woman was charged with endangering her 11-month-old son by restricting him to a vegan diet of fruits and nuts.

State police said Elizabeth Hawk, 30, of Farmington, became "obsessed" with the vegan diet, which prompted her estranged husband to contact Fayette County child welfare workers.

A police complaint says the baby developed a rash "so bad that the child was scratching his skin off." Hawk allegedly refused to use a cream to treat the rash.

Hawk has been mailed a summons for the child endangerment charge and faces a preliminary hearing Nov. 14.

Police said doctors determined in August that the baby is developmentally disabled and can't crawl because he's malnourished.

## City seeking ways to curtail goose poop

**MA** BOSTON — Goose poop is piling up in parks and playgrounds in Boston and city officials are looking for ways to rein it in.

Councilor Annissa Essabi-George says Boston's open spaces are home to thousands of Canada geese that can each eat about four pounds of grass and produce up to three pounds of fecal matter every day.

Wildlife experts say the birds are typically migratory but are increasingly staying year-round. Canada geese are federally protected but have no natural predators in the region.

Ithaca, N.Y.; Columbus, Ohio; and other communities have also tried controlling the geese in recent years, as have the caretakers of the National Mall in Washington.

## Woman sentenced for locking kids in cage

**ND** GRAFTON — A Grafton woman who pleaded not guilty to locking four children in a dog cage has changed

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The number of pairs of Beats by Dre headphones authorities say a South Florida man admitted to stealing from his boss because he was tired of being underpaid. They were valued at a total of \$40,000. The Sun Sentinel reported that David Anthony Hunter, 27, of Hollywood, was arrested Wednesday and charged with grand theft. An arrest report says Hunter worked for an online retail business based in Hollywood. The business owner told deputies that Hunter had taken the headphones, most of which were returned. Hunter was being held on \$2,500 bail.



STATON BREIDENBATH, THE ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE/AP

## A little extra tug

The steel arch of the Broadway Bridge falls into the Arkansas River after being pulled down by a pair of tug boats Tuesday in Little Rock, Ark. Despite triggering explosives to bring down the 93-year-old bridge between Little Rock and North Little Rock, a demolition crew needed five hours to fell the structure. Severing the steel arch and bridge deck should have taken about 30 seconds.

her plea and been sentenced.

Court documents show Jordan Nelson entered an Alford plea to four counts of child abuse or neglect, and prosecutors dismissed four felonious restraint charges. An Alford plea means Nelson acknowledges there was enough evidence to convict her.

Nelson was sentenced to serve 2½ years in prison.

Authorities said the children, who range in age from 5 to 9, told investigators they were locked in the kennel in a basement with the lights off as punishment. Nelson allegedly forced one of the children to eat dog food. Nelson is not the children's mother.

## Duck hunter rescued after becoming stuck

**NE** STANTON — Authorities rescued a rural Madison man who got stuck in mud and water while duck hunting in northeast Nebraska.

The Stanton County Sheriff's Office said John Johnson, 56, was hunting alone Saturday morning southeast of Stanton when he moved into a marshy area and his hip waders began filling with water. He soon was mired up to his neck.

Johnson was found by a game

warden who was in the area to check hunting permits. Rescuers called to the scene in Wood Duck Wildlife Management Area used ropes and a boat to get Johnson back on solid ground.

## Ex-deputy convicted in road rage incident

**FL** ST. PETERSBURG — A former Florida sheriff's deputy has been convicted of improper display of a gun following a February road rage incident involving a parking space.

Former Pinellas County deputy Sheila Langlais will spend nearly a year in jail for two misdemeanor convictions. Langlais had faced felony charges, but jurors cleared her on those.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that Langlais and the occupants of another vehicle began arguing after both tried to pull into an apartment complex parking space. Evidence showed that Langlais grabbed her gun and pointed it at the passenger of the other car with both her hands before driving away.

Langlais' attorney argued that she was relying on law enforcement training.

Langlais resigned during the investigation.

## Police track phone to rescue man in woods

**MA** RUTLAND — Police said they used a police dog and tracked a Shrewsbury man's phone to find him more than eight hours after he said he was wet and cold and became lost in a wooded area in Rutland.

Police told WFTX-TV the man's mother said she had missed a call early Sunday from her son who told her he had wandered away from a house party. She said his phone died during the voicemail.

Police pinged his phone to find his last known location and used a Petersham police bloodhound to track him.

Searchers found the hypothermic man around 11:30 a.m. with some of his clothes removed. The man, who hasn't been identified, was released from a hospital Sunday night.

## Man who fled trial remains on the loose

**TN** CHATTANOOGA — A 22-year-old Chattanooga man remained on the loose after he fled a trial that ended with him being sentenced to life in prison for the 2012 killing of a taxi driver in Chattanooga.

Authorities said Christopher Padgett cut his GPS ankle monitor and fled from his mother's home. He was sentenced in the slaying of driver Nathan Deere, who was shot in the back of the head, The Times Free Press reported.

Authorities hope to have Padgett in custody by Dec. 15, when he will be sentenced on an aggravated robbery conviction.

## Fire destroys site of museum honoring singer

**PA** BEAVERTOWN — An early morning fire in central Pennsylvania destroyed a church intended to be a museum honoring the late singer Davy Jones.

WHTM-TV reported crews responded to the blaze in Beavertown around 2 a.m. Tuesday at the Beaver Lutheran Church. Snyder County dispatchers said no injuries were reported and the cause of the blaze isn't known.

The landmark was purchased by a fan of the Monkees lead singer who died four years ago. Jones lived in the community for more than two decades and had originally bought the church with plans to renovate it.

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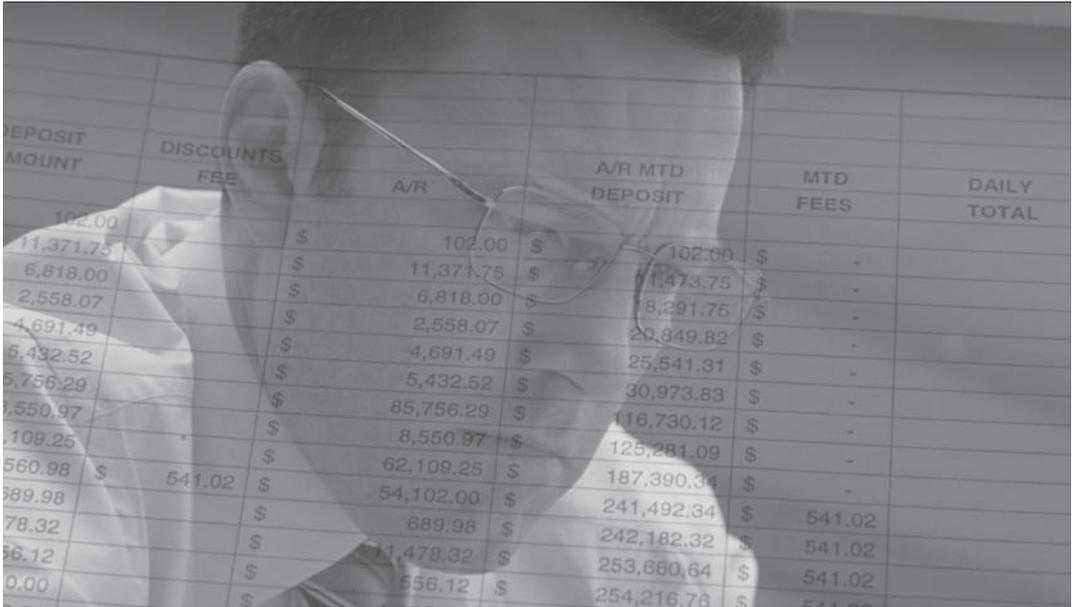


# WEEKEND



Green Day sound like their old selves on new album

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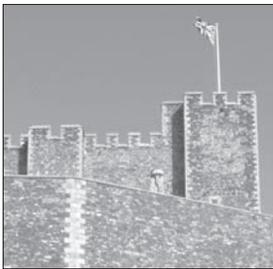
Ben Affleck tries on a different kind of superpower as an autistic math whiz in 'The Accountant'

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# WEEKEND: GADGETS & CHARTS

## Comic-book series asks: Where do we go when we die?

Mark Millar says that some of his biggest hits as a comic-book writer have come from the simplest of his ideas.

When creating "Kick-Ass," Millar asked himself what it would be like if a comic-book-loving kid decided to put on a mask and try to fight crime.

For his newest comic book, "Reborn," which arrived on newsstands both real and digital Oct. 12 from Image Comics/Millarworld, Millar asks an age-old question: Where do we go when we die?

"It's one of those universal things that regardless of what faith you have, or if you have no faith at all, or whatever country you live in, at some point, kind of in the back of your mind you're like, where do we go?" Millar told *The Washington Post* by phone from his home in Scotland. "It just seemed kind of fun to come up with the answer."

"Reborn" begins at its protagonist's end. Bonnie Black is an elderly woman who has lived a complete life. Almost all of her closest loved ones have died, and the highlight of her remaining days is receiving a visit from her granddaughter at the nursing home where she stays. She knows she does not have much time to live, but she does not want to accept that she might soon die in a place that is not her home.

When Bonnie takes her last breath, her new adventure begins. She awakens to find herself in a much younger version of her body, wearing a futuristic battle suit, equipped with a cape, helmet and sword, in the middle of an ongoing war between humans and mythical monsters on seemingly another world.

For illustrations, Millar reached out to superstar comic-book artist Greg Capullo, known most recently for his five-year run drawing the Scott Snyder-written "Batman" for DC Comics.

Capullo easily agreed to a collaboration, knowing Millar's penchant for creating comic-book worlds that make it to the movie screen ("Wanted," "Kick-Ass,"



IMAGE COMICS-MILLARWORLD  
The Washington Post

"Kick-Ass 2," "Kingsman: The Secret Service"). "I never even bothered to ask what the story was about before agreeing to team up," Capullo joked.

When drawing "Batman," Capullo had to adhere to approved designs and color schemes, whereas in "Reborn," he and Millar are the authority on all things visual. "There's a great joy in creating your own universe. It's yours," Capullo said. "No one can tell you if it's right or wrong, only if they like it or not. It's like being a little kid. You know, you've got some paper, a crayon and your imagination. You gotta love it."

Millar says "Reborn" will be an 18-issue story, broken into three six-issue volumes. He's already sold the rights to "Reborn" to a movie studio, although he says he can't reveal which one. "Reborn" will be adapted into a young-adult novel six months after the series concludes, and also into a board game — both a first for Millar-world properties.

Millar says he probably could have left comics behind as far back as 2006 and just written movie scripts, because of the connections he has made while having his comics adapted to film, but he says such a path would not be true to himself.

"That's not me," Millar said. "My thing is comic books."

— David Betancourt  
The Washington Post

## GADGET WATCH

# Bright idea: Light socket charges devices

By GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

At first glance, the Lamp Champ seems to be a standard light socket, but a closer look reveals a really cool and useful gadget. On the side is a USB port where you can plug in your USB cables for charging smartphones, tablets, mini fans, eReaders or just about any portable chargeable gadget.

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I filled my 32-ounce Traveler Tumbler with ice and water to start my day at 8 a.m. After several refills, at 4:30 p.m. I still had the ice. The screw-on, spill-resistant lids are another great feature, with a slider to keep it closed or open and a rubber ring to ensure a spill-free connection.

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On the side of the base is a pair of USB charging ports (2.1A shared) for charging portable electronic devices. There's also an illuminated on/off power switch and four rubber feet on the bottom to protect anything it sits on from scratches.

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**ON THE COVER: Ben Affleck stars as Christian Wolff, an autistic math savant, in "The Accountant."**

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## ITUNES MUSIC

The top 10 songs on iTunes for the week ending October 10:

1. "Closer" (feat. Halsey), The Chainsmokers
2. "Starboy" (feat. Daft Punk), The Weeknd
3. "Heathens," Twenty one pilots
4. "This Town," Niall Horan
5. "All We Know" (feat. Phoebe Ryan), The Chainsmokers
6. "I Hate U, I Love U" (feat. Olivia O'Brien), Gnarls Barkley
7. "Broccoli" (feat. Lil Yachty), D.R.A.M.
8. "Gold," Kiara
9. "Let Me Love You" (feat. Justin Bieber), DJ Snake
10. "Staying" (feat. Zedd), Halsey Steinfield & Grey

— Compiled by AP

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most-streamed tracks on Spotify from Sept. 30-Oct. 6:

1. "Closer" (feat. Halsey), The Chainsmokers
2. "Starboy" (feat. Daft Punk), The Weeknd
3. "Let Me Love You" (feat. Justin Bieber), DJ Snake
4. "Broccoli" (feat. Lil Yachty), D.R.A.M.
5. "Cold Water" (feat. Justin Bieber & M21), Major Lazer
6. "Heathens," Twenty one pilots
7. "All We Know" (feat. Phoebe Ryan), The Chainsmokers
8. "Side to Side," Ariana Grande
9. "One Dance," Drake
10. "Too Good," Drake

— Compiled by AP

## ITUNES MOVIES

The top 10 movies on iTunes for the week ending October 9:

1. "Star Trek Beyond"
2. "Central Intelligence"
3. "X-Men: Apocalypse"
4. "Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates"
5. "The Shallows"
6. "The Choice"
7. "The Purple: Election Year"
8. "Ghostbusters" (2016)
9. "Captain America: Civil War"
10. "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rizing"

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## VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer Magazine ranks the Top 10 PS4 games for October:

1. "NBA 2K17," 2K Sports
2. "Pro Evolution Soccer 2017," Konami
3. "Darkest Dungeon," Red Hook Studios
4. "XCOM 2," 2K Games
5. "Virginia," 505 Games
6. "Batman: The Telltale Series — Episode Two," Telltale Games
7. "FIFA 17," EA Sports
8. "BioShock: The Collection," 2K Games
9. "Destiny: Rise of Iron," Activision
10. "Dragon Quest Builders," Square Enix

— Compiled by TNS

## APPS

The top paid iPhone apps for the week ending October 9:

1. "Minecraft: Pocket Edition"
2. "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas"
3. "Heads Up!"
4. "Facetime"
5. "Earn to Die"
6. "NBA 2K17"
7. "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City"
8. "Bloons TD 5"
9. "Plague Inc."
10. "Maji Maker"

— Compiled by AP

## WEEKEND

# CHECK IT OUT

## Events, entertainment and other ways to fill your free time

# 1

### Tear up the Outback in 'Forza Horizon 3'

The "Forza Horizon" series, which thus far has hit the roads of Southern France and Northern Italy, is much beloved for its open-world settings.

"Forza Horizon 3" not only gives players all of the Australian Outback to play in, it puts them in charge of the entire Horizon festival. In the real world, this would probably result in a lot of

paperwork, but in this game, it means even more freedom. This "Forza" is far and away the best yet.

• **Video game review on Page 26.**



Microsoft Studios

# 2

### See if 'Ghostbusters' was actually any good

This summer's Paul Feig-directed remake of "Ghostbusters" with four women in the starring roles was generally considered a box-office flop. Reports differ as to whether the film was actually bad, or whether many considered the original sacred, and not to be messed with. There's one way to find out for sure — it's available now on DVD.

• **Latest DVD releases on Page 39.**



# 3

### 'Revolution Radio' marks Green Day's return to form

Green Day has come a long way since 2004's sublime "American Idiot." Billy Joe Armstrong's struggles in rehab followed three near-simultaneous album releases, and the band went on hiatus. But "Revolution Radio" sees Green Day back on the straight and narrow, a dozen potent tunes encasing the punk attitude with plenty of pop hooks. This no-frills collection allows the band to work from a clean slate without losing its collective memory.

• **Album review on Page 37.**



# 4

### Hart bares his soul for laughs in 'What Now?'

Kevin Hart is one of the funniest comedians in the business. He's great in buddy comedies such as "Ride Along," but he also brings something special to stand-up events. One of this week's new releases is "Kevin Hart: What Now?" in which the diminutive funnyman wows a stadium full of people with humor wrung from personal experiences. If you need a good laugh this weekend, here's where to find plenty.

• **Movie reviews on Page 25.**



## WEEKEND: MOVIES

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO

Ben Affleck plays savant assassin in new thriller 'The Accountant'

By JOHN ANDERSON

Newsday

**A**n action thriller called "The Accountant" sounds like a parody cooked up by The Onion. What does the hero do? Leap tall balance sheets in a single bound? Bend the steely will of the IRS with his bare hands? No. And he also happens to be autistic. And played by Ben Affleck.

But as tongue-in-cheek as the premise sounds, "The Accountant" has a solid quotient of intrigue. Christian Wolff (Affleck) is a savant-ish forensic accountant with a genius for uncooking the books of the world's most unsavory clients — drug cartels, domestic mobsters, terrorists. He has an equally remarkable facility with guns, knives and mixed martial arts, and a flair for escaping the tightest spots. He's had a tortured past, an oppressive father (Robert C. Trevelier) and a brother whose whereabouts will be a big part of the story.

He's also being chased by the Treasury Department: Ray King

(J.K. Simmons), head of the Crime Enforcement Division, is blackmailing an agent, Marybeth Medina (Cynthia Addai-Robinson), into tracking down Christian — who's far too cunning to have left a trail.

The original idea — sequels do seem a big part of the equation — came from producer Mark Williams, who took it to screenwriter Bill Dubuque, and they to director Gavin O'Connor, whose films include "Tumbleweeds," "Miracle," "Warrior" and most recently "Jane Got a Gun." (O'Connor also directed the pilot of "The Americans" and is involved with the new Netflix series "Seven Seconds"). He said when you make a movie about a hero with an extraordinary intellect, it naturally makes for a "higher-IQ movie."

"I think the film challenges you to pay attention and engage with it," O'Connor said. "Given the puzzle of the film, which Bill created, you really have to pay attention. You don't know where it's going once it starts. It's sort of a Rubik's cube." That puzzle — why and where is the dark money flowing — is just one of the movie's mysteries.

Christian, who is guided through his various adventures by a robotic, Siri-like voice that seems to be inhabiting his car's dashboard, is brought in to ferret out the suspicious losses discovered by junior accountant Dana Cummings (Anna Kendrick) at a prosthetics company, Living Robotics, owned by Lamar Blackburn (John Lithgow) and his sister, Rita (Jean Smart). People with pieces of the puzzle start being deducted from the ranks of the living, thanks to a sarcastic hit man (Jon Bernthal), who has Dana in his crosshairs. Christian is fairly taciturn. But when he discusses a case with that disembodied voice, he can cut to the chase:

"I have to find the person who wants to kill her," he says of Dana. "And?" "Shoot them in the head."

The autism angle in the film is a novel one, guaranteed to spark discussion and maybe provide a slightly misguided hero for people on the spectrum. (A 2014 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identified one in 68 children — one in 42 boys, one in 189 girls — as having autism spectrum disorder.) O'Connor said he didn't have any family with autism but, like many of us, he has friends who do.

The film, he said, "was an opportunity to really climb inside the world and meet with therapists and doctors and educators

and specialists. I'd never done that before. I'd never read books about the subjects, or seen all the documentaries I watched and all the people I met."

They included Laurie Stephens, who runs a school called Extraordinary Minds. Stephens allowed Affleck and O'Connor to meet with about 30 men between 18 and 30, all on the spectrum, most of them high functioning. "She afforded us an opportunity to sit down with them individually, or in a classroom environment, asking questions, creating dialogue, and that informed how to build the character."

Usually, film directing involves getting an actor to express the proper emotions. "The Accountant" would seem to require the reverse.

"It was really challenging," O'Connor said. "People on the spectrum, they feel, they just don't express the feeling. And the way we handled it was trying to find very specific and unique behaviors. As far as Ben's performance, and I'm really proud of it, when you're playing someone who's a 'genius,' you have to fight the temptation, especially if you're a good actor, to

show off. We were really conscious of not doing that."

The biggest thing he walked away with, the director said, "is that every single person on the spectrum is unique to themselves. No one is the same; everyone is different. They're as different as — they call us 'typicals' — every one is unique and individualistic as typical are." Sometimes, he said, an autistic person's negative behavior is simply a reaction to someone or something invading or interrupting the pattern of behavior that makes them comfortable.

"I met someone who always has to sit in the exact same spot in the exact same chair," he said. "There was

someone else who had to have the same parking spot — if he didn't have the same space, he couldn't park his car."

You don't have to be on the spectrum to act like that, it's suggested.

"No, I guess," O'Connor laughed, "but maybe if you act like that, maybe you are on the spectrum."

Ben Affleck in a scene from "The Accountant."

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## Disabilities on screen

In "The Accountant," Affleck plays an autistic accountant, a lethal combination of Muay Thai and math skills, and it makes one wonder what other movie heroes have had something other than bad guys to overcome.



## "Rain Man" 1988

Director Barry Levinson's Oscar-winning classic stars Dustin Hoffman as the autistic savant Raymond who provides his flustered brother (Tom Cruise) with an emotional education.



## "My Left Foot" 1989

Daniel Day-Lewis won the first of his several Oscars for playing the real-life Christy Brown, an Irish poet and painter who was stricken from birth with cerebral palsy, leaving only his left foot with which to paint.



## "Zatoichi" 2003

Multifaceted Japanese star Tateshi Kitano stars as the Edo-era warrior whose blindness is an asset in vanquishing not-so-dovils.



## "Silver Linings Playbook" 2012

This sardonic comedy stars Bradley Cooper as a man with bipolar disorder whose parents (Robert De Niro, Jackie Weaver) demonstrate that mental disorder is often all about the diagnosis.



## "The Theory of Everything" 2014

Eddie Redmayne won an Oscar for James Marsh's film about mathematician Stephen Hawking and his battle with ALS. Hawking reportedly gave it a virtual thumbs up.

SOURCE: Newsday



## WEEKEND: MOVIES

In "The Accountant," Ben Affleck, left, plays a numbers wizard whose work for organized crime draws the attention of the Treasury Department at the same time he takes on a high-tech robotics firm as a new client. Co-starring Anna Kendrick, right.

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# 'Accountant' mostly adds up

## Affleck fun to watch in this against-type performance

By KATIE WALSH  
Tribune News Service

Director Gavin O'Connor's thriller "The Accountant" almost seems like an excuse for Ben Affleck to try his hand at playing a math whiz for once. But Affleck's Christian Wolff is a far cry from Will Hunting. Chris is a high-functioning math savant on the autism spectrum, who finds solace in ritual, routine, patterns and finishing his tasks. He leads an unassuming and mundane life in rural Illinois as a strip mall accountant, but of course what looks simple and quiet never is.

His unique gifts allow him a lucrative side-hustle as a forensic accountant for "some of the scariest people on the planet," according to Ray King (J.K. Simmons), director of crime enforcement at the Department of the Treasury. But that part of his life isn't so much what "The Accountant" is about. There's no globe-trotting or coveting with cartels and mob bosses. The film is a bit of a bait and switch. We think we're diving into the antithetical world of the criminal accountant, but what the film wants to explore is where Chris came from, and how he works.

He's from a family ruled by an authoritarian hand by his military psychologist father, who whipped his neuro-divergent son into a super fighter for self-defense purposes. When he works, whiteboards can't contain his extensive, meticulous, nearly "supernatural" methods.

### New on base

"The Accountant" is playing at the following military facilities:

#### Europe

Lakenheath, Mildenhall, Baumholder, Grafenwoehr, Hohenfels, Ramstein, Spangdahlem, Stuttgart, Vilsack, Wiesbaden, Aviano, Vicenza, Brunsum, Schinnen and Adana.

#### Pacific

Atsugi, Showboat, Benny Decker, Fleet, Yokota, Zama, Yongsan South Post No. 2, Casey, Henry, Humphreys, Kunsan, Osan, Carroll, Foster, Futenma, Hansen, Kadena, Kinser and Schwab.

Online: accountantmovie.com

He accepts payment in the form of priceless pieces of fine art. He spends a portion of his nights listening to cacophonous music and battering his leg with what appears to be a rolling pin. He relaxes by shooting cantaloupes with long-range anti-aircraft weapons.

While King and an upstart Treasury analyst (Cynthia Addai-Robinson) are hot to uncover Chris' identity (it involves Googling Lewis Carroll a lot), he takes a gig hunting for a financial leak at biomedical company Living Robotics. It's the gig that undoes him, as he connects with young accountant Dana (Anna Kendrick) and runs into foes he never saw coming. "The Accountant" isn't quite a

twisty tale, but it revels in slow-burning reveals that range from the blatantly obvious — clearly intended to make the audience feel smart — to the entirely inexplicable and confounding. There's also a double whammy of button-cute-ending twists.

The film is far more potboiler thriller than prestige picture, but Affleck is fun to watch in this against-type performance. In flashbacks, we see Chris struggle with his neurological condition as a young boy, and Affleck takes those tics and tautisms and turns them into grown-up quirks and tendencies. There's often a dry humor to his deadpan and awkward interactions, and the laughs are a welcome tonic in the otherwise cold and violent film.

The cast is a great strength of "The Accountant" — in addition to Simmons, the beloved character actor set is rounded out with Jeffrey Tambor, who plays Chris' mentor, and John Lithgow playing the Living Robotics founder, as well as Jean Smart as his sister and business partner. Kendrick's own tendency toward the neurotic is well-channeled into her character.

There are many story threads left dangling, as if they were planning a sequel to this hero origin story, wherein the accountant finds deductions and loopholes and leaks for the world's super-villains. The result is that it feels not quite done, a good idea that's only half-baked.

"The Accountant" is rated R for strong violence and language throughout. Running time: 126 minutes.



Universal Pictures

"Kevin Hart: What Now?" features the comedian performing in front of 50,000 people in Philadelphia.

# Hart puts on a big show in stand-up 'What Now?'

By KATIE WALSH  
Tribune News Service

Comedy juggernaut Kevin Hart isn't content to merely share the screen in buddy comedies like "Ride Along" and "Central Intelligence." He wants to own the screen, as he does in his latest stand-up comedy film, "Kevin Hart: What Now?" It's his fifth stand-up film since 2009. For his latest trick, he sold out Lincoln Financial Field in his hometown of Philadelphia, a record-breaking, history-making crowd.

Hart commands the packed football stadium with his manic energy and Gatling-gun delivery. He's aided by a sophisticated stage production including lifts, lighting and screens that set the scene for his jokes and anecdotes — an exterior of his home for a story about being too scared to take out the trash, or a massive toilet to perch upon to discuss his unique fears about airport bathrooms.

Hart has matured, and that shows in the material. His jokes are about his family, kids, wife and his new life as a movie star, and he doesn't attempt to project anything other than what he is and what kind of life he leads. He laments that his kids are being ruined by private school because they have no edge — a far cry from his upbringing in Philly, and that he wants to move out of his new house because there's too much wildlife in the area.

But the humor, as it always has, revolves around Hart's slightly bratty self-preservation instincts — he digs deep into vulnerabilities and what could be perceived as his flaws as a parent and partner to draw out the laughs. His unabashed embrace of that provides the base of his cultural commentary, particularly around gender.

His material about his family, including his kids and father, and of course, his relationship is the richest and best because it feels the most real. A section on Starbucks lung feels awfully dated, but even that can work when Hart makes it about himself and his own neuroses.

The performance section is directed by Leslie Small, and it never feels staid. Multiple cameras capture the record-breaking crowd and Hart's every expression. The editing moves along at such a clip you almost wish it would slow down for a moment.

One of the interesting things about "Kevin Hart: What Now?" is the introduction sketch, directed by "Ride Along" director Tim Story. It's a James Bond parody, with Hart as Agent 0054, with Halle Berry on his arm, facing off against Don Cheadle at the poker table.

Murmurs about the possibility of a "black Bond" have surfaced in the general public, but it doesn't seem likely the producers will stray from the white male norm. Hart's turn as 0054 is both a fun riff on the genre and a statement that Hart doesn't need to ask for permission to be Bond — because he can do whatever he wants.

"Kevin Hart: What Now?" is rated R for some sexual material, and language throughout. Running time: 96 minutes.

### New on base

"Kevin Hart: What Now?" is playing at the following:

#### Europe

Lakenheath, Mildenhall, Baumholder, Grafenwoehr, Hohenfels, Ramstein, Spangdahlem, Stuttgart, Vilsack, Wiesbaden, Aviano, Vicenza, Brunsum, Schinnen and Adana.

#### Pacific

Yokota, Zama, Yongsan South Post No. 1, Casey, Henry, Humphreys, Kunsan, Carroll, Foster, Futenma, Hansen, Kadena, Kinser and Schwab.

Online: kevinhartwhatnow.com

## WEEKEND: VIDEO GAMES



# THE BEAUTIFUL, LONG AND WINDING ROAD

Players enjoy nearly unlimited freedom and locale in 'Forza Horizon 3,' the series' best game yet

'Forza Horizon 3' puts players in charge of the Horizon Festival, where they can customize everything, hire and fire friends, and explore Australia.

