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## Four Americans killed in Afghanistan

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*Stars and Stripes*

KABUL, Afghanistan — Four Americans were killed Saturday in an attack on the largest U.S. military base in Afghanistan, the Pentagon said.

An apparent suicide bomber was responsible for the attack, which killed two U.S. servicemembers and two contractors, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said in a statement. In addition, 16 other American servicemembers and one Polish soldier were wounded.

The Taliban claimed that one of their

**‘Force protection is always a top priority for us in Afghanistan, and we will investigate this tragedy to determine any steps we can take to improve it.’**

Ash Carter

defense secretary, after Saturday's attack on Bagram Air Field

militants who worked at the base had blown himself up.

“Force protection is always a top priority for us in Afghanistan, and we will investigate this tragedy to determine any steps we can take to improve it,” Carter said. He

assured that those injured “are getting the best possible care.”

The incident, coming two days after a suicide bombing that targeted the German Consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif, highlights the growing insecurity in Afghanistan

nearly two years after international combat operations formally ended. It brings to eight the number of American troops killed in Afghanistan this year.

Neither Carter nor NATO, which leads the Resolute Support mission that trains and advises Afghan forces, identified those killed or injured.

The Taliban said in a statement that one of their members, Hafiz Mohammad Parwani, had been working undercover on the base and had planned the attack over the past four months.

Parwani blew himself up when many soldiers were doing their morning exercises, the insurgent group said.

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Afghan girls carry their belongings in October outside the Samarkhel Encasement Center in eastern Afghanistan.

CHAD GARLAND/Stars and Stripes

## Rough return

Afghan refugees making way home from Pakistan

By CHAD GARLAND  
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*Stars and Stripes*

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — A simple refrain is being constantly directed at Afghans who have lived in Pakistan for decades: “When will you leave?”

The question is a sign of mounting pressure by ordinary Pakistanis on Afghan refugees in recent months. It’s the title of a new comedy film belittling them and a now-frequent taunt that’s led to hundreds of brawls, according to media reports.

For many Afghans, the answer’s clear: We’re leaving now. They’ve been returning home in droves, inundating communities that are ill-prepared to absorb them and raising fears of greater insecurity in their beleaguered homeland.

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**“What he’s turned up is not unusual — except for the fact that they were actually enlisted. That I find amazing.”**

—Paul Hutton, history professor at the University of New Mexico, about retired Army Col. David C’de Baca’s find that two Navajo women who served as scouts with the Army in 1886 could be the first women to have officially been enlisted

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# WAR ON TERRORISM



MASSOUD HOSSAINI/AP

**Afghan soldiers and police block the main road to the Bagram Air Field’s main gate on Saturday after an explosion killed four people early Saturday, according to the head of international forces in Afghanistan.**

# Attack: Taliban claims responsibility for bombing

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Abdul Shukour Qudoosi, the governor of Parwan province’s Bagram district, said the blast was “huge” and could be heard by Afghans living outside the heavily fortified airfield, situated some 33 miles north of Kabul, the capital. “It shook the whole district,” he said.

Qudoosi said that as of Saturday evening officials were trying to determine how the bomber was able to sneak the large amount of explosives involved in the attack

past the security checks at the base.

Gen. John W. Nicholson, U.S. Army commander of Resolute Support, expressed his condolence to the family and friends of the four Americans killed.

“To those who target coalition forces, (Afghan forces) and Afghan civilians, Resolute Support and U.S. Forces Afghanistan will continue to pursue our train, advise and assist mission to help our partners create a better Afghanistan,” Nicholson said in a statement.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing on Thursday that targeted the German Consulate in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif. Afghan officials said at least four civilians were killed and more than 120 others were injured in that attack.

Taliban insurgents, who are attempting to overthrow Afghanistan’s U.S.-backed government and expel foreign forces, have stepped up attacks in recent months and are threatening six of the country’s provincial capitals.

The group is said to control more territory now than at any time since 2001, when a U.S.-led invasion removed them from power.

In December, a Taliban suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed six U.S. soldiers near Bagram Air Field in one of the deadliest attacks on foreign forces in 2015. Thousands of U.S. servicemembers, coalition troops and civilian contractors are stationed at the base.

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# Soldier dies in noncombat incident in Kuwait

## Stars and Stripes

A soldier deployed to Kuwait in support of the anti-Islamic State mission died Thursday in a non-combat incident, the Defense Department said.

Spc. Ronald L. Murray Jr., 23, of Bowie, Md., was assigned to 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery

Regiment, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

The Fort Bliss, Texas-based soldier, who joined the Army in January 2015 and worked in fire support, was killed in a vehicle accident, base spokesman Gil Telles told The Baltimore Sun.

He did not have further details.

“He was an outstanding soldier with an infectious smile and sense of humor that would brighten any room,” Col. Robert E. Lee Magee, commander of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, said in a statement. “He will be missed by his family, his fellow soldiers and

his command.”

Nearly two dozen servicemembers have died in noncombat incidents while supporting Operation Inherent Resolve, the U.S. mission against the Islamic State group that began in August 2014, according to a Pentagon tally.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

## Iraqis see hardest fight yet against militants

By LOVEDAY MORRIS

The Washington Post

MOSUL, Iraq — Since pushing into Mosul a week ago, Iraqi commanders say their forces have been shaken by some of the most complex fighting they have ever encountered in battles against the Islamic State.

It is a bitter fight: street to street, house to house, with the presence of civilians slowing the advancing forces. Car bombs — the militants' main weapon — scream out of garages and straight into advancing military convoys.

"If there were no civilians, we'd just burn it all," said Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridhi, a counterterrorism commander. He was forced to temporarily pause operations in his sector Monday because too many families were clogging the street. "I couldn't bomb with artillery or tanks, or heavy weapons. I said, 'We can't do anything.'"

Mosul is the most populous city held by the militants, with an estimated 1 million people still living there. Iraqi forces have been closing in from the north and the south but have broken into the city only on the eastern front, beginning a slow grind through densely populated neighborhoods.

It's a long, hard slog to the Tigris River that carves through the center of Mosul — and then a whole new battle awaits on the other side. Commanders expressed confidence that they eventually will prevail, but they are less optimistic that they will meet Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's pledge to have the city under control by the end of the year.

Militants wait to move between fighting positions until people fill the streets, using their presence as protection from airstrikes.

"They always keep them with them," Aridhi said. Other officers said the militants occasionally let a flood of people flee as a method of forcing a pause in the fight.

At their base on the outskirts of the city, Iraqi counterterrorism troops call in airstrikes where they can, aiming to support militant positions and suicide bombers. Two French advisers sit nearby, watching surveillance feeds of the city's streets.

The voice of a field commander crackled through the radio. "These civilians are making me tired," he said. "They are coming from everywhere. We don't know if they are fighters or civilians. They are carrying bags — we don't know what's inside."

Col. Arkan Fadhil calls in airstrikes from the U.S.-led coalition, but they are less forthcoming than in previous battles because of the presence of families, and are used only to defend Iraqi forces rather than to back them during attacks.

Just a few Islamic State militants hidden in populated areas can cause tremendous chaos. Seven would-be suicide bombers were arrested as counterterrorism troops cleared the last corners of the Zahrat neighborhood of Mosul on Thursday, nearly a



Al Hussein, right, and his son walk Friday to check on the family's used car business, which was looted by Islamic State fighters and was destroyed in fighting to oust them in Bashiqa, east of Mosul, Iraq.



Kurdish Peshmerga fighters rest on the side of a road Friday after taking the city from Islamic State militants in Bashiqa, east of Mosul, Iraq.

week after they had entered it.

It was one of six neighborhoods that the elite units stormed Nov. 4, on a day that initially was trumpeted as a success before it became clear that their early gains were not sustainable. After pushing forward with relatively little resistance, the forces were ambushed and cut off. A CNN team was trapped with them and was surrounded for more than 24 hours after their convoy was attacked.

"They fired rockets from over there," Ghalib al-Lahaibi said from the roof of his home in Mosul's Samah neighborhood, pointing deeper inside the city. From there, the sound of heavy gunfire and explosions still rang out five days later, as the counterterrorism troops fought to expand their foothold.

Lahaibi's family hid inside as groups of Islamic State militants passed by carrying rocket-propelled grenades. Stray bullets gouged holes into his living-room walls.

The house shook as a pickup full of explosives rammed into a

convoy of Iraqi security forces nearby, scattering debris and body parts onto the street. Iraqi forces have little time to react, let alone to call in airstrikes.

"You've got less than 10 meters to engage, so you shoot and cross your fingers," said Fadhil, the colonel.

The Iraqi military does not release casualty numbers, but the losses in the Nov. 4 battle appear to have been particularly heavy. "I've lost count," Jorge Calzadilla, a volunteer with a Slovak medical organization, said about the number of military wounded. One night his group received nine dead soldiers at once. "It was just a truckload of mangled bodies," he said.

The plan that day, according to Fadhil, was to "rock their defensive line at multiple points."

Low-ranking officers in the field made some mistakes, he said, such as pushing forward without waiting for other units or without properly clearing and securing areas, later getting ambushed and becoming surrounded and trapped. Since the pitched battles

of Nov. 4, the counterterrorism troops have adjusted their pace.

Aridhi said they have had to slow down as they wait for other fronts to advance on the city. Whether they can fight inside when they reach it also remains to be seen. In the battle for the city of Ramadi, the elite counterterrorism troops ended up leading the entire fight after police and army forces struggled to move forward in their sectors.

Restrictions in the use of airstrikes also slows their advance. But on Tuesday morning, more than half a dozen rockets roared overhead into the Mosul neighborhood of Tahrir.

Officers identified them as TOS-1 short-range missiles, which unleash a blast of pressure over an area of several hundred square meters, devastating anything in their wake. The officers said they had been informed that there were no civilians in the target area.

"We only use these missiles in empty areas," Aridhi said. "We don't use them in places with families in it." They sometimes are used when Iraqi forces are under heavy direct fire, he said, because it is faster than sending coordinates to the coalition.

As the battle drags on, thousands of civilians trapped inside Mosul are risking their lives to escape, making their way across the battlefield in small groups carrying white flags.

They describe the defenses that the Islamic State has built in its neighborhoods — tunnels, concrete barriers, car bombs.

"They are in the apartments," said one 64-year-old woman as she reached the security forces. "They aren't allowing anyone to leave. They have car bombs there."

"In the apartments and where else?" asked an Iraqi counterterrorism officer as the woman was handed water and food.

"All of Mosul," she replied.

## UN tells of atrocities seen in Mosul

By ADAM SCHRECK AND BRIAN ROHAN Associated Press

BASHIQA, Iraq — New reports emerged Friday of public killings and other atrocities committed against Mosul residents by Islamic State militants, including dozens of civilians whose bullet-riddled bodies were hung from telephone polls after they were accused of using cellphones to leak information to Iraqi security forces.

The United Nations human rights office said Islamic State fighters killed some 70 civilians in Mosul this week, part of a litany of abuses to come to light in recent days, including torture, sexual exploitation of women and girls, and use of child soldiers who were filmed executing civilians.

The revelations are the latest reports of Islamic State brutality as the group retreats into dense, urban quarters of Iraq's second-largest city, forcing the population to go with them as human shields.

In its report, the U.N. human rights office in Geneva said Islamic State militants shot and killed 40 people on Tuesday after accusing them of "treason and collaboration," saying they communicated with Iraqi security forces by cellphone. The bodies, dressed in orange jumpsuits, were hung from electrical poles in Mosul.

A day later, the extremists reportedly shot to death 20 civilians at a military base. Their bodies were hung at traffic intersections in Mosul, with signs saying they were "used cellphones to leak information."

A Mosul resident, reached by telephone, said crowds have been watching the killings in horror. One victim was a former police colonel, he said, speaking on condition of anonymity out of fear for his safety.

The violence is part of a disturbing pattern. As the army advances, Islamic State militants have been hunting up thousands of people and killing those with suspected links to the security forces. Soldiers last week discovered a mass grave in the town of Hammam al-Alli, 12 miles south of Mosul, containing some 100 bodies.

# WAR ON TERRORISM



RYAN YOUNG/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Marines with 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit is conducting precision airstrikes in support of the Libyan Government of National Accord-aligned forces against Islamic State targets in Sirte, Libya.

## US plans to hunt down escaped Islamic State fighters in Libya

By ADAM ENTOUS  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has tracked scores of Islamic State militants escaping fighting in Libya's coastal city of Sirte and has begun laying the groundwork for expanded air attacks to follow and kill them, part of a final push to bring the insurgency to a halt by blunting multiplying militant threats across the broader Middle East.

Intelligence from surveillance aircraft flying over Sirte and areas south of the city allowed the U.S. military's Africa Command to track up to several hundred militants who U.S. officials now fear could be preparing to mount a counterattack on Libyan forces.

The president's counterterrorism advisers are eager for Africa Command to pursue militants who have fled the coastal city but say military planners have more "homework" to do collecting and analyzing U.S. intelligence on their new encampments to ensure that U.S. strikes won't inadvertently kill civilians.

The Libya expansion comes amid a series of military escalations the White House has directed in recent months, from

targeting leaders of al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria to launching major campaigns against Islamic State strongholds in Syria and Iraq. The Pentagon has also expanded operations in Somalia, Yemen and Afghanistan in a bid to beat back resurgent militant threats.

The flight of experienced militants could pull the United States deeper into the conflict, potentially worsening the instability that has plagued Libya since its 2011 revolution and undermining a U.S.-backed project to build a broadly recognized unity government.

The campaign in Libya has laid bare the challenge the United States faces in defeating even small bands of extremist fighters across the greater Middle East, who can seek shelter in remote areas or melt back into the population. Obama has been reluctant to commit significant U.S. ground forces to the fight, a stance President-elect Donald Trump, given his campaign statements, seems likely to continue.

Since August, the U.S. military has carried out more than 360 airstrikes in support of pro-government forces from the nearby Misratah. Small teams of elite U.S. commandos have helped local fighters push deeper into the

coastal enclave, where officials say less than 100 extremists remain.

Administration officials estimate the Islamic State controlled the whole city at the start of the campaign. Now, they say, it holds one square block. But the militants have continued to hold out.

Military planners at Africa Command in recent days have been pouring over surveillance footage and other intelligence to try to ensure any expanded strikes won't put noncombatants at risk, officials said.

The Pentagon is concerned that any reports of civilian casualties could prompt U.S. partners in the region to pull back their support for the air campaign.

Africa Command says its Sirte operation has killed no civilians to date.

The air campaign's potential expansion beyond the besieged city would build on a series of earlier strikes against militants in Libya, including one almost a year ago on a senior deputy of Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. Those strikes were conducted under a different set of authorities, approved directly by the White House rather than delegated to Africa Command.

# Soldiers killed in Jordan were working for CIA

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF  
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The Washington Post

The three Army Special Forces soldiers killed at a Jordanian military base this month were working for a CIA program to train moderate Syrian fighters when they were shot at a checkpoint, U.S. officials said.

The Nov. 4 slayings of the three soldiers is believed to be the deadliest single incident involving a CIA team since December 2009, when seven officers and contractors were killed in a suicide bombing in Khost, Afghanistan.

The Fort Campbell, Ky.,-based soldiers — all members of the 5th Special Forces Group — were killed by a Jordanian soldier at an entry control point to Prince Faisal Air Base near Al Jafr, according to the officials. The shooter also was wounded in what was described by U.S. and Middle Eastern sources as an exchange of gunfire.

The soldiers, identified as Staff Sgt. Matthew Lewellen, Staff Sgt. Kevin McEnroe and Staff Sgt. James McMorarty, were among roughly 2,000 U.S. troops working in Jordan while participating in the U.S.-led campaign fighting the Islamic State. Some of the troops have been assigned to mobile artillery units along the Jordanian border while others assist CIA-led training programs for Syrian opposition fighters.

The CIA declined to comment on the incident or on the soldiers' possible role in agency programs.

What prompted the shooting remained unclear, as U.S. and Jordanian officials have painted different narratives of the incident.

The FBI is investigating the possibility of a terrorist attack, but it has not discounted the possibility of a mistake at the gate,

said a U.S. defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

But Jordanian investigators said the evidence so far points to a "chain of unfortunate events," according to a senior Middle Eastern security official.

According to Jordanian accounts, the incident began with the accidental discharge of a weapon inside one of the Americans' Humvees as a small convoy was preparing to enter the base, the Middle Eastern official said. In the confusion, shots were fired at U.S. personnel.

Investigators have found no evidence suggesting a deliberate targeting of the Americans, the official said.

Jordan has reacted defensively in the past to allegations that its citizens deliberately targeted Americans. The moderate Sunni Arab country relies heavily on U.S. military and economic aid, and works closely with U.S. intelligence agencies, making it a prime target for Islamist extremist groups. Years of cooperation between Jordanian and U.S. intelligence services has yielded a string of counterterrorism successes but also occasional disasters, including the 2009 Khost bombing, in which a Jordanian intelligence officer also was killed.

The shooting in Jordan comes on the heels of the deaths of two CIA paramilitary officers killed in Afghanistan, according to U.S. officials. The five deaths mark a period of heavy loss for the clandestine organization and highlights the extent to which the United States — having sidelined much of its conventional forces in the fight against the Islamic State and other militant groups — increasingly relies on a combination of drones, special operators and CIA paramilitary forces to wage its wars around the globe.

## Syrian government forces regain control over territory west of Aleppo

By BASSEM MROUE  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian government forces regained control Saturday over areas they lost over the past two weeks to a rebel offensive on the edge of the northern city of Aleppo, ending a major attempt by insurgents to break the siege

on eastern parts of the city, an activist group and pro-government media said.

The insurgents had seized strategic areas in western Aleppo after launching an offensive on Oct. 28 in an attempt to break the siege on rebel-held eastern Aleppo, which has also been targeted by Syrian and Russian

airstrikes.

Russia said last month that it would halt the airstrikes on the city and urged insurgents to leave. But the fighters refused to leave after the government opened corridors for them to cross to the nearby province of Idlib, an insurgent stronghold.

The Britain-based Syrian Ob-

servatory for Human Rights said Saturday that government forces and their allies have regained control of Al-Assad and Minyan districts, west of Aleppo.

Syrian state media reported that the two districts have been retaken. State TV reported live from inside Minyan, which appeared to be under the firm con-

trol of government troops.

The Observatory said the fighting left 508 dead, including civilians and fighters from both sides. It said the dead insurgents included 90 foreign fighters while on the rebel side, 83 rockets, 28 Hezbollah gunmen and 41 other fighters from Iran and Iraq were killed as well.

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

## Rough: Some Afghans wary returnees could heighten security woes

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Hijratullah, 25, who, like many Afghans, goes by one name, said he heard the phrase "all the time" in Pakistan, a tale echoed by several other returnees. Hijratullah had just moved from that country, where he was born a refugee, in early October after life there got "very, very difficult."

Nearly 370,000 Afghans like him have returned so far this year — 90 percent of them since July — according to the United Nations, and about 500,000 more are expected by year's end. In one week in early October, officials logged more returnees from Pakistan than in the entire first half of the year.

In Kabul, where fewer than a quarter of them settle, demand for homes has skyrocketed, sending monthly rents for four-bedroom houses up from about \$150 to more than \$210, said Abdul Latif Hewadwal, a real estate agent in the eastern part of the city.

"Dozens of trucks arrive here daily," he said. They bring refugees and everything they own, but there are no houses available for them. "Even less desirable apartments are now scarce."

The trek to Kabul takes trucks along a rutted road once littered with Soviet military relics and through a steep, winding, mountain pass where the Taliban recently have attacked fuel tankers, leaving charred chassis and scorched asphalt. Their first stop in Afghanistan is outside the eastern city of Jalalabad.

Here one Thursday in early October, the dirt driveway leading to the Samarkhel Encashment Center was crowded with trucks, many piled with people and belongings like the Clam-pets' Oldsmobile in "The Beverly Hillsbillies," but bigger and embellished with fanciful designs and sometimes jingle bells.

Behind the center's guarded gates, officials register several hundred returnees daily, assisting them with various matters as they try to transfer their lives from across the border after decades abroad.



Afghan refugees repatriating from Pakistan are briefed on various issues at the Samarkhel Encashment Center outside Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Pakistan provided safe haven to more than 5 million Afghans who fled trouble at home after the Soviet invasion in 1979. An estimated 2.5 million documented and undocumented refugees still resided there as of last year.

Though not always welcome, they became especially unwanted in June, the returnees said, when the taunts turned to other forms of harassment, including extortion and property seizures. Landlords will not rent to Afghans, and many schools will not enroll their children, they say.

About the same time, Pakistan erected a large gate and tightened security at the major border crossing in Torkham. That led to

**In Kabul, where fewer than a quarter of returnees settle, demand for homes has soared.**

several days of cross-border skirmishes. Since then, Islamabad began what the U.N. refugee agency described as a "concerted push" to get the Afghans out by early 2017.

A deepening relationship between Kabul and New Delhi has worsened the situation, said returnee Azim Khan, 45. The Pakistanis "got diarrhea" over reports in August that long-time rival India might supply new military aid to Afghanistan, he said.

Before last June's clashes at Torkham, between 30 and 90 Afghans per day were being repatriated in Nangarhar province, said Gulul Haidar Faqirzai, head of the provincial office of the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation. By early October, the number had climbed to about 1,000 per day, he said.

The influx comes as Kabul has agreed to accept back tens of thousands of Afghans who were not granted asylum in Europe, and as fighting in and around the country continues to drive thousands from their homes.



PHOTOS BY CHAD GARLAND/Stars and Stripes

Colorful Pakistani trucks loaded with returning Afghan refugees and their belongings sit at the Samarkhel Encashment Center near Jalalabad, Afghanistan, in October.



Abdul Wali, director of the Samarkhel Encashment Center outside Jalalabad, Afghanistan, looks over registration documents for a family of 10 refugees returning from Pakistan on Oct. 6.

With so many streaming back into Afghanistan or being displaced there, the government — with the help of international backers — has established a \$150 million operational plan to address the needs of affected families and communities, Faqirzai said.

In Jalalabad, where sputtering auto rickshaws fill streets lined with fruit and vegetable stands, Attaullah Khogyani, a spokesman for the Nangarhar provincial governor, said he was hopeful those who ran successful businesses in Pakistan would reinvest and reinvigorate the economy here.

They're returning flush with U.N. cash grants of about \$400 per person. One father was paid \$6,500 for his 17-member family's return, said Abdul Wali, director of the Nangarhar encashment center.

"This is a big support and assistance for a family and can cover their needs for up to one year," Wali said. "In case anybody wants

to have a small business, he can (start it) for this amount."

Afghanistan's national per capita income was about \$1,900 in 2015, according to U.N. statistics. But unemployment was at 40 percent, and more than a third of the population lived in poverty.

Hewadwal, the property dealer in Kabul, said the wave of returnees has been good for business there, which is "once again at the peak" after economic woes brought on by the withdrawal of

foreign troops in 2014.

Meanwhile, Pakistani businesses could suffer from the exodus. Local media in August said the carpet industry there, which relies on Afghan weavers, was in "dire straits."

But some Afghans are wary that returnees may bring greater insecurity as they settle in areas where insurgents and terrorists still exert influence and might easily recruit them.

U.S. officials have said the Taliban control or threaten about a third of the country. In Nangarhar, where officials say roughly 70 percent of returnees settle, locals said the Taliban have a presence in all but four districts. Government forces are also fighting an Islamic State spinoff in remote parts of the province along the Pakistani border.

Khogyani said the provincial government is not screening returning Afghans for pro-insurgency sympathies. The authorities don't want to take drastic action against such returnees, for fear of exacerbating anti-government leanings. "Maybe they will change by themselves," he said. "Right now, the major hope is that returnees be treated equally and be happy."

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## NATION

# Trump takes on big task of building an administration

By JULIE PACE  
AND JONATHAN LEMIRE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump is shaking up his transition team as he plunges into setting up his administration, an enormous undertaking that likely requires him to alter his hands-on management style and to consider going outside his small, insular group of loyalists.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence is now heading the operations, a demotion for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who had been running the Republican's transition planning for months. The scramble is also to identify people for top White House jobs and Cabinet posts, a herculean task that must be well in hand by the time Trump is inaugurated on Jan. 20.

For Trump, who ran on a pledge to "drain the swamp" of Washington insiders, the team is strikingly heavy on those with long political resumes.

Another apparent contradiction emerged Friday as Trump, who repeatedly vowed to repeal the Affordable Care Act "on Day One," said he would be open to maintaining portions of President Barack Obama's signature legislative achievement.

In a statement Friday, Trump said Pence would "build on the initial work" done by Christie.

"Together, we will begin the urgent task of rebuilding this nation — specifically jobs, security and opportunity," Trump said.

Christie was a loyal adviser to Trump for much of the campaign, offering a key early endorsement and came close to being the businessman's pick for running mate.

But Trump ultimately went with Pence, Indiana's governor and a former congressman with Washington experience and deep ties to conservatives.

In a statement, Christie said he was "proud to have run the pre-election phase" of the transition team and thanked Trump for the "opportunity to continue to help lead."

Christie will still be involved in the transition, joining a cluster of other steadfast Trump supporters serving as vice chairs: former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions.

In addition, three of Trump's adult children — Don Jr., Eric and Ivanka — are on the transition executive committee, along with Jared Kushner, Ivanka's husband. Kushner played a significant role in Trump's campaign and was spotted at the White House on Thursday meeting with President Barack Obama's chief of staff.

The children's inclusion raises questions about the role the Trump family will play in the White House — as well as Trump's ability to sever ties between the administration and the sprawling family business — after the celebrity businessman repeatedly said during the campaign that his grown children would not follow him to Washington and instead would run the Trump Organization.

Trump's remarks about the Affordable Care Act also raised some eyebrows Friday. He told The Wall Street Journal in an interview that, after speaking with Obama at the White House



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Vice President-elect Mike Pence poses for photos Friday after speaking at a Veterans Day ceremony at Camp Atterbury in Edinburgh, Ind.

the day before, he was considering keeping the clause that allows children to stay on their parents' insurance policies. In a separate interview with CBS' "60 Minutes," he said "it happens to be one of the strongest assets."

He previously has said he may keep the prohibition against insurers denying coverage because of patients' existing conditions.

He also said that he wants "a country that loves each other" but said he did not regret his incendiary rhetoric during the campaign.

"No. I won," Trump told the newspaper.

By appointing Pence, Trump became the first incoming president since at least Jimmy Carter to use his vice president-elect to run his transition team.

Trump and Christie grew apart through the last stretch of the campaign. The governor became increasingly frustrated that Trump wouldn't listen to his

advice, particularly over the response to the release of a video in which the businessman is heard making predatory comments about women.

Christie is also facing calls for impeachment in New Jersey following the conviction of two former aides in the George Washington Bridge lane-closing trial. Christie has denied any knowledge of the lane closures until weeks or months after they occurred in September 2013.

The governor was notably absent from the steady stream of advisers entering Trump's eponymous skyscraper in New York for meetings Friday. Among the first decisions facing the president-elect is whom to choose as chief of staff, a key post that will set the tone for Trump's White House and will be a key conduit to Capitol Hill and Cabinet agencies.

Trump is said to be considering Steve Bannon, his campaign chairman and a conservative

media executive, and Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus for the role. Neither has significant policy experience, though Priebus is well-liked in Washington and has ties with key lawmakers.

Kellyanne Conway, Trump's campaign manager, is also said to be in the mix for a senior job. Conway is a veteran Republican pollster who formed a strong rapport with the candidate after taking the helm of his campaign in the general election.

Giuliani, who emerged as Trump's frequent travel partner and close aide during the campaign's stretch run, is on the short list for several positions, including attorney general.

"Donald has been my friend for 28 years," Giuliani said Friday after leaving a meeting at Trump Tower. "I can see already how he is going to be a great president and I am glad I can play a small role."

## Trump team discussing outgoing Sen. Ayotte for defense secretary

By JOSH ROGIN  
The Washington Post

The Trump team has added a name to its list of potential candidates for secretary of defense — outgoing Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., according to two sources familiar with the ongoing discussions. If chosen, Ayotte would stand out in a Trump administration as a neoconservative defense hawk and one of the few women in the incoming Trump Cabinet.

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No decisions have been made and the current list of possible defense secretary picks still centers on retired Army Lt. Gen. Joseph "Keith" Kellogg, former Defense Intelligence Agency director Gen. Mike Flynn and Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-La. Flynn would need a congressional waiver to bypass a law that requires any defense secretary to be seven years out of active-duty service before taking command of the Pentagon.

But Ayotte's name has surfaced in inter-

nal discussions as a potential olive branch to the GOP foreign-policy establishment that the Trump campaign was often at odds with during the past several months. Ayotte is regarded as knowledgeable and competent, sources familiar with the discussions said, and surely would get swift Senate confirmation.

The Trump-Ayotte relationship has been a roller coaster during the past several months, as Ayotte tried to balance between supporting her party's nominee and placing distance between her campaign and Trump's more controversial comments, especially regarding women.

Ayotte did not attend the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July. During one of her debates, she said Trump was "absolutely" a role model for chil-



Ayotte

dren and later said she "misspoke." After Trump's lewd comments about women were exposed on the Access Hollywood tape, Ayotte announced she would cast a write-in vote for Mike Pence, saying "I cannot and will not support a candidate for president who brags about degrading and assaulting women."

On Thursday, my colleague Jennifer Rubin explained the upside for Trump in adding Ayotte to his team:

"Her elevation would signal that Trump campaign cronies won't be moving into the West Wing — or the Pentagon; Trump would get credit for selecting a mainstream, serious person. In one stroke, Trump could dispel the notion that he is a lackey for Russian President Vladimir Putin or an isolationist. Ayotte would be an ideal personality to smooth out the relationship between Trump and the generals whom he routinely insulted."

Trump has often criticized the neoconservative wing of the Republican party as too quick to intervene abroad and responsi-

ble for costly U.S. interventions such as the Iraq War. But going forward, Trump has promised to ramp up the war against the Islamic State and other terrorist groups in the Middle East and hawks such as Ayotte support such a policy.

There are also several other areas of national security in which Trump and conservative hawks in Congress plan to work together, including stepping up pressure on Iran, getting rid of the sequester on defense funding to increase military spending and increasing aid to Israel.

The question is whether Trump's desire to build a big tent for national security conservatives will outweigh his disdain for the neocons in the Senate with whom Ayotte is associated.

"She's viewed as being in the mainstream of conservative Republican foreign policy," one GOP foreign policy official told me. "She would be a defense secretary in the mold of John McCain or Lindsey Graham, and if that's what Donald Trump is looking for, that's what he's going to get."

NATION

# Trump's security plans in Latin America unclear

By ALEX HORTON  
Stars and Stripes

SAN ANTONIO—Latin America experts are at odds to predict President-elect Donald Trump's security strategy for the region, an issue largely absent from the campaign trail and three presidential debates.

However, Trump made immigration and border security a cornerstone of his campaign, including the construction of a wall along the U.S. southern border of Mexico and the potential deportation of millions of immigrants there illegally.

His focus on physical barriers will likely include heightened security measures, including more troop deployments and aerial drone surveillance, said Jeffrey Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

"We can expect President Trump to increase federal funding to have more National Guard boots on the ground" along the 2,000-mile southern border, Addicott said, adding the Coast Guard will also likely see a boost in funding and personnel operating in the Gulf of Mexico to combat human and drug trafficking.

A Texas National Guard spokeswoman declined to offer any details about ongoing deployments there, but acknowledged operational presence both on the border and deep into Texas to combat drug trafficking.

The future of security aid packages to Mexico is unclear, Addicott said. One vital to the partnership is the Merida Initiative, an effort to bolster security cooperation against drug trafficking organizations, at a cost of \$2.5 billion since 2008.

The ongoing initiative has focused on strengthening intelligence and information sharing between the two nations, as well as equipment procurement, including more than two dozen Blackhawks sent to Mexico since 2010.

A Trump-led cabinet may not



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**Mexican marines advance and provide security in front of an assault amphibious vehicle platoon while taking part in a mechanized assault training raid aboard San Clemente Island, Calif., in July during the Southern California portion of Rim of the Pacific 2016.**

be inclined to fund efforts such as the Merida Initiative, Addicott said.

"We all know the government in Mexico is corrupt at some levels," he said. "The solution is not to just throw money at problems. We need to find ways to incentivize Mexico to prioritize their security assets."

Gains from the initiative have led to a stronger partnership between the U.S. and Mexico, said Inigo Guevara Moyano, an IHS Jane's Aerospace, Defense and Security consultant and author of "A Bond Worth Strengthening," a report on the military relationship between the U.S. and Mexico published by The Wilson Center, a Washington think tank.

The Mexican Navy in 2007 established a foreign liaison officer at U.S. Northern Command, which bolstered coordination and communication in joint training and operational efforts, Moyano said in the report.

A liaison also works with U.S. Southern Command and its Florida-based Joint Interagency Task Force-South. Its satellite covers hemispheric surveillance and has aided Mexico with intelligence to interdict drug smuggling, Moyano said in the report.

He has followed U.S. and Mexico military relations for years, and said only recently has he heard the word "ally" used on both sides of the border to describe a partnership built on political will and intense trust building exercises, he said Thursday in an email exchange with Stars and Stripes.

"Candidate Trump's rhetoric towards Mexico and Mexicans did not help towards strengthening the relationship," Moyano said, alluding to comments Trump made during his presidential bid announcement in 2015, characterizing Mexican immigrants as rapists and drug runners.

"President-elect Trump has a chance to change that narrative,"

Moyano said. "There is a risk that the current U.S. and Mexico objectives will be disrupted by a change in U.S. policy towards engagement with Mexico." Continental security remains their primary shared objective, he said.

The fate of U.S. security objectives in Central and South America is even more murky.

Trump's foreign policy remarks have focused on scaling back NATO commitments, improving relations with Russia and aggressively pursuing the Islamic State group, leaving analysts to guess what policy in Latin America might look like.

Southern Command holds a primary objective of becoming the partner of choice in its area of operations, a competition against powers such as Russia and China to strengthen bonds in the Caribbean and Central and South America. Scaling back those objectives could prove costly, Moyano said.

"I see a clear and present danger if the U.S. disengages from its current positive posture or withdraws altogether from the region. The U.S. will lose credibility in that case, and other actors will be able to step in to try to fill that void," Moyano said.

"China already maintains increasing economic and trade relations with the region that could take on a military or security dimension as well."

Southern Command has also prioritized military competency in Central America, where it trains and advises partner nations to conduct security operations and drug interdiction in some of the world's most violent cities.

Congress earmarked \$750 million in 2016 for economic and development programs there, along with military training assistance, partly in response to the wave of 60,000 unaccompanied minors who crossed the U.S. border after fleeing violence in the region, particularly in Honduras and El Salvador.

That kind of support may be in jeopardy under the Trump administration, said James Bosworth, the CEO of the Latin America-focused strategic advisory firm Southern Pulse. He took to Twitter after the election to say Trump's administration will likely spend less attention and resources in the region.

"Corruption & criminal groups will benefit" in Central America from a less engaged United States, he tweeted Wednesday.

Addicott waved off those concerns. He believes the objective to strengthen relationships between U.S. and Latin American militaries will continue under Trump. He is critical of the Obama administration, which he believes has not led with strength in the region. That will change next January, he believes.

"I think our goal should be for countries to respect us, not like us," he said.

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# Ex-general brings Mideast experience to Trump team

By DAN LAMOTHE  
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One of the first senior officials that President-elect Donald Trump has tapped to help guide his administration as it takes power is a retired military officer and highly decorated scholar who actively assisted Pentagon efforts to nation-build in Iraq and Afghanistan—something Trump has repeatedly criticized.

Retired Army Brig. Gen. Michael Meese was a senior adviser to Gen. David Petraeus in both countries, and spent nine years teaching at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He deployed from there to serve as Petraeus's assistant chief of staff in Afghanistan for a year beginning in July 2010, and to Iraq in 2009 to guide the surge and eventual withdrawal of U.S. troops there that Petraeus led. He also

earned a doctorate from Princeton University while serving.

Retired Army Col. Peter Mansoor, Petraeus's former No. 2 officer, said that Meese is known as bright, talented and conscientious among his peers. In Afghanistan, he was in charge of alliance relations in the headquarters of the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, a complicated job at an especially bloody time in the war after the Obama administration surged tens of thousands of troops to battle the Taliban.

"Anyone who can keep that group heading in the same direction should be well suited to assisting the Trump team with government transition in the weeks ahead," Mansoor said.

Meese, a 22-year Army veteran, declined to comment for this story. Originally a field artillery officer, he retired in 2013 and has

served most recently as the chief operating officer of the American Forces Mutual Aid Association, a nonprofit that helps military families with insurance, financial planning and survivor assistance. He's seen as someone capable of assisting the Trump transition with both veterans and defense issues.

Former colleagues describe him as affable, pragmatic and private with his political views. His father, Edward, also is involved in the Trump transition, and is a longtime member of the Republican Party who served in several roles in the Reagan administration, including as attorney general.

"I suppose it makes sense that Mike would have inherited the same contacts and be recognized by the new administration for his gravitas," said Bruce Hoffman, the director of the Center for Security

Studies at Georgetown University. He recruited Meese to teach there part-time after he retired from the Army because he found his work as a founding member of the Combating Terrorism Center at the U.S. Military Academy impressive.

Retired Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor, who retired as the U.S. Military Academy's academic dean in the spring, said that Meese was regarded as a team builder at the academy. He did not know Meese was considering a position with the Trump administration, but said him being involved could help reach across the aisle politically.

"The people who know Mike know that he can really help bridge divides and bring people together," said Trainor, now the president of Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland. "People who know Mike know that, and know that he will be very helpful to the transition team there."

## NATION

# Amid Trump protests, 1 hurt in Ore.

By Terrence Petty  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — As protests of President-elect Donald Trump entered another day, police in Portland, Oregon, say one person was shot by a man who had gotten into a confrontation with a protester.

Portland police said the person who was shot was taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries that were not life-threatening. Police said they were looking for the shooter, who apparently fled in his vehicle after the attack early Saturday morning on a Willamette River bridge.

The shooting followed rowdy Friday night protests, when police used tear gas in response to “burning projectiles” thrown at officers, police said on Twitter. Hundreds of people marched through the city, disrupting traffic and spray-painting graffiti.

Authorities reported instances of vandalism and assault during a rally that organizers had billed as peaceful earlier in the day.

In other parts of the country, spirited demonstrations on college campuses and peaceful marches along downtown streets have taken place since Wednesday.

A mainly peaceful protest by about 3,000 people ended in Los Angeles early Saturday with about 200 arrests for failure to disperse after police broke up the lingering demonstration.

Hundreds joined a Friday afternoon “love rally” in Washington Square Park in Manhattan. Evening marches also disrupted traffic in Miami and Atlanta.

More than a thousand protesters took to the streets across California after night fell. In Bakkefield, where Trump is far more popular than in most of the state, some held signs reading “Anti-Trump, Pro-USA.”

Small protests also were held in Detroit; Minneapolis; Kansas City, Missouri; Olympia, Washington and Iowa City.

More than 200 people, carrying signs gathered on the steps of the Washington state Capitol. The group chanted “not my president” and “no Trump, no KKK, no fascist USA.”

In Tennessee, Vanderbilt University students sang civil rights songs and marched through campus across a Nashville street, temporarily blocking traffic.

In Chicago, multiple groups planned protests through Saturday.

Nadia Gavino, 25, learned about the rallies on Twitter and protested Thursday evening.

## Protesters include students, immigrants, anarchists

By Terrence Petty  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Donald Trump says the thousands of men and women taking to the streets to protest his election are “professional protesters incited by the media.” But who are they really? The answer varies from state to state. The crowds include high school students, immigrants and anarchists.

“There’s no professional protesters here,” said Jennie Luna, 40, a professor of Chicano studies at California State University-Channels Islands, just north of Los Angeles.

The day after the election, she organized what she called a “self-care circle of courage” on campus for students who needed an outlet for their distress over Trump’s win. The event morphed into a rally and march



NATI HARNIK/AP

Demonstrators wave signs during a protest in downtown Omaha, Neb., on Friday against the election of Donald Trump as president.



STEPHANIE YAO LONG, THE (PORTLAND) OREGONIAN/AP

Police in downtown Portland, Ore., attempt to disperse people protesting using tear gas and flash-bang grenades.

Gavino, whose father is from Peru and whose mother is of Mexican and Lithuanian heritage, said she took Trump’s harshest statements about immigrants and Latinos personally.

“I obviously agree that he’s racist, he’s sexist, he’s phobic, he’s misogynistic. He’s all these things you don’t want in a leader,” she said.

Ashley Lynne Nagel, 27, said she joined a Thursday night demonstration in Denver.

“I have a leader I fear for the first time in my life,” said Nagel, a Bernie Sanders supporter who voted for Hillary Clinton.

“It’s not that we’re sore losers,” she said. “It’s that we are genuinely upset, angry, terrified that a platform based off of racism,

xenophobia and homophobia has become so powerful and now has complete control of our representation.”

Demonstrations also took place internationally. About 300 people protested Trump’s election as the next American president outside the U.S. Embassy near the landmark Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

President Barack Obama meets in Berlin next week with Chancellor Angela Merkel and several other European leaders, and is expected to confront global concerns about Trump’s election.

Demonstrations were planned Saturday in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and other areas.

that lasted several hours.

“I am fearful for what will happen to the undocumented. I’m fearful of losing my reproductive rights,” she said. “And I’m fearful of the unknown.”

America’s new president has made pronouncements that have struck fear within certain groups of Americans — women, Latinos, people with disabilities and racial minorities among them. The protests that have spread across the nation are against Trump but, more pointedly, they are expressions of concern about how personal lives could change.

Isadora Clemente Zurie, 21, was among those at a Thursday night protest in Salt Lake City, riding in her wheelchair with the crowd. “I’m disabled and I’m LGBT. I’ve been bullied all my life” she told the Salt Lake Tri-

bune. “Now I’m in a world where, for just being me, I could lose my entire life.”

College students whose parents moved to the United States illegally are worried that Trump will follow through with his threat to rescind President Barack Obama’s executive order that protects young immigrants from deportation.

Protest organizers are using a tool that Trump made such effective use of — social media. Tweets and Facebook posts have called people to demonstrations across the country.