Microsoft Studios

By DANIEL PEREZ  
Shacknews.com

Microsoft took a risk with its "Forza Horizon" series back in 2012, which brought the series' iconic driving mechanics to an open-world setting. The series originated in Colorado, then went international when the Horizon festival found itself in Southern France and Northern Italy.

"Forza Horizon 3" continues the festival's international journey within the great Outback of Australia. But this time, instead of being a participant, you're the boss of the entire Horizon festival, thus giving you even more control over what you do, who you race, and where you go. With unlimited freedom and an equally nearly unlimited locale, I found this to be the greatest iteration of the "Forza" series I've ever played.

## Welcome to the Outback

Things appear to be going very well for the player in the "Forza Horizon" world as they now find themselves to be the boss of the entire festival, which has expanded to Australia in "Forza Horizon 3." From the start, the player is tasked with being in charge of festival locations, what kind of objectives can be carried out in races, and what kind abilities you want to unlock, among other things. Thankfully, the only way to improve your festival is by completing lots of races, stunts, and additional activities

which is much better than having to sit behind a desk all day signing stacks of paperwork.

Fans play a huge role in "Forza Horizon 3" as the only way you can open a new festival site or expand them is through the power of the people. I earned fans across nearly every activity in "Horizon 3," and the larger my festivals, the more activities popped up all over the map within a particular region. Let's just say that after playing "Forza Horizon 3" for nearly a week, I'm kind of a big deal in the virtual world as I'm beloved by millions of digital people.

The progression system is very gradual as you're going to sink many hours into this game in order to

earn enough fans to complete it. Just like an RPG, you'll earn fans fairly quickly in the early portions of the game, but the late-game progression gets slow as I'll take several races to earn enough to reach a milestone. These milestones kept my eye on the prize throughout my experience as it tracked the amount of fans needed to open or expand a festival, or to take part in crazy Showcase races. These races vary in what they offer, but I'll never forget their experiences as taking on a jeep being towed by a helicopter or racing against speed boats has left a lasting impression on me.

## Bloody beauty

Australia features a total of six different ecotypes, and they're all gorgeous. I was able to drive from the beautiful skyscrapers of Surfers Paradise, to lush rainforests, get wet and wild across sandy beaches, and bounce around the Outback. Unfortunately, I didn't spot any wild kangaroos jumping around during my gameplay, but they did pop up in various cutscenes.

The open world of Australia is twice the size of the European environment in "Forza Horizon 2." After spending countless hours in "Forza Horizon 3," I can tell you that I have yet to experience every little inch of Australia and I'm often impressed with what I discover, like beautiful vistas, historic sites and breathtaking environments. "Forza Horizon 2" already blew me away with its environments and views, and "Forza Horizon 3" continues this tradition by wrapping a downright beautiful world around a massive game. And if you're anything like me, you're going to love its new Drone Mode, which allows you to explore the world freely with a remote drone to take in the game's beauty without having to be behind the wheel of a vehicle.

## Grab your mates

Turn 10 Studios and Playground Games have made a lot of improvements to the "Forza Horizon" series in its latest iteration, but its social aspect is its biggest improvement as in addition to offering 12-player multiplayer, 1000-player clubs and seamless matchmaking, players can now take part in co-op races with their friends for up to four players. And since it's an Xbox Play Anywhere-supported title, both PC and Xbox One players can take part in all of these social game modes with PC players even being able to play without needing to be an Xbox Live Gold subscriber.

I found the social aspect of "Forza Horizon 3" to be completely seamless as I was able to join a friend in a co-op game with great ease, created and invited other racers to my Club, and take part in multiplayer matches and convoys without any issues. For those who prefer to keep to themselves, "Forza 3's" iconic Drivatar system is present once again, which seamlessly integrates your friends and other players' driving abilities into virtual races.

One improvement to the Drivatar system I enjoyed was now having the power to hire and fire my friends if they're not working hard enough to earn me those sweet, sweet credits. Hiring a Drivatar is as easy as completing a head-to-head race against it, although the game needs to specifically tell you a driver is available to hire, thus not allowing me to randomly hire anyone as I'm driving around. You're only able to hire four drivers, so you're going to have to make the tough decision of literally firing your friends if they don't make the cut.

## Best. Forza. Ever. Period.

While racing games might not be for everyone, I feel "Forza Horizon 3" is good enough that anyone can pick it up and enjoy. The game adjusts its difficulty depending on your performance, allowing players to decide whether or not they should be playing against more challenging drivers, and its lineup of stunts has something for everyone. I can either hit a ramp to launch my vehicle across a ravine, or I can challenge my driving skills to hit a speed trap going as fast as possible. And with online leaderboards, there's never a moment where I'm not challenged to do better than my previous score.

After playing every game in the "Forza" series, I can say without any hesitation that this is, by far, the best "Forza" game to date. The open-world driving mechanics are seamless, the amount of content is vast, and the social game modes deliver the most variety the series has ever seen. While previous iterations from the "Forza Horizon" series were used to first introduce and fine tune the open-world mechanic, "Forza Horizon 3" feels like the series grand crescendo as all of that work has led up to the best "Forza" game I've ever played. I already was a big fan of the "Forza" series, but "Forza Horizon 3" is beyond anything I could have ever imagined for the series. I can't wait to discover more of its beautiful world.

Platforms: Windows PC, Xbox One  
Online: forzamotorsport.net



Many more game reviews at [stripes.com/games](http://stripes.com/games)

## WEEKEND

## Europe

## THE EUROPE EXPERIENCE



Photo courtesy of Tivoli Gardens

Halloween hasn't caught on big in many parts of Europe, but Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens has embraced it with 20,000 pumpkins, parades and special spooky shows. In fact, the holiday is the park's busiest time of year.

## TOP TRAVEL PICKS

## Cambridge idea fest

The University of Cambridge becomes more accessible to those outside the academic community during its annual Festival of Ideas. Two weeks of debates, workshops, talks, exhibitions and performances encourage the public to explore the arts, humanities and social sciences. Speakers include university researchers, local public figures and renowned guests. Most events are free.

This year's theme is movement. The agenda includes a photo exhibition of cuckoos at their winter resting spots in West Africa; a discussion about global migration; the screening of a 1902 film about a voyage to the moon; a show weaving together the stories of people in the global fashion industry; and an all-ages workshop exploring the lives of peoples of the Arctic.

Some events require advance booking; the event website indicates those that are already fully booked. Would-be attendees can inquire on the day of an event to see whether space has become available because of cancellations. The festival opens Oct. 17 and runs through Oct. 30.

## Fall food and drink

The autumn mood in Germany is reflected in food and drink celebrations.

"Federweisser, which means "white feather," is the name of the season's new wine, a fizzy



Karen Bradbury

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and cloudy, still-fermenting grape juice made of the year's first grape harvests.

Landau in der Pfalz, a small city along the southern German Wine Road, pours copious quantities of the drink through Sunday during its annual Pest des Federweissen. All of the wine served originates from Landau or its immediate surroundings.

About 30 stands offer autumn and Palatinate specialties such as tart *flambee* and *Flammkuchen*, roasted chestnuts and steamed puddings. Traditional music rounds out the program. On Oct. 16, the last day of the festival, Landau's stores are open 1-6 p.m. Learn more at [landau-tourismus.de/markt](http://landau-tourismus.de/markt).

A festival in Lorch am Rhein, a town nestled in the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, highlights new wine's steadfast companion, the *Zweibelkuchen*, or onion tart. The event's name, *Zweibelkuchefest*, reflects the dish's pronun-

ciation in the local dialect.

Through Oct. 16, seven of the town's wineries serve their versions of this savory tart. Festivities unfold at the premises of the winemakers, most of whom open their doors from 3 p.m. daily. And of course, the *Federweissen* will be flowing here liberally as well.

To see which wineries are open, go to [tinyurl.com/jafkdvf](http://tinyurl.com/jafkdvf).

## Late-night culture

Two bustling German metropolises offer cultural late nights out this Saturday.

Stuttgarnacht turns the city upside down from 7 p.m. Oct. 15 to 2 a.m. the following morning. The program includes concerts, dance and theater shows, readings and parties at some 70 locations throughout Stuttgart.

Things to do include virtual travel to galaxies beyond at the Planetarium, enjoying the sight of the city below from the TV tower or the tower atop the City Hall, or visiting the freshly renovated seat of government known as the Landtag, where artists, not politicians, will entertain.

This year, the old system under which shuttle buses ferried guests between venues has been replaced with regular public transportation services. The VVS-Kombiticket gets you around on the night and, if you live within the VVS network, back to your doorstep. Tickets allowing entry to all events and use of public transportation cost 17 euros (about \$19) and are available on the night at most

participating venues. Children under 12 enter for free. Learn more at [stuttgartnacht.de](http://stuttgartnacht.de).

The Long Night of Munich Museums is also slated for Oct. 15. From 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, about 90 museums, collections, galleries and churches offer exhibitions, guided tours, concerts and other cultural experiences. According to the event website, highlights include modern art of the Pinakothek der Moderne; the Museum Brandhorst and its collection of works by Andy Warhol and Cy Twombly; more than 40 large bronze statues in the Munich Residence; and a display at Munich's Beer and Oktoberfest Museum about the city's breweries. As part of the

Rolling Museum Munich, guests can travel in classic automobiles between the Deutsches Museum and the Verkehrszentrum.

Younger visitors can enjoy a special program geared toward their interests from 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 15; this costs 2.50 per person for both children and adults.

The Lange Nacht-Ticket costs 15 euros (about \$16.80) and is valid for one adult and up to four children ages 4-14. This ticket covers use of the MVV public transportation system from noon Oct. 15 until 8 a.m. Oct. 16, along with the shuttles running on the night. The event box office is located at Odeonsplatz.

Learn more at [muenchen.de/museumsnacht/english/info](http://muenchen.de/museumsnacht/english/info).



Courtesy of The Palaeontological Museum Munich, copyright Maren Kohler

The Palaeontological Museum Munich will be among those participating in the Bavarian city's Long Night of the Museums.

Looking for even more to do? For additional events, concerts and activities, go to [stripes.com/military-life](http://stripes.com/military-life)

## WEEKEND: QUICK TRIPS

## Europe

## ECHOES OF MIGHT

Explore 2,000 years of history at England's Dover Castle

BY WILLIAM HOWARD

Stars and Stripes

**P**erched upon the dramatic white cliffs overlooking the English Channel in Kent rests Dover Castle, the largest castle in England.

The castle, a key defense post for centuries, offers more than 2,000 years of history to explore.

An Iron Age hill fort is believed to have stood at the site of the castle before a Roman invasion of Britain in AD 43.

Romans then built a lighthouse and later Saxons added fortifications and a church. The well-preserved structures are still within the castle walls.

Immediately after the Battle of Hastings in 1066, William the Conqueror strengthened the defenses, and in the 1180s King Henry

II remodeled it with a central great tower.

Successive defensive rings surrounding the great tower were added through the first half of the 13th century under King John and Henry III.

Dover Castle was garrisoned from 1066 until 1958, and withstood

two long sieges by French forces in 1216-17.

From the 1740s onward it was adapted

for artillery warfare, and in World War II it became

the headquarters for the Admiralty's regional command.

In July of last year, guided tours of the secret war-time tunnels under-

neath the castle opened to the public. The four miles of Napoleonic-era passageways were

repurposed for World War II.

Guides lead castle visitors 45 meters down to an exhibit including historical accounts and briefings of Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk in 1940 organized by Vice Admiral Bertram Ramsey, and an underground hospital.

My tour group retained an awed silence while progressing under an orange haze of light through tunnels with graffiti etched by soldiers onto chalky walls.

I felt like I was surrounded by ghosts of another era as re-created scenes played out during the tours and we were left to explore the historical static displays at our leisure.

Leaving the tunnels to walk the castle grounds was like traveling back through time.

Making my way toward the central great tower, I looked over no-nonsense fortifications, pretended I was an archer firing through an arrow slit, inspected a trebuchet and discovered brick-walled medieval tunnels.

I was again surrounded by ghostly images and echoed recordings as I roamed through the great tower that offered medieval replications of the kitchen, blacksmith workshop, noble dwellings and throne room.

A steep set of interior steps wound through the displays until I reached the top of the great tower and marveled at a 360-degree view of the English Channel and surrounding countryside.

I left feeling like I not only saw Dover Castle but also lived through echoes of its long and eventful history.

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## ON THE QT

## DIRECTIONS

Dover Castle is at Castle Hill, Dover, Kent, CT16 1HU. It's about a 2½-hour drive from RAF Mildenhall south via the A2 over the Dartford Crossing. The toll for Dartford Crossing must be paid for online by midnight the next day.

## TIMES

Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

## COSTS

Entry for adults is 18.30 pounds (about \$23) and 11 pounds for children. Members of English Heritage get in for free. Group entrance for a family of two adults and up to three children is 47.60 pounds.

## FOOD

The Great Tower Cafe built in 1901, NAAFI Restaurant housed in the 1868 Regimental Institute and a small secret wartime tunnels tea-room built into the original Napoleonic tunnel complex offer hot lunches, sandwiches, snacks, home-made soup and a range of cakes and ice cream. They accept debit or credit cards, pounds and euros.

## INFORMATION

Check the English Heritage website for upcoming special events: english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/dover-castle.

— William Howard



**Right: The uniform of a British "redcoat" private soldier from the 6th Regiment of Foot is on display at Dover Castle in Kent, England. The regiment occupied the castle briefly in 1806.**

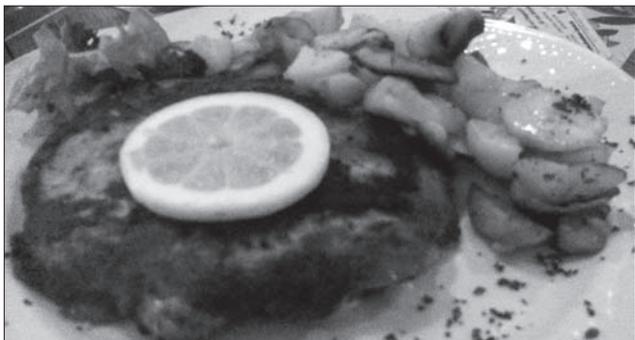
**Below: A fortified entrance leading to the great tower. In the 1180s, Henry II remodeled the castle with a central great tower intended to entertain guests and serve as a strategic redoubt.**



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## WEEKEND: FOOD &amp; DINING

## Europe



PHOTOS BY DAN STOUTAMIRE/Stars and Stripes

One of the chef's favorites at Brauhaus Castel in Mainz-Kastel is a Bavarian-style cordon bleu filled with veal sausage, sweet mustard, cheese and onions. The restaurant, which has an adjoining brewery, offers four types of beer and a large menu of traditional German cuisine and more contemporary fare.

## After Hours: Germany

By DAN STOUTAMIRE  
Stars and Stripes

MaInz-Kastel's Brauhaus Castel is a staple of military hail and farewells and other parties, and with good reason. The food's good, the beer's good and the decor and atmosphere are typically Bavarian.

Visitors can sample the brewery's three permanent varieties — *Hel* (light), *Dunkel* (dark) and *Weizen* (wheat) — or one of its seasonal brews, available for a limited time. The beer, brewed in accordance with the centuries-old German purity laws, is also available in cases and kegs for consumption outside the restaurant. If you're feeling particularly adventurous (and not driving), the Brauhaus also offers "beer towers": 3 liters of light or dark with a tap for self-service.

Despite the restaurant's name, beer isn't Brauhaus' only draw. The menu is diverse, with a focus on traditional German and Bavarian dishes, such as veal sausages with a pretzel, pork knuckle and sauerkraut and schnitzel. For dessert, there's apple strudel.

I ordered the veal sausage as an appetizer, and it was incredible. The consistency and temperature were perfect. The sausages come in their casings in a warm broth and mixed to good effect with the sweet mustard with which it came. Just be sure to remove the casings. Other appetizer options are traditional soups, salads and Bavarian meatloaf. The meatloaf comes with two eggs and fried potatoes.

The main course, Bavarian-style *cordon bleu*, was equally good. A pan-fried chicken breast stuffed with veal sausage, cheese, onions and sweet mustard, it was really a full meal on its own.

For children or less adventurous eaters, the restaurant offers



**Brauhaus Castel, located minutes from Clay Kaseme and Wiesbaden, offers covered outdoor seating in the winter along with an area for groups and parties above the main restaurant.**

### BRAUHAUS CASTEL

**Address:** Otto-Suhr-Ring 27, Mainz-Kastel, Germany 55252  
**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays  
**Costs:** Appetizers and salads cost 7-15 euros (about \$7.80-

16.80). Entrees average 14 euros.

**Attire:** Casual  
**Menu:** German and English  
**Contact:** Website: brauhaus-castel.de/english. Phone: (+49) (0) 6134 24999. Email: info@brauhaus-castel.de

— Dan Stoutamire

simpler fare like steak, chicken breast and grilled salmon.

A children's menu includes "Spongebob," a small schnitzel with French fries, and the "Wild Things," four Nuremberg sausages and mashed potatoes.

Newcomers to the Wiesbaden and Mainz area should consider a visit to the Brauhaus. With an English-speaking staff and English menu, it's a good way for Americans to experience

German food and beer culture without being overwhelmed.

There's ample seating for large parties and groups. A tent-like gallery above the main dining room seats up to 90 people, and a Bierstüberl, or beer parlor, seats up to 25. The outdoor beer garden, open in warmer months, can accommodate up to 250 people while a separate covered terrace is open year-round.

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## 'War Cake' leaves out rationed ingredients

By ELLIE KRIEGER  
Special to The Washington Post

This cake's name refers to some key ingredients the recipe doesn't call for, which were rationed in America during World Wars I and II: butter, milk and eggs. But I like it for what it has aplenty: big chocolate flavor, a moist, fudgy crumb and one-pan ease.

Healthful oil replaces the butter, making this version better for you than a typical chocolate cake. I take that goodness a step further by using mostly whole-grain pastry flour and just enough sugar so the cake definitely tastes like dessert but it is not overly sweet.

The way to make it is so different, it almost feels as if you are performing magic, but the steps make perfect sense when you understand the reasoning behind them. Most methods for making cake revolve around minimizing the development of gluten, the mixture of proteins that typically makes the crumb less tender. Because gluten forms when the flour is hydrated, most cake recipes have you either add the dry ingredients directly to the fat before adding the liquid or combine the fat and liquid and then add the flour. That way, the flour becomes coated with fat, creating a barrier against the liquid and minimizes gluten. In this recipe, you want the opposite effect. It's essential to develop the gluten because that structure holds the crumb together: There are no eggs or milk to do it.

That's why, after combining the dry ingredients right in the baking dish, you make a well in the center and pour in the oil and vanilla extract. Then you sprinkle a mixture of water and cider vinegar directly over the top of the dry ingredients to hydrate the flour before mixing the whole thing together. (Vinegar provides the acid that activates

the gluten further, and it also balances the pH of the baking soda.) Once the batter is mixed, I double down on the star ingredient by stirring in mini chocolate chips that melt into the tender, rich cake as it bakes.

You won't miss what's not there, and peace will reign in your dessert kingdom.

### DOUBLE CHOCOLATE 'WAR CAKE'

Makes 9 to 12 servings  
You'll need an 8-inch square baking pan.

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup whole-grain pastry flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup all-purpose flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup unsweetened natural cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup canola oil or other neutral-flavored oil
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup bittersweet mini chocolate chips
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

#### Steps

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Whisk together the whole-grain pastry flour, all-purpose flour, granulated sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt in the baking pan.

Combine the water and vinegar in a small bowl.

Make a well in the center of the flour mixture; pour the oil and the vanilla extract there. Sprinkle the water-vinegar mixture over the dry ingredients; stir to form a smooth batter. Scatter the chocolate chips over the surface, then stir them in so they are evenly distributed.

Bake (middle rack) for 35 to 40 minutes, until the cake is set and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Transfer the pan to a wire rack for the cake to cool. Before serving, dust the top of the cooled cake lightly with confectioners' sugar.

210 calories per serving



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You won't miss what's missing from this fudgy WWII-era cake.

## WEEKEND: TRAVEL

## Europe

## BELGIAN BLISS

Students learn to break the mold in hands-on chocolate workshop

By DIANE DANIE

Special to the Washington Post

As an engine whirred, a cocoa stream poured from a spout into a vat, like an industrial version of a chocolate fountain.

Laurent Gerbaud, 45, a tall, jovial man with a mop of curly hair and thick tortoise eyeglass frames, resembled a hip mad-professor type as he described how the molding machine before us regulated the temperature of his liquid candies-in-waiting.

We four students, wearing disposable smocks, listened from our stations around a wooden table set with plates holding artful arrangements of dark bonbons in various shapes and sizes. A thick, rich aroma, too intense to be entirely pleasant, filled the room. With a door ajar to a busy sidewalk, we could hear lively French conversations outside.

Chocolate envy had brought me to Brussels on this Saturday morning in July. When I learned that my chocolatier friends from Maine were embarking on a professional research tour in Belgium, two hours from my home in the Netherlands, I signed up for a workshop in the nucleus of the country's famed chocolate industry.

In more than a dozen shops around the city, visitors can sample the sweets — with freebies galore. While chocolate tours and demos are a dime a baker's dozen, I discovered only a few places that regularly offer tastings and workshops. (Additional offerings can be found in

other Belgian cities, especially Bruges, Gent and Antwerp.)

I chose Gerbaud because of his artisanal approach. He's among the new wave of Belgian chocolatiers who have arrived on the scene in the past 15 years, decades after the advent of still-popular legacy brands such as Godiva and Mary. Gerbaud made his mark by introducing salty and fruity toppings,

with more cocoa and less sugar.

He continues to set the bar high, selling his handiwork from a bright, contemporary shop and cafe in the center of Brussels.

"We'll make some chocolate, but also do some tastings to experience both low- and high-quality chocolate," he told us. "My goal is that, after this hour and a half, you won't eat cheap chocolate anymore."

No argument there, I thought, as we jumped right into the making.

"First, you should be relaxed in your shoulders and hips, and don't forget to breathe," he said, slacking his shoulders and wiggling his torso as he took a mold resembling an ice-cube tray in his left hand and filled it



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**Above:** Laurent Gerbaud takes workshop participant Nurpur Tron's newly poured chocolates to place in the refrigerator for hardening during a workshop with Gerbaud in Brussels. **Left:** A participant places toppings on the liquid chocolate she just poured into a mold.



Gerbaud. "They give chocolate as gifts, but keep passing the same box around," he added with a laugh. "I learned a lot about mixing flavors in China. Like, they'd dip fries in a milkshake at McDonald's. In Shanghai, I started making chocolate desserts at home and selling them to expats."

Gerbaud returned to Brussels in 2001, initially selling at a local market. Since opening his shop in 2009, he has seen a move toward higher-quality chocolate with more cocoa butter and less sugar.

"When I moved back, 55 percent was the highest cocoa you could find in Belgium. It evolved to 62, then 72 to 75," he said.

Most recently, he developed recipes for La Chocolaterie, an innovative Belgian home-use tempering machine.

We started and ended the tasting with a piece of low-end bulk chocolate. It tasted noticeably worse the second time around, now that our palate had sharpened. Gerbaud then asked us to describe what we tasted.

We budding experts detected charcoal, plastic and cardboard, with a greasy finish, which Gerbaud said was mostly due to transporting, storing and packaging the "spongeliqe" beans.

In Gerbaud's dreams, that would be our final last taste of cheap chocolate. To get us started, we left with a bag of our own *mandiats* and a lovely chocolate buzz.

Learn more about Laurent Gerbaud Chocolatier, Rue Ravenstein 2D, Brussels, (+32) (0) 2-511-16-02, at chocolatsgerbaud.be.

under the chocolate faucet. He scraped off the excess with a spatula. The molds allowed us to make 16 thin, rectangular pieces, each measuring about 1.5-by-1.75 inches.

Gerbaud did the hard parts: the tempering, which gives the chocolate a glossy, firm finish, and the selection of ingredients — in this case, his signature blend of beans from Madagascar, Ecuador and Peru, processed by Italian producer Domori. Gerbaud uses couverture, a chocolate with a high percentage of cocoa and rich in cocoa butter.

This being a primer, we merely filled our molds and plopped nuts and dried fruit bits atop the still-liquid chocolate to create *mandiats*, the flat, traditional French candies.

My classmates were a youngish

Belgian couple and a friend of Gerbaud's who hopes to market his sweets in her native India. We all got a bit messy filling our molds, the reward being that we could lick off the mistakes.

"You only have three minutes before the chocolate hardens, so don't try to write your name," Gerbaud advised as we chose from toppings including pistachios, cashews, raisins, dried cranberries and quinces, crystallized ginger and cocoa nibs.

While the candy hardened in the fridge, we moved on to sampling the dozen or so chocolates on each of our plates, which included solids and some filled with nuts, fruit or ganache. I longed for a checklist, because after piece four, my memory blurred in a rush of caffeine and sugar.

During the tasting, we learned that Gerbaud's love of sweets came from a family of bakers on his mother's side. In college, he studied law and medieval history while dabbling in chocolate. A fascination with China took him there for several years.

"I was in love with the people and culture of China, but I was disappointed that they don't eat sweets much at all," said



Laurent Gerbaud's shop sells pastries, coffee and tea, and, of course, chocolates.

WEEKEND: TRAVEL

Europe

# England's Portsmouth: Salty and modern

Portsmouth, the famed home of Britain's Royal Navy, is pumping up its tourism as it watches Britain's military shrink. The city is a major port on England's south coast, and busy with ferries heading for France's Brittany — and the many travelers who pass through have plenty of excuses to stop here.

Portsmouth has done a fantastic job putting its amazing maritime history on display, and comes with enough candy-floss-on-the-beach fun to save you a visit to more touristy seaside towns like Brighton or Blackpool.

In London, I passed a billboard advertising an exotic harbor skyline with the question: "Dreaming of Dubai?" Then the billboard's tagline breaks it to me: It's a photo of Portsmouth, 90 minutes away by train.

Comparing Dubai and Portsmouth is a stretch, but Portsmouth's iconic Spinnaker Tower is a sail-shaped monolith reminiscent of a Dubai skyscraper. It stands like an exclamation mark above a once run-down military port that is morphing into a pleasant people zone as the city undergoes an impressive gentrification.

Like Seattle's vaguely futuristic Space Needle, the 560-foot-tall Spinnaker Tower has become an icon of its city. In 2015, the Dubai-based Emirates airline paid 3.5 million pounds to change the Spinnaker's name to the "Emirates Spinnaker Tower"

— but I just can't get comfortable calling it that. Visitors can ride up the tower for a panoramic view, or court acrophobia with a stroll across a glass floor.

Portsmouth works well as a day trip from London. Almost all of its visit-worthy sights line up along a two-mile stretch of waterfront, from the Historic Dock-



Rick Steves

yard in the north to the Southsea neighborhood, with the city's D-Day Museum, in the south. The top sights in the walkable core can be seen in a few hours. But with its bustling shopping complex and Spinnaker Tower at Gunwharf Quays, the D-Day Museum, and seafaring atmosphere, you can fill a day.

The highlight of Portsmouth is its Historic Dockyard, home to Britain's great warships, dubbed the "Wooden Walls of England." Here, visitors can marvel at both modern-day warships anchored on the docks and visit several historical warships, as well as an entertaining collection of model ships, paintings, uniforms and other artifacts at the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

Britannia's HMS Warrior was the first iron-hulled warship, a huge technological advance in



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**South of the Spinnaker Tower, the Millennium Promenade hugs the water and leads to Portsmouth's quaint historic district.**

the late 1800s. The Warrior's existence was sufficient to keep the peace, so it never saw combat and remains shipshape today.

Perhaps the most consequential battle in British naval history was the Battle of Trafalgar, where Admiral Nelson and the British fleet defeated Napoleon's fleet, and thereby saved England from so many uninvited French

guests back in 1805. Nelson's flagship, the majestic HMS Victory, is the main attraction here, and for Brits, a visit here is a patriotic pilgrimage.

Henry VIII's much older warship, the Mary Rose, is less well-preserved but just as interesting. In 1545, it capsized just two miles offshore on its way to engage a French enemy fleet.

Of the 400 sailors onboard, only about 30 survived. The wreck age — with all sorts of Tudor-era items — was raised from the mud in 1982, and today it is beautifully displayed in the newly renovated Mary Rose Museum.

As a major military target, Portsmouth was flattened by WWII bombs (ironically, the Historic Dockyard was relatively unscathed). Postwar reconstruction was hasty and poorly planned, and the city became infamous for its bad architecture. But that's changed. Besides the waterfront shopping complex and Spinnaker Tower, efforts to rejuvenate have included refurbishing the old historic district. From the Old Portsmouth promenade, you can watch a procession of 21st-century ferries as they navigate into and out of port. It's an enjoyable place to stroll around and imagine how different this district was in centuries past, when it was filled with salty fishermen and sailors who told tall tales and sang sea shanties in the once rough-and-tumble and now trendy pub.