At a Thursday night protest by about 4,000 people, masked anarchists marching with the otherwise peaceful protesters smashed Portland, Ore., store windows with baseball bats, among other acts of mayhem. The protest became a riot and ended with 25 arrests.

## Incidents of racism reported in schools

By Errin Haines Whack  
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Associated Press

In the wake of Donald Trump’s election, reports of racist incidents are emerging from the nation’s schools and universities, including students who chanted “white power” and called black classmates “cotton pickers.”

Reporting by The Associated Press and local media outlets has identified more than 20 such encounters beginning on Election Day, many involving people too young to cast a ballot.

At the University of New Mexico, a Muslim engineering student said a man attempted to snatch off her hijab Tuesday while she was studying. “I turned around, and there’s a really buff guy wearing a Trump shirt,” freshman Leena Aggad said Friday. “He reaches his hand out to my forehead and attempts to pull my scarf off.”

Oren Segal, director of the Anti-Defamation League office that monitors extremism, said young people “were watching and observing this presidential campaign as closely as anyone else.” Now that the campaign is over, “the impact of what they have seen is not just going to go away.”

On Wednesday, minority students at a high school in Gaines, Ill., organized a meeting and protest after a “whites only” message was found scrawled on a bathroom door. The same day in Michigan, students at Royal Oak Middle school were filmed chanting “build a wall” in the cafeteria.

Trump’s alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, black freshmen were added to a group chat in which one post read “daily lynching” and one participant was called a “dumb slave.” The Penn president said the chat appeared to be part of an Obama-era chat university police were trying to locate the exact source.

School administrators in Vice President-elect Mike Pence’s hometown of Columbus, Ind., called for civility and respect after reports of Hispanic students being taunted. Felipe Martinez told the Indianapolis Star that his two sons were twice intimidated with chants of “build that wall,” including on Election Day. The chant was common at Trump campaign rallies.

The words — and in some cases violence — cut both ways. In Louisiana, a university football coach disciplined four players in response to a locker room video showing members of the team dancing and singing the lyrics of a popular rap song.

“In order for it to die down, the impetus for it has to go away,” Segal said. “We need our elected officials, our leaders, our community organizations, to make sure that this ... rhetoric that has become normal over the past few months goes away.”

NATION

# Police: Man set fire for views on Facebook

By JEFF MARTIN AND REBECCA REYNOLDS WINKER  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The search is on for a man in a dark-blue SUV last seen where a handful of fires burned in Georgia. Authorities in North Carolina suspect arson in more than 20 wildfires burning in a national forest. And in Kentucky, a wannabe weatherman faces an arson charge after police said he admitted starting a fire to draw attention to his Facebook selfie videos.

“It’s really too bad because he’s not a bad kid — he’s just misguided,” Jenkins Police Chief James Stephens said Friday after Johnny Mullins, 21, was jailed this week on a second-degree arson charge. “He likes to do Facebook videos and have people follow him on his ‘weather forecast,’ so that’s pretty much why he did what he did,” the chief said. “He enjoyed the attention he got from the Facebook stuff.”

“He didn’t realize how much danger he was putting other people in,” Stephens added.

No arrests were announced in most of the rest of the suspicious fires, which have been torching forests in and around the southern Appalachian mountains. The relentless drought across much of the South has removed the usual humidity and has sucked wells and streams dry, making the woods ripe for fire.

Tens of thousands of acres have burned, about a dozen of the largest fires remain uncontained and many people have evacuated their homes ahead of fast-moving flames.

Law officers in Georgia’s Rabun County suspect that someone started a series of small roadside fires Wednesday that eventually merged into the much larger blazes firefighters were working



PATRICK SULLIVAN, THE (HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.) TIMES-NEWS/AP

## People take photos of a wildfire burning Thursday near Lake Lure, N.C.

to contain on Friday, said Justin Upchurch, the county’s assistant fire chief.

The Rabun County sheriff’s office urged people to be on the lookout, saying the SUV was last seen in the area of the fires. The office was more emphatic in a separate Facebook post, asking residents to spread the word “and help us lock this criminal up!!!”

The area is less than 50 miles from North Carolina’s Nantahala National Forest, where more than 20 wildfires that have burned more than 17,000 acres are all “being investigated for suspected arson,” forestry officials announced in a status update.

There were 14 other wildfires burning on Cherokee National land in North Carolina, all under investigation by local law enforcement. A fire managers’ update noted that the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs is seeking information about fires on Indian lands through an arson hotline.

States of emergency were declared in some of the affected

areas to facilitate state and federal spending on the response.

More than 5,000 firefighters and support staff from around the nation have joined the effort, said Shardul Raval, director of fire and aviation management for the southern region of the U.S. Forest Service. About 40 aircraft are involved, including three large air tankers flying out of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The national drought report shows 41.6 million people in parts of 15 Southern states living in drought conditions. The worst is in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, but extreme drought also is spreading into the western Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina all have fierce fires.

One of the largest blazes was spreading rapidly in the Cohutta Wilderness area just south of the Georgia-Tennessee line. Nearly 300 people are battling that fire, which already has consumed about 15 square miles, the Forest Service said.

# Mistrial declared in Ohio police shooting case

By LISA CORNWELL AND JANICE MORSE  
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A judge declared a mistrial after a jury said it was deadlocked Saturday in the case of a white former police officer charged with murder in the fatal traffic stop shooting of an unarmed black motorist.

The Hamilton County jury had deliberated some 25 hours after getting the case at noon-time Wednesday following Judge Megan Shanahan’s instructions. University of Cincinnati police officer Ray Tensing shot Sam DuBose, 43, in the head after pulling him over for a missing front license plate on July 19, 2015. Tensing, 26, testified he feared he was going to be killed. Prosecutors said repeatedly the evidence contradicted Tensing’s story.

The jury of 10 whites and two blacks was seated Oct. 31.

Shanahan said Saturday that the jury spent two hours deliberating Saturday morning after getting a night’s sleep and still could not reach a decision.

“It’s obvious to me you have made a sincere and contentions effort,” the judge said before setting a new hearing date for Nov. 28 to determine whether the case will be retried.

The shooting is among those across the nation that have raised attention to how police deal with blacks.

To convict Tensing of murder, jurors would have had to find he purposely killed DuBose. The charge carried a possible sentence of 15 years to life in prison.

Legal experts say juries generally tend to give police officers the benefit of the doubt because of the inherent dangers of their jobs, but that they will convict if the police actions were clearly unwarranted.

In tearful testimony Tuesday, Tensing said his arm was stuck in DuBose’s car after he tried to stop him from driving away by grabbing the car keys.

“I remember thinking, ‘Oh my God, he’s going to run me over and he’s going to kill me,’” Tensing said.

An expert hired by prosecutors said his analysis of the former officer’s body camera video shows the officer was not being dragged by the car. A defense expert countered that the video shows Tensing was justified in fearing for his life because his body was “violently twisted” during the confrontation.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Detert suggested in questioning that Tensing had racial motives, saying a study found that eight of every 10 drivers Tensing pulled over for traffic stops were black, the highest rate of any University of Cincinnati officer. Tensing also made more traffic stops and citations than other UC officers. Detert also pointed to a T-shirt with Confederate flag on it that Tensing was wearing under his uniform the day of the shooting.

Tensing said he was often unaware of a driver’s race, did not single people out unfairly and was not racist. He testified that the Confederate flag on his T-shirt had no meaning to him.

# NASA’s earliest, greatest astronauts star in new exhibit in Fla.



By MARCIA DUNN  
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA’s earliest and greatest astronauts gathered at Kennedy Space Center on Friday to mark the grand opening of a new space exhibit in which they’re the stars.

Thirty astronauts, three of them moonwalkers, took part in the outdoor ceremony, including two who had extra reason to celebrate. Fifty years ago Friday, Jim Lovell and Buzz Aldrin launched on Gemini 12, the last of that program.

With all the excitement, Lovell forgot about Friday’s anniversary until reminded by a reporter. He said spacewalks and rendezvous were refined on the two-man Gemini missions and “opened up

the road to Apollo.” He later flew on Apollo — Apollo 8, the first manned flight to the moon, and the infamous, close-call Apollo 13.

Lovell’s Boy Scout handbook is on display at the exhibit’s new United States Astronaut Hall of Fame — relocated from its original location six miles down the road — along with his Scouting sash and merit badges.

“I can’t believe it’s 50 years” since the last Gemini flight, said Thomas Stafford of Gemini 6 and 9, Apollo 10 and the Apollo-Soyuz joint mission between the United States and Soviet Union.

Stafford’s Gemini 9 capsule is on display. It’s minus its hatches and some other items, he noted, but otherwise still looks in good shape. “It’s a beautiful exhibit,” Staf-

ford, 86, told The Associated Press. “To me, it’s something that’s inspirational ... motivational for the young people.”

In all, 30 U.S. astronauts spanning Gemini to shuttle — two of them women — gathered at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex for the morning ceremony.

The retired astronauts joined a few hundred space program workers, military veterans, space buffs and tourists in the sunshine, right outside the new visitor center exhibit, called “Heroes and Legends.” Carved into fiberglass on the side of the building, a 30-foot-tall bas-relief of the original Mercury 7 astronauts looked down on the crowd. Mercury 7’s lone survivor, John Glenn, 95, sent best wishes.

From left, astronauts Virgil I. Grissom, John Glenn and Alan Shepard gather in May 1961. On Friday, a new exhibit called “Heroes and Legends” opened at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

NATION

# Women compete for 1st time in big-wave contest

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ  
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Charging into violent waves at a Maui, Hawaii, surf break known as “Jaws,” a group of women made history Friday as they competed for the first time in the World Surf League’s big-wave surfing competition.

The female competitors paddled into mountains of turquoise water towering more than 30 feet, but the wind shifted at the start of the first heat and several were pummeled by an unexpected breaking wave.

Women have pushed for years to be included in big-wave surfing competitions, while organizers of some contests argued that conditions at famous breaks such as Mavericks in Half Moon Bay, Calif., were too dangerous for women.

That competition will include women for the first time this season after state regulators said they might refuse to grant a permit if women were not included. As for the World Surf League, which holds professional competitions around the globe, it’s been a matter of getting enough participants to hold a women’s event.

Competitor Bianca Valenti, who has pushed for women to be included in professional big-wave surf contests, called the day a big step forward for women in the sport.

“It’s the least we can do to speak to the election the other day,” Valenti told The Associated Press in a phone interview before the competition, referring to Hillary Clinton’s defeat by President-elect Donald Trump.

“I watched Hillary’s concession speech and what she was saying — how important it was



TONY HEFF, FREESURF/World Surf League

Laura Enever competes during Round 1 of the Peahi Women’s Challenge in Honolulu on Friday.

for women to really stand up now more than ever to break the glass ceiling — and that really resonated a lot,” Valenti added.

There are 12 women and 24 men competing in separate events at the perilous Hawaii break, where competitors’ training regimes include building up the ability to hold their breath underwater for 4 minutes in case they are pinned under by crashing waves.

Two women were taken to the hospital with knee injuries during Friday’s first heat, and Valenti’s surfboard broke in half during the second heat when she wiped

“This is really about paving the way for the future generations and creating opportunities for them.”

**Bianca Valenti**  
Peahi Women’s Challenge competitor

out on a wave.

Paige Alms, a surfer from Hawaii, also had a few humbling wipeouts but won the competition.

“I still feel like it’s kind of a dream. But, ah, I can’t believe it,” Alms told the World Surf League after her win. “What a blessing

to be out there with just a couple girls. That was special, for sure.”

The World Surf League only recently began holding a big-wave competition, spokesman Dave Prodan said. With a small window of time when conditions are right, it’s hard to accommodate a large group of men and



BEN MARGOT/AP

Bianca Valenti walks on the beach after surfing waves at Mavericks in Half Moon Bay, Calif., in December 2015.

women, he added.

“Women have for years and years been participating in the big-wave community, but probably only in recent years have you had a jump in participation to the point where you have that depth in the field to hold an event,” Prodan said.

In California, the renowned big-wave competition Titans of Mavericks agreed to include women for the first time this season, although it has not yet been held.

“This is really about paving the way for the future generations and creating opportunities for them,” Valenti said. “Just the importance of using our voice all the time and speaking up for what we want.”

# Historian: 2 Navajo women may have been first GI Janes

By CHARLES BRUNT  
Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — While compiling a lengthy list of Sandoval County, N.M., veterans — from the Civil War through Vietnam — amateur historian and retired Army Col. David C’de Baca made an intriguing find: Two Navajo women who served as scouts with the Army’s 20th Infantry Regiment in the summer of 1886 could be the first women to have officially been enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Because it wasn’t until this year that all jobs in all branches of the military became open to women, even those roles, C’de Baca’s discovery has piqued at least one historian’s interest.

“What he’s turned up is not unusual — except for the fact that they were actually enlisted,” said Paul Hutton, distinguished professor of history at the University of New Mexico. “That I find amazing.”

“There were certainly women who were used by the military as intermediaries throughout the Indian Wars,” said Hutton, a prolific author whose recent book, “The Apache Wars,” delves into that conflict in great detail. “But I found the fact that he actually found enlistment records to be pretty amazing.”

Two years ago, C’de Baca got involved in the Sandoval County Historical Society’s efforts to honor its World War I veterans as the centennial of that war approached.

“There was a presentation being made at the Gutierrez/Minge House having to do with World War I,” C’de Baca said. “As part of that, they were going to have a remembrance ceremony for the veterans buried in the cemetery next door. There were 16 in the cemetery, so I took it upon myself to find out who the others were. When I was done, I had 44.”

The historic Gutierrez/Minge House, also known as Casa San

Ysidro, is now a museum in C’de Baca’s hometown of Corrales, N.M.

After making presentations on the World War I veterans, people began asking when the historical society would do the same for veterans of other wars, C’de Baca said. He then began collecting names and photos of all Sandoval County veterans.

While checking about 4,500 military records from the Indian Wars, C’de Baca came across the names of two Navajo women — Mexicana Chiquito (whose given name was Nal-Kai) and Muchacha — who were enlisted as Army Scouts by the 20th Regiment, U.S. Infantry, at Fort Wingate near Gallup, N.M. The records indicated that Mexicana Chiquito, 24, served from May 24 to Oct. 11, 1886. Muchacha, 21, served from May 26 to Oct. 11, 1886.

C’de Baca pointed out that language barriers among Native Americans, Hispanics and Army officers often resulted in the mili-



MARLA BROSE, THE ALBUQUERQUE (N.M.) JOURNAL/AP

David C’de Baca, who has collected the names of many war veterans from Sandoval County, N.M., poses by a display of photographs in the Sandoval County Administration building in Rio Rancho.

tary assigning aliases to some recruits, which appears to be the case with the two women.

Seeking additional verification of his findings, C’de Baca enlisted the help of New Mexico Democratic Sen. Tom Udall’s office, which requested the women’s military records through the National Archives. The records verified the women’s enlistment dates and other information, including that Mexicana Chiquito had applied for

and received an Army pension.

“I couldn’t find a (pension) record for Muchacha, which suggests she died before Congress authorized the pensions” in 1917, C’de Baca said.

UNM’s Hutton said it was common for the Army to hire indigenous people for various tasks during the Indian Wars, ranging from translators and trackers to sharpshooters and warriors who fought in battle.

WORLD

# Divided opposition candidates return to ballot in Kuwait

By HUSSAIN AL-QATARI  
Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — Kuwait's upcoming election will give the tiny emirate a chance to elect new representatives to what is arguably the Gulf's most powerful legislature, as the country is squeezed by low oil prices and fear of extremist attacks.

But what does one prominent candidate think ranks among the greatest dangers facing this OPEC nation? CrossFit.

"Competing athletes play in a mixed environment, with foreign and even some Kuwaiti women wearing indecent clothes, like sports bras, in a public and mixed environment," railed Waleed al-Tabtabaie, a prominent opposition figure. "This is shameful and unacceptable."

Al-Tabtabaie's comments and those of others show how splintered Kuwait's opposition is despite many now saying they'll take part in the Nov. 26 poll after boycotting the last election, which followed tumultuous Arab Spring protests.

Since parliament dissolved in late October, 454 hopefuls have registered to run for Kuwait's 50-seat parliament. Lawmakers on paper have four-year terms, though most parliaments are dissolved early in Kuwait.

Among those running are many who sat out of Kuwait's 2012 election, including conservative Islamists and liberal reformers. Others remain imprisoned, such as opposition politician Musaeem al-Barrak, who is serving a two-year sentence for a political speech deemed offensive to the emir, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

"We believe that we delivered a clear message by boycotting the previous elections," said Mohammed al-Dallal, a member of the Islamic Constitutional Movement, Kuwait's version of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Kuwait allows far more public dissent than other countries in

the region, many of which have outlawed the Brotherhood and have jailed its members. Parliament routinely calls powerful politicians to account, and the recently dissolved group of lawmakers had planned to question a host of government officials in the coming weeks about widely unpopular subsidy cuts.

While Kuwait has the world's sixth-largest proven oil reserves, its economy has been reeling. The global price of oil has been halved from heights of over \$100 a barrel in the summer of 2014, forcing the government to cut gasoline subsidies and to scale back cradle-to-grave benefits for its 1.4 million citizens.

The stalwart U.S. ally also has grown increasingly worried about possible militant attacks. In 2015, an Islamic State-claimed suicide bombing at a Shiite mosque in Kuwait City killed 27 people and wounded scores. In October, an Egyptian who allegedly was an Islamic State supporter rammed a garbage truck into a vehicle carrying U.S. soldiers, wounding only himself.

Many candidates so far seem to be focusing on less urgent issues. Al-Tabtabaie, who is sweating the arrival of CrossFit, began his campaign with remarks about a ballistic missile launch by Shiite rebels in Yemen that Saudi Arabia denounced as being fired toward the Islamic holy city of Mecca.

Saleh al-Nafisi, a political science professor at the Gulf University for Science and Technology, said al-Tabtabaie's campaign showed the lack of a cohesive strategy among the Kuwaiti opposition, and risked inflaming sectarian tensions among Kuwait's Shiite and Sunni populations, who live together largely in peace.

"The opposition as it stands today is certainly fractured," he said. "Beyond its divisions and lack of leadership, there is no clear agenda of what they want to achieve."



AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

Protesters march toward the presidential house after a rally calling for South Korean President Park Geun-hye to step down in Seoul, South Korea, on Saturday.

# Protesters converge on Seoul to demand president's ouster

By KIM TONG-HYUNG  
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Hundreds of thousands of people flooded Seoul's streets on Saturday, demanding the resignation of President Park Geun-hye amid an explosive political scandal, in what may be South Korea's largest protest since it shook off dictatorship three decades ago.

Police said about 220,000 people turned out for the latest mass rally against Park, whose presidency has been shaken by suspicion that she let a shadowy, longtime confidante manipulate power from behind the scenes. Protest organizers estimated the crowd at 850,000.

Waving banners and signs, a sea of demonstrators jammed streets stretching about a half-mile from City Hall to a large square in front of an old palace gate for several hours, roaring and applauding to speeches calling for Park's ouster, and chanting "Park Geun-hye, step down!"

Protesters also marched on a road in front of the palace gate and near the Blue House, the mountainside presidential office and residence, carrying candles, blowing horns and banging drums, while shouting "Park Geun-hye, resign!"

Despite rising public anger, opposition parties have yet to seriously push for Park's resignation or impeachment over fears of triggering a backlash from conservative voters and negatively impacting next year's presidential race. However, they have threatened to campaign for Park's resignation if she

doesn't distance herself from state affairs.

The protest on Saturday was the largest in the capital since June 10, 2008, when police said 80,000 people took part in a candlelight vigil denouncing the government's decision to resume U.S. beef imports amid mad cow fears. Organizers estimated that crowd at 700,000. In the summer of 1987, millions rallied in Seoul and other cities for weeks before the then-military government caved in to demands for free presidential elections.

In addition to allegedly manipulating power, the president's confidante, Choi Soon-sil, the daughter of a late cult leader who emerged as Park's mentor in the 1970s, is also suspected of exploiting her presidential ties to bully companies into donating tens of millions of dollars to foundations she controlled.

Prosecutors have arrested Choi, one of her key associates and two former presidential aides who allegedly helped Choi interfere with government decisions and amass an illicit fortune at the expense of businesses.

On Saturday, prosecutors summoned a senior executive of Samsung Electronics, South Korea's largest company, which is under suspicion of spending millions of dollars illicitly financing the equestrian training of Choi's daughter. They had raided the company's headquarters in southern Seoul on Tuesday.

Under South Korea's criminal litigation law, which requires suspects to be either indicted or released within 20 days of their arrest, prosecutors have until Nov. 20 to formally charge Choi.



Hau DINH/AP

Confiscated rhino horns are burned in Hanoi, Vietnam, on Saturday.

# Seized ivory, rhino horns destroyed in Vietnam

By TRAN VAN MINH  
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — Vietnamese authorities destroyed nearly 5,000 pounds of seized elephant ivory and rhino horns on Saturday, sending a message ahead of a key international conference the country is hosting next week that they want illegal wildlife trafficking stopped.

The seized horns — estimated to be worth more than \$7 million on the black market — came from some 330 African elephants and 23 rhinos that were slaughtered

by poachers to meet the demand for ivory, used to make jewelry and home decorations, and rhino horns, in the misguided belief they can cure cancer.

The horns were crushed and then burned on the outskirts of Hanoi, with Vietnam joining 20 other nations in the destruction of seized wildlife products.

An international conference on the illegal wildlife trade will be held this week in Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. It will be attended by officials and experts including Britain's Prince William, a vocal critic of the illegal wildlife trade.

According to the head of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Wild Fauna and Flora, or CITES, the destruction of ivory and horns ensures that no one can profit from the contraband and sends a message that "Vietnam is not prepared to tolerate this illegal trade, and that illegal traders now face significant risks along the entire supply chain — in source, transit and destination states."

CITES Secretary-General John Scanlon said in a statement that the age and origin of the

contraband can now be identified through forensics, making prosecution and conviction more likely.

"As a result of global collective efforts — trading in illegal ivory and rhino horn is shifting from low risk, high profit to high risk," he said.

In the past two months, authorities in Vietnam have seized 4 tons of ivory smuggled in five shipments from Africa. The destruction Saturday included 4,800 pounds of ivory and 154 pounds of rhino horns.

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OPINION

Dumb elites face revenge of deplorables

By CLIVE CROOK  
Bloomberg View

President Trump. A handful of syllables still hard to get one's mind around. How on earth did this happen?

There's no single reason. Any number of factors were involved, and it wouldn't have taken much for things to have turned out differently. If the Republican Party had been slightly less willing to be stolen by a populist demagogue, if James Comey and the Federal Bureau of Investigation hadn't waded in (twice), so clumsily, if WikiLeaks hadn't supplied a constant stream of reminders about the hypocrisy and venality of the professional political class; if the professional political class had been a bit less hypocritical and vengeful in the first place; if any of these things and who knows what else had been different, then Trump the outrageous outsider might have lost.

Still, two things seem to loom large: first, that Hillary Clinton was an objectively bad candidate; second, that having chosen so poorly, Democrats came up with yet more ways to repel a large segment of the electorate. If I had been asked to advise them on how to lose an election to a manifestly unqualified opponent, I'm not sure I could have been much help: They had it covered.

From the outset, many voters were clearly fed up with Washington and all its works. Up and down the country, the political establishment was cordially detested. Step forward, Hillary Clinton, the son of an ex-president, champion of the downtrodden, somehow wealthy, trailing scandals, friends in all the right places, anointed after a rigged nomination — in short, the complete representative of politics as usual. Yet if Clinton was a bad candidate, Trump was so much worse. Even many of his supporters acknowledged his unfitness. And remember, the election was close. Something else (aside from the design of the Electoral College) was needed to put Trump into the White House.

The crucial, extra ingredient, I think, was the way the case against Trump was framed. Clinton's goal should have been to



CORY MORSE, THE GRAND RAPIDS (MICH.) PRESS/AP

Donald Trump supporters Mark Bowman, center, and Mike Bush, right, argue with demonstrators protesting Trump's presidential election victory at Rosa Parks Circle in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Thursday.

detach a slice of his support. The best way for her to do that, issue by issue, would have been to acknowledge the particle of truth in his claims, if any, and say why her approach to the problem was better. Instead, she and her supporters refused to grant the validity of any part of Trump's pitch. Even that wasn't enough. Trump was a racist and a fascist, they said. Support him, and you're no better: Either that, or you're an idiot for failing to see it.

Apparently, it takes more than four years of college to understand this: You don't get people to see things your way by calling them idiots and racists, or sorting them into baskets of deplorables and pitiables (deserving of sympathy for their moral and intellectual failings). If you can't manage genuine respect for the people whose votes you want, you're least trying to fail.

However, forgive me if I go further: It really ought to be possible to manage some actual respect. The complaints that Trump is addressing deserve better than to be recast in caricature, then dismissed with contempt.

Take immigration, the issue that Trump

first used to claim the spotlight. Illegal immigration on the scales of the U.S. has seen in recent years a sign, at the very least, that something isn't working. Comprehensive immigration reform of the kind suggested by Clinton is a much better answer than building a wall. But you can regard illegal immigration as a problem, believe on the word of the president, and still think Clinton's proposal as inadequate, without being anti-immigrant, much less racist.

Trump is a reckless loudmouth, often saying things that beg to be misunderstood — but consider the endlessly repeated "Mexicans are rapists" controversy. What his supporters understood Trump to mean was that illegal immigrants have committed crimes, including rapes; that those people shouldn't have been in the U.S. in the first place; and that if the system had worked, the crimes wouldn't have happened. In the universally sanctioned retelling, this became "Trump calls Mexicans rapists." Assuming the device, I'm Kaine exactly. Perceiving Trump of saying, "All Mexicans are rapists."

This nonsense utterly failed as persuasion. It didn't refute Trump. It was a patent refusal to engage, expressed for good measure as a slur against people who disagree.

This, to me, is where the oft-mentioned parallel with Britain's vote to quit the European Union is closest. Yes, plainly, Trump's election and the Brexit vote are rebellions against elite opinion — that is, against political orthodoxy and its defenders. In both cases, the question is, how does one court the rebels?

Elite opinion admits of only one answer: People are more stupid and bigoted than we ever imagined. Without denying that there's plenty of stupidity and bigotry to go around, I think it's more a matter of elite incompetence. Elite opinion heard the rebels' complaints, but instead of acknowledging what was valid, it rejected the grievances in every particular and dismissed the complainers as fools or worse.

The elites weren't deaf. They were dumb.

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President-elect must reassure nervous US allies

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President-elect Donald Trump faces a full international rollout.

Awaiting the 45th president are multiple Mideast crises and concurrent crises in confidence among allies in Europe and East Asia facing daunting foreign policy challenges of their own. Elsewhere, allies India and Pakistan are involved in spiraling skirmishes. There are hot spots such as Venezuela, which risks becoming a failed state; Central America, where high levels of violence increase instability; and oft-forgotten conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan and elsewhere.

On top of these international issues is the threat of climate change, which the Pentagon believes will increase instability, if not conflict.

Trump ran against globalism, so it's unlikely he'll ever evolve into an internationalist. Nevertheless, it's essential that his administration work to ensure international stability in order to focus on its domestic agenda. Accordingly, Trump should quickly reassure nervous allies that his self-described "America first" foreign policy does not render decades of defense and diplomatic relationships second.

Facing a revanchist Russia, a politically destabilizing Mediterranean migration crisis and other issues, NATO nations were understandably shaken by the candidate's

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uncertain trumpet regarding the alliance. Now that the campaign is over, Trump should unequivocally state his belief in and support for NATO. The president-elect, who seems rightly wary of the use of force, must not unintentionally invite it by sending the wrong signals to Russia, which should remain under sanctions for its illegal and immoral annexation of Crimea.

Similarly, Trump should shore up Asian alliances, particularly with South Korea and Japan. Both countries were rattled by Trump's cavalier consideration that they (and other nations) might be encouraged to develop their own nuclear arsenal. Just as uncertain signals could embolden Russia into a military miscalculation, it's critical to continue the "pivot" to Asia that's intended to respond to a rising China.

Concurrently, Trump must engage China to more aggressively use its influence with Pyongyang to curb North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Other global protocols should be preserved, too. Candidate Trump railed against the Iraq War. As president, he may face unnecessary warfare if he abrogates the multinational nuclear deal with Iran. And Trump, a dealmaker, also should honor existing trade pacts. No one expects him to embrace President Barack Obama's proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership or the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. But exiting the North American Free Trade Agreement or other bilateral pacts could create economic strife if it exacerbates labor economic dislocation for working-class Americans. Similarly, pulling out of the U.N. climate-change agreement would encourage international backsliding on such a crucial issue.

Trump won on a pledge to make America great again. Doing so requires global leadership, not shirking allies and shrinking away responsibilities. His administration's foreign policy should be crafted accordingly.

OPINION

# 'Obamacare' repeal looks easy, replacing it isn't

By PAULA DWYER  
Bloomberg View

The Republican-led Congress has voted at least 60 times in six years to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare." With Donald Trump in the White House and a Republican majority in both chambers of Congress, the next attempt may well succeed.

But that would undo the 2010 legislation. Throughout the campaign, Trump spoke of "erasing the lines," by which he meant letting insurers sell health plans across state lines to increase competition and decrease premiums. On Thursday, the president-elect's new website laid out a bare-bones health care transition plan to do just that.

It makes some sense. More competition, after all, usually leads to lower prices and better products as companies compete for a bigger share of the market. For Republicans, the benefit of increased competition is an article of faith.

Except that, when it comes to the health insurance market, the usual rules don't apply. What Trump and congressional Republicans propose wouldn't solve the problems that "Obamacare" was designed to fix. It might even return millions of Americans to the ranks of the uninsured.

"Obamacare" was created because some 42 million Americans had no insurance. They worked for employers who didn't provide coverage, or they didn't have steady, full-time jobs. Many were older (but not old enough for Medicare) and had low to modest incomes (but not low enough for Medicaid). Many also had chronic health problems.

By insurers' calculations, these cus-

## What Trump and congressional Republicans propose wouldn't solve the problems that "Obamacare" was designed to fix.

tomers were superhigh risks requiring superhigh premiums; sometimes insurers refused to provide them coverage at all. Rather than buy prohibitively expensive individual plans, many Americans simply went without coverage.

The 2010 law set up a three-legged stool to deal with this. It barred insurers from refusing to sign up customers based on pre-existing conditions, a rule the industry calls guaranteed issue. Its individual mandate required everyone to have insurance (or face a tax penalty), thus bringing in younger, healthier customers to help balance out the additional older, sicker ones. And it created state exchanges so insurers could group customers into manageable risk pools and individuals could shop for plans that met their health care needs and their budgets.

As a candidate, Trump agreed with most Republicans who say the law has been a disaster. He promised to begin the "repeal and replace" effort on his first day in office. While he has yet to offer a complete alternative, he likely will draw from one House Speaker Rep. Paul Ryan, of Wisconsin, released over the summer as part of his "Better Way" agenda. It would end the individual mandate and the guaranteed-issue requirement, kicking two of "Obamacare's three legs out from under it."

And this brings us back to erasing those state lines. Trump's pitch to motivate insurers to compete against one another on price and quality of service sounds great in theory. In fact, all insurers already can sell

plans in every state. There's a good reason why they don't.

Insurance is regulated by the states, not the federal government. Each state writes its own minimum requirements for health coverage for reserves and other solvency guarantees; for dispute settlements; and for how much plans can discriminate by charging older, sicker people more and younger, healthier people less. To sell plans in, say, Oklahoma, UnitedHealthcare, the country's largest health insurer, must follow Oklahoma's regulations. No single product works for all of Oklahoma's regulations and those of neighboring states. So UnitedHealthcare must tailor products for each.

That will remain true unless the federal government overrides state standards (which congressional Republicans are loath to do) or writes national rules for minimum coverage. Isn't that what Obamacare set out to do in the first place?

Most experts say that in the absence of national standards, there would indeed be more competition if insurers could register in one state and sell plans into the 49 others. But it would be the states, not the insurers, that would compete — with a goal to attract insurers, not to protect consumers. Insurers would flock to the least-regulated state, much the way most U.S. businesses incorporate in states like Delaware and Utah with pro-business laws and courts.

Under this scenario, insurers could set up in Utah and offer plans with rock-bottom premiums and bare-bones coverage na-

tionwide to attract healthier, younger customers. Some low-risk consumers indeed would pay lower premiums than they do now under "Obamacare," and insurers would make decent profits off of them. This is called skimming the cream.

For middle-aged individuals whose actuarial profiles predict they will need medical attention in the near future, premiums would rocket upward, if they could find plans at all. Insurers would do what they can to avoid such customers.

Another problem is that for insurers to sell health plans in other states, they must have networks of hospitals, doctors and other providers in those states to attract customers. But most providers are already committed, making it difficult for new entrants to woo any. They could agree to pay providers more, but that would mean adjusting premiums upward, which would make it harder to attract customers, and so on.

There's yet another problem with Trump's idea. He would group hard-to-insure individuals into state-sponsored pools. Before "Obamacare," 35 states had high-risk pools. They didn't work very well.

By definition, the people in such pools were high risk based on their age, lack of steady employment and poor health status, so taxpayers had to subsidize the premiums. According to one conservative estimate, about 4 million people would be dumped into such pools if "Obamacare" were repealed. They would require subsidies of \$4,000 per year on average, for a high-risk individual, most to taxpayers.

Trump's idea for an Obamacare replacement would re-create the very conditions that inspired "Obamacare" in the first place. Instead of "repeal and replace," his mantra should be to find the flaws and fix them.

# The big secret to sustainable support for vets is community

By JAMES D. McDONOUGH JR.  
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I'm always surprised at how many people still believe the Department of Veterans Affairs alone can take care of all our veterans and their families. Certainly, the VA is the cornerstone of support for the veteran community, but VA Secretary Bob McDonald has admitted that the agency can't do it alone. That leaves veteran support organizations to make up the difference.

The reality is these organizations are generally set up to support a single need, even though veterans' families might have multiple needs to be met. In addition, much of the nonprofit support is dependent on the philanthropy of individuals and companies. With that uncertainty, we must be thinking in terms of organizing support that will endure for years to come and deliver it in an even more comprehensive fashion.

## The solution is community

We have seen national programs come in to help military veteran families locally, and while these efforts deliver results in the short term, they tend to wane over time, and more often than not, address only specific subsets of need, while the person's total needs aren't resolved.

In comparison, when efforts are rooted in the local community, veterans support programs have shown greater staying power and sustainability over the long haul, as the community's resources and ability to solve people's problems are more like a pattern than a puzzle.

That improved approach comes from

building veteran assistance upon proven support organizations in those communities. In other words, there's no need for new organizations but simply better orchestrating their efforts within the community.

Moreover, there is additional financial support for these efforts because organizations know that those resources will be used within those local communities. A good example is the support given by the Wal-Mart Foundation toward veteran reintegration.

The foundation has given millions to organizations focused on helping ease the burden for veterans and their families reintegrating into civilian life. In fact, on Nov. 9, the foundation announced a \$5 million grant awarded to our organization, the Institute for Veterans and Military Families, or IVMF, to aid in the expansion of the AmericaServes program, a model that offers veterans the tools needed for a smooth transition back to civilian life.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and the Wal-Mart Foundation have now awarded a total of \$6 million in just three years to IVMF, with a majority of these resources directed back into communities where veterans live.

## One model that's working

With that investment in mind, and a conviction to change the way services are delivered to military-connected members, IVMF launched the AmericaServes initiative in 2013 to streamline and connect the services available in communities and create the nation's first coordinated system of public, private and nonprofit organizations — a network — working together to serve veterans, transitioning servicemembers

and their families. The best way to explain how it works is through the eyes of a recently transitioned veteran.

Jeff Cede is a disabled combat veteran who served with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. He was impressed with the number of agencies and the amount of guidance he received. Cede did struggle at first, but he emerged from conversations with AmericaServes partner agencies energized.

"Knowing I'm part of a network where the main focus is to help veterans in any way possible gives me so much hope," said the former paratrooper. "I've met some great people and I was so overwhelmed, in a good way, when they reached out to me. I was offered help with job searches, with my claim, my resume, health and wellness. ... It's amazing."

## Focus on community partners

The more engaged local community partners are and the more they coordinate access to their services, the better these veteran-serving collaboratives work to provide more support to vets.

A key factor in success is engaging the community partners behind this collaboration. They're actively supporting veterans' families and providing referrals to other support organizations when the needs exist.

Many funding organizations can bring more to the table than simple financial support. In addition to financially supporting community-based veterans services, Wal-Mart is also bringing awareness to the needs of veterans through its "Greenlight a Vet" program, as well as funneling thou-

sands of volunteer man-hours, training and a wide array of employment opportunities to veterans and their families. Wal-Mart joins many companies undertaking a variety of efforts to meet veterans' needs.

## Communities help each other

Perhaps one of the biggest epiphanies of this community-based support is the community-to-community level of support and engagement. In other words, when we mobilize a new community around veteran support, the most powerful and lasting way to jump-start that community is having another successful community working directly with their leaders.

This allows for one to learn from the other and share what is working, a dynamic that shows the true potential of community as an integral role of supporting veterans. In some ways, we need to simply get out of the way and let the communities do their thing after delivering the resources and technical support.

AmericaServes in Pittsburgh has served over 900 military families in its first year of existence. Similar results have been repeated in AmericaServes cities across the United States.

While these early results are strong, there's a sense that we are just scratching the surface on what we will be able to accomplish as more communities come aboard and assist each other and this growing network of veteran support.

James D. McDonough Jr. is a retired colonel and managing director at the Institute for Veterans and Military Families, where he oversees all of its programs supporting the military and veteran communities.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Halloween DUI arrests top 300 in one state

**CO** DENVER — Transportation officials said more than 300 people suspected of driving under the influence were stopped in Colorado during Halloween weekend.

The Denver Post reported officers across the state arrested 308 DUI suspects, compared with 269 arrests the previous Halloween.

Throughout the state, 94 law agencies participated in the enforcement program. The Colorado State Patrol made 50 arrests, the Denver Police Department made 30, the Aurora Police Department made 27 and the Colorado Springs Police Department made 26.

The Heat Is On enforcement program runs again Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Last year, 283 drivers were arrested during the heightened Thanksgiving patrol.

## Man in jail dies after using smuggled heroin

**WA** KENNEWICK — Authorities said a man jailed in southeastern Washington has died after using heroin smuggled into the jail.

The Tri-City Herald reported Edward Engle, 42, died at about noon Friday in Kennewick.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office said Engle appeared to be sick Thursday evening and was taken to a local hospital after jail medical staff found his blood pressure to be abnormally low.

The sheriff's office said Engle told staff he had used heroin several days earlier and that he got it from another inmate who smuggled it into the facility.

Authorities said Engle had medical complications, presumably caused by the heroin, and doctors weren't able to stabilize him.

## Man loses parts of 2 fingers after snake bite

**MS** MCCOMB — Talk about snakebit.

A Mississippi man who keeps venomous vipers in his home is recovering after being bitten by one of his pets. On Tuesday, doctors at the University of Mississippi Medical Center had to amputate parts of two of David Brewer's fingers.

Brewer told the Enterprise-Journal a visitor tried to remove a cottonmouth from his aquarium. The snake got tangled in a net, and Brewer said he was trying to free the creature when it sank fangs into two of his fingers.

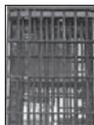
Brewer, who lives in Pike County, posts YouTube videos of himself handling snakes. He said this was the eighth time he has been bitten, but he doesn't blame the cottonmouth.

## Priest investigated for aborted fetus video

**TX** AMARILLO — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo said it's investigating a priest who placed an aborted fetus on his altar and

## THE CENSUS

**50** The approximate number of car burglaries for which four teens and an adult have been arrested in San Antonio. The suspects, who face various charges including burglary of a building, criminal trespassing and theft of a vehicle, are accused of committing the offenses last week. Two of the suspects were arrested Friday morning after police allege they were trying to break into a car. Police said one of the individuals arrested had a gun. The other three suspects fled the scene and were arrested later Friday while trying to break into a jewelry store. San Antonio police Chief William McManus said authorities recovered a large amount of stolen property from the suspects.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

## Cleansing the sacred

**A worker uses a pressure washer to clean a steeple on the First Church of the Nazarene Wednesday in Mount Vernon, Mo.**

posted a video of it on two social media sites.

The Amarillo Globe-News reported that Amarillo Diocese Bishop Patrick J. Zurek said the Nov. 6 "action and presentation of Father (Frank) Pavone in this video is not consistent with the beliefs of the Catholic Church."

In the video posted to Facebook, Pavone said Hillary Clinton and the Democratic platform would allow abortion to continue and that Donald Trump and the Republican platform want to protect unborn children. A shorter version was posted on Instagram.

In his Tuesday statement, Zurek said the diocese "deeply

regrets the offense and outrage caused by the video for the faithful and the community at large."

## Fragment from 9/11 plane crash on display

**IL** DECATUR — A piece of wreckage from one of the planes hijacked on 9/11 is on display in Decatur at the Macon County courts building.

The (Decatur) Herald and Review reported that the piece is in a memorial on the wall behind the building's security area. It's in its own case with a U.S. flag backdrop. The small fragment of the plane came to Decatur via Danny

Jones, who was a firefighter who responded to the Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pa.

Jones took home several small fragments with permission from authorities. In October 2015 John Axe, of Decatur, stopped at Jones' fire station to pick up a beam from the World Trade Center for a Decatur memorial. Jones offered one of the fragments to go with the beam.

## Party unveils website to help released inmates

**MD** BALTIMORE — Baltimore entertainers Tate Kobang and TT the Artist

performed at an event to celebrate the launch of a website designed to help people returning from prison navigate social services in Baltimore.

The website, created by a group of citizens returning from jail called Here 4 Reentry, is an online space designed to link those in need to social services such as housing, employment and transportation.

The Saturday event featured music, food and spoken-word performances, and took place at the War Memorial Plaza.

## Post-election voters vent on subway stickies

**NY** NEW YORK — New Yorkers struggling with post-election stress have found an outlet for the blues — by pouring their political souls onto sticky notes that fill the walls of a Manhattan subway station.