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WEEKEND: LIFESTYLE

Pacific

Music fans pioneering route to a cashless future

Use of tap-to-pay cards, iPhone apps new to Japanese, who still prefer physical money

By CHRIS COOPER, GARRETT ALLAN AND KIYOTAKA MATSUEDA
Bloomberg
For the first time at Japan's Fuji Rock Festival this summer, concertgoers like 37-year-old information technology worker Ai Okuyama were able to use tap-to-pay cards to buy food and beer as they mingled amid performances by Beck and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

"It was convenient to skip the process of taking my wallet out, getting money out, putting change back in, and putting my wallet back in my bag," said Okuyama, "especially because you normally have a beer in one hand so you have to do it all with the other."

Rock music fans and the other 60 million holders of the cards issued by East Japan Railway Co. are blazing a trail toward a cashless future in Japan, a nation where people still walk into stores with 100,000 yen (\$980) in cash to buy a television.

The train operator, known as JR East, wants to help break the country's attachment to banknotes and coins by getting more people to use its Suica cards for uses beyond transportation. On the agenda: pushing their use at rock concerts, beer festivals and sightseeing spots to grab a bigger share of Japan's growing e-payments market.

"Over the past 30 years in Japan, I have seen the incremental whittling away of cash as

king as credit cards have gained popularity, and now Suica and other prepaid cards are transforming how consumers settle their bills," said Jeff Kingston, director of Asian Studies at Temple University in Japan. "So we are trending toward a way less cash-oriented society."

JR East is seeking to expand its e-money system 39 percent to as many as 8 million transactions a day by 2020, according to Hajime Yamada, head of the company's Suica business. Reaching the target may be helped by its recent agreement with Apple to include Suica on the latest iPhone, letting consumers pay for transport by swiping their phones. Competing cards including ones issued by retailers, such as Aeon Co.'s Waon and Seven & I Holdings Co.'s Nanao, can be used at convenience stores and supermarkets and offer loyalty points. Another card, Pasmo, works on train networks and at most stores that accept e-money.

"I want Suica to be number one in e-money in Japan in terms of transaction numbers," said Yamada. "I really want Suica to be the first thing people think of when they talk about e-money."

Commuter passes and other contactless cards equipped with Sony Corp.'s Felica mobile payments technology were used for 4.6 trillion yen in transactions in 2015, up 16 percent, according to the Bank of Japan. That's double the increase in credit card transactions of 7.7 percent to 49.8 trillion yen, Japan Consumer Credit Association data show.



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A woman holds a Japanese 1,000-yen banknote as she shops at a store in Tokyo. Shoppers in Japan primarily use cash, but a movement is afoot to encourage debit- and credit-card transactions.

"Credit cards have become far more ubiquitous and accepted, shifting from the outlier to a mainstream mode of payment," said Kingston of Temple University, citing convenience stores' increasing acceptance of e-payments and the growing use of PayPal, as well as online banking and stock trading. "All across the board we see that cash is shrinking in importance for everyone under 60."

Yet the country has a long way to go. Japan pales in comparison with countries including South Korea and Singapore that have already adapted digital settlements. Credit and debit cards and e-money make up only 17 percent of the nation's retail

consumption, versus 85 percent in Korea, 56 percent in Singapore and 35 percent in India, according to a 2015 report by the credit association. Usage in the U.S., which includes data only for credit and debit cards, exceeds 40 percent.

Cash is still used for most retail transactions in Japan because automated teller machines are common and people are comfortable carrying large amounts of money due to the country's reputation for low crime, said Eichiro Yanagawa, a senior analyst for consulting firm Celent.

"Cash is the easiest to use, and people don't find it inconvenient," he said.

Maximizing the use of Suica

for more than train tickets has benefits for JR East by both cutting costs and finding new revenue sources, according to Yamada. Ueno Station in Tokyo, which handles 182,000 rail passengers a day, once had long rows of ticket machines that required maintenance and took up space, he said. The company decreased their number thanks to Suica, opening up an area that it now leases to a retail shop. For merchants, reducing cash handling cuts down on the costs and hassle of handling large volumes of paper as well as speeding up transactions.

JR East introduced Suica as a commuter pass in 2001 and expanded it to e-money services in March 2004.

"I believe that e-money and Suica have huge potential," JR East President Tetsuro Tomita said at a news briefing in Tokyo. "I want to aim for another level of growth in Suica."

Yamada said that while he expects the introduction of iPhone-based services will contribute toward the 8 million-a-day transaction target, expanding the number of places that accept the cards is the real key to getting people to switch from cash. The use of Suica on other mobile devices has been sluggish so far, only reaching 3.8 million customers, he said.

"Cash was our biggest rival when we started with e-money, but what it really comes down to is increasing member outlets," said Yamada. "With just a single Suica card you could take a train anywhere in the country, ride the bus, or take a taxi — any kind of transportation — and on top of that you could shop anywhere. That would be ideal."

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# THE PACIFIC EXPERIENCE



Stars and Stripes

A kudamono — pipe chrysanthemum — rises above other chrysanthemums. There are many chrysanthemum festivals in Japan and South Korea celebrating the fall flower.

## CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVALS

### Japan

**KASAMA INARI JINJA CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL** (Ibaraki prefecture): Oct. 15-Nov. 23; this festival, which began in 1890, is Japan's oldest; 70-minute ride from Ueno Station on Joban Line to Tomobe, then take a 10-minute ride to Kasama Station on Mito Line; kasama.or.jp.

**HIROSAKI CASTLE AUTUMN CHRYSANTHEMUM AND MAPLE LEAF FESTIVAL** (Aomori prefecture): Oct. 21-Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; blooming chrysanthemums and turning maple leaves color the botanical garden in Hirosaki Park; hirosaki.co.jp.

**TAKAHATA FUDOSON CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL** (Tokyo): Oct. 28-Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 1,500 chrysanthemums; five-

minute walk from Takahata Fudoson Station on Keio-Line or a 30-minute ride from Shinjuku Station; free; 042-591-0032.

**HIBIYA PARK CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL 2016** (Tokyo): Nov. 1-23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; two-minute walk from Kasumigaseki Station on Marunouchi or Chiyoda Lines; 03-3232-3097.

### South Korea

**HAMPYONG GRAND CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL** (South Jeolla province): Oct. 21-Nov. 6; attractions at Hampyeong Expo Park; take a bus to Hampyeong Bus Terminal from Seoul Central City Terminal, then walk about 10 minutes to festival site; tinyurl.com/hil24yp.

**IKSAN TEN MILLION CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL**

(North Jeolla province): Oct. 28-Nov. 6; outdoor chrysanthemum exhibition, chrysanthemum artwork contest, and more at Iksan Jungang Sports Complex, take a train from Seoul to Iksan (KTX), take a bus 65 from Iksan Station and get off at Jungang Sports Complex; tinyurl.com/zom9p8h.

## HALLOWEEN EVENTS ON BASE

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### Japan

Run the Zombie 5K run at dusk Ranger Gym at **Atsugi** on Oct. 28. Oct. 29, take part in the Costume Parade & Party at Weasel's Den at **Misawa**. It's free and open to all ages. Have fun at the Halloween Kick Off Play-Doh Pumpkin Crafting Contest Oct. 26 and Halloween Day Candy Buffet Oct. 31 at Liberty at **Yokosuka**. Play Wing Zombie Fun Chase/Tag at **Yokota** on Oct. 28.

### Guam

Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m., put on your running shoes for Haunted Night! Family Fun Run at Coral Reef Fitness Center at **Andersen** and the Halloween Hustle 5K (\$10) at 6 p.m. Oct. 28

at Charles King Fitness Center at **Naval Base Guam**.

### Okinawa

Visit the Fright Fest Haunted House at Okuma at **Camp Courtney** on Oct. 28-30.

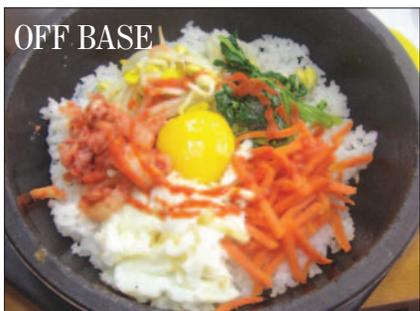
### South Korea

Run the Haunted Hustle 5K and Monster's Dash 1 Mile Kid's Fun Run at the Fitness Center at **Osan**. Check out Spooky Hallow at Freedom Field Oct. 28, 5-8 p.m.; Monster Bash, Flight Bar & Grill 8 p.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 29; and Trick or Treat in costume at SFC Roy E. Duke Memorial Library on Oct. 31 at **Camp**

**Humphreys**. Get in gear for the Zombie Run at Wolf Pack Fitness Center at **Kunsan** at 7 p.m. Oct. 28.



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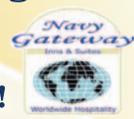
### TRADITIONAL EATS:

#### Jeonju Bibimbap Festival, South Korea

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## WEEKEND: TRAVEL

## Pacific

Right: Mount Kinabalu in the morning light. Below: A whiskered treeswift perches on a suspension bridge at the Danum Valley Field Center in Sabah, Malaysia. The center supports scientific research.

PHOTOS BY JESSIE WILLIAMSON  
For the Washington Post



# Delights of air & sea

Biodiverse Borneo offers  
thrills for divers and birders



A green turtle swims near Mabul Island.

By WILL FORD

Special to The Washington Post

When I began dating a birder, I noticed a trend. Many, it turned out, only dated and married each other. After a while, this began to make sense to me, as most birders require travel companions with an incredible amount of patience for staring into the tree canopy.

I have never been a birder, and I eventually came to grips with the fact that most other outdoor activities would forever take second place to Jessie's avian pursuits. For the arrangement to work, it became clear that traveling together would necessitate breaks between periods of birding. One of these breaks, we discovered this summer, was jumping into the ocean with some scuba gear.

Tropical birding and scuba diving both entail observation of colorful animals in the world's most biodiverse ecosystems: the tropical rain forest on land, the coral reef in the sea. The means of observation, however, could not be more different.

The former requires hiking for hours in sauna-like heat for brief glimpses of rare species. The latter stresses weightlessness in warm water, with fish swimming all around you. There are required breaks to avoid decompression sickness, and the less effort (and therefore oxygen) you use, the better recreational diver you are said to be.

Tropical birding provides a stark contrast again here: The better tropical birder you are, the more willing (and sometimes even excited) you should be to endure physical misery, subjecting yourself to periods of heat, humiliation and exhaustion in pursuit of an elusive sighting. They are different kinds of searches, with different kinds of payoffs.

A few tropical hot spots in the world provide this kind of marine and terrestrial combination. Since we live in Beijing, Southeast Asia was the obvious option. The Indonesian archipelago, in particular, is a paradise for such travel, and we eventually settled on Sabah, a province in the Malaysian half of Borneo known for its national parks both on land and in the water.

The Danum Valley, one of Borneo's most famous lowland rain forests, lies just a five-to-six-hour drive from Semporna, a fishing town and dive mecca in the Coral Triangle that features many coral reefs, most notably the one at Sipadan Island. On the west coast of Sabah lies another pair of marine and terrestrial animal havens: Kota Kinabalu and Kinabalu Park, home to one of Southeast Asia's highest peaks and a wide variety of endemic animal species. The Kinabatangan River winds in between the two coasts, which planes can traverse in an hour.

Given a few weeks, it's possible to visit each site and obtain basic dive certification with some of the most affordable prices in the world. Travelers

must only decide which world to visit first — the jungle or the ocean.

We chose the ocean, enrolling in a standard three-day course with Scuba Junkie, one of the larger outfits in Borneo. Our instructor, Rachel, was patient and enthusiastic, and was unexpectedly joined by juvenile yellow trevally fish, each about the length of a lemon, on a few training dives. While the three-day course can be tiring at times — clearing masks of water, swimming blindly or managing air failure — training dives off Mabul Island provide glimpses of what's to come. On one simple training dive, we swam by a green sea turtle on top of a wreck, a group of juvenile spotted eagle rays and a crocodile fish, all while the trevally continued to swim beneath Rachel.

Diving around Mabul was like trying chocolate for the first time — in Belgium. The Coral Triangle, an area of tropical seas surrounding Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines, is one of the most biodiverse marine areas on the planet. With more than 600 species of coral and 2,000 species of reef fish alone, diving felt like floating through a living jewelry shop. The most taxing part of the experience came during coffee and tea breaks, when I struggled to identify all that we had seen.

Jessie took to the exercise quickly, transforming her bird-watcher's eye to a diver's. In just two days of underwater training and two days of full diving, our list continued to grow, from sea turtles to frog fish and all sizes in between. And that was without ever making it to the permit-limited Sipadan, a 2,000-foot coral tower in open sea where hammerheads and barracudas school and where whale sharks are not an uncommon sight. At some point, I gave up trying to identify the fish and just floated with the current.

We returned to land by flying to Kota Kinabalu, gazing at the land below, overwhelmed by palm-oil plantations. Featured in documentaries such as the BBC's "Planet Earth," Borneo is famous for its rain forests and coral reefs, but its national parks are more akin to islands floating in a sea of monoculture that dominates the landscape and much of the Malaysian economy. A picture of the oil palm graces the Malaysian 50 ringgit bill.

Driving from Kota Kinabalu to Kinabalu Park took less than two hours, and we arrived in mist to the only cold weather we experienced in Borneo. The skies eventually cleared, revealing the high-elevation coral reefs of Mount Kinabalu, shooting up from the jungle. The next few days were spent catching glimpses of birds endemic to the mountains as well as a spectacular blood-red sunset.

Of Borneo's 52 endemic bird species, 37 are found only in the island's mountain areas. I spotted my first on the ground: a family of red-breasted hill partridges foraging in the dirt, extending my layman's streak of sighting jungle fowl.

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## WEEKEND: FOOD &amp; DINING

Pacific

## FROM PAGE 34

While I traversed the wide range of trails at Kinabalu, Jessie moved slowly, catching birds in her binocular lenses.

We returned to the lowlands after a few days, flying to Sandakan and then journeying on to the Kinabatangan River, home to monkeys, elephants and crocodiles. There had been reports of a herd of rare Bornean pygmy elephants, of which there are only about 200 left in the area, moving upriver.

On our first day, we got lucky: a group of five emerged from the forest, bathing and roughhousing in the water. The next day, 27 elephants emerged, chomping on elephant grass at the water's edge.

As we sped down the river, leaf monkeys, hornbills, serpent eagles and troupes of proboscis monkeys lounged in trees by the riverside, their long noses visible from the boat.

In late afternoon, thunderstorms pounded the water and relieved the afternoon heat. Dusk emerged into crisp skies, and the river canopy lit up in deep, spotlighted green.

Our first night walk revealed a variety of insects; on our second, a Western tarsier — an ancient, miniature primate about the size of a clenched fist — fled our headlamps, hopping between tree trunks near the forest floor.

On our way into Danum Valley, our final stop, we shared a van with two Spaniards, Carla and Alex. It was a fortuitous meeting: Like me, Carla was a fair-weather birder accompanying an avian fanatic. When heat and humidity outweighed our dedication for spotting wildlife, Carla and I retreated to reading on the lodge deck while Alex and Jessie pushed on.

This went on for days, with Alex and Jessie spotting a wide range of birds while Carla and I tagged along intermittently. Dinner on the field station patio — a comfy

assortment of lounge chairs and tables — quickly became an exercise in comparing notes with other guests. Two Texans, Amy and Jay Packer, joined the four of us at dinner each night to discuss the day's sightings.

Over the next few days, birding around the lodge became a team effort among Amy, Jay, Jessie and Alex. When a helmeted hornbill was spotted in the fig tree near the lodge, birders fetched deck loungers with the enthusiasm of kindergartners who had glimpsed an ice cream truck.

On the other hand, non-sightings drew despair. Bird watchers and animal seekers tend to have a few dream species; for Alex, that meant orangutans and Borneo's endemic pittas — small, elegant, colorful birds that scavenge for insects and leeches on the forest floor. The

pittas proved elusive, and Alex grew dark at times. "I hate the pitta," he muttered at dinner one night, with the air of a spurned lover.

When the Texans lent me an extra pair of binoculars, Jay told me that after he and Amy were married, the gift of binoculars had converted her to bird watching. Alex told me to exercise caution. "Birding is a vice," he warned. I held the lenses with trepidation.

With binoculars in hand, I joined Alex and Jessie more often, and our persistence in searching for an orangutan eventually paid off.

At the end of a long day, a way up the access road, we glimpsed a figure clambering up the trunk of a tree in the distance, scratching its belly. When it reached the top of the canopy, a loud cacophony of crashing limbs commenced as it constructed a nest for the night. Eventually, the crashing stopped. The orangutan lay down, carefree, and scratched its arms. Alex danced a jig of happiness, and we watched until the light grew dim.

**When a helmeted hornbill was spotted in the fig tree near the lodge, birders fetched deck loungers with the enthusiasm of kindergartners who had glimpsed an ice cream truck.**



PHOTOS BY JESSICA BIDWELL/Stars and Stripes

McDonald's Japan is offering a new seasonal treat: Halloween Choco Potato. Imagine the fast-food giant's classic fries slathered in pumpkin and chocolate sauces.

## After Hours: Japan

By JESSICA BIDWELL  
Stars and Stripes

It's customary that autumn brings with it a plethora of pumpkin flavors. From pumpkin-spice lattes to pumpkin-filled Oreos, this fall staple seems to consume our taste buds throughout the season.

McDonald's Japan is joining in on the fun with a new seasonal treat: Halloween Choco Potato. Imagine the fast-food giant's classic, delectable fries slathered in pumpkin and chocolate sauces, giving them a proper Halloween-themed punch.

McDonald's came up with the idea to mark its 45th anniversary in Japan. In February, it offered McChoco Potato, a medium-size serving of fries covered in two types of chocolate sauces — milk and white — that was available only that month to customers in Japan.

Salty and sweet is a classic combination, so it should be no surprise that the chocolate and the fries are delicious together. The bright-orange pumpkin sauce sings out with a fruity and sweet flavor all its own — one that I decided was bittersweet.

Halloween Choco Potato retails for 330 yen (about \$3.30), or for an extra 60 yen as part of a combo meal.

Are these fries a trick or a treat? Only you can decide, but don't wait long, because Halloween Choco Potato is available only until the clock strikes midnight on Oct. 31.



Halloween Choco Potato is available at McDonald's restaurants across Japan through Oct. 31. The fast-food giant came up with the idea to mark its 45th anniversary in Japan.



The Choco Potato comes in a festively decorated box.



JESSIE WILLIAMSON/For the Washington Post

An indigo flycatcher on a branch at Kinabalu Mountain Lodge.

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# WEEKEND: MUSIC

## NEW ALBUMS

### Billy Bragg and Joe Henry

Shine a Light: Field Recordings from the Great American Railroad (Cooking Vinyl)

It might seem paradoxical for a politically outspoken singer-songwriter like Billy Bragg to ride off during a divisive, restive time on both sides of the Atlantic. But he isn't riding out: The English musician with a roots-folk-punk persuasion literally hit the rails with American musical partner-in-crime Joe Henry, and returned from a roughly 2,700-mile train journey from Chicago to Los Angeles with the album, "Shine a Light: Field Recordings from the Great American Railroad." The musicians rode the Texas Eagle and the Sunset Limited and recorded on

them, as well as in train stations and one hotel room along the way. They emerged with a baker's dozen of rambling, raggedly exquisite rail-inspired songs.

Standouts include the up-tempo "Rock Island Line" and "John Henry," and Bragg delivers the lead on a gem, "Waiting for a Train." The song was adapted by Jimmie Rodgers, a country music forefather who lived in the same San Antonio hotel where Bragg and Henry recorded it. Rodgers adapted it from a British ballad called "Standing on a Platform." That apparently suits Bragg, who sweetly sings—and even yodels—on what sounds like an authentic, early 20th-century sound recording.

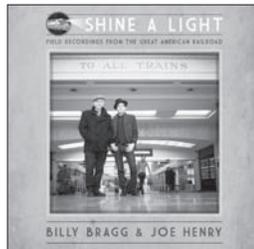
The 21st-century troubadour travel

light here, with only guitars, a bit of harmonica and the ambient sounds of birds and trains. But the spare arrangements are enriched by their harmonizing, a fine blend they should bring to future projects.

Henry and Bragg—the latter worked with Wilco on writing music for a cache of Woody Guthrie lyrics—say in the liner notes that this was no nostalgia trip. They were playing musical ground in an effort to understand "just who we have become and why."

This collection indeed shines a light and breathes new life into old songs that roll over on—sometimes loosely but never off—the rails.

— Jeff Karoub  
Associated Press



### Rick Astley

50 (BMG)

No, you're not being Rick-rolled. He's back.

Rick Astley, the soulful English pop star with the bouffant hair who sang "Never Gonna Give You Up" in the 1980s, has resurfaced with a new album that's fun, modern and surprisingly strong. Turns out, the joke is on us.

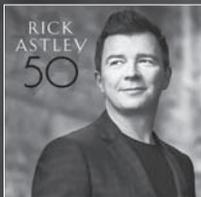
The dozen songs on "50"—named, in a sort of Adele hat-tip, to his current age—are pure blue-eyed soul, from the gospel-flavored opening track "Keep Singing" to the John Mayer-esque "Pieces," a guitar-driven populist tune. He also gets honky-tonk, electro-funky and folky. Few artists from the '80s have returned to deliver a new batch of songs with such diversity and strength.

Astley's voice is warm and powerful—so is his bouffant—and he has reason: "50" scored his first U.K. No. 1 in 29 years. In America, it's a natural album for fans browsing the adult contemporary charts, but their kids should swipe it for a spin, too.

Astley wrote and produced

"50" is the eighth studio album by English singer and songwriter Rick Astley. It is Astley's first studio album in more than 10 years.

Courtesy of Shore Fire Media



"50" all alone—and performs all the instruments—proving he's kept up with changes in music while we were wasting time sending each other internet links with his "Never Gonna Give You Up" video.

The album's first single, "Dance"—with its dialogue between God and the devil over a thumping house beat—is Astley at his winking, over-the-top best. It's nice to finally laugh with him after years when he was the butt of the memes.

Maybe the emergence of Sam Smith made it safe for Astley to come back. Whatever it was, welcome back, Rick. You can roll us anytime.

— Mark Kennedy  
Associated Press



### KT Tunstall

KIN (Caroline Records)

Scottish singer-songwriter KT Tunstall is oozing confidence and musicality on the 11-song CD "KIN," something largely missing from her dark since her 2004 multi-platinum album "Eye to the Telescope," with its funky pop grooves like "Black Horse & the Cherry Tree."

The new guitar-driven album is peppered with songs about self-empowerment and self-realization. It's as if a mature Tunstall has emerged from somewhere nasty and is happily blinking in the sunshine. (Maybe relocating to California had something to do with it)

"There was only blank space/Life lived in negative/I couldn't find my color," she sings on "Turned a Light On."

On "Maybe It's a Good Thing," she confesses: "All this choosing wrong/Is losing ground/Often feeling lost." One song's title seems to sum up her journey: "I Took Me So Long to Get Here, But Here I Am."

"Maybe It's a Good Thing" is the strong, danceable first single, but the upbeat "KIN" shines throughout, from "Two



Way," a fuzzy guitar duet with James Bay, to the sublime "Love Is an Ocean" and the mournful, mature title track.

Embracing her rock-pop gifts, Tunstall seems at peace—and we're the beneficiaries. It might have taken her long to get here, but "KIN" shows it was worth it. A lost soul has returned.

— Mark Kennedy  
Associated Press

### Van Morrison

Keep Me Singing (Caroline Records)

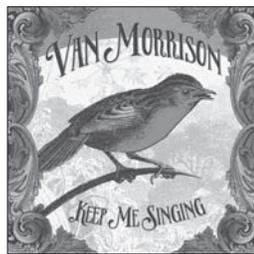
When Van Morrison's fiercest critic likes his work, it's easy to tell. There's an audible murmur of approval, and it comes from the man himself.

It's the sound Morrison makes when he's into the music. He does it a few bars into "Let It Rhyme," the opener to "Keep Me Singing"—an early hint that this might be his best album since "The Healing Game" nearly two decades ago.

With playful references to past lyrics, nods to heroes like Sam Cooke and Chet Baker, and heartfelt singing throughout, Morrison harkens back to the gentle, wistful spirit that made him Hollywood's go-to guy for movie soundtracks.

He's in a better mood than on other recent albums, and it's easy to imagine songs like "Every Time I See a River," written with lyricist Don Black, or "In Tiburon," a name-dropping homage to the San Francisco Bay, playing as credits roll.

Morrison, who just turned 71, has penned good songs in recent years, but no album has approached the bursts of sustained



brilliance that established him as one of the world's great songwriters. And this one doesn't soar to the heights of "Moondance," "Astral Weeks" or "Into the Music."

But an older, less audacious Morrison can still soothe the soul when he is into the music—and he won't be the only one murmuring his approval this time.

— Scott Stroud  
Associated Press

## WEEKEND: MUSIC

**Green Day**

Revolution Radio (Reprise Records)

After Green Day's stunning success with 2004's "American Idiot" — still the most important rock album of this century — the band started walking a narrowing tightrope.

Singer-guitarist Billie Joe Armstrong felt that the band needed to continue addressing political issues while still crafting catchy pop-leaning punk with ever-increasing stakes. But following the stress of the near-simultaneous release of three albums, "iUno!," "iDos!," "iTre!," in 2012, it all came crashing down. Armstrong entered rehab, and Green Day went on hiatus, staying out of the spotlight for years aside from getting inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last year.

The band's new album, "Revolution Radio," was done essentially in secret and, for the first time since 2000's "Warning," has no overarching theme. But the freedom to write whatever they want seems to have energized Armstrong, bassist Mike Dirnt and drummer Tre Cool to deliver plenty of great songs on a wide range of topics.

The stunning single "Bang Bang" disguises the demented view of a social media-obsessed mass shooter



Even more potent is "Still Breathing," where Armstrong declares "I'm still alive" over the peepiest pop punk we've heard from Green Day in years. "I'm like a soldier coming home for the first time," he sings, genuinely sneer-free. "I dodged a bullet and I walked across a land mine."

"Revolution Radio" is definitely more wistful than its predecessors, whether nostalgically recalling a troubled youth in the chiming "Outlaws" or celebrating Armstrong's wife in the jangling singalong "Youngblood." It's a testament to the artistic power of Green Day that its comeback album is so accomplished and anything but tentative.

— Glenn Gamboa/Newsday

wannabe in a full-throttle punk rave-up and the super-sweet backing vocals of Dirnt and Cool. "I wanna be a celebrity martyr, the leading man in my own private drama," Armstrong sings, before adding, "Bang bang, give me fame, shoot me up to entertain."



**Green Day, from left, Mike Dirnt, Billie Joe Armstrong and Tre Cool.**

Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records

WEEKEND: BOOKS

# GETTING IT RIGHT

Naya Rivera shares why timing is everything in book 'Sorry Not Sorry'

By ALICIA RANCILIO  
Associated Press

**N**aya Rivera writes about a number of personal subjects in her new book, "Sorry Not Sorry," but says one of the hardest was the death of her "Glee" co-star Cory Monteith, who died of a drug overdose in 2013.

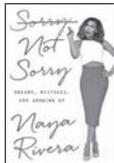
"The Cory chapter really choked me up. I had (co-star) Kevin (McHale) come over and help me edit, and we both had our moment," Rivera said in a recent interview.

For fans of "Glee," which aired 2009-2015, "Sorry Not Sorry: Dreams, Mistakes, and Growing Up" is definitely worth a read to revisit the show's success from an insider's perspective. Rivera, 29, shares how the cast

dated, partied and basically had the ups and downs of 20-somethings who spend a lot of time together.

She also shares her story of starting in showbiz at a young age, relationship drama and finally getting it right with her now-husband, actor Ryan Dorsey.

Rivera talks about opening up, her love of writing and passing on her love of books to her 1-year-old son, Josey.



**The Associated Press:** When it was announced that you were writing a book, it was billed like you were going to "go there" and not hold back on things in your life. Is that what happened?

**Rivera:** It was my intention to not hold back, but the way that I saw the media portray it was 'Oh, it's a slam book,' but that's not at all what it is.

**What was your intention?**

I talk about my passion for writing in the book. If I wasn't acting in some way, shape or form, I would be writing music, screenplays or books. I'm very bookish. I love reading.