In the days after Republican Donald Trump won the White House, Democrat Hillary Clinton's loss brought many of her New York supporters to tears — even in public.

Brooklyn artist Matthew Chavez, 28, set up a table in a long tunnel of the Union Square station, where he hands out the blank pastel notes on which strap-hangers scribble.

He calls this "Subway Therapy." It's free.

More than 1,500 people have shared their grief and anxiety since Wednesday, according to Subway Therapy's Instagram.

## Suburban man camping out for Black Friday

**AZ** PHOENIX — A suburban Phoenix man is getting ready for the biggest shopping day of the year two weeks early.

KPHO-TV reported Jarvis Johnson has set up camp in front of a Best Buy electronics store in Avondale in preparation for Black Friday.

"Mr. Johnson, who calls himself 'John Black Friday,'" has camped outside the store every November since 2006.

He has traditionally started waiting about a week before. But this time, Johnson planned himself there Thursday night.

Having caught the attention of Best Buy last year, he is featured in a company ad this month.

In addition, he has sponsors who are providing him with campies for his tent, couches, food and a microwave.

From wire reports

## MOVIES



JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

"Loving" centers on an interracial couple (Joel Edgerton and Ruth Negga, left) who spent nine years in court fighting for the right to live together in their Virginia hometown.

# Negga models the essence of a 'Loving' relationship

By REBECCA KEEGAN  
*Los Angeles Times*

**O**f the many movies the civil rights era has inspired, few have placed a woman at their center. But it is a quietly powerful black Virginia wife and mother played by Irish Ethiopian actress Ruth Negga who takes the lead in changing history in writer-director Jeff Nichols' new fact-based drama, "Loving."

"Loving" stars Negga and Australian actor Joel Edgerton as Mildred and Richard Loving, an interracial couple arrested for violating Virginia's anti-miscegenation laws in 1958, whose marriage led to the landmark 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Loving vs. Virginia*.

"I was moved by the Lovings' story because of my own background as a mixed-race person," said Negga, who was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to an Ethiopian father and Irish mother and moved to Limerick, Ireland, when she was 3. "I was also drawn to this great love story that has never been told."

Negga's nuanced performance in "Loving," which premiered to strong reviews at the Cannes Film Festival last spring, has put her in the spotlight in a breakout year. This year the 34-year-old actress has also played a gun-toting vigilante in AMC's supernatural hit "Preacher" and a monarch in the big-budget film adaptation of the video game "Warcraft."

Early on in his planning for the film, Nichols auditioned Negga at the urging of casting director Francine Maisler. In preparation, the actress, who was in Los Angeles to shoot a recurring role on Marvel's "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," had been studying archival footage of the Lovings from the 2011 documentary "The Loving Story."

"Ruth had the voice, she had the posture, the facial expressions," Nichols said. "It wasn't until after we were done and I started to speak with her that I realized she had an Irish accent. By then the die was already cast. She was Mildred. When she left the room I turned to (producer) Sarah Green and Francine and said, 'Well, do we really have to see anyone else?'"

During preproduction, Negga met Peggy Loving, the only daughter and survivor of the Lovings' three children. "I spent most of that meeting just silently crying," Negga said. "We both cried. And she said, 'You have a

good spirit to play my mom.'"

Nichols shot on location, including a Virginia courthouse where the couple faced a judge and the jail where Mildred was confined while pregnant.

"Mildred was the spine of the couple," Negga said. "She saw what maybe Richard didn't want to see, that they weren't going to get out of this by running away or putting their heads in the sand. She was a very astute woman."

Much of Nichols' movie focuses on the Lovings' daily life — his work as a bricklayer, her trips to the market, a relaxed moment laughing together in front of the television set. Some of the scenes are re-creations of still photos taken by *Life* magazine photographer Grey Villet, played in the movie by Michael Shannon, and they paint a portrait of a couple that was happy, despite the outside world telling them they shouldn't be.

"In the archive footage of this couple, there is this energy between them that is so beautiful and so alive," Negga said. "Joel and I wanted to re-create that out of a respect for the pair, but also because it looked like fun, because they actually giggle and just look like such a really lovely relationship."

Negga's own parents had a different kind of relationship, she said. They met at an Addis Ababa hospital where he worked as a doctor, she as a nurse. When Negga's mother brought her daughter back to Ireland, Negga's father stayed behind in Ethiopia, dying in a car crash when his daughter was 7. Raised among her 20-odd Irish cousins in Limerick, with a detour to London, Negga developed a facility for accents, an ability to adapt to her surroundings and a love of the weekend trip to the video store.

She studied acting at Trinity College in Dublin, moving on to perform in theater and television before being discovered by Irish director Neil Jordan, who cast her in a key part in his 2005 film "Breakfast on Pluto." Though she worked steadily over the past decade, including in smaller roles in "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." and "World War Z," 2016 is the year of Negga's breakout as a lead in the United States.

That she is making that leap in such a personal and timely film suits the actress wholly.

"We're living in a very tumultuous time," Negga said. "People are looking for integrity somewhere, for a direction to take. The Lovings' story isn't over."

## MUSIC



Bon Jovi

DREW GURIAN, INVISION/AP

# MOVING FORWARD

Bon Jovi puts hard times behind them with new album

BY JOHN CARUCCI  
Associated Press

**J**on Bon Jovi has been waiting for a cue from Mick Jagger to know when it's time to hang up his microphone.

"At least I know where the end zone is," Bon Jovi joked.

But then after hearing that Chuck Berry is still playing music at 90, the 54-year-old rocker threw his hands up.

As Bon Jovi releases their 14th studio album, "This House Is Not for Sale," the frontman admits that he's thinking about the finish line a bit more these days. Though he has no intention of slowing down anytime soon — Bon Jovi goes on a world tour in February — he doesn't see the band performing in their 70s, a la the recent Desert Trip concert series in Indio, Calif., featuring Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney, the Stones and more.

"I am so proud and in awe of them. And that was the music of our youth," Bon Jovi said.

"But it hurts here and here," he added, pointing to his neck and back.

Besides, even if he stops touring at some point, he knows the music will always be there.

"This is the closest thing I will ever know to immortality," Bon Jovi said.

The new album not only adds to the band's catalog, it also makes a statement, particularly about the difficulties they endured since the release of their previous album, 2013's "What About Now."

## Bon Jovi

This House Is Not for Sale (Island Records)

This ain't your mama's Bon Jovi.

The most famous head of hair in rock 'n' roll is short and gray these days, and his own no longer writes songs about runaways, blood-red nails, cowboys or New Jersey mating rituals.

But more than 30 years after taking the world by storm, Bon Jovi is still making hit records: title track "This House Is Not for Sale" is as good a song as Jon Bon Jovi has



ever written. As he grows older, he mixes a bold defiance (of age, injustice and negativity in general) with a more mature appreciation for love, life and hope.

The new album is a kissing cousin of 2005's "Have a Nice Day," from the clanging guitar intro to the in-your-face defiance and resolve Bon Jovi shows as he claims his legacy and fiercely defends it. "Living with the Ghost" is about moving on from a turbulent past; it could also reference how Bon Jovi has refused to let the absence of founding guitarist Richie Sambora end the band or dim its output. His replacement, Phil X, drenches this disc in U2-influenced riffs that add a new element to the classic Bon Jovi sound.

"Knockout" is a fist-pumping, ground-pounding anthem to aggression, built around the bass line from Billy Idol's "White Wedding." "Rollercoaster" is the kind of song with a chorus so catchy you'll swear you've known it for years the first time you hear it.

There's also some decent country crossover possibility here with "Scars on This Guitar," and "Reunion," which would have made a fine companion piece to "Whole Lot of Leavin'" from 2007's "Lost Highway" album.

— Wayne Parry  
Associated Press

They flirted with the possibility of leaving their longtime music label, Universal Music Group, when it seemed the sides couldn't come to terms.

"Though we were the longest tenured and biggest-selling artist on the label, we had come to a crossroad. We had to come to terms to what the future would look like," he said.

They ended up working out a deal, but "The Devils in the Temple," off the new album, paints a negative view of the music industry now.

Their record-label challenges didn't compare to their most seismic jolt — the departure of guitarist Richie Sambora, who had been with the group since its inception, during their tour for that album. Sambora, who in the past had battled substance abuse, was almost as popular with fans as Bon Jovi himself.

"He decided not to show up one night. But we had 80 more shows, and there's 120 people whose families depend on the paycheck for a year, and the record company that was having an album come in at No. 1 that Tuesday. That was one of those days," Bon Jovi said.

Sambora was replaced by guitarist Phil X, who felt the disappointment of fans — some held signs reading "Where's Richie?" in the audience.

"But then the Phil X signs started to pop up," he recalled.

It was a difficult situation for him to be in, and it remains so.

"Musically — as a guitar player, it's one if those things where I'm not like Richie, but I'm not really me. I'm this guy in the middle that shows up and delivers and expresses the guitar parts and the vocal parts," said Phil X. "Richie, you gotta tip your hat to his ability."

And despite the loss of Sambora, Bon Jovi not only survived, but also has managed to thrive. The group's ability to soldier on is represented by the photo on the album cover: It shows an old house spanning from thick roots, as if it were part of a large tree.

"A lot of history had lived in those four walls. But it was in disrepair. (And) it all came to me — this house is not for sale. That became the cornerstone of the record," he said. "Because now it wasn't going to be a collection of songs, it was going to be a thread that was gonna take us through these last tumultuous three years."

"Those roots are our integrity," said Dave Bryan, the band's keyboard player.

MUSIC

# Finding his voice

Shawn Mendes, the serious, striking musician, emerges

By MESFIN FEKADU  
Associated Press

**W**hen Shawn Mendes went into the vocal booth to sing “Mercy,” the gravelly, deep, emotional rock song from his latest album, he discovered a new side of himself.

He found his voice.

“When I sing it, when I perform it, like everything to do with the song is completely, just like my heart races, my blood pressures rises, I get all hot,” said Mendes, who was encouraged to scream some of the lyrics to bring the song to life. “It’s something that’s unexplainable.”

“After the take, I almost wanted to cry because so much emotion poured through me and you feel it in the song,” he added.

“Mercy” is one of the best representations of Shawn Mendes, the adult musician. His sophomore album, “Illuminate,” showcases a matured, meticulous 18-year-old guitar player and singer who knows how to emote perfectly on a song.

He recruited Jake Gosling, the producer behind many of Ed Sheeran’s hits, to help craft the album, which ranges from rock to pop to blues. Mendes, Gosling, singer-songwriter Teddy Geiger and others traveled to upstate New York to record — living together, running in the morning and taking walks at night.

“The scene was just so right,” said Mendes, who would record during breaks from touring. “It was gorgeous because we got to sit with the music, sit with the demos ... learn what we liked and learn what we didn’t like.”

Mendes co-wrote each of the 12 tracks, detailing some of his own personal life on the songs. The soft and pleasant “Three Empty Words” is about him staying in a relationship that isn’t his course. “There are other songs, too, that strike with similar passion: “Don’t Be a Fool” is a soulful rock classic; “Lights On” is a sweet rock song; and on the album opener, “Ruin,” Mendes sings with a commanding tone: “And I’m not trying to ruin your happiness/But darling, don’t you know that I’m the only one for ya.”

He started writing some of the songs the day after his full-length debut, “Handwritten,” was released last year. That album and his 2014 debut EP helped him establish a feverish female fan base and launched hits like “Stitches” after he broke through by singing cover songs on the social platform Vine at age 15.

Until now, he was boxed in the category of the teen pop performer.

“I think it’s very easy because of him being — well now it’s just turned 18 — for people to sort of think of him (as a) pop star rather than a true artist,” Gosling said. “The first thing when I met him ... I was really surprised by Shawn’s maturity, to be honest with you. He’s like a wise old man.”

Even Mendes is noticing how people have begun to take him more seriously with his latest release: “Within one day, within a few hours, I feel like everything has changed. Like a switch was just turned.

“And the thing is when I first started performing live, I mean, I could do it; I wasn’t that impressive, but I worked so hard at the two most important things in my career ... songwriting and performing,” he added.

“Illuminate,” released last month, debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts and its first single, “Treat You Better,” is a Top 10 hit; Mendes topped Spotify’s 25 Under 25 list, besting Justin Bieber, Ariana Grande and Chance the Rapper; and he’s honed his skills after touring with Taylor Swift and Sheeran and has even become friends with one of his biggest inspirations: John Mayer (“He’s a really great guy and helps with a lot of things I struggle with”).

In just a few years, Mendes has sold out Madison Square Garden, where he said he converted some of his young followers’ parents into fans last month.

“I thought it was going to be the worst show Madison Square Garden ever saw, (but) it was the best show of my entire life,” he said. “I’m so proud of myself, and I don’t mean proud of myself in a conceited way. I truly worked really hard to get there and to make a great show.”



## Redding’s ‘66 shows get deluxe treatment

By RANDY LEWIS  
Los Angeles Times

Soul singer Otis Redding’s shows at the Whisky A Go Go in the spring of 1966 were just about the hottest ticket in Los Angeles, drawing fans and pop music heavyweight alike.

“Just before heading overseas on Bob Dylan’s 1966 ‘Going Electric’ tour, we heard that Otis was playing at the Whisky,” guitarist and songwriter Robbie Robertson recalls in the liner notes for the new six-CD set “Live at the Whisky A Go Go: The Complete Recordings.”

The collection covers seven sets recorded over three nights, available in their entirety for the first time.

“He was my favorite singer at that time,” Robertson recalled. “Bob and I decided to go check it out and Otis didn’t disappoint. He sang with such power and passion it took your breath away — it was a night I’ll never forget.”

Dylan and Robertson weren’t the only rock stars who hustled to the Whisky to catch Redding. Van Morrison, Doors guitarist Robbie Krieger and area blues musicians including Taj Mahal and Ry Cooder, whose group Rising Sons was the opening act for Redding’s shows, were also there.

Among those performances is the previously unreleased live version of “Respect,” Redding’s song that became an anthem of African-American and female empowerment after Aretha Franklin put her distinctive spin on it in 1967.

This new box set expands on the two-CD “Otis Redding — Live on the Sunset Strip” set released in 2010 capturing highlights from his stand in L.A. half a century ago, itself a more generous look at those shows than the original 10-song LP released in 1968, following his death a year earlier in a plane crash at age 27. “There’s considerable repetition of titles on this new track list, to be sure. But Redding was first and foremost a song stylist, one who never performed a song the same way twice.

There are 10 performances of the Rolling Stones’ “(I Can’t Get No) Satisfaction,” which Redding had on the pop singles charts at the time, helping explain why it turns up twice in some sets.

But his renditions vary dramatically, from four minutes in one set to 9:15 in another. And although “Respect” became one of the most enduring songs he wrote, thanks to his studio version and Franklin’s subsequent recording, it’s here only three times.

The sets themselves also show little sign of uniformity, from a brief six songs in the second set of his second night’s performance to a 14-song workout that closed out the Whisky stint with a barrage of his own songs plus readings of the Beatles’ “A Hard Day’s Night” and a treatment of James Brown’s “Papa’s Got a Brand New Bag” that ran past the 10-minute mark.



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# BOOKS

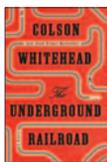
By ROHAN PRESTON

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

**C**olson Whitehead switches literary styles the way a racecar driver shifts gears.

His genre-skipping books range from the speculative fiction of his 1999 debut, "The Intuitionist," to the blood-splattered humor of his 2011 zombie thriller "Zone One." He has written historical fiction ("John Henry Days"), a poker memoir ("The Noed Hustle") and an autobiographical coming-of-age novel about upper-crust black kids in 1980s Long Island ("Sag Harbor").

A MacArthur Foundation "genius," he was just nominated for a National Book Award for his



most ambitious novel yet — "The Underground Railroad."

Oprah Winfrey ensured that the book would be one of the year's most buzzed-about titles when she selected it for her book club in August. "She reached out to us in April," Whitehead said by phone recently. "I had to keep my mouth shut for four months so the publisher could print extra copies."

A father of two — a 12-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son — Whitehead lives in Brooklyn with his wife, literary agent Julie Barer, to whom "Railroad" is dedicated.

His novel, set before the Civil War, reimagines the safe houses used to conduct enslaved African-Americans to freedom as a literal railroad. Its heroine is Cora, a slave on a Georgia cotton plantation who, impelled by violence and a desire to own her body and soul, decides to flee north.

"I wanted to create something about this time period that gives us hope," Whitehead said. "Cora is part of a lineage. She's part of the generations of people who were limited in their physical mobility but who, somehow, had bigger dreams. All she knows is the borders of the plantation. What's it like for her to go beyond that?"

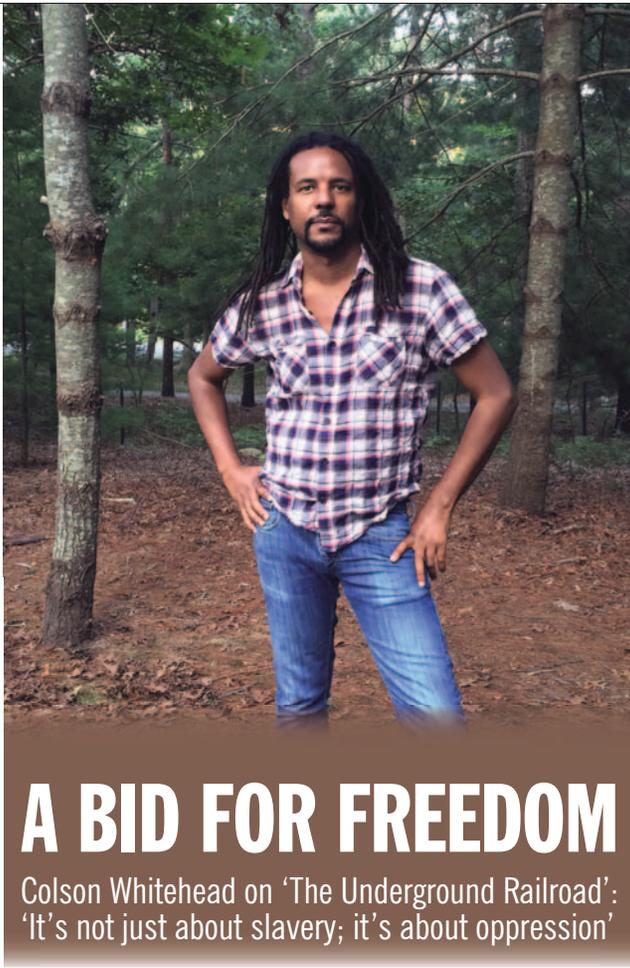
The novel is a bleakly profound reckoning with a past shrouded by fear, misunderstanding and neglect, but the same bleakness the railroad carries Cora from state to state, each stop along the way representing a different state of being that feels Dante-esque.

**Star Tribune: How long was this novel in gestation?**

**Whitehead:** Sixteen years. I've carried this idea with me for a long time, but I needed the maturity to be able to complete it. I wrote 20 pages in January 2015, then I taught, and put the book down. Then I wrote the rest between May and November last year.

**Why did it take so long?**

I had to grow into the subject and have a better understanding of my literary role models. Toni Morrison and Ralph Ellison play with fantastical elements. You



## A BID FOR FREEDOM

Colson Whitehead on 'The Underground Railroad':  
'It's not just about slavery; it's about oppression'

look at people who're smarter than you, more talented than you, and hope that, whether you're dealing with history or family or war, that you're a writer of your historical moment. Hopefully, I'm adding something to what they have given us.

**You seem to be someone who creates something, then breaks the mold. This novel seems like a departure, even for you.**

My last couple of books ("Zone One" and "Sag Harbor") had a lot of humor — a satirical edge. I realized that that kind of voice and attitude wouldn't work for this. I had a lot of freedom to make things up and deform reality. But I had to ground it in something recognizable. I wanted the (early) Georgia section to be as realistic as possible before I started altering things. I paid tribute and honored the slave dead in my family before I

began to play with things a little.

**What was the balance between research and imagination for this book, and how much did you immerse yourself in the period?**

Whether I'm writing about kids growing up in the '80s in Long Island or post-apocalyptic New York, I'm building a world. In the early section, I create a credible world for the characters to populate.

In terms of finding realistic voices for the characters, I had a rich resource in the writer interviews that the government conducted in the 1930s with former slaves. I got nouns, verbs, adjectives — the gritty details of their lives. "The master scoured my mother last night." So "scoured" becomes a verb for "beat" or "flog." These narratives were incredibly helpful.

**Was there something that shocked you in your research?**

I wouldn't say shocked. But it's terrifying to contemplate what millions of Africans endured.

Someone would say, casually, "I moved to another plantation and wore clothes for the first time."

**They were kept like animals. Was it difficult to walk away from the horror?**

No. I work in the morning and early afternoons, then knock off. Then I start planning dinner for my family. When I was done for the day, I was done.

**There's a surprising dispassion in the work. You're revealing a lot about your characters but not making judgments, perse. And you don't seem to belabor things that are horrifying.**

Once I wrote the story of Cora's grandmother, I found a voice that worked. It's intimate with the characters, how they saw their mothers flogged and sisters sold off. It's very matter of fact.

**Your novel keeps company with Toni Morrison's "Beloved" and Charles Johnson's "Middle Passage," with some Gabriel Garcia Marquez-esque elements of magical realism. In all three, the characters who are under intense trauma escape into fanciful flights.**

Maybe it's a way of escape, or trying to fashion a world that's free in the imagination.