**Is there anything you wanted to clear up in the book?**

A few years ago, it was a tumultuous year. (Rivera dated and quickly became engaged to rapper Big Sean. They broke up a few months later and took some of their disagreements public in social media and, for Big Sean, his music.) Those were things that I definitely wanted to be able to clear up on my own.

**You also write about how you dated your husband prior to Big Sean and got back together with him after that breakup and married a few months later. The media portrayed that as a rebound of sorts. Was it important for you to share your version of events?**

I consulted with my husband on it all along the way. ... I was like, 'Listen, to me, this is something so funny that nobody knows our history. ... Do you mind if I include this in the book?' He was supportive.

**From "Glee" to reuniting with Dorsey, it seems like a big takeaway from your book is the importance of timing.**

Everything in life is timing. I've grown up in this industry and there were a lot of projects that I really wanted and I would cry over and not understand why I didn't get them; had I gotten any one of those projects, I wouldn't have gotten and been on 'Glee.' That was a game changer in my life.

**Naya Rivera addresses her breakups and events surrounding "Glee" co-stars Mark Salling, Cory Monteith and Lea Michele in her new book, "Sorry Not Sorry: Dreams, Mistakes, and Growing Up."**

Taylor Jewell, Invision/AP

## Moving 'Commonwealth' explores post-divorce families

By MIKE FISCHER  
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

**"C**ommonwealth," Ann Patchett's moving, beautifully crafted novel, begins with the sort of set piece that often looms large in stories including divorce as well as marriage: A big, snoked party and all it does to lower inhibitions.

This one, taking place outside Los Angeles in the mid-1960s, is occasioned by a christening, but no matter: Before it's done, a young lawyer named Bert Cousins is kissing Beverly Keating, mother of the newly baptized Franny and wife to Francis (Fix) Keating, a cop.

By the time we reach the second of the book's nine chapters, we're looking back on that day from a half century later, during which Bert and Beverly moved to Bert's native Virginia, leaving Fix and Bert's wife, Teresa, high and dry — while bringing the two Keating offspring and four Cousins offspring together for portions of each year.

"The most remarkable thing" about these six joined children, Patchett tells us,

is that "they did not hate one another, nor did they possess one shred of tribal loyalty. ... The six children held in common one overarching principle that cast their potential dislike for one another down to the bottom of the minor leagues: They disliked the parents. They hated them."

Even that will change over time; as these six kids grow older, they learn the humility that comes with experience and

a corresponding ability to forgive what they'd once judged.

One of the six won't make it to adulthood; one more of the six, Caroline, turns out about as one might have expected. None of the others do, as with their parents, life plays tricks with their expectations, for better or worse. As Fix rightly

says at one point, "there's no protecting anyone ... keeping people safe is a story we tell ourselves."

Patchett's dramatic forward and backward shifts in time and among her characters, coupled with her frequently elegiac tone, recall Jennifer Egan's "A Visit from the Goon Squad" (2010).

But Egan's great subject was how time alters our sense of the choices (mostly bad) that we've made. For Patchett, in "Commonwealth" as in so many of her novels, the grand theme is fate, with all the ways it circumscribes the choices (usually disappointing) we even have. This explains her focus on the offspring, none of whom had a say regarding the circumstances throwing them together.

In keeping with this view that we're never quite the free-willed agents we think we are, Patchett presents most of her characters from the outside; even when her third-person narrator gives us access to their inner thoughts, what we're usually overhearing is a chronicle of what's already happened to them.

Hence we watch them gradually accept the past that has made them who they are,

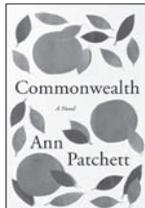
rather than imagining they might ever forge a different future. In this commonwealth, characters harboring the illusion that they can choose their future learn that "all the things they'd wanted and worked for had cemented the impossibility of any sort of happiness."

Or as the jilted Teresa says to herself at one point, life often plays as "a series of losses. It was other things too, better things, but the losses were as solid and dependable as the earth itself."

In a world where life is more endured than actively shaped, how we tell the story of the past — and what it says about the way we inhabit the present — matters a great deal.

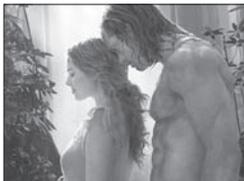
"Commonwealth" spends a lot of time thinking about such stories — including who gets to tell them, how they help us cope, and what they say about the way we see ourselves and the world.

It's in the realm of story, Patchett suggests, that we can assert control over our lives; it's through story that we make sense of who we are by choosing what we'll remember. They hold us together. They're the commonwealth we share.



## WEEKEND: TELEVISION &amp; DVD

## NEW ON DVD



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**Margot Robbie is Jane, left, and Alexander Skarsgard is Tarzan in the DVD release "The Legend of Tarzan."**

"The Legend of Tarzan": The jungle king must return to his country on a rescue mission. The latest look at the vine-swinging character created by Edgar Rice Burroughs takes a more civilized approach. Swedish hunk Alexander Skarsgard plays the title role with cinema's current reigning beauty, Margot Robbie, as his spunky Jane. The pair are the best-looking couple to hang with the animals in a beautiful jungle setting since Adam and Eve. "The Legend of Tarzan" is not the king of jungle movies, but it is presented with such royal reverence that some people will go ape over it.

"The Infiltrator": Director Brad Furman uses the script based on the book by Robert Mazur to create the story of an undercover agent who lives in a tense, dramatic world while still allowing him to maintain his humanity. He's a good man living in an evil world. It's not an easy task as the film looks at the true story of a U.S. Customs undercover agent in 1980s Manhattan who wed into the Colombian cartel of drug lord Pablo Escobar. One wrong word and the agent's life would be in mortal danger. There is never a calm moment in "The Infiltrator" — but this is more about how an undercover operative must go deep into the minds of his targets.

"Ghostbusters": A team is formed to stop the host of ghosts in the neighborhood, and it's the way director-writer Paul Feig handled the reboot. Instead of taking the classic franchise and making it a unique product, he settles for a story that lacks originality. The only sparks of interest are the endless cameo appearances and references to the original film.

Also available on DVD:

"Hillary's America: The Secret Life of the Democratic Party": Documentary on the reasons behind Hillary Clinton's political activities.

"Rush Hour Trilogy": Includes the films starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.

"Broken Vows": A woman must deal with a psychotic stalker.

"Ice Age: Collision Course": Group must stop a meteor.

"Blood Father": A father makes his own justice.

"Approaching the Unknown": One man faces the vastness of space on his own. Mark Strong stars.

"She Who Must Burn": Woman's efforts to help others get her blamed for mysterious deaths.

"The Twilight Zone: The Complete Series": Includes 156 episodes from five seasons.

"Impractical Jokers: The Complete Fourth Season": Includes the 100th episode of the cable series.

"The Carol Burnett Show: The Lost Episodes — Classic Carol": There are seven episodes that have not been seen in their uncut broadcast versions since they originally aired.

—Rick Bentley/The Fresno Bee

# Committed

## Sarah Jessica Parker wedded to new comedy, 'Divorce'

By FRAZIER MOORE  
Associated Press

In August 2000, a Time magazine cover story touting singles life displayed Sarah Jessica Parker and her three "Sex and the City" co-stars with the headline: "Who Needs a Husband?"

That question could apply, in spades, to Parker's new HBO comedy, a piercingly honest yet droll exploration of a marriage on the rocks titled, brazenly, "Divorce."

"Divorce" returns Parker to series TV in a role that she inevitably be judged against her "Sex and the City" portrayal as self-described "sexual anthropologist" Carrie Bradshaw.

But, odds are, only fleetingly. "Divorce" reintroduces the actress as Frances, a suburban wife and mother gazing into the bathroom mirror in the series' first scene as if to wish away encroaching signs of age, when her on-husband Robert (co-star Thomas Haden Church) interrupts to beef about how Frances hogs the bathroom. Then, his back turned to exit, Frances, fuming, flips him a bird. With that fed-up move, Parker leaves Carrie Bradshaw far behind.

"I just improvised that," says Parker, looking pleased. "I'm so glad they used it." But make no mistake, very little about "Divorce" wasn't carefully thought out, if you believe Parker. She says she and producing partner Alison Benson spent four years crafting the show's concept, which features a supporting cast including Molly Shannon, Talia Balsam and Tracy Letts. It all adds up to a project Parker was, well, married to — as not as an acting showcase for herself; at first, she had no plans to appear in it. What made it so important to her?

"A lot of people I knew were at a very interesting point in their relationship," she explains. "It's a reckoning of where we are, versus where we thought we would be, with people contemplating affairs, having affairs, surviving affairs or with marriages destroyed. I knew women who came out of divorces feeling triumphant, and others who felt it wasn't at all like they thought the liberation would be."

True, Parker, 51, has famously been wed for two decades to actor Matthew Broderick.

"But even if you're not experiencing it, divorce is swirling around us all," she says. "I felt strongly that this story should be told because it's so many people's story."

Frances and Robert are a middle-aged, middle-class couple with two children living in New York's Westchester County. Their marriage is sputtering yet stuck in place. Then a seismic event thrusts divorce into the picture.

Fortunately for the audience, if not for this couple, there's no easy or quick resolution in sight, despite the series' seemingly self-limiting, blunt title. Divorce for Frances and Robert, as for others in their social circle, can inflict itself as a protracted condition.

This would be a good time to mention that "Divorce," while weighty, isn't Bergmanesque, nor is it "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" With sufficient frequency, the prism of "Divorce" refracts its raw, all-too-familiar truths into well-earned laughs. ("I am divorcing you," Frances tells Robert in desperation.



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"I just got to get the kids to school first.")

"I watch S.J.," says her co-star Church ("Sideways," "Spider-Man 3"), "and she's so brilliant in her nuance and navigation of the dramatic and the comedy."

"Comedy and drama, I don't prepare for them any different," says Church. "I just want to make it as believable as possible, with always a sense of unknowing for the character: 'What the (heck) is going to happen next?' Just trying to keep it all honest. But hidden."

Parker describes this marriage as one of "bitterness and resentment wrapped up in their very being. Frances brings divorce up by saying, 'I want to save my life while I still care about it. That's it! That's the reason the show exists.'"

Clearly, this is not the fraught, yet frothy world of a single girl loose in pre-9/11 New York City. Frances, with 20 years of marriage under her belt, is older, sadder, wiser.

Was Parker's decision to claim

as her own the Frances role a way to purge herself of her Carrie Bradshaw past?

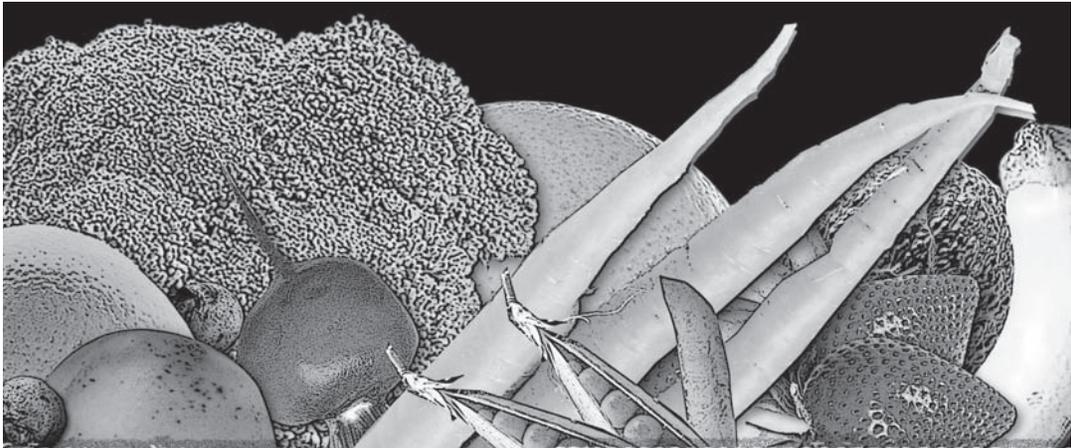
"I don't WANT to be done with that association," she says. "I loved it! But I'm an actor, I always was, and now my job is to share who Frances is with the audience."



Sarah Jessica Parker stars in the HBO TV series "Divorce," premiering Oct. 15 on AFN-Spectrum.

HBO/AP

## WEEKEND: HEALTH &amp; FITNESS



# THE POWER OF PLANTS?

## Experts at odds over whether athletes can perform well on a vegan diet

By **SAMMY CAIOLA**  
The Sacramento Bee

**D**ays after sitting during the national anthem to protest police shootings of African American men, 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick was thrust into the spotlight for another controversial choice — his vegan diet.

Kaepernick weighed in at around 225 pounds before he left the field to undergo procedures for his shoulder, knee and thumb earlier this year. Unable to work out for several months, he lost a significant amount of weight and muscle mass — a change that was not lost on fans. He recently announced that he has been following a vegan diet and not consuming animal products for the past 10 months.

Kaepernick told The Sacramento Bee that he feels good on the diet and that it has not hindered his ability to put on weight. Still, fans have questioned and even criticized the lifestyle change on social media, worried that without eating meat, he won't be able to put on the pounds he needs to get back in the game.

The concern is unfounded, supporters of the plant-based diet say. They cite other professional football players who eat vegan or mostly vegan, including Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers and defensive lineman David Carter, formerly of the Dallas Cowboys, who calls himself "the 300-pound vegan" on Instagram.

Matt Ruscigno, a Los Angeles dietitian with a master's in public health and co-author of a book called "No Meat Athlete," said he has been following Kaepernick's journey closely and believes that the quarterback, like anyone on a meatless diet, can get the protein required to build muscle

mass by choosing the right combination of foods. A lot of people lose weight when they first go vegan because they replace meat and butter with salads and don't necessarily know where to find calorically dense foods, Ruscigno said. But if they seek out more high-calorie, high-protein foods and eat them in greater quantities, he said, they won't have any trouble gaining it back.

"As soon as you mention plant-based and sports, everyone gets concerned about protein, but it comes from a place where people don't understand nutrition," he said. "We associate protein with animal products. But the best sources of plant-based proteins are beans, whole grains, nuts and seeds. Even vegetables have protein. It's just a matter of eating enough."

NFL player Carter once told media outlets that he consumed 10,000 calories per day in rice, beans, cashew cheese, hemp protein, fruits and veggies. Ruscigno tells his vegan clients to try rice and beans with avocado and salsa, or stir-fried vegetables in brown rice with tofu and peanut sauce.

While most people on a vegan diet don't need a protein supplement to stay healthy, Ruscigno recommends that those trying to bulk up add a protein shake made from pea, hemp or soy.

"Everyone, vegans especially, need to eat a varied diet," he said. "You can be a lazy omnivore and get plenty of protein. Colin does have to work a little bit harder to get enough protein, but that doesn't mean it isn't possible once he works it out."

However, Dr. Ed J. Hendricks, a bariatric physician at the Center for Weight Management in Sacramento and Roseville, disagrees with that advice.

"It's my opinion that vegan diets are dangerous to your health," he said. "Vegetable protein is

not of the same quality as protein found in meat and eggs and animal products. It doesn't have the same amino acid mix. While it's possible to eat enough protein to maintain your muscle mass, someone like Colin Kaepernick probably needs more protein than he's able to get on a vegan diet."

The problem, Hendricks said, is that people trying to bulk up on rice and beans will gain weight from the carbohydrates before they get enough protein to build muscles. They end up overweight and without much strength, he said.

When Sacramento bodybuilder Jonna Edwinton first started giving up animal products seven years ago, she had to work hard to find the right balance of carbs and proteins, she said. She took a break from shows for four years while she let her body adjust to veganism and found protein supplements she liked. When she started competing again in 2013, she actually had far more muscle mass than when she was eating animal products, and by 2015 she was winning competitions, she said.

"Most body builders will be on a high-protein, low-carb diet," she said. "You can't really do that on a vegan diet — most of the high-protein foods like quinoa have high carbs as well. It's important to do enough cardio to keep your protein up but keep the weight down."

Edwinton, 31, now competes in natural figure competitions with the World Natural Bodybuilding Federation and is sponsored by Vega, a vegan protein supplement company. Her diet consists of protein shakes, grains, beans, greens and nut butters.

"I had more energy, and my skin cleared up," she said of her appearance after going vegan. "It just showed that I didn't need animal products to put on the muscle mass."

**San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick follows a vegan diet. He lost weight initially, prompting concern about whether he could get enough protein for his physically demanding sport.**

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## WEEKEND: FAMILY



# 'IT WAS LIKE COMING HOME'

Age doesn't matter in this special-needs Boy Scout troop based in Wash.

By **CHRISTINE CLARRIDGE**  
The Seattle Times

**E**lizabeth and Terry Be, of Mercer Island, Wash., were not surprised when their son, Matthew, 15, wanted to be an Eagle Scout — like his older brother. But they knew a regular Boy Scout troop wouldn't work for their son, who has special needs.

Just like it didn't work for Bob Hier's 19-year-old son, Bill, of Maple Valley, Wash.

Nor did it work for Robert Laurensen's teenage son, Patrick. The experience with a mainstream troop left the Mercer Island father feeling like he was "banging his head on a wall."

"We'd go to an event and the other boys weren't really into waiting and taking the time," Laurensen said. "They're not set up for special needs and they didn't understand."

The three families, however, found a better fit in Boy Scout Troop 419, the state's only special-needs troop and one of fewer than a dozen in the nation. Because members don't age out of this troop, it has Scouts who range from 12 years old to 50.

Troop 419 was founded 20 years ago when scoutmaster Ted Kadet was looking for activities to do with his stepson, Colin Silvestri, now 33, who has neurological damage from a seizure disorder.

"It was familiar with Scouting and discovered that Boy Scouts of America had already established guidelines for special-needs troops.

So he, his wife and several other parents started the troop and meet every other week at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9430 in Seattle.

"The parents are the most committed Boy Scout parents I've ever met, and the guys each have their own unique personality," said Larry Weldon, the junior vice commander of the VFW post. "They all really love being in this troop, and we're happy to help."

## Campfires and s'mores

At the troop's first meeting of the year this month, members begin with a ceremonial procession of the honor guard before saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Ted Kadet, center, one of the founders of Boy Scout Troop 419, sings with his stepson, Colin Silvestri, left, and Jadon Kerr. Kadet has been scoutmaster of the troop since its inception.**

ELLEN M. BANNER/The Seattle Times

As the night goes on, they laugh, clown around, applaud each other and play the piano loudly without a self-conscious bone in their bodies. Or they sit quietly, next to a friend or parent, and watch, joining in as they please.

When asked what he likes about Boy Scouts, Joey Jelly, 22, of Renton, Wash., smiles and says, "Everything."

He declares the s'mores — made that night while learning how to pitch tents, start campfires and carry backpacks — to be "yummy." Patrick Laurensen, 15, demonstrates some mixed-martial arts moves while his friend, Jadon Kerr, 19, of Kent, Wash., watches with a big smile.

## Working together

In the past two years, they've earned badges for shooting and archery during campouts at Camp Pigott in Snohomish, Wash., and for birding at a wildlife refuge near Olympia. For citizenship, they wrote letters to presidents and other political figures and framed the letters they got back.

They've also earned badges in home repair, space exploration, art, radio, weather and more.

Silvestri worked in the kitchen during the troop's visit to Camp Pigott this year.

"I made sure the camp didn't burn down, and I got to yell 'Get the forks,' 'Get the spoons,' 'America the floor,'" he said.

Though the Boy Scouts of America generally recommends including people with special needs in traditional troops, Kadet believes the special-needs Scouting program should expand. He said he'd like to see 25 more similar troops in Washington state alone.

"With minor modifications, Scouting works so beautifully for this population, and the guys love it," Kadet said. "There are no agendas, no cliques and nobody is trying to hurt you," said Matthew's father, Terry Boyle.

"For us, it was like coming home," said his wife, Elizabeth. "When you first come here, a lot of times you are not even sure what your child is capable of, but the troop gives them opportunities, put the tools in their hands and, every time, we are surprised by how capable they are and amazed at what they can do."

## THE MEAT AND POTATOES OF LIFE

Lisa Smith Molinari



# True romance can be a gas sometimes

**T**en years ago, when my family was stationed in Virginia, a boring weeknight in the suburbs inspired me to write my first column. At that time, I wasn't looking for a publishing opportunity. I simply needed a creative outlet to sort through the realities of marriage, parenting and military life. Now, as my husband, Francis, and I prepare to celebrate our 24th anniversary, I'll tell the story that inspired me to write. ...

One night after the kids had gone to bed, I settled into my spot on the sofa for some mind-numbing television.

"Isn't this a repeat?" I asked Francis, seated in his recliner. When no answer was forthcoming, I glanced over to witness an all-too-familiar scene: Deeply imbedded in the recliner's cushions, lay my husband of 14 years, sound asleep.

Normally, I would turn out the lights and tiptoe to bed — my revenge for being "abandoned" for the ungodly time. Francis would wake up alone in the dark and trudge upstairs to find me teehee-ing under the covers. But on this particular night, I gawked at Francis as if I were seeing him for the first time. Is this the man I married?

Panic gripped my soul. We're tired, boring, predictable — We're doomed.

I remembered one afternoon in 1992, when Francis and I were at an Italian cafe in Pittsburgh, sipping wine and falling in love.

"I really want to live abroad," he said. "Me too," I said. "I love the ocean," I said. "Me too," he said. "I don't care about money, only happiness," he said. "Me too!" I said.

It was a match made in heaven.

But, if he had understood the realities of marriage, our conversation would have been different: "I'll develop stretch marks," I should've said. "That's okay, we'll dim the lights," he might've said. "I'll end up bald, but hair will sprout out of my ears and nose," he should've said. "I'm good with tweezers," I might've said. "I have no mechanical ability and won't be embarrassed if you handle all the home repairs," he should've said. "I won't mind if the first few years, but then I'll get fed up," I really wish I'd said.

But back in 1992, we weren't thinking about annoying habits and clogged drains. We were too busy planning our perfect life to be bothered with reality.

Our unrealistic expectations persisted after we were engaged. "Pardon me?" Francis yelped after accidentally belching. Although he insisted he would never expel any kind of gas in front of me, it didn't take long for his steely resolve to erode. Today, expelling gas happens as soon as the urge beckons. Mid-sentence, under the covers, in the recliner. "Why do you have to burp while I'm talking to you?" I've said. "Did I burp?" he's said, sincerely oblivious.

Before marriage, I preened and pampered Francis like a primate, manicuring nails and plucking stray hairs to maintain his rugged good looks. I had no idea that, one day, those stray hairs would multiply so profusely that our grooming sessions now take place in the garage and involve the leaf-blower. The pedicures have become completely intolerable, because Francis' left piggy toe now resembles a tiny hoof. One of the kids recently asked if it was made out of wood.

I had to draw the line somewhere.

So what am I saying? Are we doomed because we haven't met our premarital expectations?

As I watched Francis dozing in his recliner, I realized something important: We have not met our original expectations, we've exceeded them. Back when we were dreaming of a life of romance uninhibited by responsibility, stress and aging, we couldn't fully comprehend the complexity and depth of marital relationships. We didn't understand that marriage is more than candlelight dinners and adventurous travel. Long-term romance is actually built on a foundation of commitment, comfort and companionship.

Realizing this, my aversion to the sight of my sleeping husband turned to adoration. And as I turned out the lights and tiptoeed upstairs to wait for Francis to wake up alone in the dark, I was happy that marriage is everything I ever dreamed of, and more.

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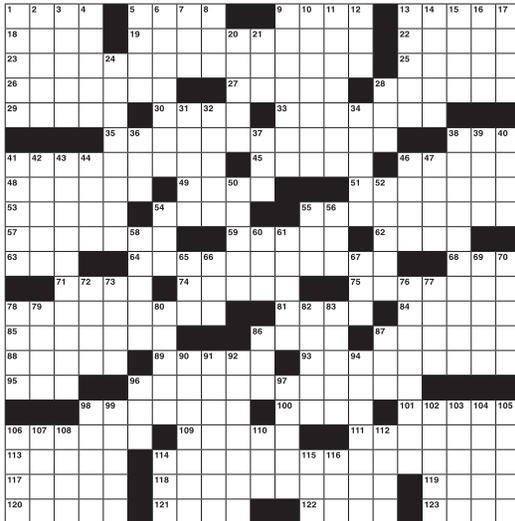
# WEEKEND: CROSSWORD AND COMICS

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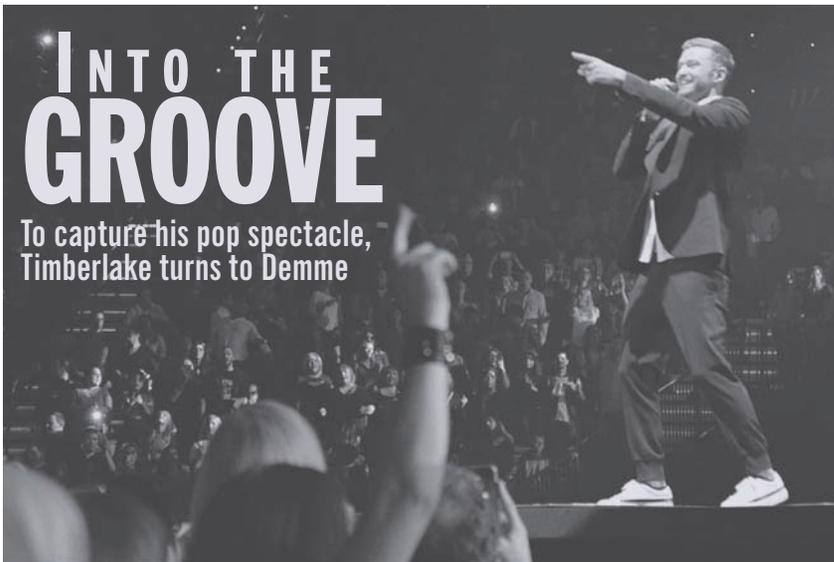
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# INTO THE GROOVE

To capture his pop spectacle, Timberlake turns to Demme



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Justin Timberlake performs in "Justin Timberlake + the Tennessee Kids," a concert film now on Netflix. "It's a concert film but it's the most personal film I've made about creating music," Timberlake says. "It was a really great time for me in my career and what was happening in my life."

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

Justin Timberlake's desire to make a concert film can be traced directly back to when he saw Jonathan Demme's iconic 1984 Talking Heads concert film "Stop Making Sense."

"There's just no other concert film like it," Timberlake said in a recent interview. "It changed the way I saw concerts from then on out."

When the pop star and actor met with Demme to discuss a script, Timberlake couldn't help gushing — to an embarrassing degree, he says — to the director. Though that project never materialized, Timberlake thought of Demme immediately when the idea of making a film from his 2013-2015 "20/20 Experience" world tour came up. "It wasn't about him being the first choice," says Timberlake. "He was the only choice."

With a quick phone call to Demme, it was a done deal. "It was the easiest. 'Stop Making Sense' was pretty easy too, but that time I had to call David Byrne and spend half an

hour convincing him to make the movie." Demme said with a chuckle in a separate interview. "I've been obsessed with working with Justin in a film ever since I saw him in 'The Social Network.' And then suddenly I get to do a movie where he's in almost every shot."

The film, "Justin Timberlake and the Tennessee Kids," is on Netflix, lending the streaming platform a megawatt dose of Timberlake's fluid, seemingly effortless stardom. He has touted it as an opportunity to "Timberlake and Chill!"

With Demme's cameras trained squarely on the singer, the film captures the wide range of Timberlake, whose silky-smooth performance is like a 21st-century hybrid of Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson. Both are repeatedly referenced throughout Timberlake's performance. The setting (the MGM Grand in Las Vegas) and attire (Tom Ford tuxedos) is pure Sinatra, while the dance moves and harmonies ("Human Nature" is covered) owe plenty to Jackson.

"It's a concert film, but it's the most personal film I've made about creating music," says Timberlake, whose 2013 "20/20 Expe-

rience" album was his first in seven years. "It was a really great time for me in my career and what was happening in my life."

"Stop Making Sense" chronicled the steady swell of Byrne's funk extravaganza: It begins with him on a bare stage with an acoustic guitar and builds to a teaming ensemble and Byrne in an oversized suit. But "Justin Timberlake + the Tennessee Kids" is the full force of a pop spectacle, with giant screens, laser lights, backup dancers and a moving platform.

It's a new groove for Demme, a filmmaker who moves between fiction films ("The Silence of the Lambs," "Philadelphia," "Raiders Getting Married") and performance documentaries ("Neil Young: Heart of Gold," Spalding Gray's "Swimming to Cambodia"). And the bigger, arena-sized concert meant a larger production for him, too.

"I used far more cameras than I've used before," Demme says. "We had 14 operated cameras. We had a crane stuck up on the ceiling operated by handles from somebody down on the floor. And we had six or eight stationary cameras put in special little spots to capture maybe one verse of a song."