**In your book, the metaphorical underground railroad is real. And some real things become metaphors.**

The fantasy structure was built in from the beginning. Every state (where the railroad has stations) is a different state of reality. I didn't want to belabor things, like have a 10-page tunnel section. The tunnels are just doorways between the states. But the book isn't about the fantastical. It's about Cora as she comes into her ideas, her widening notions of freedom.

**This novel gives us an alternative to the ideas we have about plantation life. What goals did you set for yourself in writing this book?**

I just wanted to live up to the promise of the idea. There are certain demands, like the realism of the world (that the book imagines). I can't think of what I was rebelling against, but (certainly) the pop-culture plantation of "Gone with the Wind." I wanted to show different kinds of plantations, different kinds of people. I wanted to have a larger conversation not just about slavery, but about eugenics and forced sterilization in Nazi Germany. I can talk about the plight of people on plantations, but also the plight of Jews in a book like this. It's not just about slavery, it's about oppression.

**The book is set during a benighted era, but it's informed by some very contemporary ideas around trauma, especially as it relates to Cora and her partner, Caesar.**

Today, we have a very different notion of the damage that assault and rape can cause.

When I was writing it, I wanted to explore the psychological realism of the era and animate the plantation with that. What do you do with the outcasts, with the people who are too damaged? Where are they exiled? When Cora gets close to Caesar, how much does the trauma and abuse she's experienced determine her idea of romantic freedom?

**What do you say to readers who may fear taking up a serious book like this?**

Art sometimes makes you sad. This isn't not a work about laugh-a-minute slavery.

**Any surprises in the response you've gotten to this work?**

I've written a bunch of books and have never had something be embraced by critics and readers so quickly. Obviously, having Oprah and President Obama endorse it in different ways is thrilling. ("Railroad" was on Obama's summer reading list.) The book is still selling pretty well. Word of mouth is kicking in. People are liking it and pushing it onto their families.

**Colson Whitehead**

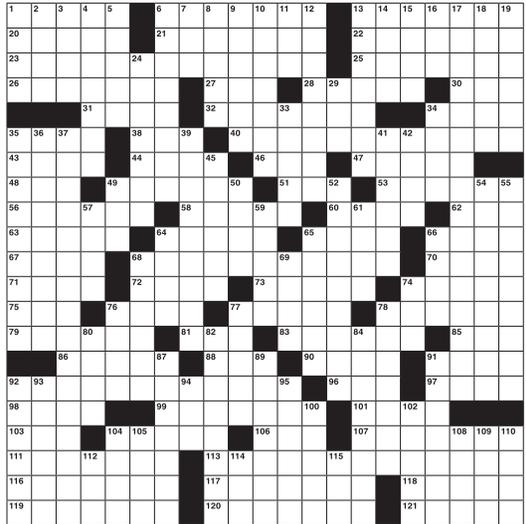
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## NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

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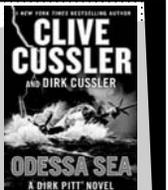


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## GADGETS &amp; CHARTS

## ‘Overwatch’ league with city-specific fans in the works

Blizzard Entertainment pioneered e-sports with its ‘Starcraft’ franchise more than a decade ago.

Now, with ‘Overwatch,’ the Los Angeles-area video game maker wants to bring to e-sports the wealth and recognition that sports such as soccer, football and basketball generate.

To do so, Blizzard Entertainment, a division of Activision Blizzard Inc., announced last week it will adopt hallmarks of traditional sports leagues to form an e-sports league more instantly relatable than others spawned in the past few years.

Blizzard envisions professional teams for the shooting game ‘Overwatch’ based in major cities worldwide. Players would be scouted and signed through free agency and receive guaranteed salaries and benefits. Feeder leagues would help train players up for the pros.

Potential team owners are expected to bid millions of dollars in the coming months to be one of the league’s founding members. Their team’s slot in the league would be permanent.

“The Overwatch League represents a genuine career opportunity for the most skilled Overwatch players,” Blizzard Entertainment Chief Executive Mike Morhaime said in a statement. “We’re building a league that’s accessible to players and fans, sustainable, and exciting for everyone involved.”

The announcement that ‘Overwatch’ League would debut next year came as part of BlizzCon, the annual convention the 25-year-old company holds for users.

Media moguls, NBA owners, venture capitalists and former players are circling to invest in teams, and Blizzard invited several to hear more details last week at the convention, according to sources familiar with the private discussions. Over the past two years, such investors have put millions of dollars into teams for Riot Games’ ‘League of Legends’ League Championship Series, which has gained tens of millions of fans in its seven years.

One financier, Sacramento Kings co-owner Andy Miller, said he’s “super interested” in the new league. NRG, the e-sports club



BLIZZARD ENTERTAINMENT/TNS

he co-owns with former Lakers star Shaquille O’Neal and several others, signed a six-person ‘Overwatch’ team in August. It features Brandon Larmed, one of the nascent sport’s most popular players.

“It’s different,” Miller said of Blizzard’s plans. “But it’s definitely worth a try.”

Though only months old, ‘Overwatch’ has attracted 20 million players. It has benefited from being within a familiar, long-established genre of games and being available to play on many devices. E-sports businesses say it’s already one of the most popular games among competitive players.

On Plays.tv, an app for creating and sharing clips from video game matches, ‘Overwatch’ is the third-most-active community, closing in on ‘Counter-Strike: Global Offensive.’ On Battlefy, a tournament-organization service, ‘Overwatch’ activity is growing faster than ‘Hearthstone,’ another Blizzard title.

“‘Overwatch’ has been quite an anomaly,” said Jason Xu, chief executive of gaming tournament software developer Battlefy. “It’s incredibly polished and simple from the very beginning, yet hard to master, which is perfect for e-sports. They’ve grown tremendously fast.”

How that engagement translates to spectators, sponsors and broadcasting fees is what investors must evaluate.

Details about how the league expects to generate income weren’t publicly released. But some prospective bidders are pleased at least so far.

“It’s a breath of fresh air to see a game publisher get very involved in creating a league that makes sense from a business perspective,” said Mike Ruffali, who owns Team EnVyUs.

— Paresh Dave  
Los Angeles Times

## GADGET WATCH

## Enjoy earbuds with no strings attached

By GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

The Earin M-1 totally wireless earbuds truly attract attention. That’s right, wireless—no cables, wires or anything to connect the left to the right to the music. Bluetooth technology is built into the earbuds, which receive the sound from your music source.

Each black earbud charges in a lipstick-like capsule, which connects to a power source with a microUSB cable.

It’s worth noting for Apple fans that the capsule design is very Apple-esque.

The earbuds have a secure compartment in the capsule for charging; just line them up and they fit snugly for charging and storage. I got about three hours of use before I had to plug them in for more juice.

The capsule is a 600 mAh Rechargeable Li-Ion battery that should charge the earbuds in 75 minutes. The earbuds weigh .12 ounces each and are by far the smallest earbuds I’ve tried. You get several sets of earbuds with the kit; you want to have a secure, tight fit, ensuring the best sound quality while keeping them safe in your ears.

When you place the earbuds in your ear, you’ll notice that each is built with an angled tip to help them feel comfortable as well as helping to feed the sound into your ear.

And as for the sound, I was really impressed. The Earin app helps you set up the sound balance and offers a bass boost. Earin’s website describes the sound as “An incredibly detailed sound with excellent mid- and high-tones, and a tight bass response all reproduced with minimal distortion.”

I agree.  
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The importance of USB charging cables with today’s portable USB gadgets is critical and the first time you have a broken cable, you’ll see what I mean.

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and each cable is 4 feet long. They are available with Apple Lightning (Apple certified), microUSB and USB Type-C tips in a choice of five colors (black eclipse, green leaf, orange flame, red meter and white cloud).

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Snakable’s cable is like having a USB cable with armor at the connector, where cables usually break. Its rotating ball joint offers 90 degrees of cable-safe movement.

The Inateck BP2101B MercuryBox speaker has a ton of features, nice sound and won’t cost you much. Along with the clear sound at any volume, the speakers can connect via Bluetooth or with an Aux-in cable. The body is IPX waterproof to protect it from a quick shower or splash from any direction, and it has an attractive black anodized aluminum body.

Inside is a pair of 5-watt precision-tuned drivers and a built-in 1800mAh rechargeable Lithium Ion battery for up to 15 hours of portable use. A built-in microphone lets you use the portable (6.4-by-2.4-by-1.1 inches) speaker for hands-free calls.

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Inateck’s portable Bluetooth speaker pumps out surprising enhanced bass and rich sound.

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## ITUNES MUSIC

The top 10 songs on iTunes for the week ending November 3:

1. “Closer” (feat. Halsey), The Chainsmokers
2. “Starboy” (feat. Daft Punk), The Weeknd
3. “Blue Ain’t Your Color,” Keith Urban
4. “24K Magic,” Bruno Mars
5. “Heathens,” twenty one pilots
6. “Setting the World on Fire” (with Pink), Kenny Chesney
7. “Better Man,” Little Big Town
8. “Side to Side” (feat. Nicki Minaj), Ariana Grande
9. “Don’t Wanna Know” (feat. Kendrick Lamar), Maroon 5
10. “Fake Love,” Drake

— Compiled by AP

## SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most-streamed tracks on Spotify from Oct. 28-Nov. 3:

1. “Starboy,” The Weeknd
2. “Closer” (feat. Halsey), The Chainsmokers
3. “Fake Love,” Drake
4. “Bodacious” (feat. Lil Yachty), D.R.A.M.
5. “Black Beatles,” Rae Sremmurd
6. “Let Me Love You,” DJ Snake
7. “Side to Side” (feat. Nicki Minaj), Ariana Grande
8. “Sneakin,’” Drake
9. “Don’t Wanna Know,” Maroon 5
10. “All We Know,” The Chainsmokers

— Compiled by AP

## ITUNES MOVIES

The top 10 movies on iTunes for the week ending November 6:

1. “Bad Moms”
2. “Star Trek Beyond”
3. “Sausage Party”
4. “Finding Dory”
5. “Nine Lives”
6. “Ghostbusters” (2016)
7. “The Infiltrator”
8. “Anchorman 2”
9. “Nerve”
10. “The Legend of Tarzan” (2016)



— Compiled by AP

## VIDEO GAMES

Game Informer ranks the top 10 Xbox One games for November:

1. “Titanfall 2,” Electronic Arts
2. “Battlefield 1,” Electronic Arts
3. “Gears of War 4,” Microsoft
4. “NBA 2K17,” 2K Sports
5. “Forza Horizon 3,” Microsoft
6. “Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare,” Activision
7. “Pro Evolution Soccer 2017,” Konami
8. “FIFA 17,” EA Sports
9. “Batman: The Telltale Series,” Telltale Games
10. “The Turing Test,” Bulkhead Interactive

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## APPS

The top iPhone apps for the week ending November 6:

1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition
2. Heads Up!
3. Bloons TD 5
4. Plague Inc.
5. Facetime
6. Oh...Sir! The Insult Simulator
7. iSchule
8. 7 Minute Workout Challenge
9. Geometry Dash
10. Toca Life: Farm

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# SPORTS BRIEFS/SOCCER

## Briefly

# Source: Braves add 43-year-old Colon

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves are getting older in their starting rotation next season.

A lot, lot older. Not content to add one 40-something starter, the Braves made it two by agreeing to terms on a \$12.5 million, one-year deal with 43-year-old Bartolo Colon, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Friday.

The agreement is subject to a physical and will come one day after the Braves said they had an agreement with 42-year-old knuckleballer R.A. Dickey.

Colon went 15-8 with a 3.43 ERA for the New York Mets this season. He was picked for the All-Star Game and memorably became the oldest player in baseball history to hit his first career homer when he went deep at San Diego on May 7.

In other MLB news: ■ The Phillies have acquired Howie Kendrick from the Los Angeles Dodgers for first baseman Darin Ruf and utilityman Darnell Sweeney.

A 2011 AL All-Star, Kendrick hit .255 with 26 doubles, eight home runs, 40 RBIs, a team-leading 30 home runs and 26 home runs percentage for the NL West champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

## Vikings' CB Munneryn out against Redskins

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings cornerback Captain Munneryn has been downgraded to out for Sunday's game against the Washington Redskins.

He was injured last week against the Detroit Lions and had to leave the stadium on crutches.

The loss is big for the Vikings (5-3), who are trying to snap a three-game losing streak. Munneryn is key to the team's defense as an aggressive and reliable cover guy in the slot. It likely means that rookie Mackensie Alexander will see more playing time against the Redskins.

## Pelicans' Holiday plans return to club next week

NEW ORLEANS — Two people familiar with the situation say New Orleans Pelicans starting point guard Jrue Holiday plans to end his leave of absence next week and rejoin the team prepared to play immediately.

The Pelicans announced this past summer that Holiday would take indefinite leave because his wife, Lauren, was pregnant and in need of brain surgery on a benign tumor.

Lauren Holiday, a retired international soccer star, gave birth in late September and had surgery last month.

## Vonn breaks arm in crash while training

Lindsey Vonn broke her arm during a crash in training in Colorado and underwent surgery. The four-time overall World Cup champion has been battered by injuries in recent years and hopes to return to skiing "as soon as possible."

She said on Facebook the wipe-out happened on Copper Mountain on Thursday and she had surgery that night in Vail. She posted X-ray pictures of her right arm on her social media accounts.

Vonn sustained three significant breaks near her knee joint during a super-G crash in Andorra late in February. The 32-year-old Vonn has been steadily healing and was tentatively hoping to be back for the World Cup races in Lake Louise, Alberta, in early December. There's no timetable for her return after her latest crash.

In other skiing news: ■ At Levi, Finland, Mikaela Shiffrin held on to a comfortable opening-run lead to win the first women's World Cup slalom of the season on Saturday.

The Olympic and world champion from the United States finished 0.67 seconds ahead of Switzerland's Wendy Holdener, and Slovakia's Petra Vlhova came 0.75 back in third.

It was Shiffrin's 20th career slalom win and 21st overall. She has won all nine slaloms that she has competed in since February 2015. However, Hantsdotter took the slalom title last season as Shiffrin missed five races because of a knee injury.

## Suarez wins Truck race, championship field set

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Daniel Suarez won the Truck Series race Friday night at Phoenix International Raceway, with four drivers advanced to the inaugural championship finale.

Johnny Sauter won a pair of races in this round of the playoffs to earn one of the berths next week at Homestead-Miami Speedway, and Christopher Bell, two-time series champion Matt Crafton and Timothy Peters took the other three spots Friday.

William Byron led 112 laps and dominated the race until his engine failed with under 10 laps to go. A six-time winner this season and a favorite to win the title, Byron was instead eliminated.

In other auto racing news: ■ Lewis Hamilton clinched pole position for the Brazilian Grand Prix ahead of Nico Rosberg, setting the stage for Sunday's critical showdown between the Mercedes teammates for the season title.

If Hamilton wins the race on Sunday, the drivers' title will be decided in the final race of the season in two weeks in Abu Dhabi.



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Mexico's Diego Reyes, top, jumps on the United States' Jozy Altidore during the first half of Friday's World Cup qualifying match in Columbus, Ohio.

# Mexico edges US in qualifier

## Americans begin hexagonal with a loss for the second straight cycle

By MITCH STACY  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A Pro-American crowd of 24,650 chanted "Dos a cero!" at the start.

Mexican supporters yelled "Dos a uno!" as they left.

Rafa Marquez scored a tie-breaking goal on a header in the 89th minute, giving Mexico a 2-1 victory Friday night and its first victory at the United States in World Cup qualifying since 1972.

After winning four straight home qualifiers against Mexico by 2-0 scores — all in Columbus — the U.S. hoped to open the final round of the North and Central American and Caribbean region with another victory. Instead, the Americans began the hexagonal with a loss for the second straight cycle, and they play Tuesday night at Costa Rica, where they have never won in qualifying.

"It gets a sense of anger in us. It gets a sense of absolute urgency," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "It's not a problem, but it's obviously disappointing."

Miguel Layun put Mexico ahead in the 20th minute, but Bobby Wood tied it in the 49th.

The U.S. dominated the second half before the 37-year-old Marquez, unmarked and drifting across the penalty area at the near post, got a glancing nod on Layun's corner kick. The Mexican captain lifted the ball over goalkeeper Brad Guzan for his 17th international goal.

Mexico's previous win at the U.S. in qualifying was also by a 2-1 score, at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"I think we deserved this match," Layun said. "We were focused."

Klinsmann said John Brooks

was supposed to mark Marquez on the corner kick. Jozy Altidore blocked the defender from getting there.

"We lost him there. Individual mistake," Klinsmann said.

The Americans had been 30-0-2 at home in qualifying since a 3-2 loss to Honduras at Washington's RFK Stadium in September 2001.

"They're very good in terms of when they have a little time circulating the ball, and they start to find space," American captain Michael Bradley said.

Guzan had lost the U.S. goalkeeper job to Tim Howard, who started at the last two World Cups. But Howard pulled a muscle in his right leg on a goal kick and

was replaced in the 40th minute.

Howard was to have a scan Saturday, a day before the U.S. travels, and Klinsmann said Howard likely will miss the match at Costa Rica.

"He knows it's not looking that good," Klinsmann said.

The top three teams in the six-nation round qualify for the World Cup, and the fourth-place country advances to a playoff.

Notes: All three visiting teams had victories in their openers. Costa Rica won 2-0 at Trinidad and Tobago on goals by Christian Bolasinos in the 65th and Ronald Matarrita in second-half injury time, and Panama won 1-0 at Honduras on Fidel Escobar's 22nd-minute goal.

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Capitals goalie Braden Holtby, right, blocks a shot by Blackhawk center Marcus Kruger during the third period of Friday's game in Chicago. The Capitals won 3-2 in overtime.

Roundup

# Johansson's OT goal lifts Capitals over Blackhawks

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jay Beagle usually plays on one of Washington's last two lines. He does whatever is asked of him, and his teammates love him.

So this was one sweet night for the Capitals.

Beagle had two goals, Marcus Johansson scored at 2:20 of overtime, and Washington snapped Chicago's seven-game winning streak with a 3-2 victory over the Blackhawks on Friday.

Beagle is "a total pro," coach Barry Trotz said. "He doesn't look for any accolades. He just comes and works every day. From our standpoint, I know our room is really happy when he gets on the board."

Braden Holtby had 32 saves, leading the Capitals to their sixth win in seven games in the opener of a three-game trip.

Washington defenseman Dmitry Orlov made a nice pass to Johansson for a one-timer that beat Corey Crawford on the glove side. Johansson's seventh goal of the season helped the Capitals rebound from a 3-0 loss to San Jose on Tuesday with another game looming on Saturday against Carolina.

"That's probably what pleases me the most," Trotz said, "is that you know we're not extending

anything on a negative way."

Marian Hossa had a goal and an assist for Chicago, which extended its point streak to 10 games. Defenseman Brian Campbell also scored, and Crawford finished with 24 stops.

The Blackhawks played without center Artem Anisimov, who was scratched after he left Wednesday night's 2-1 overtime win at St. Louis with an upper-body injury. Anisimov, who has eight goals and nine assists in 14 games, could return as soon as Sunday against Montreal.

Chicago was trailing 2-1 when it pulled Crawford for an extra attacker with 2:13 to go. It broke through for the tying score when Artemi Panarin's shot went off the stick of Washington defenseman Brooks Orpik and trickled through to Hossa on the side of the crease for his seventh goal in eight games with 22.3 seconds left.

**Devils 2, Sabres 1 (OT):** Andy Greene scored on a penalty shot 29 seconds into overtime, giving visiting New Jersey a win over Buffalo.

Greene earned the penalty shot when he was held from behind by Buffalo's Evander Kane on a breakaway up the left side. **Avalanche 3, Jets 2 (OT):** Rene Bourque had two goals, includ-

ing the winner in overtime when Nikolaj Ehlers scored to his own net, as how Colorado beat Winnipeg.

Bourque was credited with the goal when Ehlers, fighting for the puck along the side boards, backhanded the puck through the legs of teammate Toby Enstrom and past goaltender Michael Hutchinson 1:23 into overtime.

**Senators 2, Kings 1:** Mark Stone scored with 7 seconds left in regulation to lift host Ottawa past Los Angeles.

Stone tracked down a loose puck in the crease and put the Senators ahead less than four minutes after Zack Smith tied it. Craig Anderson finished with 32 saves for Ottawa.

**Stars 3, Oilers 2:** Patrick Eaves had a goal and an assist, Kari Lehtonen made 40 saves and visiting Dallas won its second straight after losing six of seven.

Lauri Korpikoski and Antoine Roussel also scored for the Stars. **Maple Leafs 6, Flyers 3:** Morgan Rielly had a goal and three assists, while Zach Hyman had the go-ahead score in host Toronto's four-goal third period.

Martin Marininc, Leo Komarov, Nazem Kadri and Mitch Marner also scored for Toronto, and Frederik Anderson stopped 30 shots.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Montreal	14	12	1	1	25	45/31
Ottawa	14	9	5	0	18	34/33
Tampa Bay	14	8	5	1	17	45/39
Detroit	15	8	6	0	17	41/38
Toronto	14	6	6	2	15	43/31
Buffalo	14	6	5	3	15	43/31
Florida	14	6	5	3	14	27/33

Metropolitan Division						
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
N.Y. Rangers	14	10	3	1	20	58/34
Pittsburgh	14	9	3	2	20	43/38
Washington	13	9	3	1	19	36/29
New Jersey	13	7	4	2	17	31/28
Columbus	12	6	4	2	14	37/28
Philadelphia	15	4	7	4	12	32/39
N.Y. Islanders	14	5	7	2	12	38/44
Carolina	13	3	6	4	10	33/45

### Western Conference

Central Division						
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Chicago	15	10	3	2	22	51/37
St. Louis	15	7	7	1	17	33/39
Winnipeg	15	7	7	1	16	47/48
Minnesota	12	7	4	1	15	27/24
Dallas	15	7	6	2	16	60/50
Nashville	13	5	5	3	13	34/37
Colorado	13	5	5	3	12	27/39

Pacific Division						
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Edmonton	15	9	5	1	19	45/38
Anaheim	15	7	7	1	17	41/35
San Jose	14	8	6	0	16	34/34
Los Angeles	15	7	7	1	15	40/37
Calgary	15	5	9	1	11	38/55
Vancouver	15	5	9	1	11	28/44
Arizona	13	4	7	2	10	37/47

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. **Friday's games**  
 New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1, OT  
 Toronto 6, Philadelphia 3  
 Ottawa 2, Los Angeles 1  
 Washington 3, Chicago 2, OT  
 Colorado 3, Winnipeg 2, OT  
 Dallas 3, Edmonton 2

**Saturday's games**  
 Minnesota at Philadelphia  
 Buffalo at New Jersey  
 Washington at Carolina  
 N.Y. Islanders at Florida  
 San Jose at Tampa Bay  
 Detroit at Pittsburgh  
 Toronto at Pittsburgh  
 St. Louis at Columbus  
 Boston at Arizona  
 Anaheim at Nashville  
 N.Y. Rangers at Calgary

**Sunday's games**  
 Los Angeles at Winnipeg  
 Dallas at Vancouver  
 Minnesota at Ottawa  
 Boston at Colorado  
 Montreal at Chicago  
 N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton

**Monday's game**  
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders

### Friday

#### Maple Leafs 6, Flyers 3

Philadelphia	2	1	0	3	0
Toronto	2	2	0	4	6

**First Period—**1, Toronto, Kadri 7 (Zaitsev, Rielly), 2:54, 2, Philadelphia, Simmonds 7 (Goossens, Giroux), 3:59 (pp.), 3, Philadelphia, Konecny 4 (Gudatso, Rielly), 4:05 (pp.), Toronto, Rielly 1 (Marner, Van Riemsdyk), 19:08 (pp).

**Second Period—**1, Philadelphia, Simmonds 8 (Couturier), 2:53 (sh).

**Third Period—**6, Toronto, Marininc 1 (Rielly 1), 6:03, Toronto, Hyman 1 (Carrick, Matthews), 8:34, Toronto, Komarov 2 (Rielly 2), 10:07, Toronto, Marner 5 (Rielly, Shokh), 16:17 (pp).

**Shots on goal—**Philadelphia 11-16-6 (Toronto 7-29-23). **Power-play opportunities—**Philadelphia 2 of 2 (Toronto 2 of 5). **Goals—**Philadelphia, Mason 2-5 (2 shots/7 saves), Toronto, Andersen 6-3 (33-30).

A—19,189 (18,819). T—2:24.

### Devils 2, Sabres 1 (OT)

New Jersey	0	0	1	1	2
Buffalo	0	0	1	0	1

**First Period—**1, Buffalo, Moulson 5 (O'Reilly, Okposo), 10:34 (pp).

**Third Period—**2, New Jersey, Avutiu 1 (Zajac, Hall), 9:13.

**Overtime—**3, New Jersey, Greene 2, 0:29.

**Shots on goal—**New Jersey 13-11-18-12, Buffalo 13-20-23-22.

**Power-play opportunities—**New Jersey 0 of 6 (Buffalo 3 of 7).

**Goals—**New Jersey, Kinkaid 2-0 (26 shots/25 saves), Buffalo, Nilsson 1-1 (26 shots/25 saves).

A—18,301 (18,690). T—2:41.

### Senators 2, Kings 1

Los Angeles	0	1	0	1	2
Ottawa	0	0	2	2	2

**First Period—**1, Los Angeles, King 2 (Purcell, Carter), 0:56.

**Second Period—**1, Ottawa, Smith 3 (Pageau, Karlsson), 16:06, 3, Ottawa, Stone 2 (Pageau, Karlsson), 19:52.

**Shots on goal—**Los Angeles 14-10-9-33, Ottawa 8-10-15-33.

**Power-play opportunities—**Los Angeles 0 of 2; Ottawa 0 of 3.

**Goals—**Los Angeles, Budaj 7-5 (15 shots/13 saves), Zatkoff 0-3-0 (18-18), Ottawa, Anderson 1-1-0 (12-12).

A—15,622 (19,153). T—2:35.

### Capitals 3, Blackhawks 2 (OT)

Washington	2	0	1	3	0
Chicago	1	0	1	0	2

**First Period—**1, Washington, Beagle 2 (Oshie, Niskanen), 6:17 (sh), 2, Chicago, Campbell 2 (Forsling, Hossa), 6:29 (pp), 3, Washington, Beagle 3 (Carlson, Winkler), 14:44.

**Third Period—**4, Chicago, Hossa 8 (Keith, Panarin), 19:37.

**Overtime—**5, Washington, Johnson 7 (Orlov), 2:20.

**Shots on goal—**Washington 8-13-6-17-26, Chicago 13-8-13-34.

**Power-play opportunities—**Chicago 1 of 2.

**Goals—**Washington, Holtby 7-3-1 (34 shots/22 saves), Chicago, Darling 3-0-0 (1-1), Crawford 7-3-2 (27-24).

A—22,075 (19,717). T—2:31.

### Avalanche 3, Jets 2 (OT)

Winnipeg	0	2	0	2	0
Colorado	0	2	0	2	3

**Second Period—**1, Colorado, Rantanen 1 (Mackinnon, Johnson), 1:03 (pp), 2, Colorado, Bourque 3 (Barris, Landeskog), 9:33, 3, Winnipeg, Wheeler 5 (Ehlers), 13:27, 4, Winnipeg, Scheifele 10 (Ehlers, Wheeler), 16:00 (pp).

**Overtime—**5, Colorado, Bourque 4, 1:23.

**Shots on goal—**Winnipeg 7-8-2-1-18, Colorado 9-8-4-29.

**Power-play opportunities—**Winnipeg 1 of 6 (Colorado 1 of 5).

**Goals—**Winnipeg, Hutchinson 2-3-2 (28 shots/25 saves), Colorado, Varlamov 5-6 (18-16).

A—16,517 (18,007). T—2:34.

### Stars 3, Oilers 2

Dallas	2	1	0	3	0
Edmonton	2	1	0	3	0

**First Period—**1, Dallas, Korpikoski 3 (Benn), 0:28, 2, Edmonton, Marner 6 (McDavid, Eberle), 3:37, 3, Dallas, Eaves 4 (Seguin, Benn), 4:51 (pp), 4, Edmonton, Marner 7 (Benn), 10:07.

**Second Period—**5, Dallas, Roussel 3 (Eaves, Seguin), 15:00.

**Third Period—**None.

**Shots on goal—**Dallas 13-14-3-30, Edmonton 15-15-12-42.

**Power-play opportunities—**Dallas 1 of 4 (Edmonton 1 of 5).

**Goals—**Dallas, Lehtonen 3-4-2 (42 shots/30 saves), Edmonton, Talbot 8-5 (30-27).

A—18,347 (18,641). T—2:30.



JEFFREY T. BARNES/AP

Sabres defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen, right, and Devils center Travis Zajac fight it up during the second period of Friday's game in Buffalo, N.Y. The Devils won 2-1 in overtime.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# No. 11 Indiana upsets No. 3 Kansas

Blackmon leads way in season-opening OT win

By KALANI TAKASE  
Associated Press

HONOLULU — This one certainly didn't feel like a season-opener to Tom Crean.

James Blackmon, Jr. scored 22 of his 26 points after halftime to lift No. 11 Indiana to a season-opening 103-99 overtime victory over No. 3 Kansas on Friday night in the Armed Forces Classic.

"I told someone before the game that this feels like March in here and that's how it played out," Crean said.

It was a thrilling finish to a back-and-forth contest. Kansas tied at 87 on Frank Mason III's layup with 39 seconds left. Blackmon reclaimed a brief lead for Indiana with two free throws with 13 seconds remaining. However, Mason answered with two more free throws with 2 seconds to play in regulation.

Indiana had a chance win to win it at the buzzer, but Tyler Self's desperation shot from three-quarters court length was no good and sent the teams into overtime.

The Hoosiers never trailed in overtime. Blackmon scored seven points in the period, including a step-back three-pointer from the right wing that gave Indiana a 97-93 lead. He scored his team's final four points, including a thunder-

ous dunk in the closing seconds.

Crean, Indiana's ninth-year coach, had high praise for Blackmon, a junior guard who had knee surgery in January to cut short his sophomore season.

"I'm just proud of him beyond belief, I couldn't be any prouder of him," Crean said. "To come back and play the way he did on both ends of the court after overcoming everything that he has is great for him."

The Hoosiers had five players score in double figures with Thomas Bryant notching a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Curtis Jones had 15 points, OG Anunolu had 13 and Robert Johnson added 10.

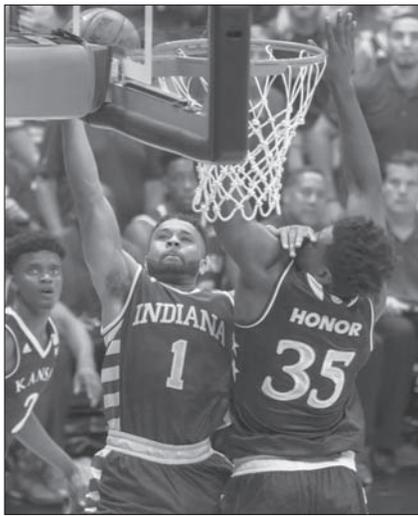
Indiana trailed by as many as nine points, but shot 50 percent (14-for-28) in the second half.

Blackmon was 4-for-8 from behind the three-point line and the Hoosiers were 15-for-31 from beyond the arc. Juwan Morgan had 10 rebounds for the Hoosiers.

Mason led the Jayhawks with 30 points and 11 assists.

Devonte Graham scored 16 points, while Carlton Bragg, Jr. and Svi Mykhailiuk chipped in 12 apiece and Landen Lucas added 11 for Kansas.

"We didn't play well, but give (Indiana) credit," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "They made hard shots at the end of the clock."



EUGENE TANNER/AP

Indiana guard James Blackmon Jr., left, shoots as Kansas center Udoka Azubuike defends during the second half of Friday's season-opening game at the Armed Forces Classic in Honolulu. Blackmon scored 26 points as the Hoosiers won 103-99 in overtime.

## Scoreboard

### Friday's men's scores

EAST	
Albany (NY) 87, Penn St. 81	
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Buffalo 76, Niagara 66	
Columbia 73, Stony Brook 66	
Delaware 64, Golden Beacom 56	
Duquesne 65, Loyola (Md.) 60	
Fairfield 85, Sacred Heart 63	
George Washington 75, Md.-Eastern Shore 81	
Hofstra 74, Coppin St. 72	
LIU Brooklyn 78, Old Dominion 40	
Monmouth (NJ) 78, Drexel 65	
NIJ 100, Sarah Lawrence 36	
New Hampshire 85, Lesley 60	
Northeastern 87, Boston U. 77	
Ohio St. 78, Navy 68	
Penn 67, Robert Morris 50	
Pittsburgh 93, E. Michigan 90	
Rhode Island 84, Dartmouth 61	
Rutgers 86, Molloy 57	
Seton Hall 91, Fairleigh Dickinson 70	
St. John's 100, Bethune-Cookman 53	
Syracuse 83, Colgate 55	
Temple 97, La Salle 72	
UMBC 92, Hood 61	
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Villanova 85, Lafayette 49	
Wagner 67, UConn 58	
West Virginia 87, Mount St. Mary's 59	
SOUTH	
Alabama 70, Coastal Carolina 53	
Ashby 138, Johnson (Tenn.) 124	
Auburn 83, North Florida 66	
Augusta 82, Mount St. Mary's 63	
Bethel (Tenn.) 80, Bryan 70	
Brescia 86, Blue Mountain 83	
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Charlotte 101, Newberry 88	
Chattanooga 82, Tennessee 69	
Florida 84, Georgia 64	
Duke 94, Marist 49	
Kentucky 97, LSU 87	
ETSU 96, Fordham 59	
East Carolina 72, Grambling St. 57	
Eton 101, William Peace 68	
FIU 76, Florida Memorial 57	
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Georgetown (Ky.) 111, Midway 62	
Georgia St. 111, Thomas (Ga.) 69	
Georgia Tech 70, Tennessee Tech 55	
Jackson St. 66, Xavier (Mo.) 54	
Kentucky 67, Stephen F. Austin 64	
Liberty 81, Cairn 53	
Marshall 87, Eastern Kentucky 79	
Lindsey Wilson 77, Harris-Stowe 67	
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Louisiana 89, Eastern Michigan 63	
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Mercer 87, Brentwood-Parker 53	
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Middle Tennessee 102, Milligan 64	
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Mississippi St. 78, Norfolk 41	
Morehead St. 106, Kentucky Christian 41	
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NC A&T 67, Greensboro 50	
NC State 81, Georgia Southern 79	
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North Carolina 95, Tulane 76	
North Carolina 95, Tulane 76	
Pikeville 99, Carlow 65	
Presbyterian (Ky.), Furman 71	
Richmond 72, Miami 69	
Rider 67, Hampton 56	
SE Louisiana 85, Millsaps 39	
South Carolina 85, Louisiana Tech 76	
South Florida 84, Florida A&M 73	
Stetson 78, Webber 77	
Troy 135, Toccoa Falls 76	
Tusculum 80, Lees 62	
UAB 86, Ark.-Pine Bluff 66	
UNC Wilmington 110, Ciffin 64	
UCU 89, UConn 62	
Virginia 76, UNC Greensboro 51	
Virginia Tech 60, Maine 53	
Wake Forest 89, Radford 59	
Wingate 77, Limestone 69	
MIDWEST	
Arizona 65, Michigan 61	
Ball St. 85, Saint Louis 64	
Brainerd 81, Western Michigan 63	
Cent. Michigan 117, Indiana-Kokomo 53	
Cincinnati 82, James Madison 55	
Dayton 96, Austin Peay 68	
Detroit Iron, Adrian 69	
E. Illinois 83, St. Francis (Ill.) 41	
Indiana-East 91, Shawnee St. 81	
Iowa St. 115, Valparaiso 67	
Marquette 95, Vanderbilt 71	
Michigan (Ohio) 82, Muskingum 59	
Missouri 82, Missouri State 80	
Missouri St. 96, Alabama A&M 62	
North Dakota 86, Crown (Minn.) 48	
Oakland 78, Bowling Green 70	
Purdue 109, McNeese 52	
St. Cloud 89, Missouri Southern 80	
W. Michigan 99, Marygrove 74	
Wisconsin 79, Cent. Arkansas 47	
Xavier 84, Xavier 81	
SOUTHWEST	
Ablene Christian 88, Chelmer 59	
Baylor 76, Oral Roberts 61	
Houston 93, Morgan St. 52	
SMU 72, Orderville 60	
TUCU 82, St. Thomas (Texas) 64	
Texas A&M Commerce 97, Oklahoma Christian 85	
Texas Tech 93, Houston Baptist 67	
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Air Force 88, McPherson 71	
E. Washington 70, Linfield 47	
Oregon Tech 83, Oregon 82	
Tennessee St. 78, UC Davis 64	
Friday's women's scores	

## Roundup

# Top-ranked Duke opens with blowout

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Grayson Allen scored 16 points and No. 1 Duke opened its season by routing Marist 94-49 on Friday night. Freshman Frank Jackson had 18 points in his debut with the Blue Devils while Luke Kennard added 16 points.

**No. 2 Kentucky 87, Stephen F. Austin 64:** Isaiah Briscoe scored 17 points and Derek Willis added 15 in the host Wildcats' season-opener.

**No. 4 Villanova 88, Lafayette 48:** Jalen Brunson scored 17 points and Kris Jenkins had 16 as the host Wildcats opened defense of their national championship.

**No. 5 Oregon 111, Army 77:** Tyler Dorsey scored 21 points and freshman Payton Pritchard added 15 for the host Ducks.

**No. 6 North Carolina 95, Tulane 75:** At New Orleans, Justin Jackson had a career-high 27 points as the Tar Heels never trailed.

**No. 7 Xavier 84, Lehigh 81:** Trevein Bluiett scored a career-high 25 points and led a second-half surge for the host Musketeers.

**No. 8 Virginia 76, UNC Greensboro 51:** Marial Shayok scored 15 points as the visiting Cavaliers used a 22-0 run to take control.

**No. 9 Wisconsin 79, Cent. Arkansas 47:** Bronson Koenig had



GERRY BROOME/AP

Duke's Grayson Allen scored 16 points in the No. 1 Blue Devils' 94-49 win over Marist in Durham, N.C. on Friday.

16 points and Nigel Hayes scored 10 of his 14 in the second half for the host Badgers.

**No. 10 Arizona 65, No. 12 Michigan St. 63:** At Honolulu, Kadeem Allen took the ball the length of the court and scored with 1.3 seconds left for the Wildcats in the Armed Forces Classic.

**No. 13 Louisville 78, Evansville 47:** Jaylen Johnson had 17 points and 14 rebounds while Donovan Mitchell added 15 points and five rebounds to lead the host Cardinals.

**No. 14 Gonzaga 92, Utah Valley 69:** At Spokane, Wash., Silas Melson scored 17 points and Jordan Mathews had 16 for the Bulldogs.

**No. 15 Purdue 109, McNeese 52:** At West Lafayette, Ind., Caleb Swanigan had 23 points and 20 rebounds, and Vince Edwards added 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Boilermakers.

**No. 16 UCLA 119, Pacific 80:** Bryce Alford scored 30 points and led a three-point barrage with six of the host Bruins' school-record 18.

**No. 17 Saint Mary's 81, Nevada 63:** At Moraga, Calif., Jack Landale scored a career-high 33 points and went with nine rebounds to lead the Gaels.

**No. 18 UConn 85:** Mike Aaman and Romone Saunders scored 15 points each to lead the visiting Seahawks to the upset.

**No. 19 Syracuse 83, Colgate 55:** Tyler Roberson scored 18 points, fifth-year transfers Andrew White and John Gillon had 17 and 13, respectively, for the host Orange.

**No. 20 West Virginia 87, Mount St. Mary's 59:** Nathan Adrian scored 13 points to lead the host Mountaineers, who cruised to their fourth straight season-opening victory.

**No. 21 Texas 78, Incarnate Word 73:** Kendal Yancy made two late free throws, then followed with a tough layup in the final minute for the host Longhorns.

**No. 22 Creighton 89, UMC 82:** Marcus Foster scored 19 points and Maurice Watson Jr. added 17 for Creighton, which withstood the visiting Kangaroos' late run.

**No. 23 Rhode Island 84, Dartmouth 60:** E.C. Matthews scored 21 points while Hassan Martin and Jared Terrell added 12 points each for the host Rams.

**No. 24 Iowa St. 113, Savannah St. 71:** Monte Morris had his seventh career double-double with 21 points and 11 assists for the host Cyclones.

**No. 25 Maryland 62, American 56:** Melo Trimble scored 22 points and freshman Anthony Cowan added 12 for the host Terps.

**Ohio State 78, Navy 68:** At Annapolis, Md., Kam Williams scored 23 points to lead the Buckeyes past the Midshipmen in the nightcap of the Veterans Classic.

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL/NFL



PHOTOS BY STEVE CANNON/AP

Florida State's Dalvin Cook picks up yardage against Boston College during the third quarter of Friday's game in Tallahassee, Fla. No. 20 Florida State won the game 45-7.

## Florida State starts fast in rout of Boston College

By JOE REEDY  
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State has had its share of struggles in Atlantic Coast Conference play. On Friday night, the Seminoles took advantage of Boston College's timely visit for their most complete game of the season.

The 20th-ranked Seminoles grabbed the early lead and cruised to a 45-7 victory.

Florida State has had to play from behind a lot in conference play. In its previous six conference games it had scored first only once and had trailed by double digits in five.

That is why coach Jimbo Fisher said it felt weird for his team to be in control early against the Eagles.

"We need to play from ahead and finish and we did all of those things (on Friday)," Fisher said.

The Seminoles (7-3, 4-3 ACC, No. 18 CFP) took control by scoring on their first two drives and led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter. They had been outscored 31-3 in the first 15 minutes in the previous five games.

A 6-yard TD reception by Auden Tate marked the first time FSU had scored on its opening drive since Sept. 24 at South Florida.