## Obama's favorite sci-fi films include '2001'

The cerebral interstellar saga "2001: A Space Odyssey" and the android drama "Blade Runner" are among President Barack Obama's favorite sci-fi films and TV shows.

Obama shared his must-watch list of movies and TV shows to "expand your mind to new horizons" in the November issue of Wired magazine. Obama told the publication that he picked Stanley Kubrick's "2001" because it "captures the grandeur and scale of the unknown," while he selected Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner" because it "asks what it means to be human."

The full list:

1. "2001: A Space Odyssey"
2. "Blade Runner"
3. "Close Encounters of the Third Kind"
4. "Star Wars"
5. "Star Trek"
6. "The Martian"
7. "The Matrix"
8. "Cosmos"

## Other news

Monday's "Supergirl!" premiere marked the debut of Kara's Kryptonian cousin Clark Kent — or Kal-El as she first knew him — as well as the show's inaugural episode at its new network. With 3.02 million viewers, the Season 2 premiere was The CW's most-watched show in the Monday 8 to 9 p.m. slot since a 2008 "Gossip Girl" episode.

Elton John is chronicling his "crazy life" in an autobiography to be published in 2019. John said in a statement that he was finding the process of writing his memoirs "cathartic."

Reese Witherspoon has a deal with Touchstone for a life-style book based on her upbringing in Tennessee. The book is currently untitled and scheduled for 2018, the publisher told the AP on Thursday. In a statement released through Touchstone, Witherspoon said the book was a "unique opportunity" to tell funny stories and provide hints about the heart of her life living.

Roger Waters says he'll launch a 51-city North American tour next year. The Pink Floyd co-founder says he's planning a new multimedia show and will unveil new music on the Us + Them tour beginning May 26 in Kansas City, Mo. He's also wrapping up a new album that he says includes "the first love songs I've ever written." Tour tickets go on sale Oct. 21.

Patricia Barry, a mainstay of daytime television who appeared on "Days of Our Lives," "Guiding Light" and "All My Children," has died. She was 93. Barry died at her home in Los Angeles on Tuesday, a publicist for the actress said Wednesday. The Iowa-born Barry amassed more than 100 appearances in TV, film and theater.

Don Deacon, the jazz singer and songwriter of The Critters, died last week in Ketchum, Idaho. He was 70. Ciccone wrote the group's hit, "Mr. Dealingy Sad," which reached the Billboard Top 25 in 1966. He later joined Frankie Valli's Four Seasons from 1973 through 1981 before becoming the musical director and bassist for Tommy James and the Shondells.

From wire reports

## Lil Wayne explains his 'no such thing as racism' comment

By JOHN CARUCI  
Associated Press

Lil Wayne understands why some people criticized him for saying racism is over, but claims people don't see it from his perspective.

The rapper got some backlash last month when he told Fox Sports 1's "Undisputed" that there was "no such thing as racism" because his concert audiences had a lot of white fans. He also said millennials knew that racism wasn't cool. When asked on Tuesday to expand on his thoughts, Lil Wayne, whose given name is Dwayne Michael Carter Jr., told The Associated Press that one of the reasons he feels that way is because a white police officer

saved his life when he was 12 years old after he accidentally shot himself in the chest.

"Yeah, he was a cop, and my life was saved by a white man. I don't know what racism is. I know a good (expletive) named Uncle Bob, though," Carter said.

The Grammy-winning rapper said he was lying on the floor when police broke down the door, stepping over his body looking for guns and drugs. But one man stropped and chastised the others for leaving him. "He was white as snow. Them (expletive) that hopped over me were blacker than me," Carter said.

Carter says the man known as "Uncle Bob" personally took him to the hospital and stayed with him.

Still, he acknowledged that despite what he

told Skip Bayless on "Undisputed," there is such thing as racism. However, he says when he looks out from the stage, he sees all colors. "It's the world out there. It's not a certain part or a certain kind or a certain culture or whatever of people, it's people — those people out there in that crowd," Carter told the AP.

He added: "I'm blessed to have that opportunity, so with that said I can only be honest with such a thing, I have never witnessed racism."

Carter made the comments while promoting the recently published "Gone Till November: A Journal of Rikers Island," a revealing account of his eight-month jail sentence in 2010 after a gun charge.

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# OPINION

## Clinton clear-eyed on transparency

By CHARLES LANE  
The Washington Post

Of all the non-surprises in the much-hyped WikiLeaks release of hacked emails from the Hillary Clinton campaign, none was less revelatory than the predictable fact that she had preached the gospel of limited disclosure, behind closed doors.

At everybody's watching, you know, all of the backroom discussions and the deals, you know, then people get a little nervous, to say the least," she told the National Multifamily Housing Council in 2013, apropos the legislative sausage factory. "So you need both a public and a private position."

This was perfectly in character for the famously wary pol who declared, in 2003, that "I believe in a zone of privacy," then acted on that belief six years later, when she became secretary of state, by using a home-brew email server instead of the official system as the rules required — followed by a fumble.

American moralism and election-year politics being what they are, her remark played as a confession of two-facedness — though it was mightily and, from Clinton's point of view, blessedly overshadowed by the awful caught-on-tape sexual transgression of Donald Trump.

What really would be surprising, and pleasantly so, would be if the WikiLeaks raid on the Clinton campaign's e-archives led to a more mature, differentiated debate about the uses of publicity and privacy in democratic politics.

Transparency is the ultimate guarantor of democratic accountability. Like all good things, however, transparency can be taken to an extreme. Recent events — including the convoluted spectacle of a democracy's

presidential candidate's internal communications being stolen and selectively publicized by a totally nontransparent organization of computer hackers, perhaps backed by a foreign dictatorship's secret intelligence — suggest that we may be reaching that point.

The same technology that enables all of us, politicians included, to communicate globally nearly instantaneously is also exposing everyone to near-instantaneous disclosure, also on a global scale, of pretty much anything they might do or say. ... This is a positive development with respect to wrongdoing, such as police brutality, that may no longer hide in the social shadows, because everyone with a cellphone — or, say, a video camera built into their eyeglasses — can be a documentary filmmaker. It is positive, too, in the sense that "political cancanery and outright corruption may be more readily deterred."

To the extent that Clinton's quest for a zone of privacy has really been about securing protection for her husband's philanthropy, or other questionable activity by herself and her associates, it is self-serving and reprehensible, as her critics say.

"But one person's corrupt bargain is another's transactional politics. Much if not most of the internal Clinton campaign deliberations exposed by WikiLeaks were of the latter, run-of-the-mill stripe. It was actually reassuring to learn that the campaign considered the view of skeptical "political cancanery and outright corruption may be more readily deterred." ... Bernie Sanders' demand for a \$15 minimum wage for short-term political gain.

Insofar as Clinton's 2013 speech was a plea for some space in which political leaders and their advisers could meet and discuss issues candidly among themselves,

without grandstanding or fear of immediate leaks to the whole world, she was simply advocating a necessary exception to democracy's full-disclosure rule. There was something to be said about her willingness to embrace and acknowledge the inevitable public-private tension — albeit off the record! — instead of pretending, hypocritically, that "the process" would work better in the full light of day.

Confidentiality is no guarantee of policymaking success, as her own disastrous attempt to privacy is in a health care bill then secret demonstrated in 1993. However, then-candidate Barack Obama's 2008 promise to air his health care reform drafting sessions "on C-SPAN" (a quaint, low-tech promise in hindsight) was even sillier, as shown by his eventual resort to backroom deals to get reform passed.

We still don't quite live in the panopticon world of "The Lives of Others," the 2006 film about East German intellectuals under the brooding gaze of that country's secret police — Edward Snowden's warnings to the contrary notwithstanding.

The present danger to democratically elected leadership is not so much the "surveillance state" as it is something even more bewildering: surveillance anarchy.

We need to understand this challenge, and deal with it, if we are to reap the benefits of greater transparency while sustaining the basic interpersonal trust upon which democratic governance, like all decent social institutions, ultimately depends. Hillary Clinton may not be the ideal spokeswoman for such an effort, for obvious reasons. It's a valid effort just the same.

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## Baby boomers' monumental quagmire in Iraq

By ANDREW J. BACEVICH  
Special to the Los Angeles Times

In the United States, a nation wedded to the proposition that military might guarantees security, the members of each successive generation face this challenge: Will they demonstrate greater or lesser wisdom than their predecessors in deciding where young Americans should next fight?

Leaders of the so-called Greatest Generation failed the test. We can fix the date of that failure: It occurred just about 50 years ago, in September 1966, when Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara concluded that the Vietnam War was unwinnable — and then acquiesced in its further escalation.

Arguably the brightest of all the "Best and Brightest," McNamara could not muster the courage to confront what his own analysis revealed — that in Vietnam he and the presidents he served had given birth to a doomed enterprise. Instead, McNamara sustained the pretense of believing in a cause that he privately concluded was irretrievably lost. So many could not muster the courage to confront what his own analysis revealed — that in Vietnam he and the presidents he served had given birth to a doomed enterprise. Instead, McNamara sustained the pretense of believing in a cause that he privately concluded was irretrievably lost.

How ironic then that the best and brightest of the baby boomers have in their own way replicated the missteps of their predecessors. When the World War II generation pushed over the Pentagon, the administrations of John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson plunged heedlessly into what became a monumental quagmire. The boomer-dominated administrations of Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama have effectively collaborated in producing a similar result.

Although comparisons between Viet-

nam and Iraq are inexact, they are telling. In the 1960s, members of the policy elite to which McNamara belonged persuaded themselves that the preservation of South Vietnam ranked as a categorical imperative. To keep that country afloat and prevent Southeast Asia from slipping out of Washington's orbit, the U.S. embarked upon what many soon dubbed McNamara's War.

By the beginning of the 1990s, members of the policy elite were obsessing over Iraq much to the frustration of the 1960s generation, which had obsessed over Vietnam. As in the 1960s, unexamined assumptions abounded. So too did exaggerated fears. As had been the case during the 1960s, policymakers knew little about the country on which they were fixated. Once again, the issue at hand went beyond the fact of a single troublesome country. Ostensibly at stake was America's primacy in the Persian Gulf.

As in Southeast Asia back in the 1960s, so too in the Persian Gulf since the 1990s: Efforts to prop up U.S. hegemony yielded instead upheaval and instability. McNamara's War all but destroyed the country it was meant to save, while alienating neighbors such as Cambodia and Laos.

The results achieved by what today might be called Carter's War — for Ash Carter, the eighth defense secretary of the baby-boomer political ascendancy to preside over U.S. military operations in Iraq much to the dismay of the 1960s generation — are no less awful. The sequence of sanctions, bombing, invasion, occupation, counter-terrorism, counterinsurgency and yet more bombing, intended to bring Iraq into compliance with American dictates, has succeeded chiefly in shattering that country. The collateral damage caused by U.S. military actions during the past quarter-century under the auspices of baby

boomer elites equals the havoc wreaked by McNamara and his conferees and extends across an even wider territory.

Yet these parallel stories of military malpractice are by no means identical. Among the differences, one in particular stands out. In the 1960s, angry Americans, led by baby boomers, rose up in protest. Demanding accountability, many fingered McNamara as the very embodiment of Vietnam-era strategic myopia and moral indifference. Even today, among those who fought in that war and those who opposed it, he remains a reviled figure. Haunted by Vietnam, McNamara himself belatedly conceded the point, expressing remorse for his misjudgments while in office.

Today accountability and remorse are in short supply. Whatever capacity the public once possessed to rouse itself when faced with a military over-enthusiasm has apparently dissipated. With the normalization of war, Americans have learned to tune out events occurring on distant battlefields. Public malaise frees Congress of any obligation to exercise serious oversight. Why ask difficult questions when rote expressions of supporting the troops suffice?

As for the policy elite, in its ranks strategic myopia and moral indifference flourish. As with McNamara in his heyday, the conviction persists that military might will ultimately put things right, even as actual events contradict such expectations daily. If a military over-enthusiasm gone awry has answered. They are not asked, even in a presidential election year. For this, Americans have no one to blame but themselves.

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## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

### Don't let Trump ruin future GOP

#### The Dallas Morning News

Oh, this election. We'll remember it as the one that turned brother against brother, mother against daughter, father against son, friend against friend. What a bitterly divided nation.

And that's just the Republicans.

Even if you believe that Donald Trump stanching a gushing artery in the second debate, what of the constituency he has mostly dismissed? That would be the so-called establishing Republicans desperately trying to keep their presidential nomination from undermining their hopes of holding the Senate and House, if not their entire party.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, a belated and reluctant Trump endorser, tried to split the difference Monday by telling his caucus that he would no longer defend nor campaign with Trump. That was not pressed, he did not withdraw his endorsement.

Ryan's longtime friend and Wisconsin ally, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, steered the other way. Hours after Ryan's drama, Priebus told committee members that nothing had changed and the RNC was in full coordination with the Trump campaign, money included.

In two conference calls, two GOP leaders demonstrated how riven the party has become in the wake of Trump. Both recognize different realities, and only one can be right.

Discomb has offered his own occasional discomfort with the distasteful Trump campaign — including the vulgar, misogynistic “locker room” tape — but sought to reassure those Republicans standing with the nominee come what may. The only thing worse, they argue, would be a Hillary Clinton presidency. This is a significant segment of today's GOP. Trump won the nomination fair and square. ... He may be a walking gaffe machine incapable of going a week without taking his candidacy into the gutter, but he does have his candidity in that regard.

Then there are those Republicans who are the country's abject, the dozens of Republican elected officials and other party stalwarts who increasingly worry that his manifest ineptitude could sink the entire GOP ticket — or their own down-ballot race, in particular.

While he pulled up short, Ryan nevertheless connects the dots of a Republican elected officials and other party stalwarts who say Trump is simply a bridge too far. A more courageous House speaker would have finished the thought. Perhaps he will at the next conflagration. ...

What Republicans do could determine the country's course long after one miserable election. Its demise would deprive Americans of real and needed choice — but if the GOP can't bring itself to cut ties with the most unqualified candidate in modern history, it deserves the wilderness, and for a very long time.

### Top prize for Colombia? Peace.

#### Minneapolis Star-Tribune

Unlike almost any previous award, the Nobel Peace Prize is being bestowed, and not just reflexive, part of a peace process.

That is if Colombians seize the global momentum created by the awarding of the prize to President Juan Manuel Santos.

New momentum is indeed needed after Sunday's surprise rejection of a referendum on a peace pact between the Colombian



IVAN VALENCIA/AP

**Demonstrators hold hands to support a peace accord between the Colombian government and rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia at the main square in Bogota on Saturday. Voters narrowly rejected the accord in a referendum Sunday.**

government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as FARC.

Colombians, having endured 52 years of war, undoubtedly want peace. But a narrow majority of voters in a low-turnout plebiscite apparently believed the deal was too lenient on FARC fighters, some of whom are accused of decapitating, extortion, bombings, forced recruitment, drug trafficking and other crimes.

Despite the vote, both FARC and the government have pledged to abide by the current cease-fire agreement. And Santos plans to push for an eventual agreement that FARC — and just as important, Colombians — will accept. ...

Whether the unique nature of this year's laureate presages a longer-term shift remains to be seen. “Most of the time the Peace Prize is awarded for accomplishments that have already been achieved,” Joseph Underhill, an Augsburg College professor who is program director of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, told an editorial writer: “As a means to an end that everyone recognizes is widely sought in that country, this is something that can contribute to that process. If by no means should be taken as a refutation of the will of the people, but hopefully a tool to move to a solution that everyone wants under terms that are acceptable to a majority of Colombians.”

That majority deserves a just, permanent end to a war that has killed more than 200,000 and displaced millions more. The new Nobel laureate should use the award's stature to renegotiate an end to the conflict that can respond to understandable objections from some Colombians.

### Cost clouds vision for Mars

#### The Post and Courier of Charleston (S.C.)

President Barack Obama on Tuesday renewed the bold goal, first set by him in 2010, to send a manned spacecraft to Mars by the 2030s — “with the ultimate ambition to one day remain there for an extended time.”

The history-altering trip, if it happens, would be the result of an unprecedented public-private partnership between NASA and one or more commercial space ventures that have thrived under the Obama administration's approach to space travel.

In an article published by CNN on Tuesday, Obama writes:

“Getting to Mars will require continued cooperation between government and private innovators, and we're already well on our way. Within the next two years, private companies will for the first time send astronauts to the International Space Station.

The next step is to reach beyond the bounds of Earth's orbit. I'm excited to announce that we are working with our com-

mercial partners to build new habitats that can sustain and transport astronauts on long-duration missions in deep space. These missions will teach us how humans can live far from Earth — something we'll need for the long journey to Mars.”

Indeed, several companies have announced their plans to participate in the Mars adventure. ... NASA recently issued a statement applauding “all those who want to take the next giant leap — and advance the journey to Mars.” It is awe-inspiring. But in 2014 the National Research Council, an arm of the National Academy of Science, issued a cautionary report calling for a clearer focus and substantial additional funding for the Mars project. In the congressionally mandated study, it warned:

“Pronouncements by multiple presidents of bold new U.S. ventures to the Moon, to Mars, and to an asteroid in its native orbit ... have not been matched by the same commitment that accompanied President [John F.] Kennedy's now fabled 1961 speech, namely, the substantial increase in NASA funding needed to make them happen. In the view of many observers, the human spaceflight program conducted by the U.S. government today has no strong direction and no firm timetable for accomplishments.”

The sad reality is that NASA, like the Pentagon and all other functions of the federal government, is under congressional orders to cut spending ... as the record national debt soars toward \$20 trillion. That ground-bound bottom line will increasingly hamper efforts to extend our space-travel reach.

So until Congress and a new president are ready to get the federal government's balance sheet in much better order, the American dream of putting people on Mars will remain stuck on the launching pad.

### Generally misleading on policy

#### Los Angeles Times

During this ugly presidential campaign, Republican Donald Trump has shown enough about his character and temperament to prove himself unfit for the Oval Office. But on the issues facing this country, Trump has given voters little to go on, offering mainly bare policy outlines and vague generalities. Perhaps that's because his ideas are poorly thought out — or they don't work as advertised.

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mercial partners to build new habitats that can sustain and transport astronauts on long-duration missions in deep space. These missions will teach us how humans can live far from Earth — something we'll need for the long journey to Mars.”

That's not to say there aren't ways to reduce the cost of health insurance — it's just to note that allowing insurers to compete across state lines isn't one of them.

The details of policy matter, but Trump has shown little interest in learning about them. Perhaps that's because the closer one looks at the plans he's actually proposing, the less they live up to his promises.

### Charter schools have helped

#### The Washington Post

Before national board members of the NAACP gather in Cincinnati to decide whether to ratify a call for a moratorium on charter schools, they might want to do a little homework. We would suggest a field trip to the District of Columbia, where they would see how a thriving community of charter schools has reshaped education by providing a diverse array of educational programs. That the beneficiaries of this rich choice are, in large part, children of color is a fact that has led to an organization that is supposed to be looking out for the interests of minority people.

The some-60 members of the board are set to vote Saturday on a resolution passed in July at the NAACP's national convention that roundly criticized charter schools and called for a nationwide moratorium on their growth. Among the alleged sins: draining needed resources from traditional public schools and fueling segregation. The resolution even went so far as to liken educators in the charter movement to predatory subprime-mortgage lenders that put low-income communities at risk.

Who exactly the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights organization, thinks it is speaking for immediately came into question as witnessed by the reaction of black leaders across the country who have been involved with — and know a little something about — charter schools. More than 160 of them sent a letter last month to the NAACP board saying the criticisms were based on “cherry-picked and debunked claims.”

In truth, the leaders wrote in the Sept. 21 letter, “charter schools generally receive less per-pupil funding than traditional public schools” and often no resources for school and classroom facilities, but despite such hurdles are “helping students achieve at higher levels than traditional district schools.” If the NAACP were to get its misguided message of a moratorium on schools who would suffer lost opportunities would be black students, many from low-income and working-class families. ...

Cheering the call for a moratorium — and a similar resolution approved by the Movement for Black Lives — are the teachers' unions, the NAACP's traditional allies against charters — and that have provided financial support for NAACP activities. It will be interesting to see if the NAACP acts in those interests or in the interests of the nearly 700,000 black families who send their children to public charter schools, and the tens of thousands more who are on waiting lists.

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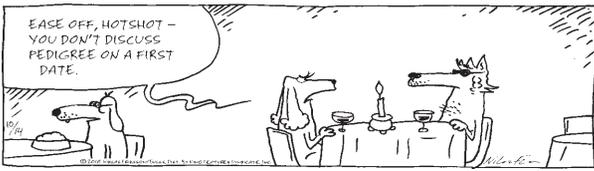
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- 17 Haggard song
- 18 Russian river
- 18 Glazier's sheet
- 19 Overact
- 20 Existence
- 22 Guys' dates
- 24 Bank statement no.
- 25 "Wow!"
- 29 Anger
- 30 Flies alone
- 31 Samovar
- 32 University

DOWN

- 49 Zilch
- 50 Low digits
- 51 Ring decision, briefly
- 21 Off-white
- 22 Robot of Jewish folklore
- 23 Lotion additive
- 25 Type of dancer
- 26 Oater showman
- 27 New York canal
- 28 Tolkien creatures
- 30 Wimbledon
- 33 Chopping spree?
- 34 Fill up
- 36 Leaks slowly
- 37 Portent
- 38 Nitwit
- 39 Getting — years
- 40 Christmas
- 42 Pvt.'s superior
- 43 Status follower
- 44 "A mouse!"
- 45 Outer (Pref.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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CRYPTOQUIP

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LYGVUQSLZ "USLM, UZSLM!"  
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I BELIEVE THE FATHER OF A GROUP OF FROG OR TOAD LARVAE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AS A DAD-POLE.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: P equals W



## FAITH

# Tapped in

Groups mix religion with cold brews



CARRIE ANTLENGER/AP

**“You know one of the Psalms says, ‘God gave wine to cheer up people’s hearts,’ so even the prayer book of the Old Testament sees that this is a gift from God.”**

— the Rev. John Laurance, associate professor of theology at Marquette University

People talk at a Waukesha, Wis., pub during a Jesus & Beer event put on by CollectiveMKE church. The group holds discussions once a month at bars.

By CARRIE ANTLENGER  
Associated Press

**A**ngela Caddell started struggling with her Christianity 14 years ago when she came out as gay. But at a gathering at a bar to talk faith over a cold beer once a month is helping her feel more connected to her religion.

“If you’re an atheist you are welcome ... I’m a lesbian, I’m totally welcome,” said the 32-year-old from nearby Wauwatosa, Wis., at a recent gathering.

“Tonight we’re talking about scapegoating. There is no scapegoating that happens here.”

This event is called Jesus & Beer and it’s part of an effort by some Christian groups throughout the country to recruit parishioners, connect with people struggling with faith or provide a relaxed outlet to talk religion.

Caddell heard about the event through Brandon Brown, pastor at CollectiveMKE. He started the gatherings once a month at area bars about 1½ years ago. He doesn’t have a stand-alone church and knew that his non-traditional gatherings wouldn’t attract social conservatives. About two dozen people attend.

“I think it also completely unsettles everyone’s expectations in that they

know what it is to talk about their faith in a church but most people have never done it in a bar so it’s a totally new environment and maybe fresh,” Brown said.

“In addition to that, I’ll be honest: A beer or two doesn’t hurt the conversation at all.”

While bringing people together to throw one back and talk religion isn’t a new idea, groups have been turning to the non-traditional pub setting to attract younger people such as millennials. According to a Pew Research Center study, the number of U.S. adults who are affiliated with an organized religion dropped from 83 percent in 2007 to 77 percent in 2014, a trend particularly striking in the millennial generation.

That younger group is the focus of a monthly bar event organized by the Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee, said Emily Burds, the Catholic church’s director of evangelization. Besides a free beer, there’s usually a meet and greet, a speaker and discussion.

About 60 to 70 people come each month to the Brewing the Faith gatherings, which Burds sees as a “means to an end.”

“Obviously the end is like greater faith and a relationship with God but also to be connected to a parish community somewhere where they are liv-

ing,” Burds said.

During the summer they also organize Theology on Tap, a lecture series that has spread worldwide after starting with the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1981. It involves bars or restaurants and targets younger people.

Burds said they trained some young adults in mingling skills to make sure everyone feels welcome and a sense of belonging — “what every millennial really is searching for,” Burds said.

It worked for James Wronski, 22, a new Milwaukee resident who attended a new garden event.

“I think this kind of relaxed social atmosphere where you come, you meet people, you drink, you relax and you kind of learn and educate yourself, that’s a big draw to millennials,” he said.

But alcohol certainly isn’t new to Catholicism, with wine being an integral part of the sacrament of Holy Communion, said the Rev. John Laurance, associate professor of theology at Marquette University.

“You know one of the Psalms says, ‘God gave wine to cheer up people’s hearts,’ so even the prayer book of the Old Testament sees that this is a gift from God,” Laurance said.



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## College football

### Schedule

**Friday**  
 Duke (3-2) at Louisville (4-1)  
 Memphis (6-1) at Fresno St. (1-5)  
 Mississippi St. (2-2) at BYU (3-1)  
**Saturday**  
 Lafayette (1-5) at Army (3-2)  
 Albany (NY) (4-1) at Maine (2-3)  
 James Madison (5-1) at New Hampshire (2-3)  
 Illinois (1-4) at Rutgers (2-3)  
 Bryant (2-3) at St. Francis (Pa.) (3-3)  
 Colgate (1-4) at Bucknell (2-3)  
 Colgate (1-4) at Col. (4-1)  
 Yale (1-3) at Fordham (3-2)  
 Harvard (4-0) at Holy Cross (2-4)  
 Sacred Heart (1-1) at Cornell (3-2)  
 Princeton (2-3) at Cornell (3-2)  
 Towson (2-3) at Dartmouth (3-2)  
 Minnesota (2-2) at Minnesota (3-2)  
 Columbia (1-3) at Penn (2-2)  
 Penn State (1-3) at Princeton (3-2)  
 Ball St. (3-3) at Buffalo (1-4)  
 North Carolina (1-3) at Syracuse (1-5)  
**Football**  
 Tech (3-3) at Michigan (1-5)  
 Rhode Island (1-5) at Stony Brook (3-2)  
 Robert Morris (1-5) at Duquesne (3-2)

**SOUTH**  
 NC State (4-1) at Clemson (6-0)  
 Davidson (2-4) at Wake Forest (1-4)  
 Furman (0-0) at ETSU (2-3)  
 Vanderbilt (2-4) at Georgia (4-2)  
 Dayton (2-4) at Jacksonville (2-2)  
 Minnesota (2-2) at Arkansas (3-2)  
 Georgia Southern (3-2) at Georgia Tech (3-3)  
 Pittsburgh (4-2) at Virginia (3-2)  
 Seton Hall (3-3) at Howard (1-4)  
 NC A&T (1-1) at Morehead (2-4)  
 NC A&T (1-1) at Bethune-Cookman (0-4)  
 Valparaiso (2-4) at Stetson (2-2)  
 Coastal Carolina (3-2) at Gardner-Whitfield (1-4)  
 Florida A&M (2-2) at Delaware St. (0-5)  
 Florida A&M (2-2) at Morgan St. (1-4)  
 Austin Peay (0-0) at Jacksonville St. (0-5)  
 Mississippi St. (2-2) at Alabama St. (1-4)  
 W. Kentucky (3-3) at Middle Tennessee (1-5)  
 Kennesaw St. (1-4) at Alabama St. (1-5)  
 Texas Southern (3-2) at Alcorn St. (2-3)  
 Mississippi St. (2-2) vs. Samford (4-1) at Birmingham, Ala.

**North Carolina** (6-0) at the Citadel (0-6)  
 Wake Forest (5-1) at Florida St. (4-2)  
 Coastal Carolina (4-2) at North Carolina (6-0)  
 Villanova (5-1) at Richmond (4-2)  
 Wake Forest (5-1) at Virginia Tech (4-2)  
 Georgia St. (1-4) at Troy (1-4)  
 Mississippi St. (2-2) at Illinois (1-4)  
 Missouri (2-3) at Florida (4-1)  
 W. Carolina (1-4) at Mercer (2-3)  
 UT Martin (2-3) at Murray St. (2-3)  
 Southern U. (2-2) at Jackson St. (2-3)  
 N.C. Central (4-1) at North Carolina (6-0)  
 Texas St. (2-3) at Louisiana-Monroe (3-4)  
 Mississippi St. (2-2) at Marshall (1-4)  
 Cent. Arkansas (4-1) at McNeese St. (1-4)  
 UConn (3-3) at South Florida (5-1)  
 UConn (3-3) at Tennessee St. (1-4)  
 E. Illinois (4-1) at Tennessee Tech (2-4)  
 Southern Miss. (4-2) at LSU (3-2)  
 Mississippi St. (2-2) at South Alabama (1-4)

**MIDWEST**  
 Iowa (2-4) at Purdue (3-2)  
 San Diego (1-4) at Drake (3-3)  
 Indiana (2-3) at North Dakota (4-2)  
 E. Michigan (4-2) at Ohio (4-2)  
 Ohio (4-2) at Miami (OH) (2-3)  
 South Dakota (2-3) at Indiana St. (3-2)  
 Ohio (4-2) at Miami (OH) (2-3)  
 W. Michigan (6-0) at Akron (4-2)  
 N. Dakota (5-0) at Indiana (3-2)  
 N. Dakota (5-0) at Indiana (3-2)  
 N. Dakota St. (3-2) at N. Dakota St. (2-3)  
 N. Dakota St. (3-2) at N. Dakota St. (2-3)  
 Bowling Green (1-5) at Toledo (4-1)  
 Ohio (4-2) at Miami (OH) (2-3)  
 N. Iowa (2-3) at Youngstown St. (4-1)  
 Youngstown St. (4-1) at N. Iowa (2-3)  
 Ohio St. (5-0) at Wisconsin (4-1)

**SOUTHWEST**  
 Kansas St. (3-2) at Oklahoma (3-2)  
 West Virginia (4-0) at Texas Tech (3-2)  
 Oklahoma St. (4-1) at Air Force (1-4)  
 Kansas (1-4) at Baylor (5-0)  
 Abilene Christian (3-0) at Sam Houston (2-3)  
 St. Louis (2-3) at Stephen F. Austin (2-3)  
 Mississippi (3-2) at Arkansas (4-2)  
 Arkansas (4-2) at Mississippi (3-2)  
 Louisiana (1-4) at Louisiana St. (1-4)  
 Northwestern St. (1-4) at Lamar (2-3)  
 UTSA (3-3) at Rice (2-3)  
 Iowa St. (1-5) at Texas (3-2)  
 Oklahoma St. (4-1) at Oklahoma St. (3-2)  
 Air Force (1-4) at Baylor (5-0)  
 Southern Cal. (4-1) at New Mexico (2-3)  
 New Mexico (2-3) at Southern Cal. (4-1)  
 Utah (5-1) at Oregon St. (2-3)  
 New Mexico St. (2-3) at Idaho (3-2)  
 Idaho (3-2) at Portland St. (2-3)  
 Idaho (3-2) at Portland St. (2-3)  
 New Mexico (2-3) at UT Dallas (1-5)  
 Colorado St. (3-3) at Boise St. (5-0)  
 Boise St. (5-0) at Colorado St. (3-3)  
 UCLA (3-2) at Washington St. (3-2)  
 UNLV (2-4) at Hawaii (5-3)

## Pro hockey

### NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	Metropolitan Division	Central Division	Pacific Division			
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	Metropolitan Division	Central Division	Pacific Division			
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE				
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St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nashville	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg	0	0	0	0	0	0

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	Metropolitan Division	Central Division	Pacific Division			
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calgary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

### Thursdays games

Ottawa 5, Toronto 4, OT  
 St. Louis 3, Calgary 4  
 San Jose 1, Vancouver 1

### Friday's games

Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 1  
 Chicago at Calgary  
 Philadelphia at Los Angeles

### Saturday's games

Winnipeg at Minnesota  
 Anaheim at Tampa Bay  
 N.Y. Islanders at Washington

### Sunday's games

San Jose at Pittsburgh  
 N.Y. Islanders at San Jose  
 Nashville at Chicago  
 Philadelphia at Carolina  
 Dallas at Colorado  
 Anaheim at Toronto  
 Carolina at Vancouver

### Baseball transactions

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**COLORADO ROCKIES** — Sent RHP Ryan Spang to Triple-A Albuquerque (PCL).  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES** — Fired president Mike Scioscia.  
**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS** — Waived G Xavier Munford after injury.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Signed QB Zac Daryn to the practice squad.  
**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** — Signed LB Anthony Frazier to the practice squad.  
**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Signed WR Kyle Williams to the practice squad.  
**RELEASED** — DB Charles Washington from the practice squad.  
**W. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**SHREWSBURY TOWN** — Signed WR Shaquille Evans to the practice squad.  
**RELEASED** — FB Glenn Gronkowski from the practice squad.  
**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Placed WR Eric Decker on injured reserve.  
**SIGNED** — CB Nick Marshall from Jacksonville's practice squad.

### Hockey

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**NEW JERSEY DEVILS** — Announced that D Steve Helgeson cleared waivers and was assigned to Albany (AHL).

### AP spotlight

**Oct 14** — The Chicago Cardinals snap the longest losing streak in NFL history at 29 games with a 16-7 victory over the Chicago Bears.

**1981** — Detroit's Jack Christiansen returns to the NFL after two seasons, but then Lions still lose, 27-21, to the Los Angeles Rams.

**1990** — Joe Montana passes for career highs of 476 yards and six touchdowns and Jerry Rice ties an NFL record with 100 yards in scoring reception as the San Francisco 49ers beat the Atlanta Falcons 48-35.

## Tennis

### General Ladies

**Wednesday**  
 At Intersport Arena Linz  
 Surface: Hard-Indoor

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**First Round**  
 Garbine Mutkiewicz, Germany, def. Camilla Giorgi, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Mandly Minella, Luxembourg, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Dominika Cibulkova (2), Slovakia, def. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 6-4, 6-2.

**Second Round**  
 Oceane Dodin, France, def. Sorana Cristea, Romania, 6-2, 6-4.  
 Clara Sures Navarro (4), Spain, def. Sara Sorocobu, Romania, 6-4, 6-2.  
 Denisa Alexterova, Czech Republic, def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 6-3, 6-4.

**Doubles**  
 Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Kvetia Peschke, Czech Republic, def. Anika Beck, Germany, and Alicia Rosolska, Poland, 6-3, 6-2.

**Quarterfinals**  
 Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, and Johanna Larsson (2), Sweden, def. Andrea Mitjans and Dulko, Romania, 6-3, 6-6.  
 Raquel Atawo and Abigail Spears (1), United States, def. Madison Brengle, United States, and Nicola Pietrangeli, Germany, 6-4, 6-1.

### Hong Kong

**At Victoria Park Tennis Stadium**  
**Hong Kong**  
 Surface: Hard-Outdoor

**Singles**  
**Second Round**  
 Jelena Jankovic, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-3.

**Doubles**  
**First Round**  
 Chan Hao-ching and Chan Yung-jan (1), Taiwan, def. Chieh-Chieh and Wang and Zhu Lin, China, 6-3, 6-10.

**Quarterfinals**  
 Shuko Aoyama and Makoto Ninomiya (4), Japan, def. Dalila Jakupovic, Slovenia, and Tara Moore, Italy, 6-2, 6-2.

### Shanghai Masters

**At Qizhong Tennis Stadium**  
**Shanghai**  
 Surface: Hard-Outdoor

**Singles**  
**Second Round**  
 Murray (2), Britain, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Rafael Nadal (4), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

### Golf

#### LPGA Tour statistics

**Through Oct. 9**  
**Scoring**  
 1. Lydia Ko, 69.180, 2. In Gee Chun, 69.250, 3. Ariya Kitahara, 69.654, 4. Ha Na Han, 69.850, 5. Sei Young Kim, 69.810, 6. Charley Hull, 70.000, 7. Minjee Lee, 70.000, 8. Brooke Kinsley, 70.070, 9. Shanshan Feng, 70.210, 10. Charley Hull, 70.210, 11. Haru Nomura, 70.250

**Driving Distance**  
 1. Joanne Klutter, 280.00, 2. Lexi Thompson, 278.900, 3. Sadena Park, 278.900, 4. Lexi Thompson, 278.900, 5. Benayna Ntshongopho, 271.077, 6. Sei Young Kim, 271.077, 7. Minjee Lee, 270.523, 8. Brittany Lincicome, 269.057, 9. Cyndie Altman, 267.449, 10. Holly Cline, 267.449

**Greens in Regulation**  
 1. Ariya Kitahara, 72.9%, 2. Lexi Thompson, 72.7%, 3. Ha Na Han, 72.4%, 4. In Gee Chun, 72.3%, 5. Sei Young Kim, 71.5%, 6. Charley Hull, 71.4%, 7. Minjee Lee, 71.3%, 8. Joanne Klutter, 71.3%, 9. Jessica Korda, 71.3%, 10. Carlota Ciganda, 71.3%.

**Putting per GIR**  
 1. Lydia Ko, 1.721, 2. In Gee Chun, 1.740, 3. Sei Young Kim, 1.746, 4. Ariya Kitahara, 1.753, 5. Hyo Joo Kim, 1.758, 6. Haru Nomura, 1.762, 7. Minjee Lee, 1.763, 8. M. Kim, 1.769, 9. Mirim Lee, 1.769, 10. Nontona Srisiravang, 1.770.

1. Brooke M. Henderson, 393, 2. Ariya Kitahara, 381, 3. Haru Nomura, 353, 4. In Gee Chun, 341, 5. Minjee Lee, 335, 6. Chella Chung, 326, 7. Hyo Joo Kim, 325, 8. Jessica Korda, 319, 9. Ariya Kitahara, 308, 10. Stacy Lewis, 307.

**Eagles**  
 1. Lexi Thompson, 1.2 (2 tie), Mi Hyang Lee, Sei Young Kim and Minjee Lee, 11.5, Ha Na Han, 10.8 (tie), Carlotta Ciganda, Matthew and Maude-Ameline Lobbe, 9.8 (tie), Mi Jun Hur, 8.8 (tie), Ariya Kitahara, 8. 10. Nene Tied with 7.0.

**Sand Save**  
 1. Jerry Shuh, 66.67%, 2. Brittany Lincicome, 58.24%, 3. Miki Miyazato, 57.23%, 4. Karrie Webb, 56.92%, Ashley Pridemore, 56.90%, 6. Laetitia Beck, 56.72%, 7. In-Gyeong Kim, 56.41, 8. Lydia Ko, 56.18%

## MLS

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	16	9	8	46	42
New York City FC	19	9	5	51	57
Toronto FC	13	10	4	46	53
Montreal	10	13	4	47	48
D.C. United	10	13	4	43	42
Philadelphia	10	13	3	48	42
New England	10	13	3	39	52
Chicago	8	12	3	35	49
Orlando City	7	11	14	35	58
Atlanta	6	15	3	32	46

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	16	11	5	46	39
Colorado	14	12	5	54	29
Portland	14	11	5	44	44
Seattle	13	13	6	45	40
San Jose	12	11	5	44	44
Spokane	12	13	7	43	41
Portland	11	13	4	41	46
San Jose	10	13	3	37	36
Vancouver	9	15	8	35	51
Minnesota	9	12	3	37	48

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

### Wednesday's game

Houston 0, Seattle 0, tie  
**MLS All-Star Games**  
 Columbus at Chicago  
 San Jose at Colorado

### Sunday's games

Columbus at New York  
 New England at Chicago  
 New York City FC at D.C. United  
 Orlando City at Philadelphia  
 Toronto FC at Montreal  
 Philadelphia at Portland  
 Los Angeles at Houston  
 Houston at San Jose  
 Portland at Seattle  
 Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake  
 Vancouver at San Jose

## Wednesday

### Dynamo 0, Sounders 0

**Houston** 0-0 vs. **Seattle**  
**Goalies**—Houston: Joe Willis, Calle Brown; Seattle: Stefan Frei, Tyler Miller.  
**Yellow Cards**—Houston: J. Brann, Houston, 64th.  
**Red Cards**—Atlanta, Seattle, 64th.

### Pro basketball

#### NBA preseason

##### EASTERN CONFERENCE

###### Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	2	1	.667	—
New York	2	1	.667	—
Brooklyn	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Toronto	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Orlando	1	2	.333	1 1/2

##### Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	2	1	.667	—
Charlotte	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Washington	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Orlando	1	2	.333	1 1/2

##### Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Indiana	3	1	.750	—
Cleveland	2	1	.667	1/2
Chicago	2	1	.667	1/2
Detroit	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Chicago	1	2	.333	1 1/2

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

###### Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	4		

# HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA PACIFIC

## Just suiting up a victory for some

By DAVE ORNAUER  
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They walked off the football field, vanquished 48-0 by M.C. Perry.

The Edgren Eagles had just 14 players in uniform to start the game, and managed just 39 net yards against the Samurai. The deepest penetration: The 10-yard line, late in the first half.

Yet, judging from the reaction of players, coach Jeremy Sanders and principal Gregory Watters, the Eagles did come away with some semblance of victory: They managed to play.

"That was somewhat of a victory," conceding on Sept. 17 — down to 10 players due to injury — Edgren had to forfeit in the second quarter and couldn't play at all on Sept. 23 at Yokota.

The Eagles' football future was in doubt.

"Although we came up short on the scoreboard, we didn't come up short of winning," Watters said. "Our kids were winners when we walked off the field. They didn't give up. We had nobody get hurt. I couldn't have asked for a better-play game."

Still, it might be asked: why continue to play this season, given that Edgren is now 0-4 and has been outscored 124-0, with at least two of the remaining three games against teams that the Eagles have very little chance of beating: defending Japan Division I-I champion Yokota and current Korea D-II leader Humphreys?

### Not just the Eagles

Edgren — with three D-II titles to its credit but facing hard times recently — is not alone facing trials in keeping a football program going. Osan couldn't get a team off the ground this season. Zama, Edgren's other remaining opponent, has been outscored 204-24 in five games and 164-24 in four D-I contests.

Is all that an indicator of the state of D-II football in the Pacific? Sanders, in his second season as Eagles head coach but in his eighth year with the program, says he doesn't view football as just about winning and losing. He says he emphasizes what the

game teaches about life building. "There are reasons to continue," Sanders said. "It's not always about the score, it's not about the record. Football builds so many traits and attributes of human character. Discipline, responsibility, effort; pick an adjective and you can follow it up with the game of football."

What about self-confidence after a one-sided defeat? "Coming off the field, we had stuck through, forged a bond with everybody and proved that football isn't just about people hitting each other," said senior quarterback Patrick Sledge. "Character, heart, determination, so much more. We proved it that night."

If Sledge and the other 13 players who suited up Friday were discouraged, "I couldn't tell," Sanders said. "The game Friday was not evident of that. I had 14 kids and every last one of them competed."

### New reality?

A team with 14 players would have to forfeit in DODEA Europe, due to concerns about over-matched players suffering serious injuries. And that 17 the Eagles began with on Aug. 8 probably wouldn't cut it either.

Youth and high school football participation in the States is on the radar of colleges and the NFL, with some fearing fewer players coming through the pipeline.

Much of that is due to potential injuries, with concussions and life-altering head trauma gaining attention.

Yet Sanders says he refuses to quit, just as he hasn't given up on reviving the military team he used to coach, the Misawa Jets, whose heritage can be traced back to the 1960s until their last season, 2013.

"It's funny how those mirror each other," Sanders said. "We do have avenues that we're thinking about," such as recruiting, inviting middle-schoolers to see how the Eagles team works, inviting parents out to demonstrate how Sanders and his staff are running the program.

If Edgren doesn't have enough numbers and size for a varsity team, "then we'll do a JV team



MIKE DOBSON/Special to Stars and Stripes

**Running back Matt Keating and Edgren's football team might have walked off the field in defeat 48-0 last Friday against M.C. Perry. But having played was a victory in and of itself, coach Jeremy Sanders, players and administration said.**

until years down the line, we might have a viable program," Sanders said.

### Numbers game for Osan

Osan faced the same issue when Aug. 8 rolled around. Coach Don Tusha had just 13 bodies to form a team, with his projected starting right tackle being Carson Nugent, principal Morgan Nugent's son, who stands 6-feet but weighs 138 pounds.

"That's not a good sign," Morgan Nugent said.

Carson, for his part, said it was disappointing that he couldn't play football; he ended up on the boys volleyball team. "We were too undersized," Carson Nugent said.

It's not the first time Osan has had issues fielding a varsity team. The Cougars suspended operations the last two weeks of the 2015 season when they fell short of healthy bodies, went 0-7 in 2014, did not play a varsity schedule in 2013 and went 0-8 in 2012. Osan last won a game on Oct. 14, 2011, 35-25 over Daegu.

"Our goal is to bring football back" to Osan, Morgan Nugent said. "Football sets the tone for the remainder of the school year. It's kind of difficult to have a homecoming without a football game, to do our crowning ceremonies, not having the game diminishes those festivities."

But how to bring back football to Osan and try to keep it vibrant at Edgren when so few players come out?

### Eight-man football?

Discussion has been raised about going to nine- or eight-man

football at the D-II level, considering that enrollments at smaller DODEA Pacific schools range from 327 at Zama to 145 at Perry. All but Zama and Yokota are at 200 or below.

"We have to do something, from a health and safety standpoint," said Tusha, one who believes that injury concerns "may influence some parents" to keep their sons away from the gridiron.

"As an organization, we have to look at fielding eight-man across the board," he said. That could make rosters more viable and perhaps entice schools such as E.J. King, which doesn't field football, to consider doing so.

DODEA-Pacific athletics coordinator Tom McKinney said the issue was tabled at the latest Pacific athletic directors video-tech conference, but that it can be discussed again. "Everything's on the table," McKinney said.

Not every small school has suffered equally.

Perry, for example, has an enrollment 51 students shy of Edgren, according to the latest figures released by DODEA. Daegu, with 169, is three-time defending Far East D-II football champion.

"But it doesn't help," Samurai football coach Frank Macias said of smaller enrollments.

For now, the Eagles plan to soldier on and.

"We'll take it one week at a time. We're not going to take chances with our kids," Watters said.

As for Osan, "We'll take one season to bulk up and get stronger and be ready to come back next season," Carson Nugent said.

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## Weekend peak

# Tourney a test for Falcons

By DAVE ORNAUER  
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Randall Sangalli and his Seoul American girls volleyball team have played well enough for second place in the Korea Blue Division regular season. Now, they hope to make the most of a chance to warm up for post-season tournament action.

The Falcons take their 6-1 regular-season record to Tokyo this weekend for the second American School In Japan-YUJO tournament. It features two DODEA Okinawa entities, including the two-time defending Far East Division I champions, and players from Yokota High School entered as a club team.

"We hope to be competitive," Sangalli said of a team featuring veteran middle blocker Renee Thompson and doing well so far with sophomore Faith Stelhe in her first season at setter.

"We're a better team than we were last year. We still have to work on some things. We still have some holes somewhere to fill. But I think we can surprise some people."

They'll try to do that against a field that includes Kubasaki and Kadena — the Dragons are also the defending ASIJ-YUJO champions — along with the Yokota Volleyball Club.

The non-DODEA contingent includes host ASIJ, which Kubasaki has beaten the last two years in the D-I tournament final.

Canadian International of Hong Kong returns. Coming from Singapore are United World College, which played last year, and Stanford American International, new to the tournament.

Play begins at 2:30 p.m. Thursday and concludes with the championship at 5:15 p.m. Saturday.

Outdoors on the turf football field, ASIJ takes on Kadena, currently leading the chase for Far East D-I, in a game best space. Kickoff is at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Down the street at Yokosuka Naval Base, Kinnick tries to remain in the hunt for one of the two D-I final berths, when the Red Devils host Seoul American. They kick off at the same time as Kadena and ASIJ.

Friday's football slate features three Division II matchups, the key one being Humphreys at Daegu, with a 5:30 p.m. kickoff.

A Blackhawk win punches their ticket for the D-II title game Nov. 5, either at Yokota or Perry; Daegu needs to win by 20 or more to have a shot at a fourth straight D-II title.

Perry visits Zama, while Yokota travels to Edgren; both at 7 p.m. Friday. For the visitors, it's a warmup game for Oct. 22, when the Panthers travel to Perry with the D-II host bid on the line.

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## Game of the week

**When:** 2 p.m. Saturday.  
**Where:** American School In Japan Chofu campus, Tokyo.

**What:** Crucial Division I matchup between visiting Panthers, who lead the chase for host rights to the Far East title game on Nov. 12, against the host Mustangs, 1-1 in D-I and very much in the chase for the visitor's spot. ASIJ could perhaps even host the final if they win and get help from other D-I teams in the coming two weeks. Nile C. Kinnick hosts Seokul American on Saturday, then ASIJ travels to Kubasaki

on Oct. 21 and Kadena entertains Kinnick on Oct. 22. All teams but Seoul American still have a chance to play in the D-I final.

**Players to watch:** Junior Cody Segó triggers the Panthers' hybrid power-speed attack and has 219 rushing yards and seven touchdowns on 18 carries while going 14-for-31 for 313 yards and four touchdowns. Kadena's leading ball carrier is senior Jericho Williams, the speedster has 329 yards and four touchdowns on 39 carries this season. ... ASIJ has lost just twice in eight games since Jack Ambrosion took over

at quarterback midway through the 2015 season. He's rushed for three touchdowns and is 31-for-58 for 506 yards and three touchdowns passing this season. Andrew Howe has 234 yards and three touchdowns on 28 attempts in limited action, while Jo Tsusaka has 224 yards and four touchdowns on 30 carries.

**Noteworthy:** Panthers have beaten the Mustangs the only time the teams have played, 30-19 last Oct. 20 at Kadena Air Base. ASIJ is in its second season of eligibility for the D-I title since opting to play a full D-I schedule starting with the 2015 season.

## Football: Kadena (4-0) at ASIJ (3-1)

# HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM HOWARD/Stars and Stripes

Sophomore volleyball player Maya Hagander serves the ball during a varsity practice at RAF Lakenheath, England, last month.

## Hagander making her mark

Lancers' sophomore considered one of DODEA Europe's best

By WILLIAM HOWARD  
Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — Maya Hagander yelled for the setup and time seemed to slow as the volleyball hung in the air. Then it sped again as she spiked it over the net through a throng of defenders.

"It honestly feels like you're on top of the world when you slam the ball down," said Hagander, a sophomore volleyball player at Lakenheath who's considered to be one of DODEA Europe's best young players. "But you always have to think about the girl that set it up and made it possible."

Hagander has spent a lot of time thinking about how a successful volleyball sequence comes about. She grew up around the sport, as her father has coached teams while stationed in Korea and Lakenheath.

"She used to hang around at the practice and occasionally get a chance to hit around afterwards," David Hagander, Maya's father, said.

Soon Hagander was playing competitively, and she made an immediate impact. Her first volleyball tryout was at age 11 for the Boswells youth program in Essex, England, where she played for four years under the watchful eye of her coach, former Great Britain Olympian Rachel Laybourne. At age 12, Hagander competed in the Volleyball England Inter Region Championships and was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Last fall, Hagander turned her attention to DODEA Europe volleyball, joining the Lakenheath Lancers varsity squad as a freshman. Success once again came quickly. Hagander earned All-Region first team honors and was named to the All-Tournament team at the Division I European tournament in November.

Lancers coach Dennis Ullery, a veteran of 15 seasons at various levels of volleyball coaching, attributes Hagander's success to her "spirit" as much as her skillset.

"She obviously possesses a genuine ability and gift for the game of volleyball," Ullery said. "She leads the game not only because of her knowledge and skill level but because of her spirit."

Ullery isn't the only DODEA Europe coach im-



Maya Hagander, center, made the Lakenheath varsity squad as a freshman last year and is considered to be one of DODEA Europe's top young players.

pressed with Hagander. Vilscek coach Brian Swenty, who runs an annual summer volleyball camp for DODEA Europe volleyball prospects, envisions a bright future for the rising DODEA Europe star.

"Maya clearly has what it takes to be a dominant player in DODEA Europe. She is tall, athletic, and moves well," Swenty said. "She clearly has an opportunity to play at the next level of volleyball if she continues to work hard and put forth the effort."

She appears to be doing just that. Over the summer, Hagander traveled to Colorado to participate in the USA National A2 Invitational. The elite program features five rigorous days of training and places participants in high-level action in front of collegiate coaches from across the United States. Hagander herself hopes to play volleyball for Duke University while studying to become a dermatologist.

Experiences such as this summer's camp in Colorado can only help Hagander eventually reach such goals. Swenty suggested that they could also help the development of the DODEA Europe teammates and opponents Hagander will encounter over the rest of her high school career.

"Hopefully, she was able to learn quite a bit that she can bring back to our students so they can grow as well," Swenty said.

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## Weekend peek

# Some issues remain as regular season winds to a close

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This weekend represents the last of the 2016 DODEA Europe Division II football season. And while most of the eight-team playoff field has been settled, a few issues remain.

In the North region, unbeaten Rota is the No. 1 seed regardless of how it fares against visiting SHAPE. Bitburg (3-1) has the second seed and a home semifinal game secured entering its regular-season finale against Baumholder, already mathematically eliminated from the playoffs.

That leaves AFNORTH/Brussels (1-3), International School of Brussels (2-2) and SHAPE (2-2) battling for the region's final two playoff berths. Conveniently enough, two of the three teams play each other.

ISB visits AFNORTH/Brussels on Friday evening. A win for ISB would lock up the third seed for the Raiders and hand SHAPE the fourth seed regardless of its outcome against Rota. An AFNORTH/Brussels win, coupled with the likely instance of a SHAPE loss to Rota, would require a complicated three-way tiebreaker to discern the two postseason qualifiers. Victories by both AFNORTH/Brussels and SHAPE would eliminate ISB, with the Spartans getting the No. 3 seed.

The South region, meanwhile, sends four of its five teams to the quarterfinals, and those four teams have already been identified as Ansbach, Naples, Vicenza and Hohenfels, in that order.

Two-time defending champion Ansbach has clinched the top seed and can wrap up another undefeated regular season with a win over 1-2 Hohenfels. But a loss wouldn't knock the Tigers out of the fourth seed, as they own the head-to-head tiebreaker against



KENT HARRIS/Stars and Stripes

Vicenza sophomore running back Arthur McDonald heads upfield in the first half against Hohenfels last month. The Cougars and Tigers will be the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds, respectively, when postseason play begins next week.

Aviano.

Similarly, Naples could claim the second seed outright with a win over Aviano on Saturday. But even a loss to the winless Saints wouldn't affect the Wildcats' status as the second seed, as they'd finish level with Vicenza at 2-2 and own the head-to-head tiebreaker over the Cougars.

All told, there's only one truly meaningful game on the Division II docket this weekend, a brief lull before the start of the three-week postseason.

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## Game of the week

# Football Stuttgart at Ramstein

Saturday

The Panthers' last visit to Ramstein resulted in one of the most monumental games in recent DODEA Europe memory, a stunning 10-8 Stuttgart win that ousted the favored defending champions, sent the Panthers on to their first Division I championship and defined a fascinating, unpredictable season of large-school European football.

It would be hard to imagine Saturday's regular-season rematch reaching comparable levels of drama and consequence. But the game comes at a key moment in a 2016 playoff race that is beginning to resemble last year's epic chase.

The Panthers and Royals are locked with Wiesbaden and Lakenheath in a four-way tie atop the Division I standings in a league that will send its top four teams to the postseason. That sounds like room enough for everyone, but a tough Vilscek team is lurking in the fifth spot just a game off the pace entering its Saturday home game against Wiesbaden.

Just as it was this time last year, this race is a long way from being decided.

NHL



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

The Predators' PK Subban warms up before a preseason game against the Tampa Bay Lightning in Nashville, Tenn. His new teammates with the Predators believe the defenseman will fit in perfectly in Music City, a town built on entertainment and filled with enthusiastic fans who love a great show.

# 'Passionate' Subban right at home with Predators

## New Nashville teammates think defenseman is perfect fit

By TERESA M. WALKER  
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — P.K. Subban already has belted out "Folsom Prison Blues" at Tootsie's, a famous honky tonk. He visited the local children's hospital before training camp opened. Then he scored a goal in each of his first two preseason games with his new team.

In Nashville, that's called knowing how to make an entrance. Subban's passion may not have gone over well with coaches and management with the Montreal Canadiens. His new teammates with the Nashville Predators see the defenseman as a perfect fit in Music City — a town built on entertainment and filled with fans who want a great show from a franchise now expected to go further than ever before in chasing the Stanley Cup.

"Fans are going to love him, there's no question," Predators captain Mike Fisher said. "And our fans are very passionate. They're loyal. They're forgiving, too, even through the ups and downs. ... It's not going to be long before he's a lot of people's favorite player."

Montreal and Nashville stunned the NHL on June 29 when the teams swapped star defensesmen straight up, sending Predators captain Shea Weber north for the 2015 Norris Trophy winner. Talk surfaced of personality conflicts with the organization and inside the Canadiens' locker room, and Subban tried to make it clear he loved Montreal, both the atmo-

sphere and media in a town that loves its storied hockey team.

"At the end of the day, there's a lot of people who have microphones and pens and paper and I can't challenge every person that has made an opinion of me based on facts," Subban said. "So for me, I'd rather just let my play do the talking, and I look forward to being a big part of this team moving forward. ... I've always been one to let my actions do my talking for me."