Dalvin Cook and Deondre Francois paced the offense. Cook rushed for 108 yards on 18 car-



Florida State's Matthew Thomas, left, tackles Boston College quarterback Patrick Towles during the third quarter.

ries with a touchdown and Francois tied a season high with three touchdown passes.

Cook became only the second Seminoles back to go over 100 yards in 15 meetings against the Eagles and the first since Ricky Williams had 109 yards in 1980. He also joined Clemson's Wayne Gallman as the only ACC backs to go over the century mark against the Eagles this season.

"They were getting wear down from our passing game that we could see the long runs starting to come, especially the touchdown," Cook said.

Francois completed nine of his

first 11 passes and finished 16 of 24 for 183 yards. The freshman suffered a bruised shoulder late in the third quarter and did not return.

The Eagles (4-6, 1-5) had three first downs on their first two drives before having nine straight three-and-outs and not getting another first down until midway through the fourth quarter. They averted a shutout with 3:21 remaining in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard touchdown run by Richard Wilson. The only other bright spot was a pair of sacks by Harold Landry, which gives him 11 for the season.

## Awards: Del Rio helps restore pride to Raiders

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While that award appears lopsided right now, top coaching honors are as wide open as Atlanta's offense. Among those mentioned: Oakland's Jack Del Rio, Minnesota's Mike Zimmer, New England's Bill Belichick, Kansas City's Andy Reid, Dallas' Jason Garrett and Atlanta's Dan Quinn.

Consider that their teams are a combined 38-12 heading into this weekend.

"Del Rio has restored pride and poise to the Raiders, who are 5-0 on the road and overcame an NFL-record 23 penalties in Tampa," says Ira Kaufman of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Zimmer and Garrett have been without their No. 1 quarterback all season. Injuries also have beaten up the Chiefs.

The relatively new top assistant coach award tends to attract the most varied selections. Among the suggestions at this point in 2016 have been both Patriots coordinators, Josh McDaniels (offense) and Matt Patricia (defense); Eagles DC Jim Schwartz; Cowboys OC Scott Linehan; and Chiefs DC Bob Sutton.

"It's hard to win with a rookie quarterback and a rookie running back," says Charean Williams of the Fort Worth Star Telegram, "but the Cowboys have made it work, ranking fourth in total offense."

That rookie QB, Dak Prescott, and freshman RB, Ezekiel Elliott, top the informal halfway poll for offensive rookie honors. And why wouldn't they? Dallas is 7-1, Elliott leads the league in rushing and, in a year marked by NFC underachievers, the Cowboys have been a conference sensation.

They are not alone in the rushing, of course, with Philadelphia

QB Carson Wentz, despite some recent regression, Chicago running back Jordan Howard, Tennessee tackle Jack Conklin, San Diego tight end Hunter Henry, New Orleans receiver Michael Thomas and Kansas City receiver Tyreek Hill all getting some love.

There aren't so many outstanding candidates for Defensive Rookie of the Year halfway through the schedule. That is not unusual, though, as first-year players on defense tend to improve throughout the season.

Top contenders at this point appear to be San Diego DE Joey Bosa, despite missing September with an injury after holding out all preseason; Atlanta safety Keanu Neal; and Browns DE Emmanuel Ogbah.

Many voters chose a 2014 All-Pro and Offensive Player of the Year with Dallas, the Titans' DeMarco Murray, as the front-runner for Comeback Player honors. Murray is second in rushing in the league behind Elliott, ostensibly his replacement with the Cowboys. And Murray doesn't operate behind anything close to the Dallas offensive line.

"After a forgettable season in Philadelphia, he has regained his place among the league's rushing leaders for an emerging Tennessee club," Kaufman says.

Others getting support include Bills LB Lorenzo Alexander, Packers WR Jordy Nelson, Giants WR Victor Cruz, and Panthers WR Kelvin Benjamin.

As for the headline award, Most Valuable Player, it would be intriguing to see Miller in the mix with Brady, Oakland QB Derek Carr and Atlanta QB Matt Ryan.

Unfortunately, a defensive player hasn't walked off with the award since Lawrence Taylor in 1986.



WESTON KENNEVA/AP

After a forgettable season with the Eagles, running back DeMarco Murray, top, has revived his career with the Titans.

NFL

# First 24 starts help predict QB success

By TERESA M. WALKER  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Trade Marcus Mariota. Play Jared Goff now. Carson Wentz isn't as perfect as Eagles fans thought only a month ago. Dak Prescott can do no wrong.

And where is Jameis Winston again?

Quarterback is the premier position in the NFL, and everyone is searching for that guy who can anchor a franchise for at least a decade. Then they often rush them on the field under pressure to win now, with patience in short supply.

For every Peyton Manning who survived a rough rookie year on his way to NFL stardom, being picked first or second overall is no guarantee of success.

"The bottom line is we're playing these kids well before they're ready to play," said Rich Gannon, the NFL's 2002 MVP and now an analyst for CBS. "For many of them, they're going to have a bad experience. And in some cases such a bad experience, it can do real damage and irreparable harm to their confidence. The other thing is they learn bad habits as young players they're often times very difficult to break when you get another coaching staff that comes in."

How a quarterback fares over the first 24 games of his career can be a pretty good measure of future success — or failure.

Ryan Leaf, the No. 2 pick overall in 1998, lasted only 25 games in the NFL. Robert Griffin III edged Andrew Luck for the NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2012, yet is with his second team in five injury-filled years. Winston, the No. 1 overall pick of 2015, just played his 24th career game, while the No. 2 pick overall last year, Marcus Mariota, has 21 starts under his belt.

Yet Winston and Mariota already are on their second head coaches in just their second seasons. Tampa Bay promoted Dirk Koetter from offensive coordinator to maintain continuity with Winston, while Mariota is working with his third play caller in Tennessee since being drafted out of Oregon. Coaches with both teams believe they've seen enough to know they have the right quarterback.

"Is he there yet? No," Tampa Bay offensive coordinator Todd Monken said of Winston. "Are we there yet, collectively? No, but you'd rather have to try to reel a guy back in than try to develop some sort of toughness or will to win in competitive spirit. That's what we have at quarterback, and we need to embrace that and continue to mold that and develop that. That's coaching, that's playing, that's run the football better and him taking care of it better."

Mariota has helped the Titans (4-5) win



MICHAEL AINSWORTH/AP

**Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott scrambles out of the pocket against the Eagles in Arlington, Texas. The rookie stepped into the starting role after Tony Romo got injured, and after losing his first start, led Dallas to seven straight wins.**

more games than in all of his rookie season with seven games left.

"I'm glad he's our quarterback. There's no question about it," Titans coach Mike Mularkey said.

Fans in Los Angeles believe Goff could be their quarterback, though coach Jeff Fisher has kept this year's top pick on the Rams' bench. Gannon credits Fisher both for knowing his quarterback and all the pieces the Rams don't have just yet to help Goff.

"You think for a second Jeff Fisher, who hasn't had a winning team in a while, would just sit there and go, 'We're going to go 6-10 or 7-9 whatever, it is just because we want to be safe?'" Gannon said. "He's going to put his best guy who gives him the best chance to win. The best guy right now is Case Keenum. It may

not be the sexiest thing, but believe me, their problems are a lot more extensive than the quarterback position."

Some quarterbacks, such as Tim Couch in 1999 with the expansion Cleveland Browns and even

Archie Manning with the New Orleans Saints, found themselves drafted by teams building almost from the ground up. Survival meant as much living to play the next week rather than worrying about any extended careers.

Having an offensive line already in place, a go-to wide receiver or tight end certainly helps.

Prescott, the seventh quarterback drafted this year, has won seven straight in Dallas, fitting well into the offense with help from fellow rookie running back Ezekiel Elliott. Prescott already has taken a handful of franchise rookie records from Troy Aikman, who went 0-11 in 1989, and has given Dallas reason to think of keeping veteran Tony Romo on the bench longer once Romo is fully healthy.

Being picked at the top of the draft is much more challenging because quarterbacks go to teams coming off losing seasons. Mariota missed four games as a rookie because of injuries, so Tennessee traded for running back DeMarco Murray and bolstered its line this offseason to help him. As good as Wentz looked winning his first three games, the Eagles need more help at wide receiver, which they can't do until the offseason.

Tennessee defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau has schemed against plenty of quarterbacks in his 58 NFL seasons. He notes Ben Roethlisberger, the 11th pick overall in 2004, won his first 13 starts in Pittsburgh. LeBeau has a simple reason why some quarterbacks succeed and others fail.

"The answer is those guys are special players," LeBeau said.

## By the numbers

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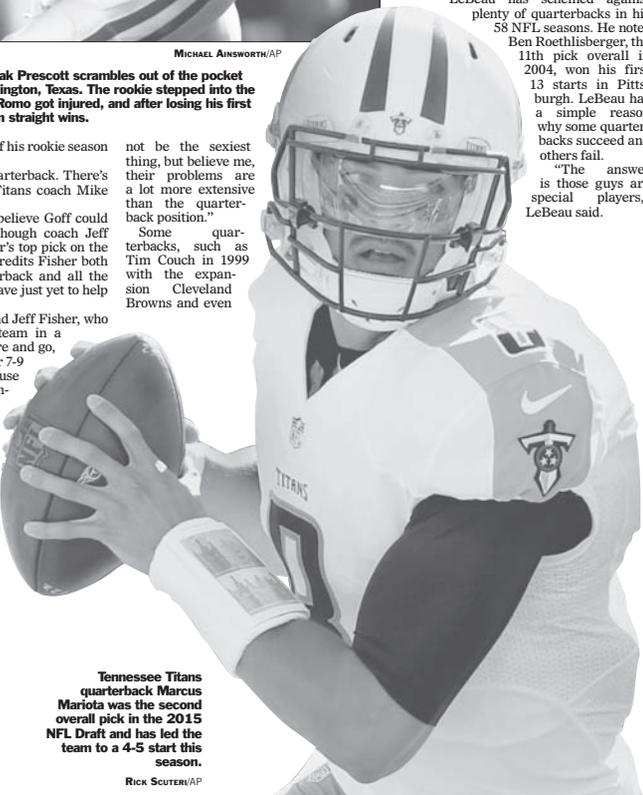
Number of games 1998's overall No. 1 pick Ryan Leaf lasted in the NFL.

13

Starts won by 2004's No. 11 overall pick Ben Roethlisberger as a rookie with the Steelers.

21

Number of starts for Titans QB Marcus Mariota, who already has more wins (4) this season than the team had all of last season.



**Tennessee Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota was the second overall pick in the 2015 NFL Draft and has led the team to a 4-5 start this season.**

RICK SCUTEN/AP



# GAMEDAY

WEEK 10

TELEVISED GAMES

## Marquee matchup

### Seattle Seahawks (5-2) at New England Patriots (7-1)

AFN-Sports, 2:20 a.m. Monday Central European Time



Atlanta Falcons (6-3) at Philadelphia Eagles (4-4)

AFN-Sports  
7 p.m. Sunday  
Central European Time  
Series: Eagles lead 17-14-1.

Last meeting: Falcons beat Eagles 26-24, Sept. 14, 2015.

Notes: Falcons have won last three meetings. ... Falcons QB Matt Ryan leads NFL with 2,980 yards passing and 23 TD passes, has passer rating above 100 in nine of past 11 games. ... Eagles have scored 20-plus points in 10 consecutive games, longest active streak in NFL. ... QB Carson Wentz passed for career-high 364 yards last week.



Denver Broncos (6-3) at New Orleans Saints (4-4)

AFN-Sports2  
7 p.m. Sunday  
Central European Time  
Series: Broncos lead 8-2.

Last meeting: Broncos beat Saints 34-12, Oct. 28, 2012.

Notes: Broncos have lost three of past five after 4-0 start. ... Broncos LB Von Miller has 10+ sacks, nine tackles for loss, three forced fumbles and interception in past 11 games, including playoffs. ... Saints QB Drew Brees passed for 323 yards and three TDs last week. Brees has 55 career games with 300-plus yards passing and three TDs, most in NFL history.

**SERIES RECORD:** Patriots lead 9-8.  
**LAST MEETING:** Patriots beat Seahawks 28-24 in Super Bowl 49, Feb. 1, 2015.

**LAST WEEK:** Seahawks beat Bills 31-25; Patriots bye, beat Bills 41-25 on Oct. 30.  
**SEAHAWKS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (26), RUSH (30), PASS (13).

**SEAHAWKS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (9), RUSH (12), PASS (10).

**PATRIOTS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (7), RUSH (8), PASS (9).

**PATRIOTS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (15), RUSH (15), PASS (18).

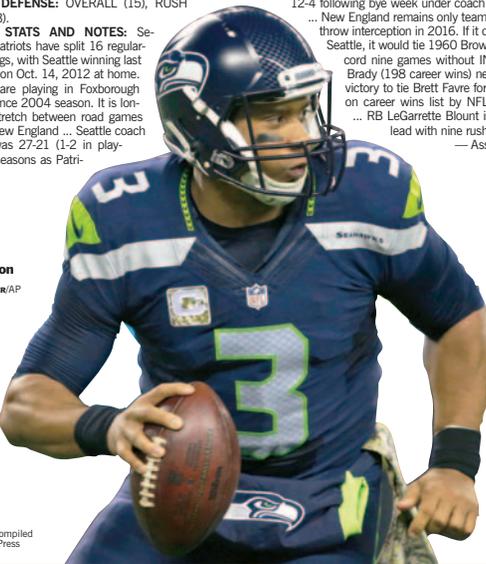
**STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES:** Seahawks and Patriots have split 16 regular-season meetings, with Seattle winning last game, 24-23, on Oct. 14, 2012, at home. ... Seahawks are playing in Foxborough for first time since 2004 season. It is longest current stretch between road games for team vs. New England. ... Seattle coach Pete Carroll was 27-21 (1-2 in playoffs) in three seasons as Patri-

ots coach from 1997-1999. ... Carroll needs two more wins to reach 100 regular-season victories, and become 39th coach in NFL history to reach that mark. ... QB Russell Wilson is averaging 289.2 passing yards per game and has 19 passing TDs and one INT in past six games vs. AFC. ... RB Christine Michael has seven TDs (six rushing, one receiving) in his past six games. ... Jimmy Graham has 5,546 receiving yards since 2011, most among NFL tight ends. ... DE Cliff Avril leads NFC with nine sacks. ... New England has won two of past three regular-season meetings with Seattle, including last matchup in Foxborough in 2004. ... Patriots are 1-2-4 following bye week under coach Bill Belichick. ... New England remains only team in NFL not to throw interception in 2016. If it doesn't against Seattle, it would be the 1960 Browns for NFL record nine games without INT. ... QB Tom Brady (198 career wins) needs one more victory to tie Brett Favre for second place on career wins list by NFL quarterback. ... RB LeGarrette Blount is tied for NFL lead with nine rushing TDs.

— Associated Press

Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson

JOHN FROSCHAUER/AP



Game capsules compiled from Associated Press



Miami Dolphins (4-4) at San Diego Chargers (4-5)

AFN-Sports2  
10 p.m. Sunday  
Central European Time  
Series: Dolphins lead 16-15.

Last meeting: Chargers beat Dolphins 30-14, Dec. 20, 2015.

Notes: Miami RB Jay Ajayi has rushed for 100-plus yards in three consecutive games, including two straight 200-yard games. ... Dolphins have lost four straight road games dating to last season. ... Chargers are trying to get to 500 for second time this season. ... San Diego TE Antonio Gates is three TD catches shy of tying Tony Gonzalez.



Dallas Cowboys (7-1) at Pittsburgh Steelers (4-4)

AFN-Sports  
10:25 p.m. Sunday  
Central European Time  
Series: Cowboys lead 16-15.

Last meeting: Cowboys beat Steelers 27-24, Oct. 12, 2012.

Notes: Dallas QB Dak Prescott's seven-game winning streak third longest by rookie since 1970. ... Pittsburgh is 8-6 against Dallas at home. ... Cowboys rookie RB Ezekiel Elliott leads NFL in rushing (891 yards). ... Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger has won six straight home starts. Roethlisberger is two TD passes shy of tying Warren Moon for 10th all-time (291).

Also on AFN: Cincinnati Bengals (3-4) at New York Giants (5-3), AFN-Sports, 2:15 a.m. Tuesday Central European Time

## EXPANDED STANDINGS

### American Conference

	East				North				South				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	7	1	0	.875	217	132	3-1-0	4-0-0	6-1-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
Miami	4	4	0	.500	173	182	4-1-0	0-3-0	4-3-0	0-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	237	203	2-2-0	2-3-0	1-4-0	3-1-0	1-3-0	1-3-0	
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	173	235	1-2-0	2-4-0	3-4-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	
<b>South</b>													
Houston	5	3	0	.625	137	167	5-0-0	0-3-0	3-2-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	217	226	2-2-0	2-3-0	3-4-0	1-1-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	239	256	2-2-0	2-3-0	2-4-0	2-1-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	153	215	1-3-0	1-3-0	1-5-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	
<b>North</b>													
Baltimore	5	4	0	.556	182	160	3-2-0	2-2-0	5-2-0	0-2-0	3-0-0	3-0-0	
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	.500	184	171	3-1-0	1-3-0	3-3-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	
Cincinnati	3	4	1	.438	167	189	2-1-1	1-3-0	3-3-0	0-1-1	1-1-0	1-1-0	
Cleveland	0	10	0	.000	175	301	0-4-0	0-6-0	0-7-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	
<b>West</b>													
Oakland	7	2	0	.778	245	223	2-2-0	5-0-0	5-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
Kansas City	6	2	0	.750	185	151	4-0-0	2-2-0	5-2-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	
Denver	6	3	0	.667	214	166	4-1-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	2-1-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	268	247	3-1-0	1-4-0	3-4-0	1-1-0	1-3-0	1-3-0	

### National Conference

	East				North				South				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	NFC	AFC	Div
Dallas	7	1	0	.875	223	140	3-1-0	4-0-0	5-1-0	2-0-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
N.Y. Giants	5	3	0	.625	161	164	3-1-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
Washington	4	3	1	.563	186	189	2-2-0	2-1-1	2-2-0	2-1-1	2-1-0	2-1-0	
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	202	145	3-0-0	1-4-0	3-4-0	2-0-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	
<b>South</b>													
Atlanta	6	3	0	.667	305	259	3-2-0	4-1-0	4-2-0	2-1-0	3-1-0	3-1-0	
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	242	238	2-2-0	2-2-0	3-2-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	180	232	0-4-0	3-1-0	3-3-0	0-2-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	204	206	2-2-0	1-3-0	3-4-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0-3-0	
<b>North</b>													
Minnesota	5	3	0	.625	155	126	3-1-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	2-0-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	
Detroit	5	4	0	.556	205	206	3-1-0	2-2-0	4-2-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500	198	187	3-2-0	1-2-0	3-3-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
Chicago	2	6	0	.250	131	179	2-2-0	0-4-0	2-3-0	0-3-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
<b>West</b>													
Seattle	5	2	1	.688	162	134	4-0-0	1-2-1	2-2-1	3-0-0	1-1-1	1-1-1	
Arizona	3	4	1	.438	179	140	2-2-1	1-2-0	2-2-1	1-2-0	1-1-1	1-1-1	
Los Angeles	3	5	0	.375	130	167	1-3-0	2-2-0	3-4-0	0-1-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	
San Francisco	1	7	0	.125	167	260	1-4-0	0-3-0	1-6-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	

## REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Houston at Jacksonville  
Los Angeles at N.Y. Jets  
Kansas City at Carolina  
Chicago at Tampa Bay  
Minnesota at Washington  
Green Bay at Indianapolis  
San Francisco at Arizona  
Open: Detroit, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Oakland

Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants

## NEXT WEEK

Thursday, Nov. 17  
New Orleans at Carolina  
Sunday, Nov. 20  
Baltimore at Dallas  
Chicago at N.Y. Giants  
Jacksonville at Detroit  
Tennessee at Indianapolis  
Buffalo at Minnesota  
Arizona at Cleveland  
Buffalo at Cincinnati  
Tampa Bay at Kansas City  
Miami at Los Angeles  
New England at San Francisco  
Philadelphia at Seattle  
Green Bay at Washington  
Cincinnati at Atlanta  
Denver, N.Y. Jets  
Monday, Nov. 21  
Houston at Oakland

# SPORTS



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**Broncos outside linebacker Von Miller, right, has clearly been the best defensive player through the first half of the NFL season.**

JOE MAHONEY/AP



**Cowboys rookie quarterback Dak Prescott**  
MARK TENALL/AP

# Halfway home

## Picking NFL’s midseason awards

By **BARRY WILNER**  
*Associated Press*

**I**t’s only November and The Associated Press NFL individual awards won’t be handed out until the NFL Honors show on Feb. 4. That doesn’t stop us from evaluating the field halfway through the schedule.

That field looks mighty slim when it comes to one award: top defensive player. Von Miller was riding high in an informal poll of several voters who regularly cover the NFL.

Nothing shocking there. Denver’s star linebacker and the Super Bowl MVP in February has been just as dominant thus far in 2016.

“Miller remains the most disruptive defender in the game,” Don Banks of Sports Illustrated says.

“The successful transition from an aging Peyton Manning to an inexperienced Trevor Siemian is done in large part because of Denver’s great defense,” adds Newsday’s Bob Glauber.

“Miller is a generational defensive player who  
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