Subban is busy making friends in his new locker room and learning his way around Nashville, a switch for a guy used to being the one who welcomes new players.

"It's an exciting time for me at 27 years old with no family or any children or anything like that," Subban said. "It's like you get a bunch of new brothers right? So it's fun."

The Predators prefer to make their own minds up about Subban rather than listen to rumors. Fisher said it's easy for him to hear a lot of things about players, and he believes Subban will fit in nicely.

"Everyone knows he's an outgoing guy that brings passion to the game and sometimes the game of hockey that's a little bit laid back it's something new, but I think it's a great thing," Fisher said.

Forward James Neal has had dinner with Subban and sees someone both passionate about hockey and his fans. Subban's comfort handling both the media and social media has been quickly noticed.

"He's going to be good for our

team," Neal said.

Nashville fans got a great look at Subban during the NHL All-Star weekend in January. Subban slipped on a wig to imitate Jaromir Jagr for lots of laughs during the breakaway challenge and ended up winning the event decided by Twitter.

This franchise went seven games in back-to-back series last spring in the postseason, and general manager David Poile saw Subban as the perfect combination of skating and speed for coach Peter Laviolette's attacking offense. The trade was criticized in Montreal with the Predators getting the younger player. Poile thinks that speaks more to just how popular Subban was through-out Quebec.

"We've seen in the short time PK's been here ... he makes a lot of touches and he gets a lot of publicity," Poile said. "People gravitate to him because he's a hockey player, yes, but he has more going on in his life and he has some really good purposes in his life."

The Predators sold out a franchise-record 35 games last season, though the need to sell tickets never fades. Subban is more than happy to help sell the sport of hockey in his new winter home.

"At the end of the day, it's sports entertainment, and we have to perform to keep fans in the seats and what they pay helps put food on our tables," Subban said. "The more people we can engage and bring into the game, the better our game is going to be."

A perfect fit indeed.

# Score: Rookie has record-setting debut

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Turris took in a pass from Mark Stone with Matthews chasing, set himself and fired a shot by Frederik Andersen.

"That last play was 100 percent my fault," Matthews said. "We came here to win and we didn't get that done."

Turris scored twice, including the tying goal 6:45 into the third period. Bobby Ryan, Erik Karlsson and Derick Brassard also scored for Ottawa.

Frederik Andersen stopped 25 shots for the Maple Leafs. Craig Anderson had 34 saves for Ottawa.

Matthews scored on his first shot 8:21 into the first period, snapping in a pass from Zach Hyman during a scrum around the net.

The second goal came with 5:42 left in the first period. He dangled through a pair of Senators near the blue line, stole the puck from two-time Norris Trophy winner Erik Karlsson along the boards then beat Anderson with an odd-angle forehand.

"I've never seen anything like it," Babcock said. "He's a good player. You see that second goal he scored, not many guys do that."

Matthews put Toronto ahead 3-2 with a one-timer from inside the right circle on a feed from Morgan Rielly 1:25 into the second period, and fans showered the ice with hats.

The fourth goal followed a give-and-go with William Nylander. Matthews lifted the puck past Anderson after blowing by a defender in the slot. Nylander had two assists.

Matthews scored on his first three shots of the game. "He's a man," Babcock said. "He's 19 years old but he acts like he's 27. He has great maturity. If you meet his mom and dad, you're thoroughly impressed with the kind of people they are and the respect he has for his mom and sisters, the kind of guy he is."

"Don't get me wrong, we would've drafted him anyway, but that makes him more special."

His parents, Brian and Emma, were in the stands and celebrated the first goal with a kiss. After the third goal, Matthews' mom was shown on the broadcast high-fiving fans and covering her face in disbelief. She cried following the third and fourth goals.

"Those were tears of joy," Emma Matthews said. "I feel very excited. This is what Auston has been dreaming since he was 6, he playing right here in the NHL."

**'He's the real deal. ... I saw it firsthand last year so I'm not surprised. He's the total package.'**

### Did you know

Matthews was the fifth player with three goals in his NHL debut since 1943-44 and first since Derek Stepan with the New York Rangers in October 2010.



SOURCE: Associated Press

"I hope that nobody's going to wake me up here anytime soon," Brian Matthews said. "This is unbelievable."

Matthews' success was no surprise to Senators coach Guy Boucher, who coached against the young center last season in the Swiss Elite League.

"He's the real deal," Boucher said. "I told everybody and I saw it firsthand last year so I'm not surprised. He's the total package. He played against men last year and he's playing against men now, so I'm not surprised."

Matthews' debut captivated the league on the season's opening night.

"Feels like I'm watching movie hockey where there's that one kid who's just way better than everyone else. Congrats," tweeted retired forward Martin St. Louis.

"Most guys would be thrilled to score four in a month... (has)easygame" wrote Hurricanes forward Viktor Stalberg.

Matthews was the fifth player with three goals in his NHL debut since 1943-44 and first since Derek Stepan with the New York Rangers in October 2010. Alex Smart (Montreal, 1943), Real Cloutier (Quebec, 1979) and Fabian Brunstrom (Dallas, 2008) also had hat tricks in their first NHL games, though Cloutier played five seasons with the Nordiques in the WHA before that.

**Notes:** D Thomas Chabot and LW Matt Puempel were a healthy scratch for the Senators. Toronto D Frank Corrado and Roman Polak as well as C Seth Griffith were a healthy scratch.

**Up next:** Maple Leafs: Host Boston on Saturday night for their home opener.

**Senators:** Host Montreal on Saturday night.

Guy Boucher

Senators coach, on Maple Leafs rookie Auston Matthews

# MLB PLAYOFFS

## Blue Jays vs. Indians: A capsule look

### Schedule

(Best-of-seven; 4-11 network)  
**Friday:** at Cleveland  
**Saturday:** at Cleveland  
**Monday:** at Toronto  
**Tuesday:** at Toronto  
**Wednesday:** at Toronto  
**Friday, Oct. 21:** at Cleveland  
**Saturday, Oct. 22:** at Cleveland

### Season series

Indians won 4-3.

### Projected lineup

Blue Jays		Avg.	HR	RBI
2B	Devon Travis	.300	11	50
3B	Josh Donaldson	.284	37	99
1B	Edwin Encarnacion	.263	27	82
DH	Jose Bautista	.234	22	69
RF	Russell Martin	.231	20	74
SS	Troy Tulowitzki	.254	29	79
LF	Michael Saunders	.253	20	74
CF	Kevin Pillar	.266	7	53
LF	Ezequiel Carrera	.248	6	23
or				
LF	Melvin Upton Jr.	.238	20	61
Indians				
DH	Carlos Santana	.259	34	87
1B	Francisco Lindor	.275	22	82
SS	Francisco Lindor	.301	15	78
1B	Mike Napoli	.212	24	101
2B	Jose Ramirez	.312	11	75
RF	Lonnie Chisenhall	.286	8	57
RF	Rajai Davis	.249	12	48
CF	Tyler Naquin	.256	14	43
C	Yan Gomes	.167	9	34

### Projected rotations

Blue Jays		Record	ERA
RH	Marco Estrada	9-3	3.48
LH	J.A. Happ	20-4	3.18
RH	Marcus Stroman	6-10	4.37
RH	Aaron Sanchez	15-2	3.00
Indians			
RH	Corey Kluber	18-9	3.14
RH	Trevor Bauer	12B	4.26
RH	Josh Tomlin	13-9	4.40
RH	Mike Clevinger	3-3	5.26

### Matchups

Toronto and Cleveland, previously AL East foes, have never met in the postseason. ... Len Barker pitched a perfect game for Cleveland against Toronto in 1981. ... Indians played two of their most memorable games this season against Toronto. They won 4-1 in 13 innings on July 1 (Canada Day) to extend their franchise-record winning streak to 13 games. Santana hit the decisive homer off Darwin Barney, the second Blue Jays infielder to pitch in the game. Toronto topped the Indians 9-6 the following day. Cleveland also beat the Blue Jays 5-2 on Aug. 19, winning on Naquin's game-ending, inside-the-park homer. ... Four of the seven regular-season meetings were decided by one run. ... In 2015, ... Donaldson is 9-for-18 with five doubles and three RBIs in four playoff games this year. He has a .776 slugging percentage and has scored five runs.

### Big picture

**Blue Jays** After snapping a 22-year playoff drought in 2015, Toronto reached the playoffs for the second straight season under manager John Gibbons. The last time the Blue Jays did that was a three-year run from 1991-93 that ended with back-to-back World Series titles. ... This time, Blue Jays (89-73) captured the top AL wild card by winning their last two regular-season

games in Boston. They beat division-rival Baltimore at home in the wild-card game on Encarnacion's three-run homer in the 11th inning, then eliminated Texas in the ALDS for the second consecutive year. The win over the Rangers marked the first postseason sweep in Blue Jays history. ... Toronto is 6-0 in October after going 15 in September, its worst month of the season. ... Blue Jays averaged an AL-worst 3.69 runs in September and October regular-season games, a full run for their season average of 4.70. ... Blue Jays start-ers were strong down the stretch, allowing no more than one earned run in 12 of the final 17 games. The bullpen struggled, however, blowing leads five times in a seven-game stretch that ended Oct. 1. ... Blue Jays went 46-35 at home, the fourth-best mark in the division. ... Toronto has several pending free agents, including Bautista, Encarnacion, Saunders, Cecil and RHP R.A. Dickey.

**Indians** Cleveland makes its fifth ALCS appearance in first since 2007. Indians haven't been to World Series since 1997. ... Indians (94-67) led in AL Central on June 4 and never looked back, winning division with ease. They've overcome adversity all season. Star outfielder Michael Brantley played in just 11 games following shoulder surgery, but team got unexpected contributions from Ramirez, Naquin and others as they went to pick up slack. Cleveland's starting pitching was supposed to carry the team, but it's been a struggle. ... One of baseball's best bullpens that has Indians playing again in October. Manager Terry Francona's deft touch has kept team energized and believing it can make a deep playoff run. ... Cleveland hasn't won the World Series since 1948, but following Game 1A title in June, Indians don't feel pressured to end city's championship drought. ... Front office stepped up at trade deadline and acquired Miller, who might be most valuable reliever in majors. Also, team acquired Brian Gueter and Coco Crisp to provide depth in outfield. Abraham Almonte was traded to Cleveland season because of PED suspension. ... Indians are different team at home, where they went AL-best 53-28 and led league with 11 walkoff wins. ... Indians didn't lose three straight all season.

### What to watch for

■ **Center stage:** Die-hard baseball fans know Lindor, one of the game's rising stars. He's got all the tools: a sweet swing, golden glove and smile that can light up any ballpark. The 22-year-old shortstop plays with a youthful joy that will draw the TV cameras and national audience to him whenever he's on the field.

■ **Liriano's status:** The left-hander was removed from Toronto's roster in the ALDS because of a concussion sustained in Game 2. He was struck in the back of the head by Carlos Gomez's line drive, assessed at 102 mph by the bat. Liriano, who has made two relief appearances this postseason, said this week he felt fine, he's not eligible to return until Game 2 of the ALCS.

■ **Miller time:** Francona's decision in Game 1 of the ALDS to bring in Miller in the fifth inning — his earliest appearance of the season — proved the defining moment as Cleveland's bullpen closed out the opener and the Red Sox never recovered. Francona won't hesitate to use the talented lefty in a nontraditional way again. Miller has not allowed a run in 12 1/2 innings over eight career postseason appearances. He has 53-28 and led league with limited opponents to a .377 batting average (for 30).

■ **Devon's knee:** Travis was scratched from Game 1 of the ALDS because of a bone bruise in his right knee. After a cortisone injection, he was available to get off the bench in Game 3 but did not play. Atkins said Travis is improving and is expected to return for Game 4. ... Travis said he felt much better and will be ready to go in Game 4.

■ **Gold Glove winner,** made two starts for Toronto. ... **Cleveland rocks:** After winning 52 years for one of its major pro sports teams to win a championship, Cleveland could have a repeat of a second one in four months. Just last year, the team had won the ALDS and attended the Division Series to support the Indians and promised a return. ... Associated Press



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

The Blue Jays' Edwin Encarnacion warms up during a workout Tuesday in Toronto. The Blue Jays face the Indians in the American League Championship Series starting Friday in Cleveland.

# Only certainty for Tribe: Number 1's starting opener

By Tom Withers  
 Associated Press



**Game 1: Toronto Blue Jays at Cleveland Indians**  
 AFN-Sports  
 2 a.m. Saturday CET  
 9 a.m. Saturday JKT

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber is cleave at the top of the Indians' make-it-up-as-they-go rotation.

Cleveland will start its ace in Game 1 of the AL Championship Series against the Toronto Blue Jays, one of the few certainties Indians manager Terry Francona has as his team plays for a spot in the World Series.

Trevor Bauer, who started the opener of the Division Series against Boston, will pitch Game 2 and Josh Tomlin will take the mound for Game 3 in Toronto on Sunday. After that, Francona has "penciled in" Mike Clevinger for Game 4, but that plan could change depending on what happens in the first three games.

The uncertainty is nothing new to Francona, who has been forced to juggle his rotation for weeks after losing starters Carlos Carrasco and Danny Salazar to injuries.

Francona's decision to send out Kluber first was expected after the right-hander showed no signs of a late-season quadriceps injury and pitched seven shutout innings in Game 2 against the Red Sox. Kluber limited baseball's highest-scoring team to three hits and ended any concerns about him not being himself in his first postseason.

The Indians will need Kluber and the rest of their staff to be on when they face the wild-card

and match with his starters, he won't have Salazar on the ALCS roster.

The Indians sent the right-hander to Arizona to build up stamina in hopes that he might be able to return for this series after being sidelined since early September with forearm tightness. But Francona said the 11-game winner is not ready, and the Indians don't want to rush him back. "He's doing pretty good," Francona said. "He's not back yet where he's throwing all his pitches or letting it go 100 percent. I think if we ask him to do that, he might be reaching right now. We've been pretty vocal about the first priority is getting him back healthy. I think this proves it. We wouldn't do that to somebody."

The loss of Salazar was compounded when Carrasco broke his right hand when he was hit by a line drive on Sept 17. Francona has had to be creative with his bullpen, using eight relievers to complete the game when Carrasco got hurt.

"There's not too much our bullpen hasn't experienced throughout the course of the year," team president Chris Antonetti said. "We've had all different types of games, from the extra-inning game in Toronto to the game when Carlos left after two pitches. So, there's not too much our guys haven't handled and I think they're prepared and ready to go pitch when it's their turn, whenever Tito calls upon them."

While Francona has had to mix

Indians pitcher Corey Kluber  
 Ron Schwane/AP

COLLEGE FOTOBALL

# Badgers, Buckeyes working to fix offenses



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Michigan defenders tackle Wisconsin running back Dre Ogunbowale on Oct. 1 at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Badgers need to get their running game going Saturday against Ohio State.

## Wisconsin looks to rev up running game

By GENARO C. ARMAS  
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin running back Dare Ogunbowale didn't stray far from football during his team's bye week.

The senior watched every game he could on TV while spending time at home with his family and friends. He seemed interested in one team in particular, No. 2 Ohio State.

Ogunbowale gets to see the Buckeyes in person Saturday night when they visit Camp Randall Stadium for a primetime showdown against the eighth-ranked Badgers.

"The defense looks athletic," Ogunbowale said Monday.

But perhaps slightly vulnerable, at least for the high standards set by the Buckeyes, who beat Indiana 38-17 last week.

Indiana stayed within a touchdown of Ohio State until late in the third quarter, and threw for 182 yards and two touchdowns at the Horseshoe.

Wisconsin (4-1, 1-1 Big Ten), though, runs a completely different offense. The Badgers are out to push people around in the running game and dominate the line of scrimmage.

"It's always tough to watch offenses that do a lot of things differently from you," Ogunbowale said. "But at the same time, we saw that Indiana played hard and they had success."

The rested Badgers are coming off their first loss of the season, two weeks ago at Michigan. Wisconsin has a defense that can go big play-for-big play with Ohio State, even with outside linebacker Vince Biegel sidelined with a foot injury.

But the Badgers could use more produc-

tion out of their running game.

Senior tailback Corey Clement is averaging 3.9 yards a carry, 2 yards less than his career average. He has missed a game because of a sore ankle, and backup running backs Taiwan Deal and Bradrick Shaw have been hurt, too.

Injuries have sidelined two left guards, forcing coach Paul Chryst to shuffle the interior of his line.

Yet Wisconsin has still played well, especially given that it has already faced the tough defenses of LSU, Michigan State and Michigan.

"We've played against good teams, but that's no excuse," said Ogunbowale.

The passing game is a work in progress with freshman Alex Hornibrook scheduled to make just his third career start.

In Ogunbowale, Hornibrook has an experienced third-down back and effective check-down option. But the 5-foot-11 Clement has the potential to break away on any run.

"He's a perfect back for their offense," Ohio State defensive coordinator Greg Schiano said, "and they've had a long line of them."

Chryst coached a few stellar backs during an earlier stint at Wisconsin as offensive coordinator, including Montae Ball and P.J. Hill. He'd love to get a few more explosive plays out of Clement, Ogunbowale and his other backs.

"I think there (have) been a few instances where we've been trying to take the explosive run instead of just taking what's there," Chryst said. "And I think the explosive runs are byproducts of just doing your job well, and then you break a tackle and it ends up increasing."

## Ohio State trying to shore up sputtering passing game before Big Ten showdown

By MITCH STACY  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — With a Saturday night game against No. 8 Wisconsin looming, the Ohio State Buckeyes are trying to figure out why their usually dynamic aerial attack is suddenly sputtering.

Quarterback J.T. Barrett struggled finding open receivers and then getting the ball to them in Saturday's 38-17 win over Indiana, completing just nine passes in 21 attempts for 93 yards, with one touchdown and one interception. Often the Buckeyes resorted to Barrett tucking the ball and running. He did so a career high 26 times, picking up 137 yards and a touchdown. As far as coach Urban Meyer is concerned, that's too many hits for the team's best player.

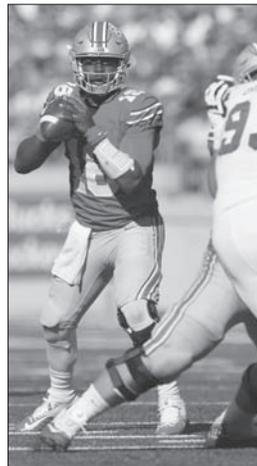
"That's going to be worked on extremely hard," Meyer said Monday. "It's a combination, it wasn't one issue but several. Either it's a misfire, not a well-executed pattern or a dropped ball. We just have to do much better."

Barrett blamed it on not being able to get everyone on the same page for every play. "We were in some good plays sometimes, and whether it (was) me messing up on an assignment or a read, or a receiver messing up or the O-line messing up, we just weren't clicking on all cylinders on all units on offense at times," a subdued Barrett said Monday. "We played poorly because we didn't play with great fundamentals."

Ohio State may be the one of the few places where there is hand-wringing after a three-touchdown win, but that's the way it is in Columbus. After the game Meyer called the passing failures "alarming," but he said Monday that might have been an overreaction. And he said some adversity can make players work even harder. "I think urgency is always good, absolutely," he said. "Lou Holtz would (say), and it's forever branded on my heart: You don't attack a team when you lose a game. You attack them when you win the game (and) it'll play well. So we're attacking, and there's urgency."

**Defense shines:** Meyer called out eight defensive players as earning the highest grades against Indiana, which was held to just 99 yards on the ground. The defense made two critical stops on fourth down, one in the fourth quarter when Nick Bosa, Michael Hill and others stopped Indiana's Devine Redding on the Ohio State 4 yard line following a Barrett interception.

The Buckeyes rank second in the FBS in scoring defense, allowing 10.8 points per game, and are the only FBS team to have not allowed a rushing touchdown yet this season. Ohio State is fourth in the country in turnover margin (+8) with 12 turnovers



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett drops back to pass against Indiana during the first half last Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. Barrett ran a career high 26 times in the game and completed just nine passes. The Buckeyes hope to correct that this week when they play No. 8 Wisconsin.

caused against four surrendered. Safety Malik Hooker's four interceptions tie him for most in the country.

**Parris rising:** Wide receiver Parris Campbell is getting Meyer's attention as a special teams standout. Campbell broke a 92-yard kickoff return that turned into an Ohio State touchdown after Indiana had scored to cut the Buckeyes' lead to 17-10 with 1:03 left in the first half.

"Parris Campbell is as valuable a guy as there is on the team right now," Meyer said. "He had a 92-yard kickoff return, he's all over the place as far as what we ask him to do."

**Big Ten Crowds Top 10:** The Big Ten has four teams in the top 10 of The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll during the regular season for the first time since 1960. No. 2 Ohio State and No. 8 Wisconsin join No. 4 Michigan and No. 10 Nebraska. Alabama is still No. 1.



No. 2 Ohio State  
at No. 8 Wisconsin  
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Urban Meyer  
Ohio State coach

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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SAMANTHA BAKER/AP

## Player to watch

### Wayne Gallman RB | Clemson

The Tigers' junior, who set the single-season school record with 1,527 yards last year, finally looks like he's found his form. He went for 109 yards on nine carries at Boston College, highlighted by a 59-yard TD run to start Clemson's scoring. This week he'll try to give Clemson its first-straight win over the Wolfpack's stingy defense.

North Carolina State at No. 3 Clemson  
6 p.m. Saturday, CET  
1 a.m. Sunday, Japan/Korea  
AFN-Sports

Arkansas quarterback Austin Allen (8) is pulled to the ground by Alabama's Rashaan Evans during last week's 49-30 Tide victory. After two losses in its last three games, Arkansas needs to finish strong to improve its win total for the fourth straight season. The Razorbacks' schedule doesn't get any easier this week when they host No. 12 Mississippi (1 a.m. Sunday, CET; 8 a.m. Sunday, JKT, AFN-Atlantic).

## SERVICE ACADEMIES



**Air Force**  
vs. New Mexico  
at Dallas  
Last week: Lost to  
Worms 35-26  
Next game: vs.  
Hawaii Oct. 22



**Army**  
vs. Lafayette  
Last week: Lost to  
Duke 13-9  
Next game: vs.  
North Texas, Oct. 22



**Navy**  
does not play  
Last week: Beat  
Houston 46-40  
Next game: vs.  
Memphis, Oct. 22

## AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Friday	Saturday
No. 7 Louisville vs. Duke	No. 1 Alabama at No. 9 Tennessee
No. 2 Ohio State at No. 8 Wisconsin	No. 3 Clemson vs. NC State
No. 10 Nebraska at Indiana	No. 11 Baylor vs. Kansas
No. 12 Mississippi at No. 22 Arkansas	No. 13 Houston vs. Tulsa
No. 14 Florida State vs. Wake Forest	No. 15 Boise State vs. Colorado State
No. 16 Miami vs. North Carolina	No. 17 Virginia Tech at Syracuse
No. 18 Florida vs. Missouri	No. 19 Oklahoma vs. Kansas State
No. 20 West Virginia at Texas Tech	No. 21 Utah at Oregon State
No. 24 Western Michigan at Akron	

## THE POWER CONFERENCES

ACC			
Atlantic Division		Conf.	All
W	L	W	L
Clemson	3	0	6
NC State	2	1	4
Wake Forest	2	1	5
Louisville	2	1	4
Florida St.	1	2	3
Boston College	0	3	3
Syracuse	0	2	4
Coastal Division		Conf.	All
W	L	W	L
Virginia Tech	2	0	4
North Carolina	2	1	4
Miami	1	1	4
Pittsburgh	1	1	4
Georgia Tech	1	3	3
Duke	0	2	3

**Game of the week:** North Carolina State at No. 3 Clemson. First place in the Atlantic Division is on the line in this matchup of the only two teams in the division without a conference loss. N.C. State (4-1, 1-0) has won three straight. But the Wolfpack will have to contend with Death Valley — where they haven't won since 2002. DeShaun Watson and the Tigers (6-0, 3-0) have won 12 straight ACC games.

**Inside the numbers:** Four ACC players are averaging at least 300 yards of total offense, with Heisman Trophy contender Lamar Jackson of Louisville leading the way with 462.6 total yards per game.  
**Player to watch:** Virginia QB Kurt Benkert. The East Carolina transfer in his first year as a starter is throwing for 291 yards per game, has thrown eight touchdown passes in his last two games and is coming off an idle week. Now he faces a Pittsburgh pass defense that ranks 13th in the ACC and has given up 10 touchdown passes in its last four games.

Big Ten			
East		Conf.	All
W	L	W	L
Michigan	3	0	6
Ohio St.	2	0	5
Penn St.	2	1	4
Maryland	1	1	4
Indiana	1	3	2
Michigan St.	0	2	3
Rutgers	0	3	2
West		Conf.	All
W	L	W	L
Nebraska	2	0	5
Iowa	2	1	4
Wisconsin	1	1	4
Purdue	1	1	3
Northwestern	1	1	3
Minnesota	0	2	3
Illinois	0	2	1

**Game of the week:** No. 2 Ohio State at No. 8 Wisconsin. Buckeyes can pad their playoff résumé with a win in what could be their toughest remaining road game, in prime time at raucous Camp Randall Stadium. Trips to unranked Penn State, Maryland and Michigan State also loom on the schedule. Playing a third straight top-10 opponent, Wisconsin can solidify its status as a Big Ten contender by pulling off an upset at home.

**Inside the numbers:** Michigan State, which was ranked No. 12 before the season, has lost three straight for the first time since 2009 and for the third time since Mark Dantonio took over the program in 2007.  
**Player to watch:** Indiana QB Richard Lagow. The junior college transfer is making his fifth career FBS start — and his third straight against a ranked team. Lagow leads the league in yards passing per game (292.0) and is tied for second in TD passes (11). Lagow will try to lead the Hoosiers past No. 10 Nebraska on Saturday.

Big 12			
Conf.		All	
W	L	W	L
Baylor	2	0	5
West Virginia	2	0	4
Oklahoma	2	0	4
TCU	2	1	4
Oklahoma St.	2	1	4
Texas Tech	1	1	4
Kansas St.	1	1	3
Texas	0	2	2
Kansas	0	2	1
Iowa St.	0	3	1

**Game of the week:** No. 20 West Virginia (4-0, 1-0) at Texas Tech (3-2, 1-1). WVU is undefeated this season with no more than 38 points in a game. Mountaineers coach Dana Holgorsen was a Texas Tech assistant for eight seasons, and was a receiver coach from 2000-02 when Texas Tech coach Cliff Kingsbury was a record-setting quarterback there. They have split four games as Big 12 foes, with the Mountaineers winning the last two by a combined eight points.

**Inside the numbers:** Kansas State last week got its 100th Big 12 victory, joining Texas and Oklahoma as the only teams to do that since the league's inception in 1996.  
**Player to watch:** Texas running back D'Onta Foreman. The junior leads the Big 12 and is second nationally with 148.8 yards rushing per game. His seven TDs give him a league-leading 10.5 points per game. Foreman is coming off a season-high 159 yards against Oklahoma, his third consecutive two-TD game.

Pac-12			
North		Conf.	All
W	L	W	L
Washington	3	0	5
Washington St.	2	0	3
Stanford	2	3	2
Oregon	1	1	2
California	1	2	3
Oregon	0	3	2
South		Conf.	All
W	L	W	L
Arizona St.	2	1	5
Utah	2	1	5
Colorado	2	1	4
Southern Cal	2	2	3
UCLA	1	2	3
Arizona	0	3	2

**Game of the week:** Stanford at Notre Dame. Two preseason top 10 teams trying to salvage what are quickly becoming lost seasons. The Cardinal (3-2), coming off a 42-16 loss to Washington State, could possibly be without Heisman hopeful running back Christian McCaffrey. Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly is trying to help the Irish (2-4) avoid his first losing season since his first year at Central Michigan in 2004.

**Inside the numbers:** With three field goals in Arizona State's 23-20 win over UCLA last week, Sun Devils senior Zane Gonzalez set the FBS record for career field goals with 89.  
**Player to watch:** Colorado tailback Philip Lindsay. The junior's never-say-away-from-contact running approach and passionate leadership has the Buffaloes in contention for a Pac-12 South title as they host Arizona State on Saturday. Last week, he had six catches for 105 yards — the most yards receiving for a Colorado tailback in nearly 15 years.

SEC			
East		Conf.	All
W	L	W	L
Tennessee	3	0	5
Florida	2	1	4
Kentucky	2	2	3
South Carolina	1	2	4
Missouri	0	2	3
Vanderbilt	0	3	2
West		Conf.	All
W	L	W	L
Texas A&M	2	0	6
Alabama	2	0	5
Auburn	2	1	4
LSU	2	1	4
Ole Miss	2	1	4
Mississippi St.	1	2	3
Arkansas	0	2	3

**Game of the week:** No. 1 Alabama at No. 9 Tennessee. The Volunteers have lost the last nine games in this series, but they've come closer lately. Tennessee led in the fourth quarter at Alabama last year before falling 19-14. Tennessee also is seeking to end a 12-game losing streak against SEC West foes. Tennessee hasn't beaten a West team since defeating Mississippi 52-14 in 2010.

**Inside the numbers:** Tennessee already has fumbled 21 times — the most of any FBS team — and has lost eight of those fumbles through the first six games of the season. The Vols had 10 fumbles and lost seven of them in 13 games last season.  
**Player to watch:** Florida QB Luke Del Rio. After missing two games with an injured left knee, Del Rio returns to action Saturday against Missouri and tries to help the Gators remain in Eastern Division contention. Del Rio had thrown for 762 yards with six TD passes and two interceptions in three starts before getting hurt.

# FOOTBALL



SHANE KEYSER, KANSAS CITY STAR/TNS

Steelers outside linebacker Arthur Moats (55) stops Chiefs running back Spencer Ware (32) from making a cut on Oct. 2. Moats, who went to James Madison, is one of a growing number of pros proving that quality teams can be built with athletes who didn't play major-college football.

# 'The NFL will find you'

## Growing number of players prove major-college experience not required

By **RAY FITTIPALDO**  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**T**here is a saying prospects from the lower levels of college football cling to every winter in the run-up to the NFL Draft: "If you're good enough to play in the NFL, the NFL will find you."

The Steelers were at the forefront of the movement to bring small-college players into the league in the early 1970s when legendary scout Bill Nunn searched the small black universities for talented players and helped build the Steelers' dynasty.

Nunn found Hall of Famers John Stallworth and Mel Blount at Alabama A&M and Southern. He found L.C. Greenwood at Arkansas AM&N and Donnie Shell at South Carolina State. All four were four-time Super Bowl champions on the Super '70s Steelers.

More followed over the years through different coaches and different generations of scouts in the front office. Eric Green went to Liberty College, Earl Holmes went to Florida A&M and Aaron Smith attended Division II Northern Colorado.

With head coach Mike Tomlin, a graduate of William & Mary College, and a front office stocked with scouts with FCS or Division II and Division III backgrounds, the Steelers still adhere to the idea that they can build quality football teams with select players that didn't play major-college football. Their roster has five players from the FCS level of NCAA football, formerly known as Division I-AA.

Three of them were in the starting lineup last Sunday when the Steelers beat

the Chiefs, 43-14, at Heinz Field. Javon Hargrave of South Carolina State was the starting nose tackle, Arthur Moats of James Madison started at right outside linebacker and Jordan Dangerfield of Towson started at strong safety.

"We love our 1-AA crew," Moats said. "Most guys doubt us. But we say look at us. We're out here balling. We take pride in that. We have some players at that level as well."

Quite a few, actually. NFL rosters will always be dominated by players from FBS schools, but FCS schools are producing more players, including top draft picks, every year.

Eagles rookie quarterback Carson Wentz, who threw for 300 yards against the Steelers two weeks ago, played at North Dakota State. The opposing quarterback for the Jets at Heinz Field on Sunday is

Ryan Fitzpatrick, who played at Harvard. Wentz and Fitzpatrick are not exceptions to the rule. Wentz is one of six North Dakota State players in the NFL this season; Fitzpatrick one of five players from Harvard.

And while the Steelers used to have a leg up on scouting the smaller schools four decades ago, every other team in the NFL has caught on by now. The Jets lead the NFL with 11 players on their roster from FCS schools. Buffalo, Arizona, Indianapolis, Detroit and the New York Giants have seven apiece.

"One of the big things is they all have better offseason programs now and they're recruiting smarter," said Gil Brandt, the former vice president of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys. "They're going farther to get players. The Big Sky Conference is going to California and Texas to get players. And I think the high schools are developing better players. They're playing that 7-on-7 all year long. We're getting better skill players. Every college program is getting better players now because they're being developed better in high school."

### Choosing FCS over FBS

Dangerfield played high school football in the talent-rich state of Florida at Royal Palm Beach, but his dream of playing for one of the major state universities never came to fruition. The University of Miami, Florida and Florida State did not recruit him. His first FBS scholarship offer came from Florida International, and their head coach rescinded it when Dangerfield did not commit on his timetable.

A few other FBS offers trickled in, from as far away as the University of Massachusetts, but they all wanted Dangerfield to delay his college career and sit out his



Don Wright/AP

**Jets quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick is among a current group of NFL players who came from an FCS school (Harvard).**

freshman season.

"I just wanted to go somewhere where I could play right away and get into it," Dangerfield said.

So Dangerfield committed to Hofstra and spent his freshman season in the FCS Colonial Athletic Association. When Hofstra disbanded its football program after his freshman season he transferred to Towson, which also competes in the CAA, and started three years for the Tigers.

Many talented players get lost on overstocked rosters at FBS schools, but Dangerfield is among a group of players in the NFL that opted for early playing time at an FCS school over the glamour of playing at a higher level.

"It helped a lot," Dangerfield said of seeing the field early as a college player. "Everyone wants to go Division I-A, but at the

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**Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin**

Don Wright/AP



## FOOTBALL

## Find: FCS schools let players shine

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same time there is great talent at the D 1-AA level, as you can see. We're all around the league. You have to trust the process and make the most of the opportunity when it comes."

Moats has a similar story to tell. When he was a senior at Churchill High School in Portsmouth, Va., he received scholarship offers from a few smaller FBS schools in Conference USA and the Mid-American Conference. But at the urging of his parents he decided on James Madison, another CAA school that coupled a strong football program with a strong academic rating.

"I had offers to 1-A schools," Moats said. "I just didn't want to go to a smaller MAC school or a Conference USA school. If I wasn't going to play in the ACC or the Big Ten, I didn't want to do it. I'd rather go 1-AA where I can excel and play right away rather than go to a school where they lose a lot. That was my biggest thing. I wanted to win."

"At JMU, when I signed, they had just won the national championship. They were in big playoff games. They were on ESPN. I was going to get some TV games. And then I went to their practices and saw NFL scouts there. I said if I do what I'm supposed to do, I'll get drafted. The NFL will find me."

The NFL did find Moats. The Bills selected him in the sixth round of the 2010 draft, and he played four seasons for them before signing with the Steelers as a free agent in 2014.

One other notable Steelers employee made the same decision as Moats and Dangerfield a generation ago. Tomlin had scholarship offers from smaller FBS schools, but he chose William & Mary instead. Tomlin never made it to the NFL as a player, but he's in his 10th season as Steelers' head coach.

"When I was in high school and got that first offer from Kent State and then Akron, I thought that was cool," Moats said. "But my parents said, 'Hey, you don't have to go to these schools. Go to a school that you will really enjoy,



PAUL SANCTA/AP

Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz passes during the first half. Wentz, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2016 draft, is one of six players in the league who played at North Dakota State University.

**‘Go to a school that you will really enjoy, where you’ll get a great education, where you’ll enjoy your playing experience. And then from there, the NFL will find you.’**

Arthur Moats

Steelers linebacker who played for FCS school James Madison

where you'll get a great education, where you'll enjoy your playing experience. And then from there, the NFL will find you."

"Some people go 1-A just to say they went 1-A. But if you to a 1-A and only win one game a year, what's the point of doing that? At JMU, I was winning 10 or 11 games a year and playing in big games and I still had a chance to go to the league."

## Academic casualties

Many players that end up playing at FCS schools are talented enough to play at FBS schools, but they don't have the test scores or grades and get turned away by admissions offices.

That's how reserve linebacker L.J. Fort ended up at Northern Iowa. Fort, who grew up in Missouri and was the state's player of the year at the 5-A level as a senior, was recruited by Big 12 schools, but those schools backed away due to academic issues.

Hargrave had a similar experience at his high school in North Carolina. He was among the top players in the state as well, but FBS coaches did not offer him the chance to prove he could make the grade academically in college.

"It was a bunch to do with eligibility," Hargrave said. "I guess a lot of people didn't want to take a

chance on me. I'm happy with my situation because I still reached the goals that I wanted to reach. I'm real proud of that and I have no regrets about that."

Like Dangerfield and Moats, Hargrave played early. He was so good in his first season at South Carolina State that he was named a freshman All-American. After registering 29½ sacks as a junior and senior he was on the NFL radar and received invitations to the NFL scouting combine, the East-West Shrine game and the Senior Bowl. The Steelers selected him in the third round of the draft in the spring.

Hargrave is one of the fortunate FCS players to receive invitations to the combine and postseason all-star games. Many like Dangerfield and Fort face uphill climbs to make it in the NFL. Dangerfield was an undrafted free agent who signed with Buffalo in 2013. After the Bills cut him he spent the rest of that fall and winter out of football. He worked out in Palm Beach twice a day, four times a week waiting for his next opportunity.

That opportunity came when the Steelers signed him to a futures contract in January of 2014. He was cut at the end of training camp that summer and again last summer, but he was added to the practice squad both years. This summer he finally earned a coveted roster spot.

Fort was an undrafted free agent and made the Browns' 53-man roster as a rookie, but he could not make a roster or a practice squad in 2013 and spent time on the practice squads of the Bengals and Seahawks in 2014 and the Steelers last season before making the 53-man roster this season.

Both players had some advice for aspiring players that play at FCS schools now.

"If you have a dream, chase it," Dangerfield said. "It might not happen the way you want it to happen. But stay positive throughout the process and trust the process."

Added Fort: "If you can ball, it's not where you come from. They'll find you."

## No turnovers no fluke for Western Michigan

By Eric Olson  
Associated Press

Western Michigan's rise under P.J. Fleck has been underscored by his popular "row the boat" mantra. Within the walls of his program, another saying carries as much or more gravitas: "The ball is the program."

The Broncos are living it so far this season. They're the only Bowl subdivision team that has not committed a turnover.

As far as Fleck is concerned, that statistic best explains how his team has won six straight games for its best start since 1941 and entered the Top 25 for the first time, at No. 24.

"You come to one of our practices," quarterback Zach Terrell said Wednesday, "you're going to hear 'the ball is the program' at least 10 times."

Flipping the fortunes of the program has been predicated on improving the turnover margin, Fleck said. His first WMU team, in 2013, tied for 104th in the FBS and went 1-11. The Broncos were 49th and 58th while going 8-5 each of the last two years.

The 2016 Broncos are the first team in at least 20 years to commit no turnovers through its first six games, according to WMU and ESPN research. The record for fewest turnovers in a season is eight, shared by four teams.

Terrell has not been intercepted in 143 pass attempts. The Broncos have fumbled seven times and recovered each one. Considering their opponents have lost five of six fumbles, how big a role has luck played in Western Michigan staying turnover-free?

"You've got to be able to catch some breaks," Fleck said. "But we're big on believing you can create your own breaks."

Rather than hanging a board in the locker room displaying the Mid-American Conference standings, Fleck allows only a chart that runs down MAC teams' turnover margins. On their way from the

locker room to the practice field, players tap a sign saying — what else? — "the ball is the program."

And every practice, with no exception, includes a 15-minute period for ball security and ball disruption drills. Wet footballs are used every Thursday and frozen balls come out occasionally as the weather turns colder.

Fleck and his staff came up with a rotation of 12 drills that address almost any situation a turnover or takeaway could occur.

"We teach everything here in incredible detail," he said.

A player is schooled on how to pick a ball off the ground depending on whether he's in a cluster of bodies or in the open field. In close quarters, it's jump on the ball and squeeze it. In the open field, the player is to surround the ball with his feet, bend at the hips and knees, scrape his knuckles on the ground with his pinksies together, scoop up the ball and "put it in the chin."

"Chin" is the Broncos' way of saying to hold the ball high and tight. There's more to it than that, though. Coaches talk about five pressure points for cradling the ball. Even the direction the point of the ball faces is scrutinized.

And then there's effort, which is part of Fleck's "row the boat" theme for how the program operates. No one has shown more effort than tight end Dominic Ernsberger, who has recovered four of the Broncos' seven fumbles.

"He doesn't get a lot of touches as a receiver, but he'll put his body on the line," receiver Corey Davis said. "He's sacrificing a lot for this team, and he means a lot to us."

Fleck said Ernsberger's fumble recoveries are not by chance.

"He always finds a way to be around a fumble and get in the pile, or to be on the ball when that ball comes out," he said. "If he were jogging and not finishing the play, he wouldn't recover those. But we have about 95 Dominic Ernsbergers on our football team."



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The Panthers' Brandon Wegher (32) is tackled by the Steelers' Jordan Dangerfield, who played for FCS school Towson.

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Ronda Rousey, left, and Holly Holm fight during their UFC 193 bantamweight title bout in Melbourne, Australia on Nov. 15, 2015. Rousey will return to the UFC on Dec. 30 in Las Vegas, fighting Amanda Nunes for the bantamweight title.

# Rousey returning to UFC

Former champ to fight Nunes for title after a 13-month layoff

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

Ronda Rousey will return to the UFC on Dec. 30 in Las Vegas, fighting Amanda Nunes for the bantamweight title.

UFC President Dana White confirmed Wednesday that Rousey will be in the main event of UFC 207 at T-Mobile Arena.

Rousey (12-1) hasn't fought since November 2015, when Holly Holm stunned the previously unbeaten champion with a second-round knockout at UFC 193 in Melbourne, Australia.

Rousey became one of the world's most popular female athletes and the UFC's biggest mainstream star during her meteoric rise through mixed martial arts. The former Olympic judo competitor became the first UFC women's champion in late 2012, with her talent compelling White to create a women's bantamweight division in his promotion.

Rousey kept the 135-pound belt through six defenses before Holm's dominant victory, which was punctuated by a dramatic head kick.

Before losing to Holm, Rousey had beaten four

contenders for her belt in a combined 130 seconds, including a 14-second stoppage of Cat Zingano and a 16-second victory over Alexis Davis. Rousey had finished every opponent of her MMA career, beating 10 of those 11 opponents in the first round, before her defeat.

The bantamweight title has changed hands two more times since Rousey's loss, with Miesha Tate beating Holm and Nunes stopping Tate in the first round at UFC 200 on July 9. Holm has lost both of her fights since beating Rousey.

Nunes (13-4), a Brazilian fighting out of Florida, has won four straight fights. After she took the title away from Tate, Nunes made it clear she would prefer to defend her belt against Rousey.

While Rousey apparently kept training after her loss, she took an extended break from competition, working as a model and appearing in a handful of films as an actor.

Rousey was arguably the UFC's biggest star when she began her break, and she acknowledged having suicidal thoughts after her loss. White always assumed Rousey would resume her fighting career when ready.

# Packers' defense braces for Dallas

By GENARO C. ARMAS  
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The toughest test yet of the season looms on Sunday for the Green Bay Packers' league-best run defense.

No team has moved the ball better on the ground than the Dallas Cowboys so far this season.

Mike Daniels and the Packers' defensive front against a Cowboys offensive line that paves openings for rookie tailback Ezekiel Elliott.

Strength against strength. The Packers hold opponents to 42.8 yards rushing per game. The Cowboys rush for 155.2 yards per game.

"It's the starting point each and every week for both football teams," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "So it'll be an excellent matchup."

Elliott is only the third rookie in NFL history, after Eric Dickerson and Mike Anderson, to run for at least 130 yards in three straight games. Mobile quarterback Dak Prescott has three rushing touchdowns.

This is a good week for the Packers' defensive front to be reinforced.

Lineman Mike Pennel is eligible to rejoin the active roster this weekend after being suspended the first four games by the NFL for violating the league's substance abuse policy. Pennel was a key backup last season, especially effective against the run.

His impending return would mean that Green Bay would have its full complement of linemen again. Tackle Letroy Guion rejoined the starting lineup last week alongside Daniels after missing a game with a knee injury.

Kenny Clark, the team's first-round draft pick, has also played well for a rookie. Hybrid linebacker-lineman Datone Jones has

helped fill the void up front.

Now Jones may be able to focus more on pass-rushing duties. Either way, Green Bay's deep group of outside linebackers, led by Clay Matthews and Nick Perry, has extended the wall against the run to the edges.

"We're all on the same page. We're clicking," Perry said after practice Wednesday. "This is our opportunity to be the best... to be aggressive and to compete on all downs."

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett has taken notice. The Packers, he said, play well against the run regardless of whether Green Bay is in its base 3-4 defense, or if a fifth defensive back is on the field in what would normally be passing situations.

Garrett also likes how his offense has improved running the ball no matter the defense.

"There are certainly a lot of areas where we have to get better," Garrett said, "but we're doing a good job coming off the ball, getting into blocks and finding places for runners to run. The runners are running well."

Elliott, a 6-foot, 225-pound rookie, will certainly be tough to bring down. But keep in mind that the Packers have already held Vikings running back Adrian Peterson to 19 yards on 12 carries in Week 2 before Peterson got hurt.

But facing a mobile quarterback such as Prescott presents the Packers with a new challenge this season. McCarthy said handling the Cowboys' play-action game will be important.

"Obviously they're stacked in their numbers in the run game. So maybe we'll have to throw it a little bit more," Prescott said in a conference call. "But that's a great defense that they've got over there. We're excited for the challenge!"

AP Sports Writer Schuyler Dixon in Dallas contributed to this story.

# Fury vacates belts, loses license

Steve Douglas  
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — Tyson Fury's downward spiral since becoming world heavyweight boxing champion escalated Thursday when the British fighter relinquished his titles and had his license suspended over drug use and medical issues.

Fury's promoters said the 28-year-old boxer was giving up his WBO and WBA belts with immediate effect to focus on treatment and recovery from drug use and other personal problems.

Hours later, the British Boxing Board of Control said Fury had been temporarily relieved of his license "pending further investigation into anti-doping and medical issues."

The unbeaten Fury has not fought since beating Wladimir

Klitschko in November 2015 to claim the WBA, WBO and IBF titles in one of the most stunning heavyweight upsets in recent times. He has twice pulled out of a rematch with Klitschko, most recently ahead of the rescheduled Oct. 29 bout after being declared "medically unfit" by his team.

"I'm unable to defend at this time and I have taken the hard and emotional decision to now officially vacate my treasured world titles and wish the next in-line contenders all the very best as I now enter another big challenge in my life which I know, like against Klitschko, I will conquer," Fury said in Thursday's statement.

"I feel that it is only fair and right and for the good of boxing to keep the titles active and allow the other contenders to fight for the vacant belts that I proudly won and held as the undefeated heavy-

weight champion of the world," he said.

In an interview with Rolling Stone magazine this month, Fury said he has been bingeing on cocaine and alcohol to cope with manic depression.

In the interview, he also described himself as a "manic depressive" and said: "I just hope someone kills me before I kill myself."

The WBO said Monday that it had received a report from the Voluntary Anti-Doping Agency in the United States showing that Fury failed a drug test on Sept. 22. The body also said it received information from the British boxing board that Fury refused to be drug-tested last month ahead of the postponed Klitschko fight.

Fury's trainer and uncle, Peter Fury, said last month that the fighter was at an "all-time low."



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Jaguars running back T.J. Yeldon, right, is brought down by Packers defensive end Mike Daniels during the first half of the season open on Sept. 11 in Jacksonville, Fla. The Packers have perhaps their toughest test of the season Sunday: Dallas' running game.



# GAMEDAY

WEEK 6

TELEVISED GAMES



## Marquee matchup

### Dallas Cowboys (4-1) at Green Bay Packers (3-1)

AFN-Sports2, 10:25 p.m. Sunday CET, 5:25 a.m. Monday JKT

Los Angeles Rams (3-2) at Detroit Lions (2-3)

AFN-Sports  
7 p.m. Sunday CET  
2 a.m. Monday JKT  
**Series:** Rams lead 43-40-1.  
**Last meeting:** Rams beat Lions 21-14, Dec. 13, 2015.  
**Notes:** Rams RB Todd Gurley averaged career-high 8.75 yards per carry, running 16 times for 140 yards and two TDs in last year's win over Lions in St. Louis. ... Lions snapped three-game skid last week with win over previously undefeated Philadelphia. ... Detroit QB Matthew Stafford threw three TDs last week for third time this season.



Philadelphia Eagles (3-1) at Washington Redskins (3-2)

AFN-Sports2  
7 p.m. Sunday CET  
2 a.m. Monday JKT  
**Series:** Redskins lead 84-73-5.  
**Last meeting:** Redskins beat Eagles 38-24, Dec. 26, 2015.  
**Notes:** Redskins have won past three meetings, haven't won four consecutive vs. Eagles since 1985-87. ... Eagles QB Carson Wentz has seven TD passes, two away from breaking Donovan McNabb's team record for rookies. ... Redskins QB Kirk Cousins threw for 365 yards and four TDs last meeting. ... LB Will Compton leads Redskins with 45 tackles.

Also on AFN:  
New York Jets (1-4) at Arizona Cardinals (2-3), AFN-Sports2, 2:15 a.m. Tuesday CET, 9:15 a.m. Tuesday JKT

**SERIES RECORD:** Packers lead 17-16.  
**LAST MEETING:** Packers beat Cowboys 28-7, Dec. 13, 2015.

**LAST WEEK:** Cowboys beat Bengals 28-14; Packers beat Giants 23-16.  
**COWBOYS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (2), RUSH (1), PASS (21).

**COWBOYS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (16), RUSH (11), PASS (19).  
**PACKERS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (25), RUSH (12), PASS (27).

**PACKERS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (9), RUSH (1), PASS (24).

**STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES:** Cowboys 4-11 on road against Packers, including playoffs. ... Cowboys seeking fifth straight win. ... Rookies QB Dak Prescott (1,239 yards passing) and RB Ezekiel Elliott (546 yards rushing) first duo to go over 1,000 in air and 500 on ground in first five games of season. ... Prescott has attempted 155 passes without interception, second only behind New England's Tom Brady (162) for QB starting NFL career, and most by rookie. ... Offense

ranks second behind Philadelphia in average time of possession (33:49). ... Defense hasn't allowed 100-yard rusher or 100-yard receiver in first five games, longest streak since going first six games in 2011. ... Cowboys first in league in third-down efficiency (50 percent), while Packers rank third (48.2 percent). ... Packers have outscored Cowboys 90-21 in last three regular-season games between teams at Lambeau Field. ... QB Aaron Rodgers has seven touchdowns and 100.8 rating in five career games vs. Cowboys. ... Rodgers stands 31st in completion percentage (56.1 percent), more than eight points less than career average of 64.8. ... RB

Eddie Lacy ranks fourth in league averaging 5.46 yards per carry. ... WR Jordy Nelson has five receiving TDs in first four games. ... League-best run defense holding opponents to 42.8 yards rushing per game. ... LB Nick Perry has three sacks in past two home games. ... LB Clay Matthews has one sack in all three games he has played this season. ... Fantasy Tip: Lacy left week with left ankle injury. Backup RB James Starks averaging just 1.9 yards per carry in 24 attempts in limited time this season.

— Associated Press



Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott

JOSE YAU, WACO TRIBUNE HERALD/AP

Game capsules compiled from Associated Press



Atlanta Falcons (4-1) at Seattle Seahawks (3-1)

AFN-Sports  
10:25 p.m. Sunday CET  
5:25 a.m. Monday JKT  
**Series:** Seahawks lead 9-6.  
**Last meeting:** Seahawks beat Falcons 33-10, Nov. 10, 2013.

**Notes:** Matchup of Falcons' No. 1 ranked offense and Seahawks' No. 1 ranked defense. ... Falcons lead NFL with 25 plays of 20 yards or more. ... Seahawks 3-3 following bye under coach Pete Carroll. ... QB Russell Wilson had career-high 385 yards passing vs. Falcons in 2012 playoffs. ... In last start Wilson threw for 309 yards, three TDs, no interceptions.



Indianapolis Colts (2-3) at Houston Texans (3-2)

AFN-Sports2  
2:20 a.m. Monday CET  
9:20 a.m. Monday JKT  
**Series:** Colts lead 23-5.  
**Last meeting:** Texans beat Colts 16-10, Dec. 20, 2015.

**Notes:** Tennessee QB Andrew Luck threw for 370 yards and three TDs in last game against Houston. ... RB Frank Gore had 98 yards rushing and TD in last game against Houston. ... Houston QB Brock Osweiler has thrown six touchdowns with seven interceptions this season. He is 3-0 on top. ... WR Jaelen Strong has three TDs in two career games vs. Colts.

## REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Cincinnati at New England  
Pittsburgh at Miami  
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants  
Carolina at Chicago  
Carolina at New Orleans  
San Francisco at Buffalo  
Cleveland at Tennessee  
New Orleans at Oakland  
**Open:** Tampa Bay, Minnesota

### NEXT WEEK

**Monday, Oct. 17**  
N.Y. Jets at Arizona  
**Thursday, Oct. 20**  
Chicago at Oakland  
**Sunday, Oct. 23**  
N.Y. Giants at Los Angeles  
Minnesota at Philadelphia  
New England at Kansas City  
Oakland at Jacksonville  
Washington at Detroit  
Indianapolis at Tennessee  
Baltimore at Tampa Bay  
Cleveland at Cincinnati  
New Orleans at San Francisco  
San Diego at Atlanta  
New England at Pittsburgh  
Seattle at Arizona  
**Open:** Dallas, Carolina  
**Monday, Oct. 24**  
Houston at Denver

## EXPANDED STANDINGS

### American Conference

	W	L	T	East			AFC	NFC	Div
				Pct	PF	PA			
New England	4	1	0	.800	114	74	2-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	117	87	1-1-0	2-1-0	1-2-0
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	92	136	0-2-0	1-2-0	1-3-0
Miami	1	4	0	.200	88	119	1-1-0	0-3-0	1-3-0
<b>South</b>									
Houston	3	2	0	.600	82	104	3-0-0	0-2-0	2-1-0
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	92	101	0-2-0	2-1-0	1-2-0
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	137	148	2-1-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	84	111	1-2-0	0-1-0	1-2-0
<b>North</b>									
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	139	93	3-0-0	1-1-0	3-0-0
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	94	88	1-2-0	2-0-0	3-1-0
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	92	110	1-1-0	1-2-0	2-2-0
Cleveland	0	5	0	.000	87	148	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-3-0
<b>West</b>									
Oakland	4	1	0	.800	142	137	1-1-0	3-0-0	3-0-1
Denver	4	1	0	.800	127	87	2-1-0	2-0-0	2-0-0
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	83	92	2-0-0	0-2-0	2-2-0
San Diego	1	4	0	.200	152	142	1-1-0	0-3-0	1-3-0

### National Conference

	W	L	T	East			NFC	AFC	Div
				Pct	PF	PA			
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	129	91	2-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	115	51	2-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0
Washington	3	2	0	.600	115	122	1-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	89	108	1-1-0	1-2-0	2-3-0
<b>South</b>									
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	175	140	1-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	94	142	0-2-0	2-1-0	2-2-0
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	114	130	0-2-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	123	135	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-3-0
<b>North</b>									
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	119	63	3-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	98	83	2-0-0	1-1-0	2-1-0
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	119	125	1-1-0	1-2-0	1-2-0
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	85	126	1-1-0	0-3-0	1-2-0
<b>West</b>									
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	79	54	2-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0
Los Angeles	3	2	0	.600	82	106	1-1-0	2-1-0	3-1-0
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	125	101	1-2-0	1-1-0	2-1-0
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	111	140	1-2-0	0-2-0	1-4-0

# SPORTS



## Rousey's return

Former champ gets chance to reclaim title at UFC 207 » Page 62



NHL

PHOTOS BY SEAN KILPATRICK, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Above: Toronto Maple Leafs rookie center Auston Matthews, right, celebrates a first-period goal against the Senators with teammate William Nylander on Wednesday in Ottawa, Ontario. Matthews scored four goals for Toronto in the highest-scoring debut in NHL history. Below: Matthews is swarmed by teammates after the third of his four goals.

# Four score

## Maple Leafs rookie Matthews makes record-setting debut

Associated Press

**A**uston Matthews needed 40 minutes to get into the NHL record book.

In the highest-scoring debut in modern NHL history, Matthews scored four goals for the Toronto Maple Leafs, but Kyle Turris scored 37 seconds into overtime to give the Ottawa Senators a 5-4 victory Wednesday night.

Matthews got his fourth with three seconds left in the second period, bringing his mother to tears in the stands.

He called it a "surreal" moment, adding that "I couldn't believe that was happening out there."

The 19-year-old from Scottsdale, Ariz., is the 12th first overall pick to score in his NHL debut.

"Since I've been the Leafs coach, that's the best night I've had since I've been here by 10 miles," said second-year coach Mike Babcock. "Not even close."

Despite the historic first game, Matthews took responsibility for the loss after failing to pick up Turris coming into the Toronto zone.

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